

Kendrick School
Weekly Update
Friday 20th September 2019



Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

This week we have been talking to students about our key responsibility to them which is safeguarding and keeping them safe in school. In assemblies to Years 7-13, Mr Hill and I have spoken about what safeguarding means at Kendrick. The term is multifaceted and ranges from the known child protection issues (neglect, physical, emotional and sexual abuse) to maintaining professional and appropriate relationships at all times with our students, keeping them safe on the school site, road safety, having in place robust systems and procedures, having a well-run and organised school. We also reminded students who the Designated Safeguarding Leads are in school. They are: me, the Headteacher, plus Mr Simmonds, Deputy Headteacher, Ms Stacey, Head of Sixth Form. In the assembly to the Lower School yesterday, we displayed a summary diagram of the scope of safeguarding as we see it at Kendrick. This poster will be displayed in every classroom and will be sent to you shortly. Staff have regular training on these matters and all staff at Kendrick have recently had Health and Safety Level 1 training. In addition all staff have been updated on the key government document **Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2019**. Please click on [this link](#) for this document and our updated [Safeguarding Policy](#). Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility in school and if anyone has a safeguarding concern about a child they should report it to us.

We have started our annual information evenings with parents across the school. This week we welcomed Year 12 parents and gave them an outline of what life will be like for the students in the Sixth Form. We introduced them to the Work Experience programme we have planned for Year 12 in June 2020. We will be introducing the Year 10 Work Experience programme to Year 10 parents and students in a couple of weeks' time. In addition, a very important part of our careers provision at Kendrick is our biannual event [Design Your Future](#). Over 60 representatives from companies and organisations will exhibit at this careers fair on **Thursday 7th November from 6.00-9.00pm**. The event is for parents and students from Years 9-13. If you feel your company/employer might be interested in being part of this prestigious event, please email erock@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

Next week we have our School Birthday to look forward to which will be marked by a whole school assembly on Monday 23rd September. As always there will be a cake competition with each form making an entry to the competition on a given theme. A slightly extended lunch break will enable us to have a picnic on the front lawn (weather permitting) and eat cake! This will be followed by an event/reunion of former students on **Friday 27th September between 4.00-6.00pm**. This year Kendrick is an amazing 142 years old!

Please may I ask you to read all of the Weekly Update as there is so much useful information about school activities and events. You will see the wonderful poster advertising the **Diwali Festival** that KPS is organising on Friday 18th October between 5.30-8.30pm. This was such a successful event last year and I am sure will be the same this year, so please put into your diary.

Best wishes for the weekend and happy cake baking!

SAFEGUARDING

Looking after your mental wellbeing

Student Minds, the UK's student mental health charity, works with students, service users, professionals and academics to develop new and innovative ways to improve the mental health of students.

They have a number of resources to support students in looking after their mental wellbeing.

Click below for more information.

<https://www.studentminds.org.uk/lookingafteryourmentalwellbeing.html>

CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 23rd September 2019 (B Week)

Monday 23 rd September	School Birthday
Wednesday 25 th September	Year 7 Welcome Evening, 6pm
Friday 27 th September	School Reunion for former staff and students, 4pm to 6pm

The full school calendar can be found via this [link](#)

Key Events in Term 1

Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 10 Welcome Evening, 6.30pm
Friday 4 th October	KPS Year 7 Cinema afternoon, 3.45pm to 6pm
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 8 Welcome Evening, 6.30pm
Monday 14 th October	KPS Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 24 th October	Upper School and Sixth Form Chamber Concert, 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Friday 25 th October	End of Term 1, 3.15pm

KPS NEWS

- The Kendrick Parent Society is trialling a new initiative of recycling second hand uniform and are calling for parents to pass any unused and good to use school uniform to the school. Students can drop items off at the cover office during their first break or a member of KPS will be available to collect it in the morning from 8am to 9am if you wish to drop it personally.
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- For the new Year 7 parents who are yet to send their completed KPS forms, here is the [link](#) to the online membership form.
- Watch out for the KPS newsletter on Monday for details about the upcoming Diwali event and KPS structure with new roles & responsibilities.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- GCSE Geography Field Trip on 19th September – £10.50
- Year 10 (now Year 11) Work Experience - £60

Please continue to pay instalments on the following residential trips:

- A Level Geography Field Trip at Slapton Ley in October (£480)
- MFL residential to France or Germany in October (£580)
- Ski Trip – December/January (£859)
- Music Tour to Belgium (£390)

Please remember to top up dinner money and printing accounts

VACANCIES

CASUAL LEISURE ASSISTANT

£9.74 per hour

To start as soon as possible

Duties include reception duties, setting up and dismantling equipment, cleaning, and other duties as required.

Must be prepared to work weekends from 7.30am, particularly Sundays, and the occasional week day evening. Due to the nature of the work and hours involved, preference will be given to applicants of a minimum age of 17.

Applicants must be reliable, hard-working, be able to use their own initiative and have good communication skills.

An application form, declaration of convictions and job description can be downloaded from our website

Closing date Monday 30th September 2019, however, applications will be dealt with as they are received and we reserve the right to close the application process early if a suitable applicant is appointed

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

Annual School Reunion – Friday 27th September 2019, 4pm to 6pm

Our annual School reunion for former students and staff takes place on **Friday 27th September 2019** from 4pm to 6pm.

The afternoon will start with tours of the school at 4pm. Ms Kattirtzi will speak at 5pm and we will finish with light refreshments.

We look forward to welcoming former students and staff to Kendrick School! No booking required. We are sorry but we cannot offer parking on the school site.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for Parent Governors to join the Governing Body this term. Information on how nominations can be made and the election process will be communicated next week.

We are fortunate to have parents/carers with a wide range of skills and talents, who are able to contribute to the Governing Body. In these challenging financial times and in the current political climate, our governing body is having to make some significant strategic decisions, not just for the students that are with us at the moment, but for the cohorts of students that will come to Kendrick in the future. Recently appointed parent governors have said that they enjoy their role as a governor; it gives them an insight into the workings of the school and how the school is accountable to the governing body. In addition, it enables them to be involved in setting the strategic vision of the school by working closely with Ms Kattirtzi and the Senior Leadership Team. They are proud to be part of a school that is relentless in its pursuit of excellence.

If you have an interest in education and have skills that you feel could contribute to the work we do, please put your name forward to be considered for the role of Parent Governor at Kendrick.

NEWS AND EVENTS – STUDENTS

School Birthday

The school will be celebrating its birthday on Monday 23rd September, and students will start planning celebrations in their form groups.

Picnic Lunch - Each student should provide their own picnic lunch. If Forms want to group together, then they should start organising this. The Canteen will be providing a normal service at first break and 'take-away' finger foods at second break.

Form cakes – each Form should make their own competition cake, which will be shared with their Form at the end of the picnic. This could either be a large cake (only a small slice for each person), or individual cupcakes. Cakes should be decorated, depicting aspects of Kendrick School life, as follows:

Year 7	Cupcakes to be made into an arrangement on a display board (provided)
Years 8 & 9	The 'Arts' – Music, Drama, Art

Years 10 & 11 Representing a subject of your choice

Years 12 & 13 Any aspect reflecting Kendrick life

Movement around the School

From Monday there will be a one way system near room G. Five minutes before or after a lesson Doors by room G and H will be entrance only.

Five minutes before or after a lesson Exit Doors by room L and N will be exit only.

NEWS AND EVENTS - BY YEAR GROUP

Year 7-9

Free Trial Music Lesson

At Kendrick School we offer a wide range of vocal and instrumental lessons, as well as theory lessons, through Berkshire Maestros and private peripatetic teachers. Some spaces have become available to learn the following instruments: piano, keyboard, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp, guitar, cornet, trumpet, French horn, tenor horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, tuned and un-tuned percussion and voice. If there is something that your daughter would like to learn but is not listed here, please ask and we can try to arrange for someone to come in and offer a free trial session.

Lessons take place on a weekly basis, both during school time and before/after school/at break times. These are usually on a rotating timetable so that minimal lesson time is missed. Lessons can be in small groups or individual based.

Please see the ParentMail message sent on 20th September for more information.

Year 9 -13

Design Your Future Careers Event – Thursday 7th November 2019, 6pm to 9pm

You are invited to "Design your Future" careers fayre, Thursday 7th November 6.00pm-9.00pm. Come along and meet professionals representing careers such as legal, engineering, medical, finance and science. We are also looking for exhibitors to volunteer for this evening, so if there is anyone in your family or friends who would like to come along and represent their company and talk to students about their career, then we would love to hear from them! Please contact Mrs Rock at erock@kendrick.reading.sch.uk