

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 5th October 2018

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

So far this term we have had Information Evenings with parents of students in years 7, 8, 10 and 12. We had an Information Evening with Year 13 at the end of the last academic year, we will be seeing Year 11 students and their parents next month at our Sixth Form Open Evening and we will be meeting Year 9 parents in March 2019 when we introduce GCSE options to them. All these meetings are intended to develop and strengthen the partnerships we want to have with parents and students as we believe a strong and trusting partnership between us supports our students and helps them manage their school life. These events are also an opportunity for parents to meet Tutors and key staff in the year group and, of course, it is always a pleasure for me to meet parents. At the meetings we have had recently we gave some key messages to parents:

- Safeguarding students in school is our most important priority and to that end our practices and approaches support this objective.
- Maintaining a healthy work life balance is essential and the wellbeing of everyone matters to us.
- Doing one's best at all times is an expectation we have of ourselves and our students. This does not mean being the best but being the best we can individually be.
- Communication between parents, students and staff is key to a successful partnership. Reading and responding to notices sent from school, communicating in homework diaries or emailing us helps us to help the students.
- Parental support of the school is vital to the success of our school. Supporting the school can be done by attending the super events we put on, for example, concerts and house events. Also supporting the efforts of KPS and donating to our School Fund enables us to fund items that our school budget cannot stretch to, for example, the mini bus, counselling, entry to competitions, courses, subsidies for some trips, music and PE items and so much more.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us and please continue to do so this year.

Have a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Radicalisation/Extremism

Extremism is the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. This also includes calling for

the death of members of the armed forces. Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.

For more information and advice for adults worried about a child who may be being radicalised, please read the NSPCC guidance on 'protecting children from radicalisation' via the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse/dedicated-helplines/protecting-children-from-radicalisation/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The following quote is one of the '140 quotes for 140 years' collected by Year 9 students on the occasion of Kendrick School's 140th birthday.

"Be the reason someone *smiles* today"

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Show Jumping Success for Hannah](#)

Parent Governor Vacancy

As we have received more than one nomination for the role of Parent Governor, a poll by secret ballot will be held. The election will be conducted electronically and has been designed to ensure that the election is secret and anonymous, is limited to one vote per person and ensures that only those entitled to vote can take part in the election.

If you do not wish to participate in the election via this method, please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body to make arrangements for a ballot paper to be posted to you and to ensure you are excluded from the online voting system.

The election period will commence at midday on **Monday 8th October 2018** and will close at midday on **Friday 19th October 2018**. The vote will be counted at 12.15pm on that day and the results will be published as soon as possible thereafter.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 8th October 2018 (B Week)

Year 10 MFL Trips all week

Year 11 House Football

Monday 8 th October	U14 Hockey, Bradfield
Tuesday 9 th October	Music Workshop – Yehudi Menuhin School
Friday 12 th October	Year 13 Geography Trip to Slapton (until Sunday 14 th October) KPS Year 7 Film Event

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

MUSIC @ KENDRICK

Upper School Chamber Concert – Thursday 18th October, 7pm, School Hall

This is our first large-scale music event of the school calendar and it promises to be a treat. Students in Years 10 – 13 will be performing a wide variety of pieces and songs to entertain you all. The event itself is free and students from all year groups, friends and family are invited to attend. Please come along and support the wonderful talent that our Kendrick students have to offer!

ABRSM Music Examinations

Associated Board music graded examinations are due to take place here at Kendrick during the **w/c 28th January 2019** to enable students to miss as little school time as possible. If you would like to enter/your daughter would like to enter, or you know of an external candidate who would like to enter then please collect a letter from Mrs Cooper in the Music Office. The closing date is **Friday 23rd November 2018**.

SUBJECT NEWS

English

Can you judge a book by its cover?

The English Department are launching a new competition for all year groups. Design a new, eye-catching original book cover for any book by the following authors: Lewis Carroll, E Nesbit, Frances Hodgson Burnett and C S Lewis. If you haven't read any books by those authors, why not read one? The entries will be judged by both art and literature experts, so you should try to capture elements of the book in the cover.

You can use any medium including collage, but your entry must be no bigger than A5 size (half of A4). Prizes will be awarded in a range of age categories.

Closing date - Monday 29th October (day after half term). Entries should be given to Miss Fieldsend or another English teacher.

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

Many thanks to all the new parents who have joined KPS as members. Any queries on how to join can be forwarded to our membership secretary at kpsmembersec1@gmail.com.

Planning is well underway for our upcoming events, please come along and support us.

2nd November Kendrick Diwali Mela contact: Maitri maitrivish@gmail.com

The KPS AGM is scheduled for Monday 16th October at 6pm. All parents are invited to attend. We are looking to recruit a new chair, vice-chair and secretary for the coming year. These are key roles liaising with Ms Kattirtzi, students and staff to ensure KPS is operating to the best of our ability. Full support and training will be provided. If you are interested in a role and have any questions, please contact us at una.tietema@hotmail.com. Applications for job-share are welcomed.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- A level Physics resources (Physics Review, A Level Revision and Practice) – must be paid by Monday to order
- A Level Geography Field Trip to Slapton Ley – full balance should now have been paid (£365)
- Years 10 – 13 – English texts