

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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### Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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Thank you to KPS for the fantastically [successful Diwali event](#) that took place last Friday.

Although we are coming to the end of the eighth and final week of this term, student and staff activity has not diminished. Last night we had a super Chamber Concert featuring students from the Upper School and Sixth Form. Organised completely by the students themselves, the concert showed the huge musical talent there is at Kendrick, as well as the obvious enjoyment and pleasure the students have sharing their musical choices to an appreciative audience.

Another highlight of this week has been the news that five of our students have been elected to positions in the **Reading Youth Cabinet**. They are: Sasha Tyagi - the Chair, Emily Smith – Climate Change Officer, Pradnya Dabhole - Equalities and Diversity Officer, Joanne Mushi - Health and Well Being Officer and Charlotte Kutz - Secretary and Education and Democracy Officer. It seems that Kendrick students will be dominating the Reading Youth Cabinet! We wish them well in the roles and the responsibilities they have taken on and I am sure we will hear more from them about their plans for the future.

I have mentioned the assemblies that take place regularly at the start of the school day. This week the Heads of Year took assemblies for their year group. Mr Stride gave an assembly to Year 10 on **Moral Development: Decision Making**. He spoke to students about how they might make a decision and what might be the motivating factors in making that decision. He demonstrated that as we get older and more mature, decisions are often based less on ourselves, but more on the impact they may have on others, including our environment and community. He asked them to consider the decisions they make and who they may affect. Yesterday I attended an assembly with Year 8 where Miss Swaine spoke to students about **Teamwork** and working as a team, demonstrating to them the need to work together and help each other. At a Year 7 assembly, a student in 7V, Alex Marden, presented a passionate and persuasive argument on the need for climate change, encouraging us to become climate warriors. Because of the work many of our students are doing in this area, we have been invited to a Climate Conference in early November arranged by Brighter Futures where our students will be giving a presentation to Headteachers on the arguments for climate change and the work we have been doing at Kendrick to address this issue. All of this demonstrates the wide range of issues that are raised in school with students outside of the organised curriculum.

I often hear from former students who get in touch with me to share their experiences of what they are doing in their particular career or work. One student, Shalah Akhta, who works for PWC will be coming to speak to Year 11 at the **Sixth Form Conference** in November. Another former student, [Eleanor Reeves](#), a Lawyer with a prestigious firm in London, has been in touch to invite a group of sixth form students to a conference about pioneering women in Law. I am always so pleased and proud when former students take an interest in their school and continue to want to support us years after they have left. Next week a student who left us only two years ago, Mary Lobo, will be representing her College, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford on **University Challenge on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. I can

remember Mary leading Cedars House in our University Challenge competitions, clearly excellent training for the real thing!

Finally, we have received confirmation that our building project will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November with an end date of early June. We shall be having regular updates from our builders, Darwin Group and our Consultants, Bailey Garner about the developments on site. Health and Safety will be a priority and after our pre-build meeting yesterday we feel assured that measures will be in place to keep us all safe for the duration of the build. I have asked that we have a student engagement group set up that can meet regularly so that students across the school can follow the progress of the build from an architectural, design and engineering view or just for general interest.

To finish I would like to share with you a short video that Miss Swaine showed Year 8 in their assembly on Teamwork yesterday. Finishing her assembly she said to the students that what they do individually has an impact on them as a Year group and that by working together they will be more successful. Making mistakes is ok, she said, but what we do next is more important and looking after each other is the most important of all. She finished the assembly with a clip from the **Rio Olympics in 2016** where two women athletes supported each other after one fell. The clip is called The Most Beautiful Moment of Rio 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCVIRFWOjgE>

Best wishes and thank you to everyone for the incredible work that has been done this term by students, staff, parents, KPS, Governors; everyone's contributions matter.

I hope students and staff have a restful and relaxing half term break, free from school work.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

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### **Issue with Snapchat**

Thames Valley Police has asked us to make you aware of an issue with Snapchat.

TVP locally have had three reports during a 48 hour period about Snapchat issues. Three young females have separately reported that a snapchat account has been set up called 'Dutty girls berkshire' in which naked photos of girls are being shared. One of the victims reports the following:

THERE HAS BEEN A SNAPCHAT ACCOUNT MADE WHICH HAS POSTED NAKED PHOTOS. THE ACCOUNT IS CALLED 'DUTTY GIRLS BERKSHIRE' (@DUTTYGIRLBERKSS), IT IS ASKING PEOPLE TO 'SHOUT THEM OUT' ON THEIR SNAPCHAT STORIES TO BE ABLE TO VIEW THE ACCOUNT'S STORIES, WHICH ARE SUBMISSIONS OF NAKED PHOTOS SENT BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THEM FROM GIRLS IN BERKSHIRE.

Please ensure your child is aware of this issue.

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## **CALENDAR**

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### **Week Commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (A Week)**

**House Chess and Scrabble Week**

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<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Start of Term 2, 8.25am
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	RS Trip to Oxford – Years 10 and 11
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	7W Trip to Reading Museum Oxbridge Demonstration Interview Event Senior Maths Challenge (Years 12 and 13) Design Your Future Event, 6pm to 9pm (Year 9-13)

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

## Key Events in Term 2

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Post 16 Conference - Year 11
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	House Music Performance, 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.15pm to 8.15pm - current Year 11s
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	INSET Day
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Autumn Profiling Day/Year 7 Study Skills GCSE Presentation and Awards Evening
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Dance Enterprise Day
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 13 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Year 11 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Evening of Dance
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day KPS Disco, Years 7-9
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	A Level Presentation and Awards Evening
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term 2, 1.10pm

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## KPS NEWS

Please see the attached newsletter from the KPS.

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- 'Wicked' theatre trip 27th November – please pay £30 by 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Religious Studies trip to Oxford on 4<sup>th</sup> November – £15.50 to be paid as soon as possible
- Year 7 visits to Reading Museum – please pay £5 by 4<sup>th</sup> November
- A Level Geography – Tectonics conference £33.50 to be paid by 6<sup>th</sup> November

Please log on to your ParentPay account over the half-term break to top up dinner money accounts and check there are no outstanding payments. Many thanks.

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## VACANCIES

Kendrick School has the following vacancies. Please click on the links for each role for more information.

[English Teacher to cover a maternity leave \(November 2019-July 2020\)](#)

[Casual Leisure Attendant \(to start as soon as possible\)](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#)

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## **NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL**

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News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Trip to France 2019](#)

### **Parent/Governor Election Results**

There were two nominations for the role of Parent Governor. As there were three vacancies there is no need for an election.

The successful candidates are:

- Mr Jeremy Chadwick
- Mr Sri Harsha Gopal

Both candidates will serve for four years starting in November 2019.

There is still a vacancy for one Parent Governor and the nomination period will commence after half term.

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## **NEWS AND EVENTS – STUDENTS**

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### **House Chess and Scrabble Week (Monday 4th November).**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday in SC2. Turn up and play to earn a house token and more if you win. Chess players will be matched up to similar ability, scrabble games will have players from each house.

### **Overdue Library Books**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their overdue books. You will also have received an overdue slip in your register, please return your overdue books to the library as soon as possible. If you are unable to locate your book, please come and speak to the library staff. Thank you.

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## Archive Club

Archive Club is beginning Monday 4th November during lunchtimes, in the library..Our school archives hold lots of interesting artefacts from as far back as the 1800's, telling the history of our school and our area. We are looking for keen archivists to go through the artefacts, log them, and create displays and material for the school website. For more information, please go to the library during Monday lunchtimes or contact the librarians or Emily Smith 13MW

## Poppy Appeal

Please support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Members of 10G will be coming round all week during breaks to sell poppies and other items so remember to bring some change:

Poppy – donation

Zip pull – 50p

Reflector clip – 50p

Silicon wristband - £1

Snap band - £1.50

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## NEWS AND EVENTS - BY YEAR GROUP

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### Years 9 -13

#### **Design Your Future Careers Event – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:erock@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)

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### Year 12

#### **GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening**

Year 12 and their parents/carers are invited to the **GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening** on **Wednesday 20th November 2019**, 4.45pm for a prompt 5.00pm start. Please see the email sent to parents/carers today for more information.

## Year 9

### Duke of Edinburgh

Following interest from Year 9 parents, we have found a local organisation that can run the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award on our behalf. Please note this is independent of school, as Kendrick does not have the capacity to offer the programme.

Berkshire Youth runs an eDofE programme where individual participants are virtually mentored throughout the Award. Berkshire Youth will provide advice and support for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections of the Award. Berkshire Youth does not run a centre as such, but each individual completes the programme at their own pace.

Students will also complete two, 2-day expeditions as part of the programme: a training expedition and then an assessed one. These expeditions are done in small groups of students and have to be arranged and paid for by the participants (cost for the expedition is likely to be in the region of £200 per student). However, we already have a possible expedition provider lined up and Berkshire Youth will be able to provide suggestions/recommendations of DofE Approved Activity Providers (AAP's) if required.

All sections when completed will be signed off through eDofE by Berkshire Youth. All Awards will be ultimately signed-off by the Berkshire Youth DofE Verifier.

Berkshire Youth will be doing a presentation on the DofE Award at Kendrick School after half term. Details on the day/date will follow but the session will run at 3.30 pm in a school classroom, with permission from Ms Kattirtzi.

If you or your child is interested in attending this event, then please contact Claire or Ruth as below. We will both be there and between us and Berkshire Youth, we can answer any questions you may have about the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and practicalities at the meeting.

Regards

Claire Harris ([clairejez@clairejez.plus.com](mailto:clairejez@clairejez.plus.com))

Ruth Shaffrey ([ruth.shaffrey@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.shaffrey@gmail.com))

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## AND FINALLY.... THINKING CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

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Someone visits a house where three identical triplet sisters lived – Sarah, Sue and Sally. Sarah is the oldest one followed by Sue and Sally. The sisters decide to mock them for a while and let them figure out who is who. Due to their identical looks, they are not able to identify who is who and thus decide to ask them each of them a question.

They go to the sister sitting on the left sofa and asks her, 'Who is the one sitting in the middle sofa?' They are replied by the girl, 'She is Sarah.'

Then they go to the one sitting on the middle sofa and asks her, 'Who are you?' To this they are replied by her, 'I'm Sally.'

Finally they go to the one sitting on the right sofa. They ask, 'Who is sitting on the middle sofa?' She replies, 'She is



Sue.'

They are left puzzled after the three answers. They ask again and repeats for three times in total. All of the time, they receives different answers.

They only know three things:

Sarah, the oldest one is a truthful person who never lies.

Sue the middle sister is a big liar who never tells a truth.

Sally, the youngest speaks both truth and lies.

Can you help them find out who is who?

*The answer will be published next week*

*Answer to last week's challenge:*

**Answer:** 569

Explanation:

Number in the triangle in ant-clockwise are: 15 12 and 18

The Central number is formed by there largest factor i.e

15=> 3 \* 5 => largest factor is 5

12=> 2 \* 6 => largest factor is 6

18=> 2 \* 9 => largest factor is 9.

Therefore required number is 569.