

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 21st October 2022

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

There is much to celebrate this week beginning with the publication of the government's **performance tables** for education. After a period of two years of Centre and Teacher assessed grades, when such data was not gathered, this year's public examinations have enabled the performance of all schools to be recorded and published. It is my great pleasure to inform you that Kendrick School's GCSEs results for the summer of 2022 were very high and our position in the performance tables is to be applauded by everyone. Kendrick's score in the Progress 8 measure this year is 0.94; an outstanding score demonstrating the immense progress students have made from KS2-KS4. This measure places Kendrick in the top 2% of schools nationally. My sincere thanks to the students and staff for their incredible hard work and to parents and governors for your support. The tables can be found [here](#) *'This score shows how much progress pupils at this school made across 8 qualifications between the end of key stage 2 and the end of key stage 4, compared to other similar pupils nationally.'*

Whilst such accolades are important for the school and enable us to have a local and national reputation of excellence, the other very important part of our school, which the public do not see, is what goes on in school, day in day out. Last night we had the **Chamber Concert** featuring students from Years 10-13, organised and presented by GCSE Music students. We know that we have many gifted and talented musicians at Kendrick, however, performing in front of one's peers, parents and staff is a skill that is not easy for everyone. Last night, our students surpassed all expectations by demonstrating confidence and courage in their performances, resulting in some emotional and moving moments for the audience. Those of us present last night can say with certainty, the quality of some of the pieces were of a professional standard worthy of any major concert hall. Thank you first and foremost to the student performers, but also the staff, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Rohweder and Ms Fieldsend and other staff who work to support the Music Department to put on such an event, and of course to parents for the support and encouragement you give to your children.

Featured on the website this week is [Biology Week](#) which I encourage everyone to look at, another amazing event at Kendrick, a couple of weeks ago. Also, the Lecture that a few students were able to attend at The Abbey to hear [Lady Justice Andrews](#) speak about her career which took her to the very senior role she has in the legal system. Two of our students had the privilege of speaking with Lady Justice Andrews who they found hugely knowledgeable and inspiring and very supportive of their ambitions to study Law.

It has been a long term for the start of this academic year and I can hear and see how tired people are feeling. I encourage all students and staff to have good break from school work this holiday, doing things for their own pleasure and at their own pace. It is important that we restore and recharge ourselves for the winter months ahead and hope that things outside of our control are a little calmer by the time we return.

Thank you to our staff and students for the tremendous hard work that everyone has done this term. It has been great to be able to function in a more normal working environment and conduct our events face to face enabling us to reconnect as a community. I look forward to the many more events and occasions planned for next term.

Wishing everyone a pleasant and peaceful holiday.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859.

If you're worried about any child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 4pm and at weekends and holidays), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0808 800 5000** or **contact NSPCC online**. Children can contact **Childline** any time to get support themselves. **In an emergency please call 999 or for a non-emergency call 101.**

We have created a library of resources for parents, carers and students including support avenues which you can find on our website via this [link](#). We will be adding to these on a regular basis.

[CAMHS Resources](#) - This site was created for young people, carers and professionals to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support your mental health and well-being.

For well-being support in school please visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

SAFEGUARDING – AVENUES OF SUPPORT

Under 25s	Over 25s	Parents
<p>YOUNGMINDS Crisis Messenger <small>SHOUT 0800 1111</small></p> <p>Text YM to 85258 Open 24/7</p>	<p>mind for better mental health</p> <p>Call 0300 123 3393 9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri</p>	<p>YOUNGMINDS Parents Helpline</p> <p>Call 0808 802 5544 9:30am - 4pm, Mon - Fri</p>
<p>THE MIX</p> <p>Call 0808 808 4994 3pm - 12am, every day</p>	<p>SAMARITANS</p> <p>Call 116 123 Open 24/7</p>	
<p>childline <small>ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME</small></p> <p>Call 0800 1111 7:30am - 3:30am, every day</p>	<p>For more advice and information visit: youngminds.org.uk/find-help</p>	

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – CONNECTING WITH NATURE

During the week ahead we hope you will have a chance to spend some time outside. Looking after our mental health and wellbeing is important for everyone, and there are things we can all do to help support good mental health, including connecting to nature. This is why the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has partnered with the Mental Health Foundation to create a guide filled with tips and tools on how all of us can connect with nature, to help us thrive.

From local parks or your nearest river or canal, to window-boxes and even houseplants, we can all benefit from the nature around us. Read some of the top tips via the link below and check out WWF full Thriving with Nature guide.

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/5-ways-connect-nature-help-our-wellbeing>

CALENDAR FOR TERM 2, 2022-23

Monday 31st October	Start of Term 2, 8.25am
Thursday 2nd November	L&T Governor Committee, 4.30pm
Tuesday 8th November	Year 11 Post 16 Conference Widening Horizons Information Evening, 4.15pm
Thursday 10th November	Sixth Form Open Evening (Year 11 internal and external students and parents only)
Friday 11th November	Year 12 Geography Climate Conference
Thursday 17th November	Profiling Day
Thursday 24th November	Year 13 Parents' Consultation
Tuesday 29th November	Year 11 Parents' Consultation Presentation of the GCSE Certificates, 2.15pm
Wednesday 30th November	KPS Meeting, 6pm, online
Thursday 1st December	German Christmas Market Trip departs (returns on 3/12) P&R Governors Meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 2nd December	Former Student Reunion Event
Thursday 8th December	Full Governing Body (FGB) Meeting, 4.30pm Winter Concert, 6.30pm
Monday 12th December	Opera Trip for KS4 and 5
Friday 16th December	End of Term 2, 1.05pm
Tuesday 3rd January	Inset Day
Wednesday 4th January	Start of Term 3, 8.25am

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 please click [here](#)

NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

TIPS FOR A SUSTAINABLE HALLOWEEN

A great initiative which is being shared around school next week. Please see the information on our [website](#).

READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST OCTOBER SOCCER SCHOOLS – YEAR 1-9

Week 1	24/10	25/10	26/10	27/10	28/10
The Dome & 3G Pitch (RG2 0FL)	X	X	X	10am – 3pm	10am – 3pm
Cantley Park (RG40 5QG)	10am – 3pm (£25)	10am – 3pm (£25)	10am – 3pm (£25)	10am – 3pm (£25)	10am – 3pm (£25)
Academy Sport (RG2 8DF)	10am – 3pm (£25)	10am – 3pm (£25)	10am – 3pm (£25)	X	X

Book online

Book Reading FC Football Courses & Soccer School Sessions
(officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

OCTOBER HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

Reading Family Information Service has created an [October half term holiday activities page](#) for families, including SEND short breaks. The page will be updated regularly as more information comes in. There is also a [general holiday activities](#) page and information for parent carers who need information about [childcare, holiday clubs, childminders etc](#) for the school holidays.

Reading Borough Council has also published a round-up of low and no-cost activities available to families around Reading during October half-term, including events at Reading Museum, libraries and arts venues. You can find details on the [RBC news website](#).

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Reading Borough Council has announced how it will be using the Household Support Fund to help struggling families in Reading. Energy vouchers worth £49 are being distributed to eligible families and grants are being provided to local voluntary and community groups to help vulnerable residents with food and warm clothes for the winter. You can find details on the [RBC news website](#).

RBC MONEY MATTERS PAGE

The council has created a new page on its website called Money Matters. It includes links to websites and organisations which can provide support and advice to individuals and families who are struggling financially. It covers topics ranging from paying rent and mortgages to help with energy and food costs and your health and wellbeing. Visit: [Money Matters – cost of living - Reading Borough Council](#).

VACCINE, HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT

The Alliance for Cohesion and Racial Equality (ACRE) is holding a vaccine, health and wellbeing event at the Pakistani

Community Centre on London Road this Sunday (October 23), 11am-3pm. There will be an opportunity to talk to various health professionals, visit stalls of local organisations and food and refreshments will be provided.

VACANCIES

EXAM INVIGILATORS

Casual Contract
£11.07 per hour
For December 2022

We are looking to expand our team of casual Exam Invigilators to support our friendly and supportive Exams Office with the running of all public and internal examinations throughout the academic year. We are looking for highly organised and reliable individuals who have excellent attention to detail and can remain calm under pressure at all times.

Your role would include supervising students taking public and internal examinations, preparing the exams rooms, and distributing and collecting exam papers in accordance with JCQ regulations. Previous experience of exam invigilation is desirable but full training would be given. This is a casual contract and working hours would be negotiated for each exam period. Flexibility to be able to be called in at short notice would be an advantage.

Please see our website for more information on the role and how to apply.

Closing date for applications: Friday 18th November 2022

[Application Form](#)
[Application Pack](#)

Kendrick School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure & Barring Service. Kendrick School is an Equal Opportunity employer

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details.

- 2022 Biology Week: Design a Biology Tote Bag
- Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase
- Year 12 A Level Maths Graphics Calculator
- Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts
- Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts

October trips

- Year 12 Wokingham Waterside Centre trip 4th October 2022.
- Year 10 MFL French and German trips 9th to 14th October 2022
- Year 13 A Level Geography Residential Field Course 12th to 16th October 2022
- Year 12 Biology Brain Afternoon 20th October 2022

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

Preloved / Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second-hand uniform shop will be open the first Saturday of each term between 9am and 11am. The shop is located in the Conservatory, next to the Library. If you have any queries about the shop opening please email: thaynes@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

We are pleased to announce that the **student led second hand uniform shop** will open again on Mondays, week A, second break in the Servery. The first opening will be on Monday 17th October, when students are welcome to come and shop, cash payment only.