

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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### **Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October you will know that we marked World Smile Day. Led by Hafsa, our Pastoral Prefect in the Head Girl Team, all students wore their own brightly coloured clothes and made a donation to an important charity, Make a Wish Foundation. As you can see from [Hafsa's report](#), the school raised an incredible £847.15!

Many other activities have been going on this week including rehearsals for House Music, plans for House Drama and other discussions about activities and events taking place later in the year. Our two Holocaust Ambassadors, Zakiyyah and Rosie in Year 13, students who have been on the Lessons from Auschwitz Programme with the Holocaust Educational Trust, have arranged for a Holocaust Survivor to visit Kendrick in February next year. This will be the third time we have welcomed a Holocaust Survivor and we know that this event attracts a number of interested students and parents who want to hear about the childhood experiences of such a person. We will send more details of this event nearer the time.

Welcoming guests to our school is educational for our students and enriches their understanding of the outside world. I attended a conference of Girls' Schools last Friday, [ASGS](#) and met Cindy Rose, the CEO of Microsoft who was invited to make the keynote speech at the conference. Cindy spoke about her passion for technology, her unconventional route to the position she now has and how she believes strongly in the importance of technology to transform people's lives. I have invited Cindy Rose to Kendrick assuring her that she would be extremely impressed by our students and also that I felt there was much we could do together to promote her vision given how close to the Headquarters of Microsoft in Reading we are. Her publicist took down my details and said he would be in touch.

Finally, I want parents of Years 7, 8, 9 to know that the students in these cohorts were given an assembly by Mr Hill, Assistant Headteacher, on Cyber Bullying yesterday. In the assembly Mr Hill defined cyber bullying and explained what this was and how easily and casually people can become victims of this kind of bullying and how people can so easily become bullies. As always I ask parents to continue to have a dialogue at home about the use and abuse of social media so that such activity can be eradicated for students at Kendrick. Bullying of any nature is unacceptable and we all know the impact that this can have on people's mental health and well-being. In the week of Mental Health Awareness, please can we all consider our actions and how they may impact others.

Wishing everyone a happy weekend.

***Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher***

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## SAFEGUARDING

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Advice and support on cyber bullying can be found on BullyingUK via the link below or by telephoning their helpline on 0808 800 2222.

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/>

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen"

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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### News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Kendrick School Governors and Senior Leadership Response to the Expansion Programme Proposals Consultation](#)

[World Smile Day](#)

[Sixth Form Hockey](#)

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018** and will close at midday on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. The vote will be counted at 12.15pm on that day and the results will be published as soon as possible thereafter. **The link to the online voting was sent to parents/carers by ParentMail.**

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## YEAR GROUP NEWS

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### Sixth Form

#### 16-19 Bursary Fund

The deadline for the return of the application for the 16-19 Bursary has been extended to **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. Students should hand their completed application and assessment forms into Mrs Harrison in the General Office as soon as possible. Please be aware that if a student received the Bursary in Year 12 they will need to reapply for Year 13.

### Year 12

#### GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The presentation of the GCSE certificates and awards will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 5pm in the Kendrick School hall. Please could parents/carers and students respond to the invitation that was sent by ParentMail on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (A Week)

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	U18 Hockey, Wellington KPS AGM, 6pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	U16 Hockey, Wellington
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Upper School Chamber Concert, 7pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Term 1, 3.15pm

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

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## MUSIC @ KENDRICK

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#### Upper School Chamber Concert – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**.

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## SUBJECT NEWS

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### History

#### GCSE Revision Guides

To support GCSE students in preparation for assessments and the final GCSE examinations in History, we would like to offer the chance to purchase revision guides through Kendrick School. There are several series of GCSE revision guides for History available, and the choice can be somewhat confusing. We are offering the chance to purchase guides published by Pearson for the relevant AQA examination modules. These guides include well-written summaries of the course content, practice questions with guidance for answers and annotated example answers and have been written specifically for the new Grade 9-1 format of the History GCSE.

The guides are available as a pack of four to cover the different modules studied at Kendrick – Germany 1890-1945, the Cold War 1945-1972, Elizabethan England c1568-1603 and Health and the People c1000AD-present day. The cost of the package is £10.50, a substantial reduction on the cost of the guides if bought individually.

The guides are by no means compulsory and we will continue to support students with revision resources and guidance for free in lessons and on the school intranet. However, if you wish to purchase revision guides we believe this package offers good value. Unfortunately we are not able to offer individual revision guides separately, only the package of four.

If you would like to purchase these guides, please make your payment on ParentPay by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any difficulty with this, please contact our finance department by email [finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)

**Mr Jon Curran, Head of History**

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## VACANCIES

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### Exam Invigilators

To facilitate the public examinations held at Kendrick School we require a bank of invigilators. We are currently seeking to expand our existing team. Responsibilities include:

- Preparation of the examination room
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- Monitoring candidates during the exam
- Distribution and collation of examination papers and supporting material
- Supporting students' needs as required
- Ensuring adherence to JCQ regulations

Person/skills required:

- Understanding of the importance of safeguarding in schools
- Attention to detail
- Calm and professional
- Reliable
- Medical background advantageous
- Must be IT literate and be able to attend face to face training at the school

Training is provided. Please note that this is a part-time seasonal position.

If you are interested please complete the application and declaration of convictions forms on our [website](#) and email to [exams@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:exams@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).

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## KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

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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](mailto:kpsmembersec1@gmail.com).

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> November Kendrick Diwali Mela** contact: Maitri [maitrivish@gmail.com](mailto:maitrivish@gmail.com)

The KPS AGM is scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:una.tietema@hotmail.com). Applications for job-share are welcomed.

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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- Year 7 Bushcraft residential (June 2019) – deposit of £65 due
- Year 9 PGL Devon residential - deposit of £100 due

Please note that ParentPay is a separate account to ParentMail – you will need to log-in via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) to make payments.