WEEKLY UPDATE – FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2026

We have come to the end of another term, and it feels like we have finished with a flourish. This week we have had a truly amazing Upper School and Sixth Form Chamber Concert, produced and hosted by Year 10 & 11 students. It was a joyous occasion from start to finish with a wonderful variety of pieces and fifty performers singing and playing with skill and pizzazz. GCSE students have been performing their assessed drama pieces this week which they seem to have enjoyed despite being assessed as they did so.

We welcomed Zsofia Lazar, a previous student who is now a published author, who gave an inspirational talk and Q&A session about how she wrote her first novel, Witchsong.

We have also welcomed a team of inspectors from Ofsted into the school this week and I am so delighted by the way in which they quickly got to understand our school, how we work and what our values are. We anticipate the final report being published next term.

I want to say how impressed I am by all the staff and students, who have kept working and smiling into an eighth consecutive week of termtime.

I hope we all have a wonderful holiday next week.

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Mr Nick Simmonds
Headteacher

School Notices

Safeguarding

Safeguarding at Kendrick School

Have a safe Halloween. Halloween should be a fun occasion, but not everyone feels comfortable with it. If you, your friends, or your family are heading out this year, click here for some simple steps you can take to help keep everyone safe.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Kendrick School

Halloween Wellbeing. For teenagers**,** Halloween can shift from a carefree night of sweets to a high-pressure social event. Between costume expectations, body image worries, and the pressure to find the "perfect" party, it is entirely normal for teens to feel anxious or overwhelmed. You can help teenagers navigate the holiday safely and with less stress by focusing on the wellness strategies here.

SEND

Reading's SEND Local Offer. The SEND Local Offer is here to help you find information about local services, support, activities and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

School Fund

Please donate to our School Fund here. You can make one-off payments through your ParentPay account or complete a standing order form for more regular payments. If you are a UK taxpayer, please ensure you also complete a Gift Aid Form.

A school fund is maintained by voluntary contributions from the parents/carers of students. Its purpose is to provide an additional source of funding for the provision of facilities and educational resources for the benefit of students. We use our School Fund to support so many activities **in and out of** school that have now become essential to school life.

Canteen

The Autumn/Winter menu can be found here. **Please ensure that you regularly check your child's canteen balance on their ParentPay account and settle any 'overdrafts' quickly.** Overdrafts should only be issued on an exceptional basis and not as a regular occurrence.

Latest News on our Website

Visit to Refugee Support Group

School Calendar

Week A
Monday 2nd November – start of Term 2, 8.25am
Tuesday 3rd November – Dance Enterprise Day
Wednesday 4th November – National Stress Awareness day
Thursday 5th November – Post 16 Conference; Trustees P&R Committee, 4.30pm; KPS AGM 6pm – 7.30pm
Saturday 7th November – KPS Preloved Uniform Shop, 9am-11am

Student Careers and Work Experience

CAREERS TALK - Meteorology: including Laura Tobin from Good Morning Britain – 11th November 2026 5pm to 6pm at The Abbey School in Reading

- Laura Tobin - Broadcast meteorologist and scientist, weather presenter on ITV's Good Morning Britain and
- Professor Andrew Charlton-Perez OBE - Climate Scientist, Professor of Meteorology at the University of Reading.

This event is open to all students in the area. If you are interested in attending please complete this Eventbrite link. Please note this event is not affiliated with Kendrick School.

Vacancies

Exams Assistant closing date 2nd November 2026
Evening Site Assistant closing date 6th November 2026

ParentPay and Evolve Reminders

Latest Reminders for ParentPay and Evolve

KPS Updates

Please see the latest KPS newsletter here.