

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 27th September 2019



Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Last week we had a visit from three former students: Vivienne (aged 89), Hilary (aged 88) and Miriam Stock (aged 84), three sisters who attended Kendrick in the 1940s over 70 years' ago. I believe the last time they visited was in 1977 on the occasion of the centenary of the school. As one of the sisters lives in Australia and doesn't think she will manage to get to the UK so easily in the future, she wanted to visit her old school again with her siblings. Escorted by Emily and Mia, students in Year 13, the sisters thoroughly enjoyed their visit and tour of the school, speaking to staff and students and noting what had changed and what still seemed the same. A display of their visit is being prepared and will be put on the website shortly. Although the sisters were here so very long ago, they said that the feel of Kendrick, the education provided and valued by the staff and students was as they remembered in their time. They told us that the motto that guided them when they were students was *dum spiro spero - while I breath, I hope*. I mentioned the Stock sisters at our School Birthday assembly.

We had a super School Birthday on Monday starting with a whole school assembly – the first time this term the whole school has assembled in the Hall. As always, every form was asked to bake a cake for the cake competition on a given theme. It was very difficult to decide the winning cake for each year, key stage and the overall winner of the competition. However, with the careful and skilful guidance of Mrs Cook we identified the winners and students were then able to take away their cakes and enjoy them during the extended second break picnic lunch. I was so pleased with the entries from Year 7 who have only been with us for just over three weeks but produced some amazing cakes designed and decorated to show the infinite variety of people in school. The overall winning cake was made by a student in the Sixth Form who has also just joined us and her design certainly captured the spirit of Kendrick and depicted the kind of school I believe we are. Thank you to everyone. We finish our birthday celebrations with a reunion of former students this afternoon between 4.00-6.00pm. Please click [here](#) for photographs and displays of the events this week as well as the cakes.

In line with the conversations and activities that are happening globally and being highlighted by Greta Thunberg, the climate change activist, at the UN earlier in the week, Kendrick is leading its own Eco campaign. I am delighted to announce [Kendrick's first Eco Week from 30th Sept to 4th October](#). All week, students will be able to take up a personal eco-challenge of their choice and are invited to write their thoughts or concerns about the environment on a piece of 'Earth' artwork. Events will then include a brief address and then question time with a local Green Party representative, a debate about Climate Change, and a Fair Trade and vegan food tasting session. On Thursday, ICT2 will be open at lunchtime to give students the opportunity if they wish to put their names to campaigns they care about, such as reducing plastic packaging in supermarkets or planting more trees to combat climate change. On Friday, students will be invited to wear green clothes ('Go as Green as you Dare') and enjoy a teachers' Recycling Race in the Sports Hall during the day. We hope this week will stir up some interesting conversations and new ideas about how we can look after the future of our planet. I know everyone in school is energised by the enthusiasm and activities that the students have planned for the week ahead. They deserve our whole hearted support and encouragement.

I would like to finish this week with some words 7T chose to put with their cupcake entry in the birthday cake competition. Having baked 32 different flavoured cupcakes and decorated them with icing, they explained the message they wanted to convey in their entry. On a rainbow coloured piece of card they wrote:

'We have all made cupcakes with different flavours and covered them with red and white icing. This demonstrates that everyone at Kendrick is different, unique and special in our own way under our (Kendrick) red and white uniform'.

Thank you Kitty and students in 7T and to everyone for knowing and understanding why we celebrate our school birthday and the deeper meaning of coming together as a community, valuing our purpose and the vital work we all do at Kendrick.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Online Safety Issues – internetmatters.org

See advice on a range of online issues that your child may face to help them enjoy the digital world safely and smartly.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/>

CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 30th September 2019 (A Week)

[Eco Week](#)

Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 10 Welcome Evening, 6.00pm
Thursday 3 rd October	Geography Trip, Y12 – Coasts French Play, Year 9 and 10 Governors L&T Committee, 4.30pm
Friday 4 th October	KPS Year 7 Cinema afternoon, 3.45pm to 6pm

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

Key Events in Term 1

Wednesday 9 th October	Year 8 Welcome Evening, 6.30pm
Monday 14 th October	KPS Meeting, 6pm

Friday 18th October
Thursday 24th October
Friday 25th October

KPS Diwali Evening
Upper School and Sixth Form Chamber Concert, 6.30pm to 8.00pm
End of Term 1, 3.15pm

KPS NEWS

Second-Hand Uniform

A BIG THANKS to all the parents who donated bags of second-hand uniforms on Thursday this week. We collected ten full bags! We are now sorting and sprucing them up. We will let you know when and where these will be sold! Watch this space for more information.

Diwali Event – Friday 18th October 2019

Our Kendrick Diwali event plans are progressing really well. All our passionate KPS volunteers are working hard to make this event a memorable evening for everyone. Please mark your diaries for a fun filled evening with your family and friends including dance, music, karaoke singing, photo booth, stalls and an authentic Indian Buffet Dinner! [Online ticketing](#) is now open for bookings.

More details will be available on our next Monday KPS Newsletter!

Year 7 Film Night – Friday 4th October, 3.30pm to 6.10pm

KPS is organising a film evening for the Year 7 students on Friday 4th October, 3.30pm to 6:10pm in Kendrick School hall, straight after school. The students can bring into school their onesies/PJ's and pillows/blanket and then get changed after school. Mats will be laid out in the hall and the students can lounge around watching a suitable film with their friends. (A sleepover style without the sleepover). Cost is £5 including a snack. There will also be refreshments/snacks/sweets for sale so students should please bring extra money that day if they want to buy items. Tickets are available online from: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/book/event?eid=8609>. Further information will be sent via the class rep system.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

Please remember to top up dinner money and printing accounts

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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Music Leader Nominations 2020

2020 Music Leader nominations for all of our ensembles and choirs are now available in student registers and from the Music and Drama Office in Cedars. Simply fill out the form, have someone from the ensemble/choir second you to be a Music Leader and give the form back to Mrs Cooper via the Music and Drama Office or her shelf. These are the qualities we are looking for in our Music Leaders:

Someone who:

- are able to lead by example
- are committed to attending their ensemble/choir
- are friendly and welcoming to new members of the ensemble/choir
- will assist in choosing repertoire for the ensemble to play/choir to sing
- listen to and represent the views of the ensemble/choir members
- will assist with the setting up and packing away of rehearsals
- lead sectionals as appropriate
- encourage others to attend rehearsals and concerts

ABRSM Examinations

Those of you wishing to take an ABRSM practical music examination in January may now collect a letter from Mrs Cooper/the top tray near the instrumental noticeboard in Cedars. These exams will take place w/c 27th January 2020 and the closing date for entries is Friday 22nd November 2019. Candidates may be from Kendrick School but also may be external (from other schools) as well.

Mrs Cooper and Ms Rohweder

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Reading German Network Awards Assembly](#)

[Air Experience Flying Day](#)

Individual School Photographs

All photograph orders must be returned to school by **Monday 30th September** to the General Office.

**Upper School and Sixth Form Chamber Concert – Thursday 24th October,
6.30pm, Hall**

This year sees our GCSE Music students organising their very own chamber concert for the second time. They will be leading all aspects of the organisation, programming, sound and lighting, as well as hosting this FREE event and would like as many people to get involved in Years 10 and above. This can be done by signing up outside the Music and Drama Office by Friday 4th October. They would also like as many friends, family and staff to attend to make this an exciting and successful evening for everyone. Please come along and support them. Donations will be greatly received and will go towards instruments, music, textbooks and accessories that the students and Music Department feel are most needed for all.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for Parent Governors to join the Governing Body this term. Information on how nominations can be made and the election process will be communicated very soon.

We are fortunate to have parents/carers with a wide range of skills and talents, who are able to contribute to the Governing Body. In these challenging financial times and in the current political climate, our governing body is having to make some significant strategic decisions, not just for the students that are with us at the moment, but for the cohorts of students that will come to Kendrick in the future. Recently appointed parent governors have said that they enjoy their role as a governor; it gives them an insight into the workings of the school and how the school is accountable to the governing body. In addition, it enables them to be involved in setting the strategic vision of the school by working closely with Ms Kattirtzi and the Senior Leadership Team. They are proud to be part of a school that is relentless in its pursuit of excellence.

If you have an interest in education and have skills that you feel could contribute to the work we do, please put your name forward to be considered for the role of Parent Governor at Kendrick.

Emailing the School

Please ensure that you include your child's full name and form when emailing the school. Please also include your full name so we can respond to you appropriately. Thank you.

Reporting a Student Absence due to Illness – ParentMail App

The quickest and easiest way to report your child's absence from school due to illness is through the **ParentMail App**.

- From the ParentMail App, open 'Absences' and select the name of child who will be absent.
- Select a reason for absence from a drop down menu.
- Select an amount of time that your daughter is likely to be off school for.
- Add any additional notes, and then send to school.

You can download the App for free from the Apple AppStore or Google play. Just search for Kendrick School.

Reading School - Boarding Open Evening – Tuesday 8th October 2019

Reading School is hosting a Boarding Open Evening from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Tuesday 8th October, aimed at those parents interested in registering their son for a Boarding Place. There will be a Welcome Talk, an opportunity to meet the Boarding Staff, followed by a tour of the School and Boarding Houses with current Boarders. To register please email: admissions@reading-school.co.uk

NEWS AND EVENTS – STUDENTS

GCSE Drama Performance – Monday 7th October, 3.45pm, Hall

Our Year 11 GCSE Drama students are performing for their final Devising assessment and welcome everyone to come and see them in action. The performances start promptly at 3.45pm and will finish by 4.30pm. The event itself is free and all students, staff and friends are encouraged to attend to support them.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Bishop

Extracurricular Clubs, Societies and Activities

A list of wide ranging clubs, societies and activities available at Kendrick can be found on our website via this [link](#).

NEWS AND EVENTS - BY YEAR GROUP

Sixth Form

Reading Scholars 2020 – Applications Now Open

The Reading Scholars is the University of Reading's flagship widening participation programme for Year 12 students, where participants will attend four events at the university between January and July 2020, in addition to receiving mentoring (face-to-face and online) from one of their current students. Developments for the 2020 programme include the addition of three new subject strands bringing the total number of strands to 13 (see below for a full list), a greater focus on developing individual study skills through a bigger project element linking the subject strand to real world issues, and, based on participant feedback, a longer four day residential (up from three day in 2019).

All costs for participating students are covered by the University of Reading - this includes transport to the university, all food and refreshments, and accommodation for the residential. Once they complete the programme, they are also able to take advantage of a guaranteed conditional offer or invite to interview should they apply to Reading, a two grade drop on their offer from Reading for most courses, and they can apply for a £1000 bursary if they go on and enrol with them.

A full list of the subject strands are as follows:

- Architecture (new for 2020)
- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry, Food Science & Pharmacy
- Education (new for 2020)
- English Literature
- Film, Theatre and Television (new for 2020)

- History, Archaeology and Classics
- Languages (French, Spanish or German)
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Physical Geography and Environmental Science

Please click [here](#) for the **eligibility criteria** and [here](#) for the **programme brochure**. To **apply** click [here](#).

Applications are made directly by the student using the online application form – students should discuss their application with the school and get support for their participation prior to them making an application.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 8th November 2019**.

Years 11-13

Annual Tower Poetry Competition

The annual Tower Poetry competition for 16-18 year olds is now open for entries. The theme this year is 'Trees'. Entries should be of no more than 48 lines. See the poster on the English noticeboard for more details.

This is a prestigious competition with generous prizes including an awards ceremony. If you are aspiring to a career in the creative arts or any kind of communication, this would be an excellent way to showcase your talent.

The closing date is 20th March 2020, so you have plenty of time to come up with an idea and an entry.

If you are under 16 and want to write a poem about trees, there is nothing stopping you! Give it to your English teacher or Ms Fieldsend for house tokens and other rewards

Years 9 -13

Design Your Future Careers Event – Thursday 7th 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