

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

We are all looking forward to the break next week after what has been a long and very busy first term of the academic year. Speaking to many students and staff this week, the seven weeks of term have flown by and an enormous amount of work has been done across the school by everyone. I have had conversations with all students in Year 7 in the last couple of days and I have been overwhelmed by their enthusiasm for their new school and how they have felt so welcomed and supported in these last few weeks. They told me that they love school! They love the subjects they are being taught, the teachers that are teaching them and the students around them who have been so kind, considerate and inspiring! Similar comments, although not quite as effusively as Year 7 remarks, were also made by our new Year 12 students who Mr Simmonds and I spoke to a few weeks ago. Thank you to everyone involved in welcoming new students and staff to our school this term.

The events and activities for the term have continued and culminated last night in a most impressive **Upper School Concert** organised and led by the GCSE Music students. This is a new approach adopted for this concert and was highly successfully in featuring so many items of musical talent and ability in a varied and interesting programme. Congratulations to all performers and organisers involved and of course to Mrs Cooper, our Head of Music. It was disappointing, once again, to see so few parents attending when there were over 30 musical items performed by around 50 students. We will send photos and a short report about the concert next term.

I would like to mention again the **Diwali** event that is being organised by **KPS on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November between 5.00-8.30pm**. Information about the event was sent earlier this week and can be found again [here](#). Please support this occasion as it is another new event that KPS has organised to raise money for the school as well as of course to give everyone an opportunity to get together and have a wonderful time!

I hope everyone has had a successful start to the academic year and would like to suggest to all students and staff that they should take a break this holiday and enjoy some personal time with friends and family away from their studies to rest and recuperate. We have another very long term ahead with many activities and events taking place and so we all need to recharge to enjoy and participate in the busy programme of events we have ahead.

Well done and thank you to everyone for the immense hard work that has been done this first term.

Wishing everyone a restful and peaceful holiday.

Kind regards

***Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher***

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## SAFEGUARDING

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Livestreaming and video-chat risks were highlighted in a recent NSPCC survey. Their Wild West Web campaign calls on the government to regulate social networks and make the internet safer for children. Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/livestreaming-video-chat-online-safety/>

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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.*

"People who wonder whether the glass is half full or half empty are missing the point. The glass is refillable"

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

[Nepal Trip 2018](#)

[U18 Indoor Hockey](#)

### Mobile Phone Policy

#### Key Stage 3:

- Phones should be **switched off** and put in students' **lockers** from **8.20am-3.15pm**.
- Students can only use their phone at the end of the day when they are in their form room, as this is where their phone should be.
- If a student is found on their phone during the school day, e.g. in a break time, the phone will be **confiscated** and the student will need to collect it at the end of the day from a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

#### Key Stage 4:

- Phones are only to be used in their **form rooms during break times**. If seen at any other time, phones will be **confiscated** and the process above will be followed.

#### Key Stage 5:

- Phones only to be used in their **form rooms and study rooms**, and **not** in the **corridors**. If seen using a phone in another space other than form rooms and study rooms, students will be asked to put their phones away.

## Election of a Parent Governor

The election process has now ended and the successful candidate has been contacted. The results will be communicated after half term.

## Uniform - Shorts

A pair of tailored shorts, "Grey Bermuda shorts", have been added to our uniform list at Stevensons, our uniform supplier. These can be worn throughout the year.

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# YEAR GROUP NEWS

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## Year 12

### GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening – Thursday 15th 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 via this [link](#) by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.

## Year 13

### Safe Drive Stay Alive Event – Monday 5th November 2018

On Monday 5th November 2018, the Safe Drive Stay Alive event will take place at the Hexagon in Reading. A seat has been reserved for every student in Year 13 to attend.

This event is designed for young people whether or not they are driving or are planning to start learning to drive. It is organised by Thames Valley Police. Further information can be found on the website at [www.safedrive.org.uk](http://www.safedrive.org.uk).

Students should meet and register with staff at 10.00am for a 10.30am start. They do not need to attend school before this, however, they may do so if they wish and should ensure they sign in and out at Reception. The event is expected to last just over one hour and the students will return to school, with staff, for lunch and afternoon lessons. Suitable footwear and outerwear should be worn that day.

If your daughter is unable to go on this trip please email [admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) as soon as possible, if we do not hear from you we will assume that you consent to your daughter attending.

This Educational visit is covered by the Annual Parent Consent Form. Please notify the School immediately ([admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)) of any changes to the information you have previously given on the Kendrick School Parental Consent Form. Please note that it is particularly important that you advise of any changes to medical information.

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# SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (B Week)

### *House Chess Week*

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of Term 2, 8.25am starts
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 13 Testing Day (BMat, etc)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Oxbridge Demonstration Interview at Abbey School, 5.45pm (for Y13 students applying to Oxbridge only)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	KPS Diwali Event, 5pm to 8.30pm, Kendrick School Hall

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

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## MUSIC @ KENDRICK

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### 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

#### **Black History Month 2018 posters - History Competition**

This competition, open to students in all years, invites you to create a poster or piece of display work to celebrate Black History Month.

You could do some research into an important individual from Britain's black or ethnic minority history, perhaps looking further into one of the individuals on the presentation you may have looked at in form time or another individual of your choice. Alternatively, you could look into Black History Month itself – what is its origin, why is it important and what arguments have there been about it?

Winning entries will form part of a new display and will win prizes. Entries to Mr Curran/Miss Heath by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November with your name on please!

## Science

Applications for the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory work experience programme ([www.stfc.ac.uk/workexperienceral](http://www.stfc.ac.uk/workexperienceral)) are now open until the end of December. There are two types of placements offered - traditional placements and an Engineering Experience Week.

- Traditional placements are aimed at students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 and offer a great opportunity to experience life as a scientist, engineer or computer scientist at a world-class research laboratory working individually with a supervisor. In addition to purely STEM-based placements, placements are offered in the Library, Business and Communications departments. These placements can take place between April and August.
- The Engineering Experience Week is aimed at Year 10 and Year 12 students and will take place 8 – 12 July 2019. Students will be given the opportunity to work in small teams (4 or 5 students) to get involved in a hands-on engineering project mentored by engineers from RAL. All students wishing to visit the lab on work experience or work shadowing in the 2018-19 academic year must have applied by 31 December 2018.

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## VACANCIES

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**Please forward to friends or family who may be interested in the following roles:**

### URGENT – Temporary Maths Teacher (January-May 2019)

We require an enthusiastic teacher of Mathematics to teach Years 7-10. This is a short term contract from January 2019 to end of May 2019 and would suit someone who would like some part-time temporary work or is looking to return to teaching. Full support will be given and this is an excellent opportunity to work with an organised and highly skilled department.

An application form and pack can be downloaded from the [school website](#) or obtained by emailing [aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk). Visits to the school are welcome and contact can be made with the Head of Mathematics by emailing [admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).

Closing date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018, however, early applications are encouraged

Interviews will be arranged as applications are received

*(we reserve the right to close the application process early if a suitable candidate becomes available)*

### 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
- 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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Thank you to all who attended our AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> October, to all the outgoing committee members and especially to those who have now come forward to take on roles. That KPS continues is vital for the school. Unfortunately, we have not had anyone come forward for the role of Chair or Vice- Chair. This is a very rewarding role offering the candidate both exposure to the leadership team at the school as well as building relationships with other parents and the students. Both Victoria and I have enjoyed sharing the role. We are confident that both the volunteers we have in place for upcoming events as well as the handover pack will allow the new Chair to take on this role and explore new initiatives and expand the KPS to achieve more in the coming years. Please get in touch if you are interested or have any questions. We will have an extra-ordinary AGM on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm, where these roles must be filled, or the KPS cannot continue

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

**02/11 KPS Diwali Event – Festival of Lights**

**14/11 Non-Uniform Day**

**23/11 Film Night (Year 8 & 9)**

**14/12 Disco (Years 7,8, 9)**

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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.

Please log in to ParentPay over the holidays to ensure any outstanding payments have been made and your daughter's dinner money and printing credits are topped up.