

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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#### WEEKLY LETTER FROM MR SIMMONDS, ACTING HEADTEACHER

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This week has felt more like business as usual at Kendrick than any other this term. Two Year 13 Geography field trips have gone out; one to the town of Lewes and one to the beach at Newhaven to collect data. House events and sports clubs have been running within year group bubbles with a very high rate of attendance and classrooms across the school are buzzing with activity and learning. I gather that 72 students have played in the [Year 7 and Year 8 chess competitions](#) with Cedars House winning on this occasion; well done to all who played with many thanks to the staff who organised this competition. Year 10 House Football is under way and I have seen rehearsals for As You Like It in progress as well as the regular, very busy and successful Widening Horizons support sessions for Year 6 students, and again huge thanks to all involved in these activities.

Pippa in Year 13 and the Kendrick Student Leadership Team have recorded and presented an [excellent assembly](#) this week on Launchpad and this made us all reflect on the important national and local issue of homelessness and how it can be prevented. Maybe some of you are planning to join in some or all of Launchpad's 'BIG Sleep Out at home' fundraising and awareness raising event this weekend.

Last week I told you about how some students have had to self-isolate and this week we have welcomed them back into school. They report that they were able to work effectively at home and were supported through electronic resources, email, recorded sessions and participation in lessons via Google Meet. We are aware that there is the possibility in the future that some groups of students may have to work remotely and we have plans in place for this. This week student attendance is high and is at almost a normal level for this time of year at just over 96% of students present in school.

Finally this week a message to parents: I would like to mention School Fund which is a fund of money maintained by voluntary contributions from parents of current students. There is page under the ['Parent' tab](#) on the school's website that explains what use the fund is put to and how to contribute if you feel that you can and you would like to. Access to funds to allow us to do all of the things that we want to in school remains difficult and we are always incredibly grateful to contributions that we get from School Fund and KPS fundraising as they give us the ability to take advantage of more learning opportunities and more improvements to the school's facilities.

**Mr Nick Simmonds, Acting Headteacher**

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## SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

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### WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School please email [safeguarding@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) or telephone 0118 9015859.

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If you're worried about a child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 5pm), 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.**

## PROTECT YOUNG EYES

Protect Young Eyes are offering free Tech Ready Parent webinars on a number of topics to give you practical tips on keeping your child safe online. To book please visit the link below.

<https://protectyouneyes.com/the-tech-ready-parent-webinars/>

## YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE TO WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

The DfE has produced a young person's guide to working together to safeguard children, written by the Office of Children's Rights Director, so that young people are clear about how professionals should work together to keep them safe. We have a number of copies of this document around school but please do share this information with your child.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Working-together-to-safeguard-children.pdf>

## SCHOOL NURSING VIDEO

The School Nursing team have created a short video on the service <https://vimeo.com/437797725/2b2e26b789> **School Nurse Support for young people** - We also have a dedicated phone line for parents and carers and young people in Year 9 and above. It covers Bracknell Forest, Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham. We're here to give you health advice and refer you into the service for ongoing support if you need it.

We're available 9am-4.30pm Monday to Friday. Call **0118 9312111** and select 'Option 4' to speak to a School Nurse.

**Direct message to year 9 students and above** - You do not have to struggle in silence. The school nursing team are here to listen, phone our new advice and support line on **0118 9312111** and select **option 4** to speak to a school nurse. Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm. It's ok to not be ok.

## DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) HELPLINE WEEKEND OPENING HOURS

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Please listen carefully to the available options and select the most appropriate to your nursery, school, or college's current situation.

To support the transition back to education, we have extended our opening hours and are now available 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

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## NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

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### NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE, LOCAL PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We like to celebrate student successes in and out of school and rely on parents/carers to pass us this information so we can publish it on our website under [Students/Student Achievements](#). Please send any articles and photos to [aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk). However, please ensure you have your child's 'permission' to do so! Thank you

#### [House Chess](#)

### BRINGING FORGOTTEN ITEMS TO SCHOOL

We are still getting a number of parents/carers bringing forgotten items to school for their child. Your child **should not** be contacting you to ask you bring items to them and we will be reminding them of this. **Please ensure your child has everything they need with them for the day ahead as we can only accept essential urgent items (for example urgent medication)**. Non urgent items (such as food, drinks, homework) **cannot** be accepted. Please do not just arrive at Reception with the items as we will not be able to accept them - if you are unsure, please telephone the school to ask for advice. We are working hard to ensure everyone at Kendrick remains safe and well during these very difficult times and restricting unexpected visitors to school is part of this important process. We appreciate your support with this and ask that you follow the guidelines above.

### KS3 – READING BOOK

It is a requirement that students in KS3 should always have a suitable book to read with them. If students are unsure about whether a book is suitable or if they are having difficulties finding books, they should ask their English teacher who will be happy to talk about their reading and choices.

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## JOB VACANCIES AT KENDRICK SCHOOL

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We have the following job vacancies at Kendrick School.

- Design and Technology Technician – Monday to Friday, 20 hours a week – term time only.
- Chemistry Teacher – at least 0.8 FTE – for January 2020

More information on both roles can be found on our website via this [link](#). Please pass this email on to friends and family that may be interested in applying.

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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**Year 13 Geography Field Trips during October 2020** – any outstanding amounts (£240) to be paid as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs Wheeler or [finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) if you require more time to pay.

Please top up dinner money accounts if they are in debit.

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## MUSIC@KENDRICK

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### UPPER SCHOOL CHAMBER CONCERT

Calling all year 10-13's! This year, due to COVID, the Upper School Chamber Concert will be held online. If you would like to participate please sign up on a spreadsheet that will be send around shortly. The deadline to sign up and send in your video recordings is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. All instruments, voice with instruments, styles and standards are welcome, but please ensure performance is limited from 3 – 4 minutes so that we can fit in as many performances as possible. The concert will go live on Thursday 22nd October. Any donations from the concert will go towards the Music department, so the more students willing to participate the better! If you have any questions, please feel free to email [17nstevenson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:17nstevenson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) or [17szheng@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:17szheng@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)

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## NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

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### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The KSLT have made a video to mark the start of Black History Month. You can view this video via this link:

[https://youtu.be/2PO81Xiqn\\_U](https://youtu.be/2PO81Xiqn_U)

### LAUNCHPAD APPEAL

To raise awareness for Launchpad, and their Big Sleep Out event next Saturday, Pippa, in the Sixth Form, has put together a video, along with the KSLT. To view this video please click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/BSKqB4weULA>

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## AND FINALLY.... THINKING CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

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A man went on a trip with a fox, a goose and a sack of corn. He came upon a stream which he had to cross and found a tiny boat to use to cross the stream. He could only take himself and one other - the fox, the goose, or the corn - one at a time. He could not leave the fox alone with the goose or the goose alone with the corn. How does he get all safely over the stream?

***Answer to last week's challenge:***

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The answers are: Baking powder, Flying saucer, Jack-in-the-box, Mother-in-law, Notary public, Plastic money, Plays for time, Ploughed back, Question mark, Shadow figure, Staying power

- a. All answers contain 12 letters and all the letters are different.
- b. Talcum powder (for example)