

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Yesterday's profiling and discussion of reports went well for students and staff. Thank you to everyone for their time and preparation for what is a huge school activity. Reports will be sent to parents in the next couple of weeks. One to one conversations with students enable staff and students to have good learning conversations to discuss progress so far this year, as well as, identify areas for development for the next few months and year. It is also an opportunity for teachers to commend and congratulate students on their achievements so far. Whilst profiling was going on, a number of activities were organised for the students, in particular, the Enterprise Day for Year 10 students. Students were asked to work in teams to create a board game for younger students which this year had the theme of the 140th School Birthday. The games they produced were amazing in their creativity, design and inventiveness!

The activities of **Fringe Fortnight** are also taking place led by the Head Girl Team. Today the Houses competed in a game of Pointless in the Hall during second break which Cedars won and in the Sports Hall the final of House Football took place which Palmer won. A fuller report of all these activities will be sent to you in due course.

As I have mentioned before, **KPS** is now under the leadership of two Chairs: Mrs Morgan and Mrs Tietema, both parents of students in Year 8. Their next KPS meeting is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15 in SC2 and it will feature a workshop on fundraising ideas and opportunities. Please do come along and join us. KPS has lots of new ideas and initiatives for fund raising, including supporting the collection of stamps (UK and overseas, cut from the envelope with a 5mm border), foreign coins and notes, specific ink cartridges & old £1 coins. Please start saving these items (please ask friends and family to do the same) and the students can bring them into school and place them in the collection boxes outside ICT1. There will be more information about these initiatives in due course.

**School Council** has finalised the **140<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wish List for Departments** and the total cost of the presents they wish to buy comes to £3000. They believe they may be able to raise around £1000 by the Dress up Day but we still need to raise the remaining £2000. They have asked me to suggest to you that if each family gave £5 towards the Kendrick School 140 birthday present, we would be able to fulfil the birthday pledges to enable us to buy the gifts. I hope you can support us in this request. I know it will make members of School Council, who have worked so hard on this, very happy! You can make your contribution via ParentPay.

Some of the birthday gifts are listed below:

**English:** Subscription to Teachit

**Maths:** Visualiser

**Chemistry:** Mounted P.T

**Biology:** Genetic engineering of bacteria kit

**Physics:** Model Engine Kit

**Drama:** Set of masks

**PD:** Money towards the Lego Gears Kit

**Textiles:** Software update for the embroidery machine

**Geography:** Visualiser

**Business Studies / Economics:** Econofun x3

**PE:** Handball goals

**Computing:** Contribution towards the Lego Mind storms Robots

**German:** Contribution one towards buying new films and books

**Art:** Contribution towards a website subscription

## News and Events - Whole School

This section is for news and events applicable to the whole school.

### News on our Website and Social Media

[Modern Language Taster Day at Girton College](#)

### Christmas Concert - Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.00pm

Our Christmas Concert will feature a range of seasonal songs from Vox Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir, with instrumental music from Brahms, Stravinsky, and The Blues Brothers. All of the school's main ensembles will perform, including all of Year 7 singing, and the staff band 'No Direction' will dust off their cobwebs to 'entertain' you again. We expect the concert to finish at approximately 9.15pm.

Please note that refreshments, including mince pies and mulled wine will be available before the concert from 6.30pm.

Please may we remind you that no parking is available on the school site unless you have a disability. If this is the case, then please contact Reception.

Concerts tend to sell out quickly we urge you to purchase your tickets as soon as possible through Parentpay in order to avoid disappointment. Ticket price/suggested donation: £5.00. In the first instance, tickets will be restricted to four per family. We politely ask for you not to leave ticket requests or queries until the day of the concert.

### 140th Birthday Memorabilia – items purchased to be collected from Reception

Students should collect Items already purchased from the main Reception at first or second break.

### Message from KPS

The next KPS meeting is on **Monday 27th November**, 7.15pm in SC2 (the classroom in the carpark), it will feature a workshop on fundraising ideas and opportunities. Please join us.

News will be coming soon on some collections that our students are organising – stamps (UK and overseas, cut from the envelope with a 5mm border), foreign coins and notes, specific ink cartridges & old £1 coins – please start saving them (and ask friends and family to do the same). Thank you.

### Reading Buses – Number 22

It has been brought to our attention that Reading Buses have announced via Get Reading and The Reading Chronicle that they are intending to change the No.22 to be an hourly bus service in off peak times from February 2018.

There is uncertainty about the definition of the end of off-peak but it is assumed to be 5.30pm onwards. For more information please read the information via the links below.

<http://www.getreading.co.uk/news/reading-berkshire-news/people-told-use-caversham-buses-13933729>

[http://www.readingchronicle.co.uk/news/15668803.Reading\\_Buses\\_backs\\_down\\_on\\_several\\_controversial\\_proposals\\_as\\_company\\_responds\\_to\\_Caversham\\_bus\\_route\\_consultation/?ref=mr&lp=4](http://www.readingchronicle.co.uk/news/15668803.Reading_Buses_backs_down_on_several_controversial_proposals_as_company_responds_to_Caversham_bus_route_consultation/?ref=mr&lp=4)

## ParentPay Reminders

- A Level Geography Lectures on 1<sup>st</sup> December - £30.50
- Drama GCSE trip to 'Matilda the Empress' - £12.50
- Years 9 & 10 – 'A Christmas Carol' 16<sup>th</sup> November - £3
- Year 7 History trip to Reading Museum (28<sup>th</sup> Nov or 5<sup>th</sup> Dec) - £4.25

Please remember that you need to go into your ParentPay account to make payments (not ParentMail).

## Safeguarding

UK Safer Internet Centre has the following information about **Snapchat**:

Snapchat is a messaging app that is popular with teenagers which allows them to share user-generated photos, texts and videos, ie 'snaps'. Once a 'snap' is sent to someone else, it can last on the screen of the receiver for a matter of seconds before disappearing. There is also a feature called 'Snapstory' where you can put your 'snaps' on your 'story' for more than one person to see for 24 hours.

For more information and safety advice, please click on the link below:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides/snapchat>

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December      **Speech Day** (for Year 12 and former Year 13 students) at 2.15pm  
School finishes at 1.10pm for all other students.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December      **Christmas Concert** at 7pm (tickets on sale on ParentPay)

## Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November (B Week)

### Kendrick Fringe fortnight continues

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**      Dance Enterprise Day  
KPS Meeting, 7.15pm

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**      7C History Trip to Reading Museum  
Year 11 Parents' Consultation, 3.30pm to 6.15pm

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**      Cologne Trip departs (returns on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**      Year 10 Good Food Show Trip  
Year 12 and 13 Geography Conference Trip to London  
Senior Maths Kangaroo and Olympiad

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## News and Events – By Year Group

We have added this section to include news that is specific to a particular Year Group.

### Year 8

#### Charity Week

We are very pleased to announce that Year 8 raised £548 for the charity Penny Appeal during their recent Charity Week. Well done to all of them for this amazing achievement.

### Year 11

#### Year 11 Consultation Evening – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The Year 11 Parents' Consultation afternoon takes place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 between 3.40pm and 6.15pm** when you will have the opportunity to discuss your daughter's progress with her subject teachers.

Appointments can only be made through your ParentMail account. The booking window will open on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** and close on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

You should receive a notification through ParentMail that the booking window has opened. To be able to book appointments you must have registered your email on your ParentMail account. You can book appointments through the Kendrick School ParentMail App or by logging onto your ParentMail account. You will not be able to book appointments until the status shows as 'Accepting Bookings'.

We are unable to accept telephone bookings. However, please contact us if you are experiencing problems with booking appointments.

Your daughter is expected to accompany you to the consultation afternoon. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be available without appointment to see parents and carers.

When you arrive you will be asked to sign in, and, for safety, please sign out before you leave. Please note that there is no parking available on the school site unless you have a disability. If this is the case, then please contact Reception. We regret that we cannot be responsible for younger children, so please try and make alternative arrangements for younger siblings wherever possible.

In addition to the Consultation meeting with teachers, this year we are inviting you to come to a short talk about the A Level option plans we have for your daughter if she wishes to join our Sixth Form. As well as the information given at the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, we feel that our own students and parents would benefit from a more personalised presentation about our offer. We will run two identical sessions lasting approximately 30 minutes, at 3.00pm and 6.00pm, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and hope that you can join us at one of these. No booking for these sessions is required.

## Year 13

### Year 13 Consultation Evening – Tuesday 5th December 2017

The Year 13 Parents' Consultation afternoon takes place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 between 3.45pm and 6.15pm** when you will have the opportunity to discuss your daughter's progress with her subject teachers.

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## Sixth Form

### The Royal Society of Medicine's Sixth Form Membership

The Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) has just launched a new Sixth Form Student Membership for aspiring doctors and healthcare professionals. They have put together a range of resources which will prove invaluable to students in guiding and preparing them to apply for medical school, whilst providing them with insights into what a career in healthcare is like. For only £35, they can enjoy the RSM Sixth Form Student membership benefits right up until they start at medical school or their undergraduate degree course. Benefits include:

A free place at one of the RSM's Medical Careers Day conferences (usually £15): Providing practical advice on the university application process, interview scenarios and an insight into life as a medical student and practitioner.

The Medic Portal resource: As an official partner of The Medic Portal online resource, students can access mock preparation questions for UKCAT and BMAT exams, medical school selection advice and help with writing personal statements for medicine.

Online videos, e-journals and e-books: An extensive range of online educational material including free access to watch RSM lectures online, 5,000+ e-journals and 7,500+ ebooks

The RSM's world class medical library: One of the largest medical libraries in Europe open 24/7. Plenty of room for study (private study rooms available free of charge) with access to PCs and free Wi-Fi plus free printing and photocopying.

Discounts (sometimes free) at RSM talks and lectures: The RSM runs over 400 events every year (many free to attend) including our Medical Innovation Summits and many public talks covering a wider range of medical and healthcare topics.

How to become a Sixth Form Student Member: To apply, Students simply have to complete and return an application form. The cost of the Sixth Form Student Membership is £35. This a one-off payment (not annual) meaning that membership benefits them right up until they start medical school or their undergraduate degree course. Students must be aged 16 or over to qualify. For further information, contact the RSM Membership Department on 0207 290 2991 or email [membership@rsm.ac.uk](mailto:membership@rsm.ac.uk)