



# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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### LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

We have come to the end of the term and the end of 2018. As always the last few days of term have been filled with activities to mark the season, including a Christmas Fair and the Carol Service yesterday. On Monday we had a super evening with our Year 13 students from last year who came back to receive their A Level certificates and awards. This event is always such a pleasant one, as we meet with our students, who are now a few months on from leaving school and beginning the next stage of their journey through life. As always I invite a former student to present the certificates to the students and this year our speaker was **Jane Cox**, who left Kendrick 19 years ago. In what has become the tradition of speakers, she gave the students some advice that she said she would have given her 18 year old self:

1. **Be brave and don't be afraid to try things:** don't be afraid if things don't work out, keep trying.
2. **The more you put in, the more you get out:** whatever you do in life, usually the effort you put in determines what you get out of it.
3. **Focus on the positives in life:** be grateful for them and share the positive thoughts you have with people around you.

I focused on Jane's advice in assembly today but also asked the students to think of other themes we have considered this year, most particularly the theme of **peace**. We spoke a lot about peace in the commemorations of the end of the First World War and once again I asked the students to consider how peace can come into their lives. Sometimes students can fall out with one another and in these circumstances some harsh words and hurtful comments can be said. I hope that as everyone leaves for the holiday they can find peace in their hearts and positive and supportive things to say to each other so that they can enjoy a restful and peaceful holiday.

My thanks to everyone for all the hard work, effort and determination that you have shown to the school this year. I am so pleased and proud of our successes this year which are the result of the dedication and commitment that everyone shows to our school. Thank you to our staff, students, parents, governors and friends of Kendrick; everyone's support and encouragement helps us in what we do.

I wish everyone a restful and peaceful holiday.

*Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher*

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## SAFEGUARDING

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### Home Alone

During school holidays, it is difficult to know if your child is ready to be home alone. But NSPCC can help you decide. Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/leaving-child-home-alone/>

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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.*

**"It matters not what you are born but what you grow to be"**

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

[Quantum Physics](#)

[Book Club Christmas Party](#)

[Christmas Concert 2018](#)

[Philosopher Queens](#)

[A Level Presentation Evening](#)

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (B Week)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January                      Start of Term 3, 8.25am

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January                      Start of Year 11 Mocks (until Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January)

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## Key Events in Term 3, 2018-19

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Governor Performance and Review Committee, 4.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 12 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Governors Learning & Teaching Committee, 4.30pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<a href="#">RYPEWP – Parent Workshops – Depression/Low Mood</a>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	KPS Quiz Night
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Charity Events
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm Governor Resources Committee, 4.30pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Fairtrade Week KPS Meeting, 6pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term 3, 3.15pm

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

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## KPS NEWS

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Please click [here](#) for the latest KPS newsletter.

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## VACANCIES

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

### 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
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- 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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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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Please log on to your ParentPay account over the holidays to ensure all payments are up to date and you have topped up dinner money and printing credits.