

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

1st December 2017



Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Thank you to the parents that have already sent in their £5 contribution towards the Departmental presents. So far we have received £460. Below is a message to parents from a member of School Council.

*Kendrick School has been providing outstanding girls' education for 140 years and **School Council** feels that in commemoration of this it would be nice to give something back to the school. As you know, your daughter along with every student at Kendrick School is constantly working to better themselves and every member of staff puts in an exceptional amount of effort in order to enhance our learning and so we feel that the birthday gifts, which will further aid our learning, are well deserved. We aim to raise **£3000** in order to enable us to present each department with a birthday gift and we believe that every student will benefit from the gifts that will be bought. With a donation of just **£5 per family** we would be able to fulfil all of the birthday wishes in time for Christmas! You can make this contribution via parent pay. Thank you.*

Jolie Meawad in 11S.

I am delighted by the news that one of our Year 13 Geographers, **Jasmine Dhaliwal, Deputy Head Girl**, has won a competition set by the Geographical society. Her essay of the geography of a place she knows is both interesting and original and very enjoyable to read. For the full article and the essay please click [here](#). Congratulations to Jasmine and to the Geography Department for encouraging and supporting Jasmine in her studies.

The Music Department and many students, including the whole of Year 7, are preparing for the Christmas concert on Tuesday 12th December. This year, to ease the problem of parking, we have been able to negotiate with the Abbey School who have very kindly agreed to allow our guests to park on their senior school site on Kendrick Road.

Finally, our Head Girl Team has continued to lead **Fringe Fortnight** events this week and today we are looking forward to an International **Day of Culture** where students have been asked to dress in national costumes to celebrate the many nationalities that we have at Kendrick. There will be some food tasting in the Hall at lunchtime. As always a super day of events for students to take part in and enjoy.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

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

News on our Website and Social Media

[Year 10 Enterprise Day](#)

[Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2017](#)

Christmas Concert - Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.00pm

There is now parking available on a first come, first served basis at the Abbey School for our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 12th December 2017.

The 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.

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.

Subject Dress Up Day

The School Council Team have organised a Subject Dress Up Day for Friday 8th December 2017. For a £2 donation, students can come in dressed as any subject at Kendrick School. All the money raised will go towards the School Council initiative of buying Christmas presents for the departments. For example:

- Bacteria Gene Kit for Biology
- Subscriptions to Teachit.com for English
- Model Engine for Physics
- Lego Gears Kit for PD
- Lego Mindstorms Kit for ICT

'We Will Rock You!' Tickets On Sale Now!

Students from Kendrick School and Reading School have been hard at work over the last few months preparing the first ever joint musical between the two schools. Entirely student-led and in aid of No. 5 Counselling, tickets are now on sale for this exciting event. Performances are at 6:30pm on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd February 2018 at The Whitty Theatre in Wokingham and tickets are priced at £10 each. They can be purchased online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/readingandkendrick> with all proceeds going to No. 5 Counselling. Tickets are strictly limited and expected to sell fast – so get them while you can!

Note to Performers: Apologies for the delay, the rehearsal schedule for after Christmas is currently being finalised and will be distributed next week

Library Closures

Please note that the Library will be closed in the afternoon on two forthcoming dates:

Speech Day 12th December - the Library will close at 2.00pm.

Last day of term 15th December - the Library will close at 1.00pm.

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. Parents are also welcome to collect items from Reception between 8am and 5pm.

Message from KPS

Thank you to all who attended our very productive meeting on new fundraising ideas, and to Sriv and Ramki for running the session. KPS's aim is to continue to grow our financial support to the school with some new and exciting social events for students and parents as well as create more business related opportunities. More details will follow – look out for next week's newsletter.

Thank you also to everyone who has signed up to GAY, so far we have raised £1161.83, which means we are only £38.17 away from achieving our target of £1200.00 for 2017 So please keep up the good work and continue shopping online through GAYL.

For those of you who still haven't signed up to GAYL, it's easy to get started, just click on the link below, sign up and start shopping. It's that simple. You can shop online with all your favourite stores, John Lewis, M&S, Tesco to name just a few and Kendrick will receive a percentage of what you spend at absolutely no extra cost to you, and it works all year round.

<http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/kendrick>

🎄 Happy Shopping 🎄

Canteen Notices

Wednesday 13th December Christmas lunch (no need to pre-order)

Friday 15th December Lunch in the Sports Hall for all. Pre-order a buffet lunch from the canteen by **Tuesday 12th December** or bring your own or club together to make a picnic.

ParentPay Reminders

- Years 9 & 10 performance of 'A Christmas Carol' that took place in school on 16th November. There are still a number of students who have not yet paid the £3 contribution to the cost of the Theatre Company who performed the play.
- Year 11 Study Skills Day – 7th December - £6 due

Money owed to School for bus fares etc

Tere are a number of students who have borrowed money from Reception who have not paid the money back. Reminders will be put on registers in the first instance, or an email sent to parents if the cash is not repaid after a reminder. If you are aware that your daughter owes money to the reception please ensure that the money is repaid as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Safeguarding

The role of the Designated Safeguarding Person was specified in the Children Act 2004 and ensured the every organisation had a "named person" for safeguarding children and young people. Prior to that, the role had frequently been known as the Child Protection Officer. The Designated Safeguarding Person has a responsibility at both a strategic level within the organisation and on a day to day basis.

Key Aspects of the Designated Person role includes:

- Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any concerns to social care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records

The Designated and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers at Kendrick School are:

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher	Designated Safeguarding Officer
Mr Nick Simmonds, Deputy Headteacher	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer
Ms Helen Stacey, Head of Sixth Form	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer

Antibiotic Awareness Campaign

Our School Nurse has asked us to forward you the following information to help support the Antibiotic Awareness campaign:

- Learn how children can gain a Young Antibiotic Guardian badge
- Learn how families can earn a Family Antibiotic Guardian badge

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12 th 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 th December	Christmas Concert at 7pm (tickets on sale on ParentPay)
Friday 15 th December	End of Term 2, 1.05pm

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 4th December (A Week)

Tuesday 5th December	7C and 7F Trip to Reading Museum Year 13 Parents' Consultation Meeting, 3.45pm-6.15pm
Wednesday 6th December	Evening of Dance, 7pm
Thursday 7th December	Year 11 Parents' Learning Performance Workshop, 3.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 8th December	'Subject Dress Up' Day

NEWS AND EVENTS – BY YEAR GROUP

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

Year 12

Speech Day – Tuesday 12th December 2017

All students in Year 12 who took their GCSEs at Kendrick School are expected to attend **Speech Day** on **Tuesday 12th December 2017**. If you have not already done so, please could you return the reply slip received with the Speech Day invitation to confirm numbers attending, or email aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. Thank you.

Year 13

Year 13 Consultation Evening – Tuesday 5th December 2017

The Year 13 Parents' Consultation afternoon takes place on **Tuesday 5th December 2017 between 3.45pm 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 and the booking window will close on **Friday 1st December**.

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.

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