# WEEKLY UPDATE – FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2026

On Tuesday we celebrated the achievements of last year's Year 11 students; they gathered with their parents/carers to hear a wonderful address from our guest speaker and then receive their GCSE certificates. Our speaker, Shayna left Kendrick three years ago and shared her journey as she makes her way in the world following her interests and passions. We reflected on just how important it is to enjoy the journey as well as the destination in life. We should always praise and celebrate most highly the way in which people approach school life.

This week the senior maths team went to Oxford for the regional round of the UK's Senior Team Maths Challenge where they fought off opposition from many schools in all sectors to emerge as winners and they now progress to a national final in Manchester next year. Many congratulations to this team and we wish them well in the finals.

House music on Wednesday featured a highly entertaining battle of the bands with Palmer House emerging as the winning House with their rendition of 'Everybody Wants to Rule the World'.

I hope everyone in our community has found their moments of joy and success this week.

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**Mr Nicholas Simmonds**
**Headteacher**

## School Notices

### Term Dates 2027-2028

The term dates for 2027-28 can be found on our website here. Please check these term dates before booking any holiday. We do not allow holidays in term time and therefore any absence for holidays in term time will be coded as unauthorised.

### Profiling Day – Wednesday 25th November

Please see the individual email for your child regarding the arrangements for Profiling Day on Wednesday 25th November.

Year 7 – in school
Year 8 – in school
Year 9 – at home
Year 10 – at home
Year 11 – see email
Year 12 and Year 13- at home or in school library

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding at Kendrick School

**Anti-Bullying Week 2026**. This week was **Anti-Bullying Week**. The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members work alongside children, families, and schools to help keep children safe and tackle bullying together. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, who are based at the National Children's Bureau. This year's theme, Break the Silence, was chosen with children and young people from England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. You can find some resources below.

Kendrick School – Mental Health and Wellbeing
Parent and Carer Pack
Childline – Bullying and Cyberbullying
Young Minds – Bullying Support
Young Minds – Parents' Guide to Bullying

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Kendrick School

**National Self Care Week.** This week was also **National Self Care Week**. The Self-Care Forum's definition of self-care is '*The actions that individuals take for themselves, or behalf of and with others in order to develop, protect, maintain and improve their health, wellbeing or wellness'*. For more information on self-care, including best self-care practice, self-care aware fact sheets and top tips please click here.

## SEND

Reading's SEND Local Offer. The SEND Local Offer is here to help you find information about local services, support, activities and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

## School Fund

Please donate to our School Fund here. You can make one-off payments through your ParentPay account or complete a standing order form for more regular payments. If you are a UK taxpayer, please ensure you also complete a Gift Aid Form.

A school fund is maintained by voluntary contributions from the parents/carers of students. Its purpose is to provide an additional source of funding for the provision of facilities and educational resources for the benefit of students. We use our School Fund to support so many activities **in and out of** school that have now become essential to school life.

## Canteen

The Autumn/Winter menu can be found here. **Please ensure that you regularly check your child's canteen balance on their ParentPay account and settle any 'overdrafts' quickly.** Overdrafts should only be issued on an exceptional basis and not as a regular occurrence.

## Latest News on our Website

Biology Spelling Bee Success

## School Calendar

*Week B*

Wednesday 25th November – Profiling Day; Year 7 Study Skills; Widening Horizons Information Event
Thursday 26th November – Trustee Resources Committee meeting, 4.15pm
Friday 27th November – German Christmas market trip; KS3 Trip to Pinocchio

## Student Careers and Work Experience

For current opportunities click here.

## Vacancies

Exam Invigilators for the 2026-27 exam season. Closing date for applications 8am Friday 4th December 2026

## ParentPay and Evolve Reminders

Latest Reminders for ParentPay and Evolve

## KPS Updates

Please see the latest KPS newsletter here.