

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 13th November 2020

WEEKLY LETTER FROM MR SIMMONDS, ACTING HEADTEACHER

This is the time of year when we turn our thoughts to Sixth Form admissions for the following year. In school this week Year 11 had a post 16 conference on Tuesday during which they explored all the options they have for studying and working after GCSEs; they looked at what they want from a Sixth Form, they learnt more about Sixth Form study at Kendrick and they were given the latest information on apprenticeships. This week we are launching our virtual Sixth Form information videos and materials for all prospective sixth formers; in a normal year we would be having a live Sixth Form Open Evening but of course that is not possible this year.

Today there was an own clothes day to raise money for the Kendrick Parents Society and thanks goes to everyone for supporting this and to KPS for their on-going support of the school. We are all looking forward to their fabulous and innovative Cultural Evening on **Saturday 21st November 2020**. I am delighted by the number of new parents who are joining KPS and paying the very modest subscription; thank you all for doing this.

We had a very special Remembrance Day registration time on Wednesday in which all forms listened to and reflected on words of remembrance written by Ms Kattirtzi and read by form tutors before listening to Iris in Year 13 playing a fabulous rendition of the Last Post and observing a minute's silence.

Last week I had a chance encounter outside the school with a representative of the education team at Reading International Solidarity Centre, RISC, who offer training and support for making the most of local historical links and we discussed the historical figures who built and subsequent lived in Sidmouth House, one of our older buildings. They had a camera man with them and I believe that a short piece was run on local news. It seems that Sidmouth House was built by the Hon. John Broderick who received £2000 in slave compensation money in 1835, the same year that he began building Sidmouth House. The History department has already started to plan how to bring this connection into teaching around slavery in Year 8. We already know that Henry Addington, 1st Viscount Sidmouth, Prime Minister 1801 to 1804 and Home Secretary 1812 to 1822, is linked to the building as well as donating to the town of Reading four acres of land on which the Royal Berkshire Hospital now stands. You might like to explore more at <https://risc.org.uk/education/current-projects>.

For those of us working in school during lock down life continues with its usual rhythms during the week and then the weekend is little quieter than usual. For all of you who are more affected by lockdown I hope that these weeks will pass well for you and maybe this is an important step in the country's management of the virus. We remain very pleased to have incredibly high attendance with very few students and staff off school and of course we hope that continues. Everyone has responded well to the tighter rules on wearing face covering in communal areas and we are very grateful for this. Please have a restful and enjoyable weekend and then another productive week beckons.

Mr Nick Simmonds, Acting Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School please email safeguarding@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859.

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.

SHARING PICTURES OF YOUR CHILDREN ONLINE

Most parents love sharing photos of their children with friends and family. But remember - pictures you share online could impact your child in the future. Learn how to protect your child whilst staying social. Please read the ThinkUKNow advice via the link below.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE, LOCAL PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

[Remembrance Day](#)

[Operations Christmas Child](#)

AUTUMN PROFILING DAY – WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2020

As part of our programme of assessment and reporting the students receive an interim profiling interview with their Form Tutor or Teaching and Learning Coordinator, which is then followed up by an interim report to parents. This year's session of profiling will take place on **Wednesday 18th November**.

On this day:

- **Year 7 students** should come into school for the full day as usual. They will spend half of the day in a Study Skills Workshop. The other half of the day will be spent on a project and during this time they will have their profiling interview and complete their report statement.
- **Year 8 students** will be at home all day and will have their interview remotely and spend the rest of the day on an activity set by the Teaching and Learning Coordinator.
- **Year 9 students** will come in for school for half a day for a careers activity and profiling interview. The rest of the time at school and home will be spent on an activity set by their Teaching and Learning Coordinator. The first half of the register will come in between 8.25am to 11.30am and the second half of the register will come in between 12.10pm and 3.15pm. Confirmed timings and further details of their session will be given by their tutor.

- **Year 10 students** will stay at home and will have their interview remotely and spend the rest of the day on an activity set by their Teaching and Learning Coordinator.
- **Year 11 students** will stay at home and will have their interview remotely and spend the rest of the day completing an activity around 6th form options/future choices set by their Teaching and Learning Coordinator.
- **Year 12 students** will come into school for a session and profiling interview and spend the rest of the day on an activity set by their Teaching and Learning Coordinator. Students will be advised of session timings by their tutor.
- **Year 13 students** will stay at home and will have their interview remotely and spend the rest of the day on an activity set by their Teaching and Learning Coordinator.

Further details of the activities set and profiling interview times will be given to the students.

The canteen will be open for hot and cold meals between 11.30am -12.10pm. Students who are in school can stay or come early for a meal if they wish. Students eligible for free school meals who are in school are welcome to come into school to have a meal and should speak to their tutor regarding arrangements for this.

Students who are due to be at home and would find a remote profiling interview difficult should speak to their form tutor to discuss arrangements.

SATURDAY STEM SPECTACULAR

The event is being organised by the ASE working in collaboration with the University of Wolverhampton. It is an online STEM engagement event for people of all ages. The event is on **November 21st 2020 from 10-2pm**. There will be live and online presentations, will a range of activities aimed at primary children in the morning followed by an amazing lab tour. There will be a visit by presenters from Wales and NI around midday. The afternoon session will include presentations 5 or 6 aimed at older students and this will be followed by a provocative panel discussion to finish the day.

This Saturday STEM Spectacular is now live on Eventbrite for the Saturday STEM event is up:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saturday-stem-spectacular-tickets-126207362619>

TRAIN TO TEACH

The Berkshire Teaching School Alliance are continuing to look to recruit high quality trainees for the school direct programme and to support this, they are holding a virtual Train to Teach information evening on **Thursday 26 November 18:00 – 19:00**. They wish to invite you to this virtual evening which will include a presentation from Rob Buck, Director of the Teaching School and Q&A session. The presentation will cover the different routes into teacher training, funding, submitting a successful application and what a career as a teacher is really like.

Please click on this [link](#) for more information.

JOB VACANCIES AT KENDRICK SCHOOL

We have the following job vacancy at Kendrick School.

- **Chemistry Teacher** – up to 0.8 FTE – for January 2020

- **German/French Teacher** – a very small amount of teaching starting in January 2021. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

More information on the 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.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

Years 7,8 & 9: Contributions to Food & Textiles and Technology

Years 10 and 11: GCSE English texts

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

KPS

Thanks to all the students who participated in the KPS non-uniform day today. We will send you information on the money raised in due course.

The **KPS Cultural Event** is taking place on the **21st November from 2 to 4pm**. Please encourage your child to participate in this event. Please register asap to avoid disappointment. Submissions by Sunday 15th Nov. Here is the link to the [interest form](#). The ticket link will be opened by the weekend. For any query please email chair.kps.uk@gmail.com or secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com

We wish you all a very **happy KINDNESS day and we thank each of you for bringing in something to KPS and the school! Also we wish a very happy Diwali** to all those who are celebrating this festival of light and joy!

KPS Committee

NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

The Sixth Form Virtual Open Event has now gone live and you can access this via the link below.

<https://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=%27Virtual+Open+Event%27+for+Entry+into+Year+12+in+September+2021&pid=272>

Mr Stride will be giving you further information on how this be used on Profiling Day.

Please note that you do not have to complete the online admission form!

YEAR 11 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Leaver's hoodies can now be ordered via the link below.

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/kendrick-school-yr11-2021>

We are aware that this is a bit early in the year but the team and I thought it would be best to get them ordered before Mocks as this gives plenty of time to check through to make sure the hoodies are all correct.

There is no pressure for you to buy a hoodie and there is also no limit on the number of hoodies that you can order.

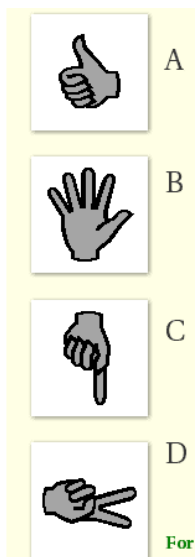
As the hoodies are personalised it is very unlikely that you will be able to make a return therefore **please** make sure you order the correct size and colour as well as checking for spelling errors in the "nickname" section. The size guide is available on the website.

!!!Please note, deadline to place your order is currently Sunday 22nd of November!!!

Yearbook/Hoody Committee

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

Find the odd one out puzzle



Answer to last week's challenge:

66

Each arm has 15 blocks and there are four arms

The center has 6 blocks

Total: $15 \times 4 + 6 = 66$