

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 2nd November 2018

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing break and feels refreshed for another busy term ahead. There are a number of key events and activities coming up which make this term important and special in many ways.

Next week we will be holding our annual **Post 16 Conference for Year 11** which marks the beginning of their decision making for Sixth Form options and for the future. An exciting programme of events has been organised by Mrs Rock, our Work Related Learning Coordinator and the day will begin with a short talk from a former student of Kendrick who is now a Governor of the school. This is swiftly followed by the [Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 8th November](#) where we welcome our own students and students from other schools to join us and see what our Sixth Form can offer them.

Two very important events coming up are the **Presentation of our GCSE and A Level Certificates** on Thursday 15th November and Monday 17th December respectively. In a change from the past, this year we have decided to celebrate these two presentations separately so that we can focus on each cohort and acknowledge their work individually. We are delighted that we are able to have Lily Firth, our Head Girl from last year, join us as our guest speaker. The Presentation events are sponsored by Friends of Kendrick, including local businesses, the Kendrick Trust, KPS and former staff and students. Parents or their employers have also been happy to make a contribution in order to pay for the gift tokens we give to the recipients of the Special Awards. If anyone would like to sponsor one of the Presentation events or wishes to find out more about how they can support us, then please contact my PA Amanda Emberson aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

Some of you may have noticed the [news](#) that was announced over the holidays regarding our GCSE results this summer. We are, of course, delighted that the students' successes have been recognised in this way.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of the Diwali event taking place this evening in the School Hall. It is from 5-8.30pm, please do come along as it promises to be an exciting occasion. Please see the email that was sent to you earlier.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Kind regards

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

NSPCC have put together a guide to help your child be safe when they are away from home. Please see the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The following quote is one of the '140 quotes for 140 years' collected by Year 9 students on the occasion of Kendrick School's 140th birthday.

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen".

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Kendrick School – Best performing school in Reading and the surrounding area based on GCSE results](#)

[Can you Judge a Book by its Cover?](#)

INSET Day – Friday 9th November 2018

The school is closed on Friday 9th November 2018 for a staff INSET day.

Election of a Parent Governor

Thank you to those parents/carers that voted in the recent Parent Governor election. The results are as follows:

- Mr David Fuschi - 99 votes
- Mr Vikram Kumeria - 41 votes
- Mr Raghavendra Vaishampayan - 33 votes

Therefore, David Fuschi has been elected Parent Governor from 29th October 2018 for a period of 4 years.

We thank Mr Kumeria and Mr Vaishampayan for putting themselves forward for this role and congratulate Mr Fuschi on his appointment.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Year 12

GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening – Thursday 15th November 2018

The presentation of the GCSE certificates and awards will take place on Thursday 15th November 2018 at 5pm in the Kendrick School hall. Please could parents/carers and students respond to the invitation via this [link](#) as soon as possible. Thank you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 5th November 2018 (A Week)

House Football – Years 7&8

Monday 5 th November	Year 13 Safe Drive, Stay Alive at the Hexagon
Tuesday 6 th November	Year 11 Post 16 Conference Senior Mathematics Challenge (P4&5)
Thursday 8 th November	Year 7 Study Skills Day Sixth Form Open Evening – 6.15pm to 8.15pm
Friday 9 th November	INSET Day, school closed for all students

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

MUSIC @ KENDRICK

House Music Competition - Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.00pm, School Hall

Our **House Music Competition** will take place as an evening event, with a guest adjudicator and awards presented on the night. This year, each house will present their programme based on the theme of 'Kings and Queens', linking to music by Abba, Queen, Lorde and more! Their pieces will range from songs in a modern foreign language to musicals, and feature original compositions. Our house captains and sixth form musical directors have been working tirelessly, rehearsing their varied programmes to ensure an exciting and enjoyable event. We expect the competition to finish at approximately 9.00pm. Ticket price suggested donation: £3 on the door.

As always, we (students and staff) really appreciate the support of parents, family and friends to make this an enjoyable event. We are therefore hoping that as many of you can attend as possible as a large audience makes an enormous difference to the overall atmosphere of the evening.

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 before the event.

Christmas Concert – Thursday 13th December 2018 at 6.30pm

Our Christmas concert will take place on **Thursday 13th December 2018 at 6.30pm**. The whole of Year 7 will be singing, and there will be performances from all of the main school ensembles including Wind Orchestra, Vox Choir, Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band and Symphony Orchestra. The concert would not be complete without a visit from the notorious staff band, No Direction. Tickets for this concert will be available to order through ParentPay shortly.

ABRSM Music Examinations

Associated Board music graded examinations are due to take place here at Kendrick during the **w/c 28th January 2019** to enable students to miss as little school time as possible. If your daughter would like to enter, or you know of an external candidate who would like to enter then please collect a letter from Mrs Cooper in the Music Office. The closing date is **Friday 23rd November 2018**.

VACANCIES

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

URGENT – Temporary Maths Teacher (January-May 2019)

We require an enthusiastic teacher of Mathematics to teach Years 7-10. This is a short term contract from January 2019 to the end of May 2019 and would suit someone who would like some part-time temporary work or is looking to return to teaching. Full support will be given and this is an excellent opportunity to work with an organised and highly skilled department.

An application form and pack can be downloaded from the [school website](#) or obtained by emailing aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. Visits to the school are welcome and contact can be made with the Head of Mathematics by emailing admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

Closing date: 9th November 2018, however, early applications are encouraged

Interviews will be arranged as applications are received

(we reserve the right to close the application process early if a suitable candidate becomes available)

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

- 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.

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

As the Indian festival of lights is just round the corner, the Kendrick Parents Society is pleased to invite you all to the very first **Kendrick Diwali Mela** tonight, **Friday 2nd November 2018**, from 5.00pm to 8:30pm in the school hall.

The preparations are in full swing. Kendrick students have been practising for weeks now to present and showcase a range of performances of dance and music. We have an additional attraction to the event – stalls of handicraft items, handmade stone and fashion jewellery, Henna, Diwali and Home décor stall, yoga, skin care products and much more. We are very grateful to the stall organisers who are donating all their proceeds to the school.

Our students are also organising some games stalls to keep your children engaged whilst you enjoy the evening.

Finally a Diwali event cannot be complete without a variety of traditional and yummy street food stalls!

So please come along for a fun filled evening with your family and friends to enjoy and celebrate Diwali in true Indian style, with dance, music and of course sumptuous Indian food for only £1.00 payable on the door. The music and dancing items will take place between 5.30pm and 7.00pm.

There is no parking on the school premises and we suggest parking at Kings Road or the Oracle car park.

KPS wish to thank the school and all the volunteers for their support and collaboration on this initiative.

We look forward to welcoming you this evening.

KPS Committee

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 7 Study Skills on 8th November - £6
- Contributions to DT consumables (Years 7 & 8) – there are still a few payments outstanding
- Years 10 – 13 – English Texts – again a few payments outstanding