

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 29th November 2019

Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

As we approach December and the season of Christmas, I have asked students to consider this time of the year and what it means for many people. We all accept, whatever faith or beliefs we have, that kindness, generosity, consideration of others, are important characteristics that we should endeavour to show to one another all the time. However, at this time of the year, I would like students to demonstrate these qualities more deliberately to one another. I have asked them in all their communications, verbally and on social media, to speak positively to one another and to avoid criticism and complaint about each other. I have also asked through School Council that we demonstrate this kindness by assembling **Christmas boxes** for children in our local area who may not be able to look forward to the kind of Christmas many of us can. Led by 6th Form students and School Council, I hope that by the end of the term we may be able to give gifts of Christmas boxes to groups of children that would benefit from the kindness of others. I would also like to publicise a Reading wide initiative, **'Toys and Teens' Campaign** launched by the Reading Mayor, Cllr Paul Woodward. Please see link for more information <https://www.readingfamilyaid.org/toys--teens-appeal.html#>

Students may have mentioned that we are also running a **Mock Election** this year to mirror the national election taking place on 12th December. We do this every time there is an election, but this year coming at a very busy time of our school year, we are limiting the amount of campaigning and activity that we are normally able to do. Students involved in **Reading's Youth Cabinet** will be leading the process and it is with them, **Mrs Lace and Frau Mueller** that we have planned the events for the next few weeks. Kendrick will have four candidates and parties standing for election and they are: Conservatives, Greens, Labour and Liberal Democrat. The candidates are preparing their manifestos on the emerging key themes of the election: Education, NHS, Brexit, Climate Change and the Environment. At second break in the final full week of term, the candidates will present their ideas at Hustings to students and this will be followed by the election on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December during break times. We will announce the result at 8.00am on Friday 13th December.

I say this every year but it remains true, that the Dance Enterprise Day which was on Tuesday, was once again a demonstration of the great ability and team work of students in Year 7-11 who put together a dance ready to be performed in just five hours! I was able to see some of the dances performed by Years 7, 8 and 11 and I am very much looking forward to seeing all the winning dances at the **Evening of Dance** next Wednesday evening. Please join us as I am sure, like me, you will be most impressed by their creativity and ingenuity.

Finally I would like to mention, a few news items on our website which involve students and the activities they have been involved in outside of school. As I have said before, so many of our students have a very busy extracurricular life outside of school which they manage on top of their school work and the activities they do in school. Emma in Year 12, applied and was successful in being part of the ATP Finals (Association of Tennis Professionals) a couple of weeks ago. She had to go through a rigorous selection process and was one of the lucky 24 young people to be a 'ball

kid'! Read her article [HERE](#). There are some other great stories on the website to read: Serena, Year 13 student and now an [Arkwright Scholar](#) and the [Amnesty Conference](#) a couple of weeks ago attended by 6th Formers: Naomi, Cara, Kalki and Imaan.

Wishing everyone a good weekend,

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

#DITTO – Free Online Safety Magazine (Alan Mackenzie)

Alan Mackenzie's last downloadable esafety magazine for schools, organisations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology.

Contents in the November 2019 includes Deepfakes, A.I. Influencers, Project Evolve, GoBubble and the IWF's #NoSuchThing campaign to end the use of the phrase 'child pornography'. It's child sexual abuse imagery and videos. 'Child pornography' implies consent, yet children cannot be complicit in their own abuse.

Download # DITTO here: <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 2nd December 2019 (A Week)

Tuesday 3rd December	Year 11 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm
Wednesday 4th December	Evening of Dance
Friday 6th December	Year 12 & 13 Geography Trip – Climate Change Conference KPS Disco, Years 7-9 KPS Christmas Market

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

Key Events in Term 2

Wednesday 11th December	Kendrick School Mock Elections
Thursday 12th December	Kendrick School Mock Elections Christmas Concert, 6.30pm
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16th December	A Level Presentation and Awards Evening
Wednesday 18th December	Last Day of Term 2, 1.10pm

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Amnesty Youth Conference](#)

[Arkwright Engineering Scholarships](#)

We like to celebrate student successes in and out of school and rely on parents/carers to pass us this information so we can publish it on our website. Please send any articles and photos to aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. However, please ensure you have your child's 'permission' to do so! Thank you.

KPS NEWS

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

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Christmas Concert – Thursday 12th December 2019

Our **Christmas Concert** will feature a range of seasonal songs from Vox Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir, with instrumental music from Vivaldi, Pentatonix, and Herbie Hancock. All of the school's main ensembles will perform, including all of Year 7 singing, Jazz Band and the staff band, 'No Direction', will bring their festive cheer to 'entertain' you again. We expect the concert to finish at approximately 8.45pm.

The KPS are kindly providing refreshments, including mince pies and non-alcoholic beverages which will be available before the concert from 6.10pm.

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.

We hope that you are able to join us on this evening. However, if you are unable to attend and your child is taking part, you **must** arrange for their safe collection from school at the end of the evening. Students should not be walking home alone as the area around Kendrick School at this time of night is not a safe place for students.

Our Christmas concert tends to sell out quickly and tickets will be going on sale from 25th November. We therefore urge you to order them 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 five per family. We politely ask for you not to leave ticket requests or queries until the day of the concert.

If you would like tickets for the Christmas Concert on Thursday 12th December please complete the order on Parentpay. Tickets will be distributed to students via the registers the day before the concert.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Profiling Day activities – **please pay as soon as possible:**
 - Year 7 Study Skills - £6
 - Year 8 Careers Sessions - £5
 - Year 10 Religious Education Workshops - £2.50
 - Year 11 Revision Skills - £5.20
- Year 11 - GCSE CGP Biology & Physics Exam Practice Bundles - £5.25 each – to be paid by Monday 2nd December if you want to order

VACANCIES

Kendrick School has the following vacancies. Please click on the links for each role for more information.

[Biology Technician and Outreach Coordinator](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

Year 11

Year 11 Parents' Consultation Meeting – Tuesday 3rd December 2019

The Year 11 Parents' Consultation afternoon is on **Tuesday 3rd December 2019**. Students have been given an appointment sheet to liaise with their subject teachers to make appointments. Please discuss with your child what times would be appropriate.

In the majority of cases, teachers teach only one Year 11 class and will be able to see all students. In a small number of subjects, teachers teach multiple classes and will prioritise speaking to students where there is an academic concern.

Students are expected to accompany you to the consultation afternoon. If you are unable to attend for any reason, students will still be expected to meet with their subject teachers. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be available without appointment to see parents and carers.

For safety reasons, you will be asked to sign in when you arrive and sign out before you leave. 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.

Year 7

Transition Survey

Thank you to those parents/carers that have completed the Transition Survey which was sent to you via ParentMail earlier this week. If you have not yet completed this, please could you do so by **Monday 2nd December** So far we have had 31 responses (less than a third of the year group) and we hope to get a 100% response from parents/carers to this survey. Thank you.

Christmas Concert –Thursday 12th December

As you will know, our Christmas Concert takes place on Thursday 12th December. We hope that all Year 7 students will be able to take part, singing a song (from memory) that we have been learning in Music lessons. Many students will also be performing in other extra-curricular ensembles, such as Sinfonia, Symphony Orchestra, Wind Orchestra and/or Vox Choir. If your child is unable to take part, please write to Music@kendrick.reading.sch.uk to confirm this.

Tickets

You will have received a letter to explain how to buy tickets for this concert and we would ask you to buy them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We politely ask for you not to leave ticket requests or queries until the day of the concert.

Travel and Arrival

Students should go home between the end of school and the concert. If the journey is a particularly difficult one, they may wish to organise to go to a friend's house instead. Please leave plenty of time to get to school for the concert – traffic congestion is always a problem on concert evenings and car parking is extremely limited around the school. Year 7 students should aim to arrive back at school at about 6.10pm and go straight to their meeting room (L if only in Year 7 Choir). There is an interval in this concert and I anticipate it will finish by 8.45pm.

We hope that all Year 7 parents will attend the concert and therefore be able to collect their child after the event in the Canteen. If you are not attending the concert, you **must** arrange to collect your child from school. Year 7 students should not be making their way home alone.

Any Year 7 students involved in other items should follow the instructions for that particular item (e.g. Wind Orchestra, Vox Choir or Sinfonia). All students will be given these instructions in their Music lessons, and detailed instructions will be displayed in each of the form rooms. Visitors should aim to be seated in the School Hall by 6.20pm at the latest.

The KPS are kindly providing the refreshments which will be available before the concert from 6.10pm. These will be available in the servery by the Hall. Do come along and have a mince pie and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Uniform

Students' uniform on the evening of the concert should be very smart, of course. Jumpers should be worn when on stage. Coats and bags etc. can be left in the meeting room backstage.

Year 7 teachers have been made aware that Year 7 students will not be in a position to do homework on the evening of the concert.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at what promises to be an exciting evening.

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

I am the son of a chemist and a mathematician.

People call me Iron59.

What is my name?

The answer will be published next week

Answer to last week's challenge:

The answer is 2. First, divide the coins into 3 equal piles. Place a pile on each side of the scale, leaving the remaining pile of 3 coins off the scale. If the scale does not tip, you know that the 6 coins on the scale are legitimate, and the counterfeit is in the pile in front of you. If the scale does tip, you know the counterfeit is in the pile on the side of the scale that raised up. Either way, put the 6 legitimate coins aside. Having only 3 coins left, put a coin on each side of the scale, leaving the third in front of you. The same process of elimination will find the counterfeit coin.

