

Weekly Update: Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Firstly, I hope you like the new look Weekly Update. The change is to make information more accessible via links at the bottom of my message. Please let us know your feedback on the new style.

It is entirely appropriate that in the week that world leaders are gathering in Belém, Brazil, for the COP30 UN Climate Conference that a group of Year 7 and 8 students, Zoya, Laya, Shaurya, Anaya, Thea, and Ciara gave an assembly to KS4 on the environment and the impact of climate change. Representing the school's Eco Committee, the students outlined the urgent need to take care of the environment, the impact of climate change and deforestation on the environment, what we can do as a school, the initiatives we have in place at Kendrick to recycle and a timeline of upcoming events. Put quite simply they were asking us all to do our bit, however big or small, to make a difference because we all can. Both staff and students gave them a great round of applause not only for the assembly they presented, but for the confidence they showed in presenting what is clearly a passion for them and to do so to older students in the school. Well done to them all! Mr Stride finished the assembly showing a video which underlined the main theme the students presented and the urgency of this matter for all of us, which you can see [here](#).

Students talking about the environment, climate change and other related topics is not new at Kendrick and the COP Conferences have been taking place for many years, 30 in fact, hence COP30. Many governments around the world are trying hard to set targets for net zero carbon use, tackling temperature increases, using renewable energy sources, and generally taking greater care of our environment. No doubt some progress has been made, but we all know this is not enough. I hope students at Kendrick with their skills and abilities will not only change attitudes and behaviours in our school but also go on to do this when they leave us in whatever organisation or workplace they find themselves. As a school, like all other organisations, we have started our own Climate Action Plan which we are required to do and have started to share this with staff and our trustees so that we can begin to plan the actions we need to take meet the obligations and responsibilities placed on us as a school.

Last night the Kendrick Parents' Society had their Annual General Meeting. Praveena, KPS Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their contributions and efforts over the last year. Praveena ran through the many events that took place which amounted to more than 10 big and small initiatives over the year. Altogether £21,475.40k was raised and donated to the school, an incredible amount! The funds have gone to improve facilities in school that students benefit from. These include sound and music equipment for the Drama Studio and Hall, IT equipment – Chrome books and trolley, PCs and subject specific specialised equipment for various departments. Praveena thanked all the parents who were present but also the many other parents who have also done a lot for the school. For example, the parent who put together a group of volunteers from his workplace and brought them to school in the summer holidays to paint the Cedars' railings, a super job! Another parent donated 15 laptops to us, equipment his company no longer needs but which we can use. This same parent has offered to give us another set of laptops which again will be used by students and or staff and will be very useful. Other parents have tapped into the matched funding opportunity their employers offer (please investigate this if you can) which can enhance the money raised by 100%, the Gift Aid we can claim from donations which altogether add to the grand total of money raised for Kendrick School. I am truly grateful and inspired by the actions of some parents and the dedication they show to the school. We hope that we will raise the same in this coming year! The new committee for 2025-2026 was confirmed last night and several events have already taken place, including the Year 7 Film Night, Diwali Celebration event as well as refreshments being provided at school events. Tomorrow is the second of our pre-loved uniform sales which last year raised £2675. Since September KPS has given us £10k which has already been spent on PCs to for the for the transition to windows 11 equipment which we need to do. These computers have been bought and installed in IT2. This morning, I passed by that room and spoke to Ms Morando, Head of Computing, who is delighted that the IT suites are now almost all equipped with the new machinery. The next big fund-raising drive is the Christmas Wish List where departments ask for equipment or resources for their subject which will

directly impact on students' learning. I believe that this fund-raising initiative will be launched in the next couple of weeks, so please support KPS and Kendrick School.

Finally, this week's word of the week is *kindness* another word selected from the Kendrick Pledge. Definition: *that wonderful human propensity to be friendly, generous, and solicitous—a gentle inclination to ease another's burden or brighten their day. The quality of being considerate towards others. Further, acts of kindness release oxytocin—a silken peptide that nudges us towards trust and connection—elevating mood and cementing social bonds. In short, to be kind is rewarding; you do good and feel better for it.* I hope as we start Term 2 of our academic year, we remind ourselves of the importance of kindness as it is such an important quality and behaviour to demonstrate towards others and can be of benefit to ourselves.

Wishing everyone a very good weekend.

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