

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 14th December 2018

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

Although we still have a few days before the end of term, one of the greatest highlights of this time of the year is the **Christmas Concert**. Last night's concert was fantastic and was packed with beautiful pieces from a number of ensembles and groups. As always, the stars of the concert were Year 7 who finished the event with two lovely Christmas songs. Thank you to the wonderfully talented students we have and of course to the dedicated staff who support, most particularly, Mrs Cooper, who planned, organised and delivered such a superb concert. It was made even better by the fact that it finished at 8.30pm allowing everyone to get home at a reasonable time.

Charity events always feature at this time of the year. **School Council** has run an initiative asking every form in the school to assemble a Christmas Gift Box. The younger years have put together toy boxes and the older years have collected Body Boxes containing sanitary products for young girls. Over 50 boxes are ready to be collected and distributed by the Churches of Reading Charity. At the same time we have had a Food Drive which has been organised by our **Amnesty** group and over 500 items of food has been collected and will be distributed by the Food Bank organisation in Reading. There is also a sock collection taking place and today everyone is wearing a Christmas jumper to raise money for Save the Children Fund. It is such events of selfless giving that make me feel very proud of our students and our school. Click [here](#) for the news item.

A short building update from the works that started in the summer. The Conservatory (extension to the Library), primarily intended as an overspill area for the canteen, is completely finished and functioning well, not only as a dining space, but also as a work area for students, given its close proximity to the Library. The external works to Sidmouth House have taken much longer than planned and it is likely that the scaffolding will be with us for a little longer next year to complete these works. Internal decoration of the building is coming along very quickly and we hope these works will be finished by the time we return in January. We will then have a few months of quiet, I hope, before the major new building will begin in the summer of 2019, in preparation for the new intake in September 2020.

Last week I mentioned the Mental Health workshops that are taking place at Kendrick and Reading Girls' School. The workshop on **Anxiety** took place at Kendrick on Wednesday evening and was well attended by parents. A recognition of these issues is important for all of us so that we can support our students in their mental wellbeing. Teachers have been asked not to set homework for Years 7-10 in the holidays and I also hope that Years 11 and 13, despite Mock examinations in January, will take a break from their studies and have a well-earned rest and enjoy the time away from school. The next workshop is on Wednesday 30th January and the topic is Depression/Low Mood. Please click [here](#) for a list of all future workshop dates.

Finally, today is a historically significant day! It is the day when 100 years ago women (women over the age of 30 and householders) were able to vote for the first time following the Registration of People's Act in February 1918. In

Manchester, a statue of Emmeline Pankhurst, key suffrage leader and campaigner for women's franchise, is being unveiled today. www.itv.com/news/granada/2018-12-14/statue-of-suffragette-emmeline-pankhurst-is-being-unveiled-in-her-home-city-of-manchester/ It is a day of celebration and I hope we can all spend a few moments thinking about such women pioneers whose work enabled future generations of women to have the many freedoms we have today. The statue is entitled 'Rise up, Women' an appropriate thought for us to reflect on this weekend.

Have a good weekend,

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Sextortion Emails

The BBC recently ran a story about sextortion emails. These emails were particularly disturbing as the subject line included the recipient's password, which give the bogus email credibility to the sender's pretence that they had infected the computer. The BBC's report refers to a website called 'Have I been pwned?' (Pronounced like 'p-owned') where you can enter your email address and find out if your email and password have ever been stolen in a data breach.

The BBC news report is here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/stories-46323625/what-happened-when-sextortion-scammers-targeted-a-bbc-trending-reporter>

The website of 'have I been pwned?' is here: <https://haveibeenpwned.com>

You can find a Which! Report about this particular scam here: <https://computing.which.co.uk/hc/en-gb/articles/360001317945-How-to-respond-to-a-sextortion-email>

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.

"Let us be defined by our individual actions, kindness and decency to others. At the end of the day, regardless of who you are, each and every individual deserves the opportunity to reach his or her full potential" Rowan Blanchard

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Evening of Dance 2018](#)

[Geography Students Attend Model UN Climate Conference](#)

[Year 8&9 Charity Week](#)

[Charity Events at Kendrick School](#)

Admission Policies for Entry in 2020 – Live Consultation

We have made some changes to our admission policies for 2020 entry. When changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements (including any supplementary information form) that will apply for admission applications the following school year.

The key changes to Kendrick School admission policies are as follows:

Year 7

- Introduction of Priority Area 1 designated area
- Introduction of a lower qualifying score for Categories 1 and 2 in the oversubscription criteria

Year 12

- Introduction of Priority Area 1 designated area

Non Routine

- Introduction of Priority Area 1 designated area

A map of Priority Area 1 will be available in due course.

The consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and will commence on **Monday 10th December 2018**. All comments regarding the proposed changes or any aspect of the Admissions Policies, should be sent to Ms Amanda Emberson, Admissions Officer, (aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) by Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 5.00pm.

The full policies with all changes highlighted in yellow can be accessed via this [link](#).

End of Term 2 – Wednesday 19th December 2018

Students will be dismissed from school at approximately 1.15pm on Wednesday 19th December.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

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Smart Watches

Unfortunately a few students have been found to be using Smart Watches inappropriately during the school day. If your daughter has a Smart Watch, please remind her that this should be used for telling the time only and not for communicating or playing games during school time. If there is a continuous misuse of these watches, it may be necessary to ban them completely. Thank you for your help and support with this matter.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 17th December 2018 (A Week)

Monday 17 th December	A Level Presentation Evening, 5pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Carol Services P1&2 Canteen Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of Term 2. 1.15pm (approx.)

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

KPS NEWS

Please click [here](#) for the KPS December newsletter.

VACANCIES

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

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.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 11 Study Skills Roadshow 7th December 2018 - £5

Please remember to top up dinner money accounts.