

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

Firstly I would like to begin by saying that the KPS Diwali event last Friday night was brilliant! Hundreds of people joined us, adults and children, and enjoyed a lovely evening of entertainment, shopping and eating! I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the planning and preparation of the event: KPS parents, students and staff. I can see this may become an annual event at Kendrick!

I would like to thank our students who were involved in last night's Sixth Form Open Day. Firstly our Year 11 students and parents who came to the event and who I hope found it useful and informative now that they have started to think about their options post 16. I am delighted that many of our students want to stay at Kendrick but also understand that a few want to move on. I would also like to thank our Year 12 students for being so helpful to all the visitors last night, speaking confidently and proudly in the subject rooms about the A Levels they have just embarked on. Year 13 students did a great job guiding visitors around the school and answering lots of questions and members of the Head Girl Team were super, overseeing and coordinating the event with the staff. The Head Girl, Gurlina, the Community Prefect, Sanjana, and Sidmouth House Captain, Iman, spoke to all the parents and students from the stage at the end of the evening and gave a very positive insight into life at our school. Thank you to them all and, of course, thank you to our teachers and school staff for putting on such an excellent evening.

We have a number of activities to look forward to next week, including House Music on Wednesday evening and the Presentation of GCSE certificates on Thursday evening. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we shall be commemorating the centenary of the armistice that ended the First World War. As we do every year, we shall have a whole school assembly but this year we shall be together as a community at the time when we will be pausing for a two minute silence at 11.00am. We have done a lot of things in school to plan and prepare for the assembly and the centenary event which I will send you details of in next week's Weekly Update.

I hope the students have had a good day today not being at school! The staff have had a staff training day with some excellent sessions delivered by our own staff. Some of the topics we have discussed today are ones that I would like to share with parents and will do so in the coming weeks.

Wishing everyone a good weekend

Kind regards

***Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher***

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## SAFEGUARDING

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Please click on the link below for the Internet Matters Snapchat guide for parents/carers.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

**"Know yourself, know your worth".**

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[House Chess](#)

[Year 8 and 9 Self Defence Lessons](#)

[Physics Students attend Oxford University Lecture](#)

[KPS Diwali Event](#)

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## YEAR GROUP NEWS

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### Years 8 & 9 Self Defence Lessons

Years 8 and 9 have now completed their self-defence lesson run by an external provider.

Steve, who led these lessons got students thinking of ways they can prevent getting into potentially dangerous situations and if they do find themselves in a vulnerable position how they can help themselves to get out of them.

Steve shared the following statistics from London Metropolitan Police (statistics are London based):

- 46% of attacks on young girls and women happen during the day
  - 54% of attacks on young girls and women happen during the night
  - 74% of these attacks happen from behind
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Steve's main messages were:

- Be prepared
- Stay in pairs/small groups
- Travel in well-lit areas
- Be vigilant
- Tell people where you are going
- Make sure you have a phone with you that is charged
- Use your voice to alert people if and when needed

The session involved discussions and practical work such as:

- Basic ways of getting away from someone attacking from behind
- Fun boxing and pad work to increase their confidence

*"I really enjoyed our Year 8 self-defence lesson. I found that it was very useful to know about what to do in a real life situation if someone grabs you from behind, as this happens in many places and most young women and girls wouldn't know what to do if this then happened to them. I found that it is very important to know these facts and how to use them if a time ever comes. Overall, I really found this self-defence lesson fascinating and important to learn about a real life situation"* Year 8 student

The six lessons were paid for via School Fund, which has helped us to increase our student's awareness relating to keeping themselves and others safe.

The students really enjoyed these lessons and I hope they found it useful.

**Miss Sharna Swaine**  
**TLC for KS3**

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## SUBJECT NEWS

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### History

#### **Black History Month competition**

Congratulations to the following for their fantastic winning entries to the Black History Month poster competition:

- Medha Madhurya Madireddi - 8W
- Bethan Martin – 1JF
- Hetal Patil - 7C
- Abi Farragher - 9N
- Aditi, Kaviya, Kousiha and Zara - 10G

Their posters can be seen, along with other highly commended work, in the display cabinet on the right as soon as you walk in the main doors by Room G - make sure you have a look!

# SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (B Week)

### **House Football – Years 7&8**

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| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November | KPS Non Uniform Day<br>House Music Performances, 7pm                              |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November  | Oxbridge Interview Day<br>GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Event, 5.15pm |

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

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## MUSIC @ KENDRICK

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### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**.

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# VACANCIES

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

## 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](mailto:exams@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).

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# KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

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## KPS Diwali Evening

The [KPS Diwali evening](#) was a huge success with many diverse stalls and performances. It was very well attended and an amazing £964 was taken on the night. Many thanks to the organisers, performers, stall holders, student and adult volunteers and families who attended for making this such a special event. KPS are very happy to support and work with parents who wish to organise an event, especially when celebrating different cultures or running an event that we haven't tried before.

**Wednesday 14th November** is a KPS non-uniform day for all students, £2 donation please.

The Year 8 & 9 film night is on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**. Event information has been distributed. Tickets can be bought from the Cover Office at first break or online at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com).

The KPS raffle organising team are beginning to get ready for our Spring Raffle 2019. If you would like to be involved, please contact Karen Skipsey at [raffle.kps@gmail.com](mailto:raffle.kps@gmail.com). Volunteers and ideas are welcome.

All our events could potentially raise double the amount for the school, at no extra cost, if we have volunteers involved whose companies do matched funding. Please ask your company about matched funding and contact us at [chair.kps.uk@gmail.com](mailto:chair.kps.uk@gmail.com) if you could be involved in any of our future events.

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We are delighted to announce that we now have nominees for all KPS Officer roles. Please come along to the EGM on **Monday 19th November** at 6pm to show your support and vote them in.

### **Years 8 & 9 Film Night – Friday 23 November 2018, 3.30pm – 6pm.**

KPS are very pleased to announce a 'Film Night' afternoon for the Year 8 & 9 students on Friday, 23 November, in Hall, straight after school.

The students can bring into school their comfy clothes and pillows/blankets etc. and then get changed after school. Mats will be laid out in the hall and the students can relax and socialise watching a film with their friends. This event has proved extremely popular in the past and much enjoyed by all.

Ticket cost is £5 including a snack. There will also be refreshments for sale, so students can bring a little extra money on the day.

Tickets are now on sale at school. Please either give your daughter £5 in cash or a cheque made payable to Kendrick Parents' Society. Tickets can also be bought online at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) –type 'Film Night' to search for the event and follow the easy and quick purchase process.

Please see the [flyer](#) for further details of this great event. Buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment! If you have any questions at all, please email KPS at [secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com).

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## **PARENTPAY REMINDERS**

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Please log-in to your ParentPay account to top up any Dinner Money and printing accounts and check that you have no trip payments outstanding.