

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 13th December 2019

Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Once again, I will start this week's update by praising the performances of the students involved in the [Christmas Concert](#) last night, including again the whole of Year 7. The concert was a mixture of traditional and modern pieces, ensembles and orchestras and beautiful singing from the choirs. The staff band made their annual appearance and according to the programme are making progress with their musical development! Thank you to everyone involved, in particular Mrs Cooper and Mrs Rowheder for preparing the students and organising the concert and the many other staff who helped on and off stage last night. Christmas would not be Christmas without our concert. Unfortunately our professional photographer Tara Taylor could not be at the concert last night so the few photos we have are my snaps which I hope give a bit of the flavour of the evening.

I would like to thank **KPS** for serving refreshments at the concert as they always do, but also thank them for putting on the Disco for Year7-9 students last Friday and the Christmas Fair that took place at the same time. In addition, KPS volunteers have supported us at Parent Consultation Evenings this term providing refreshments and snacks which has been so appreciated by the teachers. They are also preparing for the Spring Raffle which we will hear more about next term. Thank you again to KPS for the dedication and efforts of all KPS members and volunteers.

Running alongside to all these events and others has been our **Mock Election**. 68% of the school population of staff and students voted and the results were as follows:

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| Abby | Conservative | 109 |
| Emily | Green | 58 |
| Sasha | Labour | 132 |
| Pradnya | Lib Dem | 278 |
| Spoilt papers | | 7 |

The announcement was made to Year 12 at their assembly this morning and to School Council and the rest of the school were informed by email. As the winning candidate, Pradnya, thanked her fellow candidates and all the various party supporters and workers, as well as the voters themselves. Although our vote did not reflect the nation's vote, it was an opportunity for our young people to express themselves and to think about the issues that were being discussed and their role in a political democracy, both now and in the future.

As we approach the end of term we still have a lot to do as a community to mark the end of this calendar year and to acknowledge the season that we are in. Using the theme at Christmas of kindness and good will to everyone, I have seen students exchanging presents and cards with each other, saying thanks and kind words of support and encouragement to each other and the staff. At the **Year 12 assembly** this morning Mrs Hearn, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, congratulated and thanked the year group for all they had done this term and their contribution to the school. She praised them for doing some exceptional things, but also for doing the right thing, sometimes a characteristic we don't appreciate enough. She also asked them to smile, to talk to people they don't usually speak to. At the end of

the assembly she showed them our lovely electronic [Christmas card](#) which we are sending to everyone this year which I am sending to you all today. Please enjoy the beautiful singing of our A Level Music students and the scenic picture of the front of our school, painted a couple of years ago by former A Level Art student.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Ditch the Label

Ditch the Label, is an international anti-bullying charity who believe in a world that is fair, equal and free from all types of bullying. For more information or to get help, please click on the link below.

<https://www.ditchthelabel.org/>

CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 16th December 2019 (A Week)

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| Monday 16th December | A Level Presentation and Awards Evening |
| Wednesday 18th December | Last Day of Term 2, 1.10pm |

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

Key Events in Term 3

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| Monday 6th January | INSET Day, school closed to students |
| Tuesday 7th January | Start of Term 3, 8.25am |
| | Year 11 Mock Examinations |
| Monday 13th January | KPS Meeting |
| Thursday 30th January | Year 12 Parents' Consultation |
| Monday 10th February | KPS Meeting |
| Tuesday 11th February | Year 8 Parents' Consultation |
| Wednesday 12th February | Music Performance Event |
| Friday 14th February | End of Term 3. 3.15pm |

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Christmas Concert 2019](#)

[Model UN Climate Conference December 2019](#)

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.

PANDA – New Treatment on Panic Disorder in AnDY Clinic

The Anxiety and Depression in Young People Research Unit (AnDY) have launched a new treatment study for young people with panic disorder in the AnDY clinic at the University. This study (called the PANDA Study) involves young people with panic disorder having one of two psychological treatment within the clinic. Both treatments are based on cognitive behaviour therapy and delivered face to face in the clinic 1:1 with a therapist.

If you are aged 11-17½, live in Berkshire and would like treatment for your panic attacks please click [here](#) for more information.

Work Experience

As part of Kendrick School's commitment to offering a meaningful and fit-for-purpose Careers Programme, we are excited to be providing all our Year 12 and Year 10 students with Work Experience placements during this current academic year.

- Year 12 Work Experience Dates: Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June 2020
- Year 10 Work Experience Dates: Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July 2020

Year 12 WEX will be launched on Thursday 9th January, with Year 10 WEX being launched on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

We have requested a financial contribution to this WEEEX programme which should be made through ParentPay if you have not already done so:

- Year 12 WEX: £65
- Year 10 Wex £60

As parents/carers of our students we would love to hear from you if the place where you work, or if any contacts of yours, could offer one or more WEX placements. In the past some of our best placements have come from such offers and we are always grateful for this type of support. If you can support us in this way, please contact us at: admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather we will communicate the plans for the day as soon as we can, and by 7am if possible, as follows:

1. In the first instance please check the Kendrick School website
2. We will follow this up with a ParentMail message. Please note that this message may take some time to reach parents/carers.
3. BBC Radio Berkshire will also be informed.

We will always communicate with you in extreme bad weather, however, if you do not receive any communication from us and the website remains unchanged, the school is open as normal.

Lost Property: 1st and 2nd Break from Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th December

All the lost property found will be display by the Cover Office. Students should come along and check for any lost belongings. **All the unclaimed items will be disposed after the end of Term 2.**

KPS NEWS

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

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Profiling Day activities – 20th November 2019
 - Year 7 Study Skills - £6
 - Year 8 Careers Sessions - £5
 - Year 10 Religious Education Workshops - £2.50
 - Year 11 Revision Skills - £5.20
- A Level Biology Dale Fort field trip – please pay £50 deposit as soon as possible
- A Level Physics Revision resource – please pay £5.75 to order a copy
- Year 12 Maths Inspiration 10th March – please pay £10.50 by 9th December to confirm place

VACANCIES

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

[Biology Technician \(please apply immediately\)](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

Year 11

GCSE Mock Examinations

The GCSE mock examinations will be taking place after the Christmas break during the period **Tuesday 7th January – Wednesday 15th January 2020** inclusive. A large number of exams have to be fitted into a limited period of time. On some days students may have up to three exams.

The mock examination timetable has already been emailed to students and individual timetables, to include language orals, seating arrangements and any special arrangements, will be emailed to the students shortly to show when they will need to be in school.

Students will be required to attend school on every day that they have an examination and remain in school until they have finished all exams for that day. Morning examinations start at 8.30am so they will need to be in school by 8.10am if they have an examination in the first session. The exception to this is Tuesday 7th January when the morning examination will start at 9.00am so students can arrive at the usual time of 8.25am.

After exam(s) have finished for the day students may then go home. With your consent we would be happy for students to stay at home to do exam preparation or coursework on days when they have no examinations. If, however, you wish your child to remain in school at all times during the exam period then please notify me using the email address twilson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk and there will be rooms made available for private study in school. If I am not notified prior to the Christmas break I shall assume you are happy for your child to be at home during these periods.

I appreciate that illness cannot be avoided but please encourage your child to have 100% attendance during this period. Rescheduling missed examinations is not easy and may mean missing lessons in the week after examination week in order to be assessed in every subject. Normal lessons will resume on Thursday 16th January 2019.

Please note that whenever students are in school they should be wearing correct school uniform.

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

I am hot but if you remove first two alphabets then I will become really cold. Who am I?
The answer will be published next week

Answer to last week's challenge:

Take a half of each tablet.

