

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 8th November 2019

Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Term 2 has started very well particularly for many of our older students who last night attended our hugely successful **Design Your Future** Careers event. Targeted at Years 9-13 this event enables students and parents to speak to employers from a wide range of employment to explore what career opportunities are available and what qualifications and routes to employment there are. Working with the organisation **Learning to Work**, our Work Related Learning Coordinator, **Mrs Rock** organised a brilliant event for our school and our thanks go to her. There will be a report and photos on the website in due course.

At the start of the week four students, Ms Fallows and I attended a **Climate Conference** organised by the Brighter Futures for Children, Reading. The Lead Councillor for Education, Ashley Pearce, announced that Reading Borough Council has set itself a target of zero emissions by 2030. The conference for Headteachers and students was the launch of their campaign for education to encourage schools and students to work on this initiative and target. At Kendrick, our **Eco Group** has done much work to raise awareness of climate change issues as well as changing attitudes and practice on recycling. At the conference a group of our students gave a presentation which you can look at [here](#). The students were highly praised for their presentation.

An update on how our former student Mary Lobo and her College, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, got on in the TV quiz University Challenge; I am delighted to say that Mary and her team, which included Ms Le Croissette's son, Matthew Le Croissette, won their round and have now got through to the next stage in the competition. We wish them well for their next challenge.

Our building works have started and the back of the school has restricted parking and pedestrian access. Students have been reminded of the need for safety and care as they walk around the school. The Head Girl Team will be taking photos from their vantage point at the top of the Sixth Form Block on a daily basis to chart the progress of the build.

Many of you may know from coverage in the media that tomorrow, 9th November is the **30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall**, the physical barrier that divided the West and Eastern Countries in Europe. In excellent assemblies to all of the school, **Mr Curran and Miss Heath** reiterated to the students the historical background and reasons why there was a wall in Berlin in East Germany and why it came down. **Frau Alderson** shared her memories of her life growing up in a divided Germany and **Frau Mueller** spoke about what it means for her to be East German today. The History and the German Departments would like to invite you to share your own memories and thoughts on the fall of the Berlin Wall with your children. I think it is important for our students and our school community to be reminded about such hugely important historical events which have shaped our history and which still have an impact on us and our politics today. Please encourage your children to take an interest and research and read about the collapse of the Berlin Wall which may lead them to even more reading about events in the post-**World War**

Two era, including the Cold War and East West Relations. There will be displays around the school on the historical context of the Berlin Wall and recommended History books, fiction and non-fiction, for students to read. Below are two videos that tutors and students will be looking at in Tutor Time which you may also find interesting.

Video on the time when the wall came down with great footage from East Germany:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIUd5Cc3S6I>

Video on an exciting art installation to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall:

<https://www.dw.com/en/30th-anniversary-of-the-fall-of-the-berlin-wall/av-51087075>

Frau Mueller's message and reflection to everyone at the end of the assemblies was that we should never take for granted and always appreciate our right of free movement from one place/country to another, free speech and the ability to vote in free and democratic elections.

With such important thoughts to reflect on, I wish you all a peaceful weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Parent and Carer Online Toolkit (Childnet)

Childnet have updated their parent and carer toolkit that will help parents have conversations about online safety. Their booklet 'Let's talk about life online' includes ten key messages that should be shared with children:

1. "You can always come to me if you need help."
2. "What would you do if this happened...?"
3. "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online."
4. "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too."
5. "Be respectful to others online."
6. "Think before you post."
7. "Remember to ask if it's okay."
8. "Remember not everything is true online."
9. "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like."
10. "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."

The Parent and Carer Toolkit can be found here: <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>

CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 11th November 2019 (B Week)

Monday 11th November

| KPS Own Clothes Day

Tuesday 12th November
Wednesday 13th November
Thursday 14th November

Post 16 Conference - Year 11
House Music Performance, 6.30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.15pm to 8.15pm - current and external Year 11s and their parents

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

Key Events in Term 2

Tuesday 12th November
Wednesday 13th November
Thursday 14th November
Friday 15th November
Wednesday 20th November

Post 16 Conference - Year 11
House Music Performance, 6.30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.15pm to 8.15pm - current Year 11s
INSET Day
Autumn Profiling Day/Year 7 Study Skills
GCSE Presentation and Awards Evening
Dance Enterprise Day
Year 13 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm
Year 11 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm
Evening of Dance
KPS Disco, Years 7-9
Christmas Jumper Day
A Level Presentation and Awards Evening
Last Day of Term 2, 1.10pm

Tuesday 26th November
Thursday 28th November
Tuesday 3rd December
Wednesday 4th December
Friday 6th December
Friday 13th December
Monday 16th December
Wednesday 18th December

KPS NEWS

It was a well organised and productive Careers evening on Thursday and we wish to thank the School for this great opportunity. We also witnessed huge number of parents who came along. Thanks to those who generously donated for refreshments.

We will also be providing refreshments at the House Music event on 13th November and we need some volunteers to help us. If you have an hour to spend on Wednesday evening, kindly email secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com

The **KPS Disco** is on **6th December** for **Years 7-9**, please book [online for tickets](#). We need volunteers for this event too, please reach out if you have some time to help!

More details in our newsletter on Monday!

KPS Own Clothes Day – Monday 11th November

Kendrick Parents' Society are organising an Own Clothes Day on Monday 11th November. Please bring a donation of £2 – all proceeds go to the school. Please be aware of the Dress Code which you can find on your form information booklets.

Non Uniform Events Policy

If students are not expected to wear uniform because of a charity event or because they are on a trip their clothing should be appropriate for the working environment/activities that they are taking part in.



In line with the dress code in the sixth form the following points should be noted:

Examples of unacceptable clothing items are: - cropped tops, low cut vest tops, strapless tops, very short skirts or shorts and ripped jeans.

- There should not be flesh on show between the top itself and the top of the skirt or trouser.
- Hats are not to be worn in school. The wearing of a head scarf or hijab is permitted, for religious reasons, but the wearing of the niqab is not permitted.
- Extremes of make up or hair colour are unacceptable.
- No flip flop shoes.
- Tee shirts should not display extreme / offensive views or comments.

MUSIC@KENDRICK

Below are details of the House Music Competition taking place this term. Dates of all our school concerts can be found in the school calendar and planner, and on our website.

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.30 PM, 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 'Stage and Screen', linking to music from *Aladdin*, *The Pink Panther*, *The Greatest Showman* and more! Their pieces will include a choral item, an instrumental item and an original composition. Our house captains and sixth form musical directors have been working tirelessly, rehearsing their varied programmes to ensure an exciting and enjoyable event. I expect the competition to finish at approximately 8.00pm. 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.

Date for your diary: Our Christmas concert will take place on **THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 6.30 PM**. 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.

We look forward to seeing many of you at these concerts.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Rome/Naples trip – deposit of £295 is due by 11th November
- Year 7 History trip to Reading museum (£5) – there are a few payments outstanding

- Design and Technology contributions – Years 7 & 8 – again there are a few payments outstanding

VACANCIES

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

[Biology Technician and Outreach Coordinator](#)

[English Teacher to cover a maternity leave](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Reading Council Climate Conference](#)

[A Resident of Kendrick](#)

Parent/Governor Vacancy

NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED for the election of **ONE (1) PARENT GOVERNOR** to the Governing Body of Kendrick School. The successful candidates will hold office for four years from the date of their election.

A Nomination Form are attached and must be returned to Mrs Amanda Emberson, Clerk to the Governing Body, at Kendrick School (clerk@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) no later than midday on **Tuesday 19th November 2019**. Each nominee should include a short personal statement (no more than one or two paragraphs) with the nomination form. This will be circulated to voters.

If the election is contested, a poll by secret ballot will be held. The election will be conducted electronically and been designed to ensure that the election is secret and anonymous, is limited to one vote per person and ensures that only those entitled to vote can take part in the election.

If you do not wish to participate in the election via this method, please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body to make arrangements for a ballot paper to be posted to you and to ensure you are excluded from the online voting system.

The election period will commence at midday on **Wednesday 20th November** and will close at midday on **Wednesday 27th November**. The vote will be counted at 12.15pm on that day and the results will be published as soon as possible thereafter.

Mrs Jan Nowecki, Chair to the Kendrick School Governing Body

NEWS AND EVENTS – STUDENTS

Drawing Competition run by Federation of Children's Books

For Years 7, 8 and 9 to celebrate Non-Fiction November. The challenge is for students to show what a vehicle of tomorrow might look like and to create a picture that shows how your vehicle moves people or cargo around. Return the finished picture to the Library by Thursday 28th November 2019 including name, tutor and Kendrick School are written on the back of your entry. Please see a link to further information below. We look forward to seeing your ideas!

<http://fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november-competition-2019/>

NEWS AND EVENTS - BY YEAR GROUP

Year 12 and 13

Sixth Form Open Evening

This year our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 14th November 2019**.

This is one of the most important events in our Sixth Form calendar and, as such, we ask all Year 12 students to provide departmental support and Year 13 students to assist with tours for prospective students and their parents on the evening.

The Head Girl Team will be heavily involved with the organisation, and their Support Committee will be expected to offer assistance. All other Sixth Form students should offer their services from 6:00 – 7:45pm when prospective students and their parents will be visiting departments and finding out about life in the Sixth Form at Kendrick school. We have asked all Sixth Form students to sign up via a google form to confirm attendance by **Thursday 7th November 2019**.

Year 12

GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening

Year 12 and their parents/carers are invited to the **GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening** on **Wednesday 20th November 2019**, 4.45pm for a prompt 5.00pm start. Please see the email sent to parents/carers for more information.



Years 7-10

Mobile Phone Reminder to all Year 7-10 Students

Some students are not following the policy; please ensure that you adhere to the following:

- Phones should be **switched off** and put in your **locker** from **8.20am-3.15pm**.
- If you are found on your phone during the school day, e.g. in a break time, staff will **confiscate it** and it will be taken to the General Office.
- If you have had your phone confiscated you need to report to the General Office at 3.20pm where the member of staff will tell you who has your phone. This will be a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Year 11:

- Phones only to be used in your form rooms during break times. If seen at any other time, it will be confiscated (see above).
- If you have an urgent need to make a phone call please go to the General Office.

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

A B C D E F G H

Can you find the letter that is two to the right of the letter that is immediately to the left of the letter that comes three to the right of the letter which comes in the exact middle of the letter two to the left of C and the letter which is immediately to the right of the letter F?

The answer will be published next week

Answer to last week's challenge:

Answer: 569

Since the answers were different every time, the first one cannot be Sarah as that would make the first one a liar. For similar reason, even the second one can't be Sarah. Therefore, the third one must be Sarah. If she is Sarah, the middle one must be Sue which leaves the left one to be Sally

