

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

### Friday 17th January 2020

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#### Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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As the term progresses, we are able to report some news of activities students have been involved in so far in 2020. The **Ski Trip** led by Mr Stride returned just after New Year and yesterday I spoke to a few Sixth form students who told me how much they enjoyed their trip in the Italian mountains. Many of them snowboarded for the first time, which was not without some minor injuries, but they told me that despite having very sore wrists they would be happy to go again anytime! Some photos and a short report can be found [here](#).

The **Robot Club**, a strong favourite of Year 8 -10 students, went on its first competition of the year this week. Coordinated by Mr Hayes, a group of 16 students went Harwell RAL campus, in Oxford for the Lego League Regional Final. After hours of designing and practising with their robot model, and competing against 20 schools, they proudly won the trophy for the best designed robot. There are some photos and a report [here](#).

Members of the **Head Girl Team and Eco Group** saw me last week to propose an **Own Clothes Day** next **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** to raise money for World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to support the Bush Fire disaster in southern Australia (the students will be asked to wear green or blue for a donation of £2). I don't think anyone can fail to have noticed or seen the scenes of the terrible devastation caused by the fires across parts of Australia; devastation to homes, human life and the unique animal population of Australia. As well as an own clothes day, the Eco Group will run an interactive session in the Hall at second break next Friday, demonstrating to students the scale of the tragedy and devastation and consider again the consequences of climate change on the planet. I expect there will be a huge response to their presentation.

**KPS** had their first meeting of the year and it was with great excitement that the spring raffle plans were explained to us by parents and committee members, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Skipsey. **Kendrick Spring raffle will be electronic this year!** After very careful consideration by the KPS committee and staff and after a small trail run, we have decided that Kendrick parents and our community, being so electronically able, will be able embrace such a move. We understand that very few schools have tried this approach so we haven't been able to talk to any parent groups about their experiences, so we are taking a leap in the dark as true 'pioneers' in this area. I really do hope parents and friends will take to this new approach to fund raising and we will be able to raise at least as much money as we did last year from paper sales of tickets. The raffle will be launched on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and will be 'drawn' or revealed on a screen at the spring concert on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. You will hear much more about it in the next few weeks from me and through the KPS newsletter which this year will come to you once a fortnight and not once a week.

Finally I would like to thank and congratulate our Year 11 students for conducting themselves so well through the intense period of their Mock Examinations. They are now back in lessons and waiting for their results and review of their scripts, the latter being the most important part of the whole exercise. I hope they will continue to appreciate that these exams were aimed to help them focus and plan what they need to do in the next few months in terms of work and revision. For the teachers there is a considerable amount of marking that needs to be done and I hope

students are patient as the process of marking takes place. Thank you to all staff involved in the smooth and efficient running the mocks examination period.

Wishing everyone, particularly Year 11, a restful and enjoyable weekend.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

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### **Staying Safe Away from Home**

The NSPCC has advice and support for parents about keeping children and young adults safe away from home – at school, at work and during sports, clubs and other activities.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/>

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## **CALENDAR**

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### **Week Commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (B Week)**

<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Poetry Live Trip – Year 11 Governors L&T Committee, 4.30pm
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Own Clothes Day for WWF, £2 donation – wear blue or green

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

### **Key Events in Term 3**

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	KPS Meeting
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 8 Parents' Consultation
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Music Performance Event
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End of Term 3. 3.15pm

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## **NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL**

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### **News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media**

[Lego League Regional Final Oxford](#)  
[Ski Trip 2019/20](#)

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*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](mailto:aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk). However, please ensure you have your child's 'permission' to do so! Thank you.*

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Due to the newly elected Parent Governor being unable to take up the position, **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.

**Nomination Forms are attached** and must be returned to Mrs Amanda Emberson, Clerk to the Governing Body, at Kendrick School ([clerk@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)) no later than 3pm on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. 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 **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January** and will close at midday on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. The vote will be counted at 12.15pm on that day and the results will be published as soon as possible thereafter.

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## Music@Kendrick

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### Performer Series 3 - Piano Masterclass with Dr Nigel Wilkinson – Wednesday 12th February, Masterclass at 4pm, Concert at 6.30pm

Students are invited to attend a Piano Masterclass with Dr Nigel Wilkinson. He has worked as a senior producer for BBC Radio 3 for many years and now works mainly as a pianist, teacher, ABRSM examiner and adjudicator for events such as BBC Young Musician of the Year and Music for Youth. During this event, selected students will be able to work with Dr Wilkinson to develop their pieces in a masterclass fashion in which they receive feedback and expert tips on how to improve their technique. There will also be a brief discussion about how to prepare for practical examinations and an informal Q+A session in which anyone can ask questions. This will culminate in a discussion and performance from Dr Wilkinson and the masterclass students.

All students learning the piano, regardless of ability, are invited to sign up for this event. This is free for Kendrick students but those attending from other schools will be charged a small fee of £5 to help cover costs. The concert itself will also cost £5 per adult and children may enter for free.

If you would like to get involved in this concert then please email Mrs Cooper – [ccooper@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:ccooper@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) stating your name, age/form and standard. If you would like to play in the masterclass then please also include the name of the piece you'd like to play and its composer. Please sign up by **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**.

## 2020 Walter Hussey Composition Competition

*We have been sent the information below from Reading Phoenix Choir*

The 2020 competition follows Reading Phoenix Choir's aim of working with young people and is for composers aged between 16 and 24. With a 1st prize of £500 and a 2nd prize of £200, a line-up of top judges from the choral and composition world and no entry fee, the Walter Hussey Composition Competition continues to be one of the leading choral composition competitions of our time. The competition is named in honour of Walter Hussey, Dean of Chichester Cathedral from 1955 to 1977, who commissioned many choral works throughout his lifetime. Entry for the 2020 competition will start in January 2020, with a deadline for entries of 30th June 2020. The winner is expected to be chosen by December 2020 and the winning piece will receive its world premiere in March 2021.

The 2020 Walter Hussey Composition Competition is being promoted by Reading Phoenix Choir and having celebrated its 50th anniversary season in 2019, the theme for the competition is both encouraging the musicians of the future and looking forwards, and is therefore 'New Horizons'.

Interested parties can sign up for updates at:

<https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=walterhussey.com&u=aHR0cDovL>

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## KPS NEWS

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

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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- Year 11 English trip to 'Poetry Live!' on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 – please pay £18 if you have not already paid
  - GCSE/A Level Art trip to London 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - £20 due
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## VACANCIES

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

[Receptionist \(Monday and Tuesday, 8am to 3pm\)](#)

[Library Resource Coordinator \(Monday to Friday, alternate weeks 8am to 12.30pm; 12.30pm to 5pm\)](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#)

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## NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

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### Work Related Learning

*Disclaimer - we cannot vouch for the quality of this course, value-for money etc., but we are acting in good faith on the information sent to us.*

### Content from our contact at the EDT/Inspire and Headstart:

**Super opportunities for your child who may be considering higher education and/or a career pathway in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM)-based subject area.**



The Engineering Development Trust (EDT) has two programmes of STEM based residential\* university taster courses [Inspire and Headstart](#) across the UK this summer 2020.

#### What are INSPIRE and HEADSTART?

Inspire and Headstart are 3 and 4/5 day courses' (respectively) hands-on series of STEM based activities and lectures for young people aged 15 to 17 (Year 11 & 12)\*\* to further their understanding of degree/degree apprenticeship and future career opportunities.

These on-campus university-based experiences are an enabler for like-minded students to engage with lecturers and undergraduates on a challenging course specific agenda whilst practicing their problem determination, analytical, creative and life skills.

#### Benefits include:

- Practical sessions to reinforce theory-based lectures
- Variety of course offerings and themes to suit all individuals
- Access to university lecturers and undergraduates for advice and guidance on degree/degree apprenticeship and potential career pathways
- Bronze (Inspire) and Silver (Headstart) industry-led accreditation from [Industrial Cadets](#) (Inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales)
- Meet role models
- On-campus halls of residence experience

**Course fee, bursaries & other support:** The course costs £245 (3 day residential), £150\* (3 day non-residential) for Inspire and £399 (4/5 day residential) for Headstart.

Limited bursary places are available on BOTH programmes subject to [qualification criteria](#).

For more information/questions contact EDT: [headstartteam@etrust.org.uk](mailto:headstartteam@etrust.org.uk) of 01707-871505

Apply online:

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/inspire-courses>

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart-courses>

\*There are 1 or 2 non-residential courses

\*\*Inspire will consider mature/gifted year 10 students who are 15 years old

## Extended Breakfast Service!

The canteen has expanded its breakfast service, in addition to porridge, cereal, pastries and baguettes they have added bacon muffins and vegetarian sausage and egg muffins and are planning even more. There will shortly be a student survey launched to gather views on the most popular lunch and breakfast dishes to help further improve the service.

## UCAS Higher Education Exhibition, Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Year 12

This annual event will take place at the University of Surrey, Guildford for all of Year 12. The purpose of the day is to provide an opportunity for students to engage in some active research into their options for Higher Education, as they begin to consider their plans for the future.

The day consists of an exhibition of a significant number of universities and colleges, giving the students an opportunity to speak to staff from each institution and, in addition, find out more about employment, gap years, apprenticeships (including degree apprenticeships) and volunteer programmes. There will also be opportunities to talk to professional advisers about their individual questions on matters such as student finance.

We shall hold a briefing session with all students in school before the event, to provide information and confirmation of all the details for the day.

We shall be leaving Kendrick at 11.00am and travelling to the event by coach. The estimated time of arrival back at Kendrick is 16.30pm. Please make arrangements for their safe return home at this time.

The cost to students for coach travel will be £8.00. Please make your payment through your ParentPay online account as soon as possible and at the latest by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. If you have any difficulties in paying, please contact our Finance Department or email [finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)

If your child is unable to go on this trip please email [admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) as soon as possible, if we do not hear from you we will assume that you consent to your child attending.

This Educational visit is covered by the Annual Parent Consent Form. Please notify the School immediately ([admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)) of any changes to the information you have previously given on the Kendrick School Parental Consent Form. Please note that it is particularly important that you advise of any changes to medical information.

We look forward to accompanying the students on this event and hope that they find the day beneficial.

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

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Solve the April fool's day riddle by saying what the pictogram tell you



*Answer to last week's challenge:*

