

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## WEEKLY LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

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Although we are already into the month of February, I have been speaking with some colleagues and would like to speak to some students about how we should mark the fact that we have entered a **new decade – the 2020s**. Reflecting over the last couple of decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and beginning to imagine the next couple of decades might be a good starting point, but I would like to think of something, a project perhaps, that can engage the school in marking this moment in time that we are all part of. Our expansion plans and the new building are physical and tangible ways in which the school is going through a transformation, but I am sure there must be some other more creative ways in which we can put down some markers. Ideas are welcome from students, staff and parents.

As I have mentioned before, we are coming to a significant point in the construction of the new building. Yesterday the front gates came down in preparation for the big trucks that will bring in the modules that will form the building. This is taking place over the course of next week and I am told that we will see a huge change as the building is constructed before our eyes. Our monthly meeting with the builders and project manager also took place on Thursday and at our request, a **student engagement session** followed. This was an opportunity for some of our students to meet with some of the engineers in a **Question and Answer** session on careers in engineering, roles and jobs involved in design and construction. 23 students from across the school came to the meeting and asked lots of interesting and intelligent questions about the kind of skills and qualifications the professionals needed for their job. Interestingly all the representatives said that aside from the specific technical expertise they each possessed, there were some essential and transferable skills like leadership, management, working with teams, cooperation and communication, which are common in most work places and professions, that they felt they practised every day in their work. These are, in fact, the kind of skills I hear Mrs Rock, our **Work Related Coordinator**, talk about all the time with our students. I have asked, health and safety permitting, that these students may be allowed to go onto the site of the building to look around and ask even more questions when the group meets again next month.

On Monday at an assembly with **Years 11, 12 and 13**, I introduced the **Grants and Bursaries** that are available to students to for apply each year. Since last year two new bursaries have been added to those we already offer. Through the very generous donations of a former member of staff and a former governor, a further £1000 has been added to the grants and bursaries. Not all grants are applicable to all students but there is up to £5000 available altogether. I will be speaking to **Years 7, 8, 9, and 10** on Monday but parents and students can view the information and details regarding the application process and deadlines for each grant application [HERE](#). Many students have benefited from these awards and the tremendous opportunities they have been given as a result.

I have to mention another assembly that I attended last week and that was with **7W**. I missed their scheduled assembly on Thursday so I was given my own viewing last Friday morning. On the theme of **climate change**, the students showed a slide presentation on recent issues as well as examples of the effects of climate change. We then had a discussion about what we can each do individually, in our families and at school to reduce our carbon footprint. These climate

warriors are certainly informed and enthusiastic about what they think we need to do to help preserve our physical environment. I wish them all the best in their endeavours. Their presentation is [HERE](#).

An area of interest of many of our students and staff is **Fair Trade** and for many years we have had a Fair Trade group of students who have led Fair Trade initiatives at school. Under the leadership of Sanjana in Year 11, this year's Fair Trade Week is the 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Sanjana has given assemblies to all the school and explained the ethical case for Fair Trade in a poem she wrote and read to the students. Sanjana's presentation can be found [HERE](#), and the poem can be found [HERE](#). The theme of this year's Fair Trade week is **Women Empowerment** and Sanjana's poem expresses the way that fair trade practices, that we can all pursue, can achieve this and why fair trade is so important in many impoverished parts of the world. Please take time to read and consider what she says.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## SAFEGUARDING

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### ONLINE ABUSE

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) supports parents and carers in protecting their children from abuse online. The site provides advice for parents who are concerned about their children, as well as those just looking to learn more about what they can do to keep their children safe.

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## CALENDAR

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### WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 (A WEEK)

#### *Fairtrade Events*

<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 8 Parents' Consultation
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Music Performance Event, 6.30pm KPS Meeting, 6pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End of Term 3. 3.15pm

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

### KEY EVENTS IN TERM 4

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Start of Term 4, 8.25am
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 12 High Education Conference
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Launch of KPS Spring Raffle
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 9 Parents' Option Evening
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 10 Parents' Consultation Governor Learning & Teaching Committee, 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Governor Resources Committee, 4.30pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Air Ambulance Concert, 7pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Year 9 Parents' Consultation  
Governor Meeting (all day)  
Spring Concert, 6.30pm  
Music Trip to Belgium departs  
End of Term 4, 3.15pm

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## NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

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### NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE, LOCAL PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

#### [House University Challenge](#)

*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*

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### EAST STREET ROAD CLOSURE – MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

In order for the module for the new building to be delivered, East Street will be closed to traffic during the school day (between 8.30am and 3.30pm) from **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**.

If you need to collect your child for an appointment or they are unwell, please park elsewhere and walk to the Reception in East Street. There are methods for allowing vehicles through in emergency situations **only**. Students in Years 7-11 will not be allowed to leave the school without an adult collecting them from Reception.

Dropping off before school and collecting at the end of the school day (after 3.30pm) should not be a problem, **however, as always, please do not stop or park in East Street at any time.**

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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.

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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**.

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## KPS NEWS

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We are selling second hand uniform at the Year 8 Consultation evening on **Tuesday 11th February**. If you would like to buy, please can you get cash in hand as we are unable to accept cards.

Going forward we will be accepting all used, good conditioned uniforms and PE kits from parents on any day of the week. Students can drop them in the KPS Second hand uniform collection box which is in the lost property cupboard.

We invite everyone to our next KPS meeting on **Wednesday 12th February from 6.00pm to 7.30pm** in the Library. It is a perfect opportunity for you to bring your creative ideas and be involved with various activities. Limited parking is available on site and refreshments will be provided.

Please book for the Mindfulness session to be held **27<sup>th</sup> February** in the Dance Studio from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. All year groups are welcome! This will be facilitated by a well renowned Mindfulness Practitioner who specialises in Children's meditation. Meditation has proven to improve learning, memory and self-awareness. Here is the [booking link](#) and the flyer is attached to this newsletter.

If your child is unable to attend this date/day and you would still want your child to attend a Mindfulness session, please email [chair.kps.uk@gmail.com](mailto:chair.kps.uk@gmail.com).

We are looking for prize donations for the School Spring Raffle and we are asking parents to contact a known restaurant or hairdresser or any local businesses to ask for a prize. If they are able to help please let the team know by emailing [Raffle.KPS@gmail.com](mailto:Raffle.KPS@gmail.com). If you need a letter, we will give you to give it to the establishment.

We would appreciate if you could help us with matched funding. Many companies have pots of money which they want to give away to charities like ours – they are just waiting for us to ask. They will ask you for a letter which we are more than happy to provide confirming your participation and in return you will have to fill a form for them. Please ask your manager or your HR department, it is as simple as this. Vodafone, Microsoft, Visa, Thames Water, National Grid, IBM, RBS, Shell, BP and many such companies do offer matched funding to their employees. We want to hear from you if you work for one of these companies. Please email [Raffle.KPS@gmail.com](mailto:Raffle.KPS@gmail.com).

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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- Trip to Rome and Naples – there are still some balance payments owed (£400) – please pay as soon as possible as the trip takes place very shortly
- Year 10 History trip to Hitler on Trial on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 - £22
- Year 12 UCAS exhibition on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - £8

You can check previous payments that you have made in your ParentPay account by looking at the Transaction History/Payment History tab.5

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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.

[Examination Invigilators](#)

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# NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

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## WORK RELATED LEARNING

### The Smallpiece Trust

The Smallpiece Trust is an independent charity established in 1966 which promotes STEM/Engineering careers to young people. On our residential courses students get involved in design and make projects and develop team working, problem solving and creative thinking skills. The courses also provide students with an opportunity to see what student life on campus is like. There's also a fully supervised social scene in the evenings. The full range of our mixed and girls' only courses can be found at:

<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/timetable>

Please see the flyers below regarding two upcoming courses:



GirlsintoPhysics2020.pdf



Girls into Electronics.pdf

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## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BOOK (ALL STUDENTS)

Please come into the Library, renew the Kendrick Pledge and sign the Holocaust Memorial Book for 2020. The Library is open between 08:00-17:00. Thank you.

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## MEET LESLEY URBACH – WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY (ALL STUDENTS)

**Following on from Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January) and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau**, Lesley Urbach has agreed to visit us at Kendrick to share her family's story of murder and escape during the Holocaust during World War II.

Lesley's interesting story is bitter-sweet because although her mother & aunt escaped Germany, sadly her grandparents were killed at Auschwitz in February 1943.

**Join Lesley to learn more about the Holocaust and how she uses the experiences of her family to help others.**

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## STUDY LEAVE (YEAR 13)

Please be advised that week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 will be study leave for all Year 13 students, who are only expected to attend school for their mock examinations.

Home Study will begin from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and students have been advised that it can only be taken on Monday morning Periods 1 and 2 and any Period 4 or 5 when students do not have a lesson or directed independent study period (DISP).

All students must be present and on time for morning and afternoon registration as this is a key communication point and important information may be circulated at these times. The one exception to this is Monday morning registration; on this day students must ensure they are in school by 11.00am.

Students are asked to sign in and out at Main Reception when they leave or when they arrive late on a Monday. They do not have to leave the site if they prefer to work in school during their Home Study time.

They are not permitted to go home at any other time without permission from the Sixth Form Team or they will lose their Home Study which is a privilege and may be withdrawn at any time.

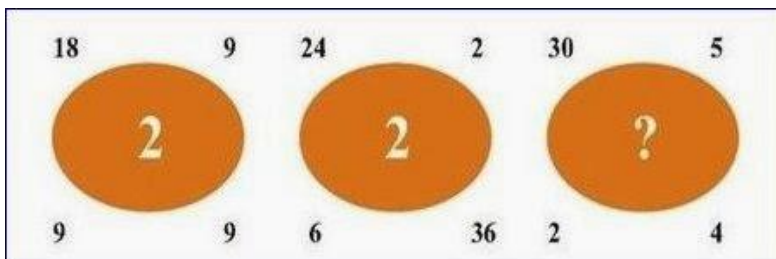
We have asked that students complete a Google Form to agree to these arrangements. If you have any concerns or queries regarding the above please email [nedwards@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:nedwards@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

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

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Solve the number series in the picture below.



**Answer to last week's challenge:**

You won't find any word in the English language that rhymes with these words - purple, orange and silver