

## WEEKLY UPDATE – FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

A new year is a time for resolutions, and one hears many people deciding to set themselves resolutions about how they will go through the year ahead: more exercise, eat more healthily, spend more time with family and friends, less time scrolling, take up a new interest/hobby, be a better person, etc. Whatever the resolution, it always comes with some pressure to achieve and then disappointment when before the month is out the resolutions have been abandoned! Of course, for some people resolutions, goals and all kinds of target setting can be motivating and meaningful and can work well. For Kendrick students, I hope their resolutions for the year include the expectations we set them at the start of the academic year to endeavour to be the best version of themselves. To be focused on their work relative to the stage they are in, to understand and adhere to the Kendrick Pledge and the behaviour expectations we have of them and always to be kind and respectful to their friends, family and the staff of the school, and to try to do good things for their community.

The Kendrick Student Leaders (KSL) have sent messages to the whole school community this week outlining their plans for the next two terms. Their term of office finishes at the end of Term 4 and soon we will be opening nominations and voting for the new team. As members of Year 13, they, and the rest of the Year 13 cohort, are also working very hard on their A Levels with many of them now beginning to receive university offers. This is providing even more focus on their studies as the required grades for a chosen course are being confirmed. At our Trustee Learning and Teaching Committee last night we examined students' data from the November reports. For the exam cohorts, both at A Level and GCSE, we are looking optimistically at what the students will achieve in the public examinations this summer. Year 11 students who have just completed their Mock examinations have been very impressive this year. Their approach and conduct in their mocks have been exemplary and we are all very pleased with their efforts. Well done Year 11.

I have started to give the assembly that I always do at this time of the year about the [Grants and Awards](#) that are available to students across the school. Please look at the information and the deadlines for applications. Every year many students can benefit from a grant, sometimes up to £500, that enables them to pursue an interest or community project that they would otherwise not be able to do.

On the website this week is an article about the [A Level Sociology conference](#) attended by sixth form students last term, a most interesting and relevant study day for them. Thank you to Mr Nemeth and Mrs Calcutt-John, Head of Sociology and Sociology teacher respectively who organised and led the trip.

Finally, I am sure we have all heard about the political developments in Iran this week and the communication blackout there has been as the government has cracked down on protesters. I know that we have families in school who have relatives in Iran and who are of course very worried about their safety in these unsettled and troubling times. We know that news of this nature influences young people, our students, as they too are aware of the worry and anxiety their parents and family members are going through. Whilst we cannot affect any change to these places in the world where conflict and strife exist, we hope that responsible leaders everywhere can work together to find solutions to these conflicts for the sake of the ordinary people who wish to live their life peaceably and without fear.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi  
Headteacher

## School Notices

**KPS Own Clothes Day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.** More details to follow next week. Students to ensure they follow the [non-uniform guidelines](#) on our website.

## Safeguarding

[Safeguarding at Kendrick School](#)

[Changes to Roblox age verification – everything parents need to know \(BBC Bitesize\)](#)

## Wellbeing

[Mental Health and Wellbeing at Kendrick School](#)

[BBC Bitesize – Screen Time and Resilience: A psychologist's guide](#)

## SEND

[You are not alone drop in for February.](#) A free monthly online drop-in for parents and carers.

## School Fund

Please donate to our School Fund [here](#). You can make one-off payments through your ParentPay account or complete a [standing order form](#) for more regular payments. If you are a UK taxpayer, please ensure you also complete a [Gift Aid Form](#).

A school fund is maintained by voluntary contributions from the parents/carers of students. Its purpose is to provide an additional source of funding for the provision of facilities and educational resources for the benefit of students. We use our School Fund to support so many activities **in and out of** school that have now become essential to school life.

## Canteen

The menu for Autumn/Winter can be found [here](#). The menu is subject to change dependent on food availability. **Please ensure that you regularly check your child's canteen balance on their ParentPay account and settle any 'overdrafts' quickly.** Overdrafts should only be issued on an exceptional basis and not as a regular occurrence.

## [Latest News on our Website](#)

## School Calendar

**Week commencing 19th January - Week B**

Year 11 Mocks

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Year 12 Parents' Consultation; KPS Meeting, 6-7.15pm (online)
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – GCSE and A Level Art Trip; KPS Own Clothes Day; KPS Year 7 Online Drop in with Ms Kattirtzi

## Student Careers and Work Experience

[Current Opportunities](#)

## Vacancies

[Mathematics Teacher](#) to cover a maternity leave for September 2026. Closing date for applications: 9am Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## ParentPay and Evolve Reminders

[Reminders on Friday 16th January 2026](#)

## **Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS)**

[Weekly News – Friday 16th January 2026](#)