

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 31st January 2020

Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

I am starting this week's update with a couple of apologies. Firstly to **9L** whose excellent assembly on vaccines I mentioned last week, I attributed to 9N. Secondly I apologise for missing the 'n' off the first word of the first sentence of last week's update which should have read '**An historic..**'. The 'n' was there when I wrote it but got lost along the way!

It is important to get things right and getting things right was what characterised the amazing final of House **University Challenge** which finished yesterday. The final head to head was between two Cedars Teams and it was **Cedars 1** who were the winners by more than 100 points. They impressed us with their wide knowledge and sharp responses to the questions. Well done to the Cedars 1 Team! A short article and some photos about the competition, written by Abby in Year 12, can be found [here](#).

As well as having a deep knowledge of many subjects, many Kendrick students **love reading** and read extensively, both fiction and non-fiction. The Librarians run a book club and it is a joy to hear about the meetings they have and the activities they arrange. We encourage all students in **Years 7-9** to have a reading book with them at all times which they can dip into, sometimes in registration time, in reading lessons or at any other time when it is not possible to carry on with a planned activity. I would like to ask all parents to encourage their children to have a reading book which they bring to school every day. English Teachers and Tutors have been speaking to students about this and I hope that by half term every student in Years 7-9 will carry a reading book with them in their bag, every day. Keeping a reading log is also good practice and I encourage avid readers to do so as it can be very rewarding to look back on the books one has read over the years, which can often reflect one's interests and the trends at the time. Having a reading book 'on the go', so to speak, is something that we want for all Kendrick students. Should any student be stuck about what they should read or even where to start, our Librarians and English Teachers will advise. Since September we have been featuring a **History Book of the month** in the Library which might be an excellent start to one's reading!

There is some great and very up to date news on the website this week: the super **Poetry Live** event that Year 11 went on is [HERE](#). How wonderful it must have been for the students to meet the poets that they are studying in their GCSE texts. The article written by Abi in Year 11 demonstrates enthusiasm they all felt and experienced. A group of Year 9 students were very privileged to be invited again to the **Women in Tech**, at the Marriot Grosvenor in London Hotel with Mr Hayes and Miss McDiarmid. They too seemed to have a wonderful time and were able to talk with women in the world of Technology and find out and question women about the kind of roles they did. They also were treated to a delicious Afternoon Tea! Year 8 and 9's Charity Week is also featured with an article showing the thankyou letter and certificate the students and Miss Swaine received acknowledging the fund raising efforts of the students for the Babies in Buscot Support Charity (BIBS). Click [HERE](#) for a link to the letter.

Finally, as I mentioned last week, on Monday 27th January we held a whole school assembly to mark **Holocaust Memorial Day**. Our Holocaust Ambassadors, the two Year 13 History students who visited Auschwitz on the **Lessons**

from **Auschwitz** programme, spoke knowledgeably and with passion about their visit to Auschwitz last year and emphasised the moral imperative on all of us not to let such atrocities happen again. The assembly and Charlotte and Krisi's detailed presentation can be found [HERE](#). The assembly ended with Charlotte reading the **Kendrick Pledge** which, as a document, is now 10 years old. The Pledge came out of that first visit Kendrick made to Auschwitz which I led with two History students, and was therefore the *first lesson* we brought back from our visit to Auschwitz; something I am very proud of.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Childline Calm Zone

The activities on the Childline Calm Zone aim to help children feel better when they're feeling anxious, scared or sad. Although children can be encouraged to visit the website themselves, there are good techniques for adults to use with children. Ideas include: breathing exercises, a 'let it go' box and creating a 'sense drawer'.

Go to the Childline website here: <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 27th January 2020 (A Week)

Year 7 Charity Days – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Tuesday 4th February	GCSE and A Level Art Trip Year 10 Work Experience Interviews
Friday 6th February	Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years 8,10 and 11) Governor Resources Committee, 4.30pm

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

Key Events in Term 3

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

[Holocaust Memorial Assembly – Standing Together](#)

[Year 8 and 9 Charity Week](#)

[Poetry Live](#)

[Afternoon Tea at the Marriott Grosvenor](#)

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

East Street Road Closure – Monday 10th to Friday 14th 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 10th to Friday 14th 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.**

Music@Kendrick

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 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 5th February**.

KPS NEWS

Please read our newsletter dated 27th Jan where we have discussed in detail about the Mindfulness session that will be held on 27th February in the School Dance Studio from 3.30 to 4.30. 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.

We need your contributions once again towards the School Spring Raffle. We are looking for prize donations 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. 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.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 12 Work Experience (June 2020) - £65
- Year 12 UCAS Exhibition on 25th February - £8
- Rome/Naples trip February 2020 – the full balance of £695 is now due (unless an alternative arrangement has been made with the Finance Department)
- A Level Biology Dale Fort field trip (June/July 2020) – please continue to pay instalments towards the trip

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

VACANCIES

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

[Second in the English Department \(for September 2020\)](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#)

Reading School has the following vacancies for September 2020:

[Head of Theology and Philosophy Advert](#)
[Head of Theology and Philosophy Job Description](#)
[Head of Theology and Philosophy Details of the Post](#)

[Geography Teacher Advert](#)
[Geography Teacher Details of the Post](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

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 the flyers below regarding two upcoming courses:



GirlsintoPhysics2020.pdf



Girls into Electronics.pdf

Physical Education Notice

We would like to remind you that students should not be going home in their PE kit after you have attended school clubs or PE lessons. Our school policy is that you arrive and leave the school site in full school uniform.

PE clubs are running and everyone is welcome to join at any point. If you want more information about these ask the **PE department**.

Year 7 Charity Week

Year 7 have their Charity days Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th February.

Monday there will be a Bake Sale in the Servery both breaks.

Tuesday there will be games stalls in the Hall.

Wednesday the Year 7 students will be in their own clothes.

They will be supporting **3 very worthy charities**:

7T RNL
7V Malala's Fund
7W Changing Lives

Radio 2 – 500 Words 2020

The UK's largest story writing completion for children between the ages for 5 and 13 is back for its tenth year. Please click on the link below for everything you need to know to get involved.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

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

Three words 'purple', 'orange' and 'silver' have something unique in common besides all being colours. What is that?

Answer to last week's challenge:

Colors: Y B R G
G R B Y
B Y G R
R G Y B

Signs: x + - /
- / x +
/ - + x
+ x / -

