

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 11th January 2019

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a restful holiday. So many people, students and staff, have commented to me that the holiday felt longer and that they were able to relax and enjoy the time with families and friends. We do try to make the Christmas break as long as we can by including three weekends which is why the holiday may have felt a little longer this year.

The word of the week for this first week back in 2019, is not surprisingly **'Resolutions'**. As explained in our Weekly Information Sheet this means:

Resolution (Noun)

Definition: *A firm decision; a formal expression of opinion or intention agreed on. | The quality of being determined or resolute.*

Usage: *She kept her resolution to go to sleep early.*

Etymology: *Late Middle English: from Latin resolutio(n-) and resolvere, from re- (expressing intensive force) + solvere 'loosen, release'.*

At our Weekly Briefing with staff this week, I have suggested that we have some whole school resolutions for this year. For inspiration I have gone back to one of the things said by our speaker, Jane Cox, at the A Level Presentation Evening in December. Amongst many pieces of advice she gave the students, she said that we should try to focus on the positives in life and be grateful for them. Think of all the things that work rather than the things that don't, accept the compliments you might receive and don't dwell on the negative comments you might hear, and finally, share the positive thoughts you have with people around you. I would also add, that we should always try to make our interactions with each other positive and pleasing, that we try to smile often and try to be kinder to one another. I will speak to students about these thoughts later in the month at our next whole school assembly.

We have a bright and exciting future ahead of us this year and we have already started making plans for the expansion of the school. The outreach work with primary schools, in particular, is underway and we have started visiting and having conversations with local schools. We have met with our architects and builders to discuss the plans for the new building. Once the details of the build are confirmed and our plans are ready to go the Planning Department at Reading, we will share them with our parents and students.

Year 11 have started their Mock GCSE examinations this week and next week Year 13 will begin theirs. From the few Year 11 students I spoke to yesterday and from the staff involved, the process seems to have got off to a very good start and the students are coping well. We wish the students all the very best for next week and I hope that the learning that will come out of these exams, the marking and reflections, will help guide them and give them confidence for the final examinations in the summer.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Online Safety

January is an excellent time to make a digital resolution! Click on the link below to give tips of how to create a family agreement to ensure positive behaviour and boundaries online.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The following quote is one of the '140 quotes for 140 years' collected by Year 9 students on the occasion of Kendrick School's 140th birthday.

"No-one can make you feel inferior without your consent" Eleanor Roosevelt

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Gold Award in British Physics Olympiad Competition](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 14th January 2019 (A Week)

Year 11 Mocks continue – Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th

Year 13 Mocks all week

Monday 14th January KPS Meeting, 6pm

Thursday 17th January Governors Performance & Review Committee, 4.30pm

Friday 18th January County Badminton Trip

Key Events in Term 3, 2018-19

Thursday 17 th January	Governor Performance and Review Committee, 4.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd January	Year 12 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm
Thursday 24 th January	Governors Learning & Teaching Committee, 4.30pm
Wednesday 30 th January	RYPEWP – Parent Workshops – Depression/Low Mood
Friday 1 st February	KPS Quiz Night
Monday 4 th February	Year 7 Charity Events (Monday to Wednesday)
Tuesday 5 th February	Kendrick Year 11 students – deadline for A Level options
Thursday 7 th February	Year 10 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm Governor Resources Committee, 4.30pm
Monday 11 th February	Fairtrade Week KPS Meeting, 6pm
Friday 15 th February	Last day of Term 3, 3.15pm

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

Choral Masterclass with Harmesh Gharu – Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Following the success of the first 'Performer Series' Masterclass with Chi-Chi Nwanoku OBE last year, Kendrick School Music Department is excited to host its second 'Performer Series' event, our Choral Masterclass on **Wednesday 23rd January**. Students from Kendrick School and soprano/alto singers from surrounding schools are invited to join in this free choral masterclass in which students will work on two contrasting choral pieces, as well as experiencing three masterclasses with senior vocal students. There will also be a short time for a Q&A with tea and nibbles, and will culminate in a short concert (no interval) at 7pm featuring Harmesh Gharu himself, as well as the vocal masterclass students and the choir as a whole.

Tickets will cost £5 for adults (students will not be charged) and can be brought in advance on ParentPay or bought on the door. Doors open at 6.45pm. To sign up, please send your child's name, form (or age if not from Kendrick School), part (soprano 1 or 2/alto 1 or 2), approximate standard and your contact details to ccooper@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

Mrs Cooper, Kendrick School Music Department

News and Events by Year Group

Year 12 Parents' Consultation Afternoon – Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Year 12 parents and carers are invited to the Year 12 Parents' Consultation afternoon on **Tuesday 22nd January from 3.45pm to 6.30pm** when you will have the opportunity to discuss your daughter's progress with her subject teachers. Your daughter will book appointments directly with her teachers.

Your daughter is expected to accompany you to the consultation afternoon. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be available without appointment to see parents and carers.

When you arrive please sign in and, for safety, please sign out before you leave. Also, please may we remind you that no parking is available on the school site unless you have a disability. If this is the case, then please contact Reception. We regret that we cannot be responsible for younger children, so please try and make alternative arrangements for younger siblings wherever possible.

KPS NEWS

Happy New Year from the KPS committee.

Please come along to our next meeting on **Monday January 14th at 6.30pm**. We will be discussing the future events and we would appreciate your ideas and inputs towards fundraising. All attendees may park on the school site.

One of our parents, **Mrs Karen Skipsey** is heading the **annual raffle** this year for Kendrick School. Let us all work together towards supporting our annual raffle to raise additional funds for the school. Please find her message below.

Kendrick Parents' Society - Spring Raffle 2019

Dear Parents and Students

The annual Kendrick Spring Raffle is now being planned and I'm pleased to be co-ordinating this major fundraising event for the school on behalf of the KPS. At this time the focus is on acquiring donations and prizes, so all support with this is welcome! If there are places you go to regularly, like your hairdressers, fitness club, restaurants, days out with the family or you work for a local company, perhaps you could approach them for a donation/ prize? If a formal letter is required with KPS charity details, please contact raffle.kps@gmail.com as I can follow up directly if you provide the company details.

Another way of supporting the school is by matched funding. Matched funds are contributions provided by your employer direct to school for volunteering work you do for a charity. Many local companies have matched funds schemes including Microsoft, Vodafone, Thames Water etc. If your employer runs such a scheme and you can volunteer for activities such as preparing envelopes, folding tickets etc. please contact raffle.kps@gmail.com. We can work around your schedule and make this volunteering experience very easy!

The more prizes we have, the more tickets we can sell and the more funds we can raise for the school, so any support by volunteering, providing donations or matched funding is very much appreciated by the KPS, school staff and students.

Karen Skipsey
Raffle Co-ordinator

VACANCIES

Please forward to friends or family who may be interested in the following role:

Mathematics Teacher for September 2019 – NQTs encouraged to apply

A teacher of Mathematics is required for September 2019. Please see our website for more details.

[Mathematics Teacher for September 2019](#)

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 8 Day trip to Boulogne £85
- Residential trips (Year 7 - Bushcraft, Year 9 - PGL Devon, Year 12 A Level Biology – Dale Fort): please continue to pay instalments