

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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### LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

I hope all students have had a good day at home completing school work that has been sent by teachers for them to do. Although school is accessible, warm and looking very pretty, I know it would have been a very difficult journey for many students and staff this morning, hence the decision to close the school. I apologise to those who set off before seeing the message but we do endeavour to make our decisions as early as possible.

I am often emailed or hear news from students who have left Kendrick telling me what they are up to. Last week I received an article written by a former student who is now in her second year at university. Please see the link below. In our email correspondence, Selin thanked me and the staff for the wonderful education and experiences she had at Kendrick and said she only really appreciated how good it was at Kendrick after she left!

<https://cambridgegirltalk.com/2019/01/17/lessons-and-advice-from-women-in-stem/>

We have received two donations from parents in the last few weeks. One is a donation of painting brushes and pencils which I know will be very useful to staff and students in the Art and Technology Departments. The other donation is from the University of Westminster, again via a parent; this is a donation of 40 microscopes and spectrophotometers. This is a significant and welcome addition of equipment to our Biology Department and will be very helpful to A Level students in their studies. The scopes needed to be serviced but this cost was small compared to the overall value of all the equipment we received. Both donations I am told may have been thrown away or disposed of in some way because they were old stock or no longer up to date. Whilst we are not a charity shop, if parents do have access to equipment or materials that they think we may be able to use in school, please get in touch! We shall be reorganising our stocks of microscopes and with the new ones we now have, we will donate some of our very old but usable microscopes to primary schools who may not have any. See link to article <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/2019/university-of-westminster-donates-final-set-of-old-microscopes-to-leading-girls-selective-school> Ms Storey, the parent who made the donation on behalf of the university, said: *"I am delighted that we could give these waste microscopes a new life and a new home where they can continue to inspire young minds, and our new generation of potential students."* We are delighted to accept this donation and can assure you that there are many inspiring minds at Kendrick who will benefit from this gift.

Yesterday we had a Year 7 assembly taken by Frau Alderson's form, 7B. I don't always comment to you about assemblies that students take as there are so many, but yesterday's assembly was particularly noteworthy because of the work, preparation and organisation done by 7B. On behalf of Year 7, 7B introduced their charity week which is coming up soon and spoke about the importance of charities. They included quotes, poems, role play and songs to get their message across. Click [here](#) for one of the super poems a member of 7B wrote and read to everyone in assembly.

With the thoughts of the poem in mind, I wish you a good weekend.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## SAFEGUARDING

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### Mental Health and Suicidal Thoughts

The NSPCC has advice on helping a child if they're struggling with their mental health.

Download here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/mental-health-suicidal-thoughts-children/>

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

**"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts" Winston Churchill**

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

[Year 8 Act of Kindness](#)

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (B Week)

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Charity Events (Monday to Wednesday)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Kendrick Year 11 students – deadline for A Level options
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm Governor Resources Committee, 4.30pm

### Key Events in Term 3 and 4, 2018-19

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Fairtrade Week KPS Meeting, 6pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term 3, finish at 3.15pm

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Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Term 4, start at 8.25am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 12 Higher Education Conference
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 GCSE Options Evening, 7pm <a href="#">RYPEWP Parent Workshop</a>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	House Drama Production Governor Learning and Teaching Committee – 4.30pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	KPS Spring Raffle Launch
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="#">RYPEWP Parent Workshop</a>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 4, finish at 3.15pm

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

## News and Events by Year Group

### Year 12 - UCAS Higher Education Exhibition – Tuesday 26th February 2019

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 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 12.15pm and travelling to the event by coach. The estimated time of arrival back at Kendrick is 16.15. Please make arrangements for their safe return home at this time.

The cost to students for coach travel will be £7.50. Please make your payment through your ParentPay online account as soon as possible and at the latest by Friday 8th 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 daughter 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 daughter attending.

This Educational visit is covered by the Annual Parent Consent Form. Please notify the School immediately (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.

## Years 12 & 13: Talk on 'Space Weather'

Dr Clare Watt from the Meteorology Department of the University of Reading will give a talk on 'Space Weather' on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, Period 1, 8.50 – 9.50am. Dr Watt will also talk about career opportunities. The talk is open to any interested students from Year 12 & 13, and will be held in P1. Please arrive promptly.

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## KPS NEWS

Message from Karen Skipsey, KPS Raffle Coordinator:

The Raffle Team has been working tirelessly in the search for prizes and donations for the forthcoming raffle and I am delighted to say that we have prizes to the value of over £1,500! We are still looking for anybody that can be involved in 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, 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](mailto:raffle.kps@gmail.com). We can work around your schedule and make this volunteering experience very easy!

The next few weeks will be spent preparing for the launch of the raffle which is scheduled for **4<sup>th</sup> March**. Further details will follow in the coming weeks and the KPS page on the school website will be updated to enable on-line donations. We shall also let you know about what the proceeds of the raffle will go towards very soon.

Hopefully we can count on you all for your support with Kendrick's biggest fundraising event of the school year!

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## 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](#)

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Years 9 & 10 MFL plays - £3 per play
- Year 9 'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' theatre trip on 14th February - £31

- Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Exhibition 26th February - £7.50

Refunds for the Year 8 Boulogne trip have been processed through ParentPay today.