

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 10th February 2023

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

It was great to bring this term to an end by seeing some wonderful student performances at our House Drama event last night. Always a highlight of the school calendar, House Drama demonstrates again the huge creativity and talent students have in writing, casting producing and directing a piece of drama on a given theme. This year's theme was **The Ripple Effect** which already conjures up all sorts of possibilities in one's mind. Palmer's play was called *Pass it on*, a theme about kindness and the ripple effect that acts of kindness can have. Cedars' play was called *The Village* altogether a more sinister view of life and human motivation and Sidmouth's play *Cinderella* was a retelling of a familiar story, but not quite with the expected ending. All the plays could have been winners but our Adjudicator, Dani Davies, Co-Artistic Director and Executive Director of RABBLE Theatre, decided very convincingly that the winning play was Palmer's. Well done to Palmer! Thank you to the staff involved in supporting students through this work, in particular Mrs Cooper and Miss Hyde.

A new article on the website this week for you to read is about the [competition that 6th Form students](#) in the Space Society have been involved in. Winning second place in the competition, the team will now begin to develop their ideas about designing a flight simulator that will be accessible to for people with disabilities. Elsewhere, the library is putting on some wonderful activities for World Book Day in March with the opportunity for KS3 students to dress up as a book character of their choice. The Poets' Society is getting ready for its next Anthology publication and the Kendrick Student Leadership Team is preparing for Comic Relief. A group of students have come together to organise a committee to collect food on a regular basis for the Whitley Food Cupboard. And today we launched the next round of elections for the new Kendrick Students Leadership Team, to Year 12.

Finally, I feel it is necessary to mention the situation in Turkey and Syria as a result of the earthquakes last weekend. The death toll is increasing daily and now stands at 20000, our community cares about the plight of people everywhere. The Disasters Emergency Committee <https://www.dec.org.uk/> has launched its fund to help the people of Turkey and Syria and I urge us all to give what we can to help the victims of this disaster. The theme that Palmer House chose for its interpretation of the theme in this year's House Drama, seems pertinent to this situation. In the introduction to the play, they quoted a phrase coined by an American writer which I would like to end this week's Weekly Update.

'Remember there is no such thing as a small act of kindness.

Every act of kindness creates a ripple effect with no logical end.'

Wishing everyone a restful and relaxing half term break.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Kendrick School has several social media platforms and sites. Please follow us to get the latest news and information about the school. The links are in the logos below.



SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859.

If you're worried about any child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 4pm and at weekends and holidays), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0800 800 5000** or **contact NSPCC online**. Children can contact **Childline** any time to get support themselves. **In an emergency please call 999 or for a non-emergency call 101.**

Under 25s	Over 25s	Parents
YOUNGMINDS Crisis Messenger Text YM to 85258 Open 24/7	mind Call 0300 123 3393 9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri	YOUNGMINDS Parents Helpline Call 0808 802 5544 9:30am - 4pm, Mon - Fri
THE MIX Call 0808 808 4994 3pm - 12am, every day	SAMARITANS Call 116 123 Open 24/7	
childline Call 0800 1111 7:30am - 3:30am, every day	For more advice and information visit: youngminds.org.uk/find-help	

We have created a library of resources for parents, carers and students including support avenues which you can find on our website via this [link](#). We will be adding to these on a regular basis.

[CAMHS Resources](#) - This site was created for young people, carers and professionals to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support your mental health and well-being.

For well-being support in school please visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

SAFEGUARDING – SAFER INTERNET DAY 2023

Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day and the theme this year was ‘**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**’.

For all the information sent to students and parents and carers on Tuesday please click on this [link](#). A presentation explaining Safer Internet Day to students can be found [here](#).

For more information on how to start a conversation with your child about life online from the UK Safer Internet Centre click [here](#).

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

This week was Children’s Mental Health Week and every day we have sent information to students about the theme ‘Let’s Connect’. You can access the information on our website [here](#).

For more information and resources for families from Place 2 Be on Let’s Connect, please click [here](#).

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 4, 2022-23

Monday 20th February	Start of Term 4, 8.25am Start of Year 13 mocks
Wednesday 22nd February	Year 12 in September 2023– consultations for external students
Monday 27th February	Fairtrade Week KPS Meeting, online, 6-7.30pm and launch of the KPS Spring Raffle
Tuesday 28th February	Year 11 History Trip
Wednesday 1st March	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 2nd March	Design Your Future careers event
Thursday 9th March	L&T Governors meeting, 4.30pm
Saturday 11th March	UK Space Design competition
Sunday 12th March	UK Space Design competition
Monday 13th March	Comic Relief Week
Tuesday 14th March	Year 10 Parents’ Consultations
Thursday 16th March	Resources Governors meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 17th March	Year 12 Geography Coasts trip
Tuesday 21st March	Profiling Day
Thursday 23rd March	Year 9 Parents’ Consultation KPS Spring Raffle draw
Friday 24th March	Air Ambulance concert, 6.30pm
Thursday 30th March	End of Term 4, 3.15pm

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 please click [here](#)

NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

HOUSE READING COMPETITION

We are coming to the end of the House Year, so start to compile your list of books & maybe squeeze in another while you are not in school! (Details of who to send them to will be send to you in Term 4)

HOLOCAUST POETRY COMPETITION

Deadline: Fri 24 Feb
Theme: Ordinary
People

WORLD BOOK DAY (WEEK)

Events for WBD will begin on 27 Feb

Years 7-9 will be having a **Book Character Day** (see & complete Google Form please)

There will be an **Extreme Reading Competition**, so if you are out and about during the holiday from school, try to find unusual places you could read a book and take a photograph! There will be prizes for the most unusual. We will be having a **Charity Book Sale** on Wed 01 March, so if you have any books that would be suitable for Kendrick Students, please set them aside for the sale.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check for any overdue library books while you have some time at home & return them to school at the beginning of Term 4.

CAREERS EVENT – THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023



Kendrick School

FREE in-person Careers Event

Thursday 2nd March 2023, 4pm to 6:30pm, Main Hall

Design Your Future

Bespoke careers event exclusively for Kendrick students in Years 9 to 12 and their parents and carers

An opportunity not to be missed!

Find out about post-16 options

Work Experience opportunities

Learn about specific sectors, job roles and career paths

Hear about careers from high-profile local employers

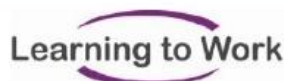
Quality Q&A with experts

Investigate career entry pathways (qualifications, relevant degrees, apprenticeships and placements)

Local Market Information (LMI)

Specific enquires: erock@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

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VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies at Kendrick School. Please click on the links for more information on the roles and how to apply and please share with friends and family.

Kendrick School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure & Barring Service. Kendrick School is an Equal Opportunity employer. Please read the information on our Safer Recruitment procedures [here](#).

[Head of Physics for September 2023](#). Full time. Closing date for applications 9am Monday 27th February 2023.

Part-time [Music Teacher](#) to cover a maternity leave – for end of February 2023 or September 2023 to December 2023. Applications will be dealt with on receipt.

[Chemistry Technician](#) for April 2023. 37 hours a week, term time only. Closing date for applications 9am Wednesday 8th February 2023.

[Exam Invigilators](#) – for the 2023 exam season

READING SCHOOL - TEACHER VACANCIES

[Teacher of Computer Science](#) - deadline 9am, Monday 20 February

[Teacher of Chemistry](#) - deadline 9am, Monday 27 February

Pay scale dependent on experience with potential for TLR / responsibility allowance if combined with a leadership role.

READING SCHOOL - ASSOCIATE STAFF VACANCIES

[Kitchen Porter](#) - deadline 12pm, Monday 20 February

[Site Controller](#) - deadline 12pm, Tuesday 21 February

[Attendance and Reporting Officer](#) - deadline 9am, Wednesday 1 March

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details. Please could you check your child's account and ensure that any overdrafts are paid. Thank you.

Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts

Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts

Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and technology contributions

Year 10 and 11 Art and Textiles contributions

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase

Year 8 Careers Event - Tuesday 31st January 2023

KPS department birthday gift - celebrating Kendrick's 145th year

Trips

Year 11 Rural Villages Geography Field Trip -23rd January 2023

Year 11 GCSE English poetry live event at the Reading Hexagon -25th January 2023

Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Support Shaping Places Diverse Places Unit- 13th January 2023

GCSE and A level Art visit to Tate galleries Thursday- 2nd February 2023
Year 11 History visit to The Corn Exchange Theatre Newbury -28th February 2023
Year 12 and Year 13 Classics and Latin students trip -6th March 2023
Geography Field Trip to Hengistbury Head and Hurst Castle Spit - 17th March 2023
YEAR 8 Bushcraft Residential - May 2023
Year 12 French and History trip- June 2023
Year 12 A level Biology Dale Fort residential trip -June 2023

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

SPRING RAFFLE

The Raffle prize list is getting longer, and the raffle team are grateful for the prizes that are being donated by parents, staff and businesses.

If you are able to provide a prize, please contact us at kpsraffle@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

As well as raising funds for chrome books and benches, we are also planning to fund items that the students have wished for.

UNIFORM SHOP

The pre-loved uniform shop will be open on **Monday 20th of February for the students**, during second break, in the servery. It will also be open **Saturday 25th of February, 9-11am** in the Conservatory for parents/carers.

DROP-IN MEETING

Year 10 Drop-in Meeting is on 7th March. Link is <https://meet.google.com/ngk-vkpp-ecw>