

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

So much activity has taken place in school this week. Fair Trade awareness fortnight has resulted in a number of events and assemblies taking place to highlight the importance of Fair Trade and how we can all make a significant contribution to it. At the same time [Year 7 charity week](#) took place with some fun events resulting in students raising around £450 which will be given to three cancer charities. The Head Girl Team has been doing some outreach work primarily to support the vital Reading charity Launchpad and held a Disco for the younger students on Wednesday night and a Talent show yesterday during the lunch break. I know that they have already raised in excess of £600 which we hope will help support the charity in its essential work with the homeless and rough sleepers of Reading, so many of whom we see daily on our way to school. Finally, assemblies have taken place this week led by four Year 11 and two 6<sup>th</sup> Form students who are our Well-Being Ambassadors on the theme of Mental Health which we are doing a lot of work on in school. Linked to this work, I would like to remind you of the next [Mental Health workshop](#) for parents which is on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 6.00pm in Sc2. This workshop will focus on the issue of Self Harm.

I believe we shared with you an initiative that Miss Long has been doing with the Avenue School, our students have been working with students doing some clay modelling. Sadly one of the students from The Avenue died a few weeks ago and the clay model of her name that she was making was finished by our students and given to the school to keep as a memory of her. The Headteacher of the Avenue School, Mr Cooke and his staff, were most moved by our students' gesture.

Looking ahead the activities continue after half term with the launch of our [KPS raffle](#) in the second week back. I know I will talk about this a lot over the next few weeks, but I do hope we will be able to rely on everyone's support to make this a great raffle. There are some super prizes and this year it is our aim to raise £15k to buy 32 Chrome books and to update the lighting systems in the Hall which will help make our concerts and production events even better and benefit everyone. I really do hope parents/carers continue to support us with the raffle.

At the same time as all the above activities that go on in school, many students do activities out of school like music and sport. Mrs Cooper, Head of Music, would like us to celebrate more publicly the students' successes so we will begin to feature students from across the school as they achieve their grades in their chosen musical instrument.

I hope parents are looking at the news on our website as we seem to have some great things featured every week which gives parents a glimpse of life at school. I hope, like me, you feel very proud of all that our staff and students do at school.

I would like to wish everyone a lovely and restful half term holiday and I hope everyone, staff and students, take a break from school work to enjoy some well-earned recreation time for themselves.

With best wishes

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

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### **Holiday Safeguarding Resources**

#### **Mental Health**

[Mental Health and Suicide Thoughts in Children](#) (NSPCC)

[Self Harm](#) (NSPCC)

#### **Online Safety**

[Online Safety](#) (NSPCC with O2)

[Talking to your child about staying safe online](#) (NSPCC)

[Share Aware](#) (NSPCC)

#### **Railway Safety**

[Network Rail – Secondary school resources](#)

#### **Keeping safe away from home (NSPCC)**

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#### **Home Alone**

[How to decide when it's safe for your child to be home alone on their own](#) (NSPCC)

#### **Protection from sexual abuse**

Whilst it's an uncomfortable thought, parents need to ask questions of any childcare provider, play scheme or holiday centre children's services, about how they prevent their workers harming a child. The NSPCC has a useful video about the prevention of sexual abuse in particular and what adults can do to ask organisations about how they keep children safe. You can watch the video here: [Preventing Child Sexual Abuse \(NSPCC\)](#)

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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.*

**"You never fail until you stop trying"**

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# WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

Year 7 Charity Week

[Space Weather Talk](#)

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (B Week)

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 on Self Harm</a>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	House Drama Production, 7pm, donations on the door

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

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
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Learning & Teaching Committee, 4.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="#">RYPEWP Parent Workshop on Eating Disorders</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](#)

### Mental Health Parent/Carer Workshops – Wednesday 27th February 2019

The next in the series of workshops is on **Self Harm** and will be held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm**. This workshop will also taking place at Reading Girls' School on the same day at 9.30am.

Please reserve a place for this session via the link below;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B7PTKC5>

For further information on this series of workshops please refer to the 'Mental Health – The Safe Space Project' page [here](#) on our website.

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## News and Events by Year Group

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### Year 9 – Information Evening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The Year 9 Parents' Information Evening is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7pm.

During the evening information will be given regarding GCSE options and also life and expectations in Years 10 and 11. There will also be a brief update on Year 9 so far and an outline of upcoming dates and events.

Year 9 students will be given a Year 10 options booklet and an explanation of the process on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, and it is therefore not necessary students to attend the information evening.

When you arrive please sign in and, for safety, please sign out before you leave. 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 before the event. We regret that we cannot be responsible for younger children, so please try and make alternative arrangements for younger siblings wherever possible.

### Year 13 – Home Study Arrangements 2019

All Year 13 students have been advised that Home Study begins in Term 4 from the week beginning **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. Home Study can only be taken on Monday morning Periods 1 and 2 and any Period 4 and 5 when students do not have a lesson or an independent study period (ISP).

All students must be present and **on time** for morning and afternoon registration as this is a key communication point and important information may be circulated at these times. Wednesday and Friday morning signing in will remain the same. The one exception to this is Monday morning registration; on this day students must ensure they are in school by First Break.

Students are asked to sign in and out at Main Reception when they leave or when they arrive late on a Monday. They do not have to leave the site if they prefer to work in school during their Home Study time.

They are not permitted to go home at any other time without permission from the Sixth Form Team or they will lose their Home Study, which is a privilege and may be withdrawn at any time.

We have asked that students complete a Google Form to agree to these arrangements. If you have any concerns or queries regarding the above please email [nedwards@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:nedwards@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

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## Music@Kendrick

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The students at Kendrick continue to do great things in Music. Here are some of our recent successes that we wish to celebrate:

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The following recently passed graded examinations. Congratulations!

### **Theory**

Emily Wu - 7B - Grade 5

Kimberly Wu - 7F - Grade 5

### **Practical**

Harshita Singh - 8T - Piano, Grade 1

Ananya Roy - 8W - Piano, Grade 1

Shayna D'Silva - 9N - Piano, Dip.ABRSM.

Imogen McAra - 11P - Voice, Grade 6

### **Imogen McAra - 11P**

Imogen recently gained a place on the Merton College (Oxford University) Choral Workshop Day. This was led by the Director of Music at Merton College, Benjamin Nicholas. It involved singing with members of The Choir of Merton College and workshops with the Singing Teachers, culminating with a performance in the evening. Well done!

### **Charlotte Perry - 13KM**

Charlotte won a competition organised by 'Brighter Berkshire' who were raising awareness and money for mental health by writing and performing a song called 'Fisherman'. This has since been professionally recorded, along with four other original songs and one cover song. This is fantastic news! Charlotte's CD is available to purchase for £5.00 with all money raised going towards a project working with the Wave Trust to make schools, work places and the general public 'Trauma-informed'. To buy a copy please contact [admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).

With students having recently taken further practical graded examinations, we look forward to finding out their results too.

As always, if your daughter, or someone you know at Kendrick has achieved something successful in Music that is worth celebrating, please email [ccooper@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:ccooper@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) and it will feature on our Praise Board at school, as well as in the Weekly Update.

Mrs Cooper

Kendrick School Music Department

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## **KPS NEWS**

We are excited to inform you that the 2019 Kendrick Spring Raffle is nearly ready to launch!

This year, proceeds from the Spring Raffle will be used to buy two trolleys each containing 16 Chromebooks, for use across the school, in all year groups, to enhance the learning experience. In addition to this, we will also contribute to the upgrade of sound, lighting and staging in the main hall, used for assemblies, house events, speech days, concerts and other events. This upgrade will benefit all students, in all years, on a daily basis.

Donations can also be made via BTMyDonate through the KPS section in the school website or directly at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/kpsaffle>. Indeed this website is already active, so if you wish to make a donation now, it is never too early to make a start!

We have given ourselves a target of **£15,000** this year for the Chromebooks and main hall facilities, so please do be generous in supporting the students, staff and school.

Although we now have plenty of fantastic prizes with a value of over £1,600, we are still looking for people able to help with **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](mailto:raffle.kps@gmail.com). We can work around your schedule and make this volunteering experience very easy! We are delighted to say that through one of Kendrick Parent's initiatives, Thames Water has agreed to provide matched funding once again this year and it would just be fantastic to have one or two other companies involved too... it is possible if you talk to your employer today!

**The launch date of the Spring Raffle is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, when students will be returning home with raffle tickets. A big thank you in anticipation of your help and support for this event.

With best wishes for a lovely holiday break!

Karen Skipsey and the Raffle Team

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## VACANCIES

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

[Head of Biology](#)

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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- Royal Albert Hall performance 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - £17 contribution to coach travel
- Year 12 UCAS Exhibition on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - £7.50

Please take the opportunity to log on to your ParentPay account over the half term break and check that you are up-to date with any trip and residential payments and to top up Dinner Money and printing accounts.