

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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I expect many of you know that the celebrations for the [Chinese New Year](#) started this week. A few students in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form chose to celebrate by bringing in beautifully designed lanterns and posters, as well as fortune cookies. A parent also brought in some delicious food for the staff. It is the year of the Pig, the 12<sup>th</sup> of the zodiac animals who is said to be a symbol of wealth and prosperity.

Last week some of our students in Year 8 attended an awards ceremony celebrating [Women in Technology](#) and had a special tea at the Grosvenor Hotel. Escorted by Mr Hayes and Miss McDiarmid, they had a wonderful time. One student sent me an email after the event telling me all about it and what she had learnt:

*On Wednesday I went to have afternoon tea at The Grosvenor, along with five other people from my form who are all in the AWS competition. We were asked to write an email to you, talking about something either from or about the day. At first I thought that I might write about the food, which was very nice, but I thought to do it about the three main points I took away from the ladies I talked to. These were:*

- 1. How quickly the technology industry is moving, and how there is always a gap for something new.*
- 2. The diversity in the jobs, for example we talked to a lady who works with the Bank of England to catch spies, to another lady who works for Debenhams on the financial side.*
- 3. The fact that you don't have to be amazing at coding, but if you have the determination then you will go far and do what you want.*

*I found this trip very inspiring, not just because we met with many different businesses, but also because we met with women who were nominated for awards such as Women of the Year. The fact that they all came from such different backgrounds, and all managed to get so far in tech, is also very inspiring because it shows that you can do anything with the drive, no matter who you are.*

*Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to go on this amazing trip.*

I dropped into a Textiles lesson yesterday to see the completed cushions that students in Year 7 had made based on the theme of nature. Through the making of a cushion, each student learnt how to use the school sewing machines and they also developed their design skills, learning how to create pattern repeats using simple shapes taken from nature. They then created stencils using card, craft knives and oil based pastels. Some students finished their cushion using a variety of hand embroidery stitches. The cushions looked wonderful and there are some photos [here](#). The students I spoke to were very proud of what they had produced.

After school yesterday, the Book Club had a [Harry Potter party](#) in the Conservatory. The Conservatory was decorated to look like the Great Hall of Hogwarts! Thank you to Mrs Cavaciuti and Mrs Jones for making this such a fun occasion for the students.

We are fortunate to be able to offer **grants** to our students every year. There are two separate grants that students are able to apply for:

1. **Kendrick Trust Grants** – these are open to **all students** in the school and may be up to the value of £500 per student. The application round for 2019 is open now until 30<sup>th</sup> April.
2. **Valerie Hume Bursary** – this grant is open to **Year 11 and Year 13 students** only and may be up to the value of £250 per student. The application round for 2019 will open in March until the end of May. I shall be speaking to Year 11 and 13 students about this grant in an assembly in March.

The information on both these grants can be found [here](#).

I look forward to receiving applications from students who may have a special area of interest they wish to develop and may be supported by one of these grants.

Wishing everyone a good weekend and a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year!

*Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher*

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## SAFEGUARDING

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### BBC Report – Screen time: Children advised not to use electronic devices at dinner

Please see the report via the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-47150658>

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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.*

**“To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world”**

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

[Bloomsbury Annual Harry Potter Book Night](#)

[Women in Tech Afternoon Tea](#)

[Kendrick School Celebrates Chinese New Year](#)

[Year 7 Cushion Project](#)

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## Additional INSET Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

School closed for Years 7, 8, 9

Year 10: School Examinations

Year 11: GCSE Public Examinations

Year 12: Study Leave

Year 13: Public Examinations

## Communicating Bad Weather Plans

Following the closure of the school last Friday due to heavy snow, we have revised the plans for communicating school closure. **Please always check the website first as this will be updated by 7am.** A ParentMail will also be sent by 7am, however, as proved on Friday, this can take some time to reach parents/carers. BBC Radio Berkshire will also be informed. **If there is no communication by 7am then the school will be open as normal.**

## External Workshops

We have been made aware of the workshops below. Please note that these are not Kendrick School organised activities and you must make your own arrangements for travel and attendance.

[Science Roadshow - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019](#) (students 11+)

[The 'Beyond Science' Programme – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019](#) (students aged 12-15)

[The 'Beyond Maths' Programme – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019](#) (students aged 12-15)

[Cambridge Science Festival 2019](#)

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# SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (A Week)

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Fairtrade Week KPS Meeting, 6pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	GCSE and A Level Art Trip
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco for Years 7-9. 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Theatre Trip Talent Show raising money for Launchpad, second break
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10 and 11 History Trip Last day of Term 3, finish at 3.15pm

## Key Events in Term 4, 2018-19

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

### Valentine's Day Disco – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm to 8.30pm

The HGT are running both a Valentine's Day disco for Year 7-9 on the 13th of February from 6 to 8:30. Please see the attached poster for more information.

### 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 **today, 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.

## 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 25th 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 as soon as possible.

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## KPS NEWS

[KPS Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019](#)

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## VACANCIES

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

The following are vacancies at Reading School

### **Chemistry Technician (Reading School)**

[Chemistry Technician Advert](#)

[Chemistry Technician Job Description](#)

[Chemistry Technician Details of the Post](#)

### **Cover Supervisor – Part Time (Reading School)**

[Cover Supervisor Advert](#)

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## **PARENTPAY REMINDERS**

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- GCSE History visit to 'Hitler on Trial' 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 £23
- Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Exhibition – 26<sup>th</sup> February £7.50 (only 50% payments received so far)