

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Such a busy and active week! **The International Women's Day** conference that I attended last week with five students was fantastic. The speakers were inspiring and the workshops engaged the students on issues related to leadership. The students enjoyed the luxury of being in the offices of Ernst & Young in Canary Wharf where they were able to network with other students, as well as the speakers themselves. They have plans to invite some of these people to Kendrick so that more students can share in the ideas and work these women do. A report and photos can be found [here](#). On Friday evening the annual [Air Ambulance Concert](#) organised and performed by Kendrick and Reading School took place and I am told that it was an amazing event showcasing musical talent and student leadership in both schools. I hope we will be able to hear a couple of the items played at our Spring Concert at the end of term. The following day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March students in Year 9 attended the Mock Trial at the Crown Courts. They displayed talent and ability in both their Defence and Prosecution cases and enjoyed the real experience of being in the courtrooms and working with the JPs.

This week has been no less busy. On Monday, a number of our students took part in the **Maestros** organised concert at the **Royal Albert Hall**. Led by Mrs Cooper and accompanied by a few Kendrick staff, a large group of students from across the school left early in the morning and after a day of rehearsals performed in the evening concert as part of a mass choir with many other students from schools across Berkshire. I have spoken to some students who took part in the concert who said the experience was thrilling and was well worth the long and tiring day they had, returning to Reading after midnight. See photos and report [here](#).

On Wednesday a most special event took place when we welcomed a **Holocaust Survivor** and speaker, **Ruth Barnett**. Ruth was born in 1935 in Berlin when the Nazis were in power. Having a Jewish father meant that her family were not welcome in Germany under the discriminatory racial laws of the Nazis. In February 1939 she and her brother Martin came to England in the Kindertransport where she stayed for 10 years with three different foster families. She was reunited with her parents in 1949 by which time she hardly knew them and could not communicate or relate to them as her parents. As well as telling us her story and the work she now does for the Holocaust Educational Trust, Ruth gave us some important messages which you can read about in the [report](#) compiled by our Holocaust Ambassadors, Zakiyyah and Rosie. Ruth has written a number of books both about herself and issues of justice and responsibility. Her talk was engaging and I am pleased that over 150 students, staff, parents and visitors were able to hear her.

Throughout the week there have been a number of **Comic Relief** events led by the Head Girl Team and Sixth Formers and a report about these will follow in due course. No doubt as a school we will raise a lot of money for this very worthy cause.

Once again, from all I have mentioned above, it is clear that the life of a student at Kendrick is rich, varied, meaningful and exciting. I would like to thank all the staff and students who contribute to our wonderfully vibrant and active community life.

Best wishes for the weekend.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## SAFEGUARDING

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### Swiggle.org.uk

Swiggle is a child-friendly search engine from the Online Safety experts at SWGfL. Designed to make searching the internet for images or content safer. Swiggle can help parents and students on the road to better online searching. Swiggle can be used on computers in school, and at home.

Find out more here: <https://swiggle.org.uk/>

### Kiddle

Kiddle is another 'child-friendly' search engine from America.

<https://www.kiddle.co>

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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.*

**"I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship" Louisa May Alcott**

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

[Year 10 Maths Feast Competition](#)

[World Book Day – Events in the Library](#)

[Fashion and Textiles Pattern Drafting](#)

[Cheerleading Success](#)

[A Concert to Save Lives](#)

[Balance for Better – International Women's Day](#)

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[The Great Gatsby Lecture – Year 13 students dazzled by ‘the green light’](#)  
[My Visit to the BBC in 1946](#)  
[Royal Albert Hall Performance 2019](#)  
[Holocaust Survivor, Ruth Barnett](#)

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (A Week)

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	GCSE Options deadline
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 12 Geography Trip
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Maths Kangaroo Governor Resource Committee, 4.30pm

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

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="#">RYPEWP Parent Workshop on Eating Disorders</a>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Concert
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 4, finish at 3.15pm

### Key Events in Term 5, 2018-19

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of Term 5, 8.25am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<a href="#">RYPEWP Parent Workshop on Exam Anxiety</a>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Open Event, 5pm to 8pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday, school closed to students and staff
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Lower School Music Concert, 5pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 11 Celebration Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 13 Celebration Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Public Exams start
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last Day of Term 5 for Students
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day for Staff

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

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## MUSIC@KENDRICK

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### Henley Youth Festival

Students from Years 7-13 performed at Henley Youth Festival on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Lovibonds. They performed a wide variety of pieces and had a fantastic time. The event itself had professional sound provided by Henley Theatre Services and was filmed and reported on by the Henley Standard newspaper. We look forward to receiving their review soon. In the meantime, if you have any photos or videos from the event, please send them to [ccooper@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:ccooper@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)

### Music for Youth

Music for Youth is both a regional and national competition for students under the age of 21 who perform in an ensemble of two or more people. This year we entered an ensemble, Kendrick School Brass Ensemble, for the first time through an online entry. If you would like to listen to and watch this performance then visit this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCk9PtZXaF4>. As part of the competition, all competitors will receive feedback from Music for Youth's Mentors and professional musicians. We look forward to hearing whether this group has been selected to play at the national festival in July in the coming weeks.

### Woodley Festival

Woodley Festival is a local music competition that runs every year. A number of students from the school often take part and this year sees Kendrick School's first ever instrumental ensemble entry. This Sunday, Kendrick School Brass Ensemble will be performing 'Rule the World' by Take That. If you would like to support these students in their performance, it will be taking place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 4.45pm at Bulmershe School. Tickets cost £3 for adults (cash only) and is free to anyone under 18.

### Upcoming event: Spring Concerto Concert – Thursday 4th April, 6.30pm

Our **Spring Concert** will feature concerto performances from four of our Year 13 students, accompanied by our Symphony Orchestra and chamber ensembles. There will also be a range of songs in different styles from Vox Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir, and our instrumental ensembles will be playing music by Mozart, Stevie Wonder, and more. This year, we will also have two items from the Air Ambulance concert and there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the Air Ambulance charity at the end of the concert.

Refreshments are available before the concert and in the interval. We will also be drawing the raffle in the interval. Tickets are on sale now and are only £5. Please buy them early to avoid disappointment.

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## KPS NEWS

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### 2019 KPS Spring Raffle

The KPS Spring Raffle was launched at the start of last week. Sales and donations were counted at the end of last week and approximately 6% of the total had been raised with form 7F being in the lead. A further count is underway

as this weekly update is being published, so do look out for the KPS Raffle update Parentmail at the start of next week to see how much closer we are to our target and who the top 5 forms are!

Proceeds from all raffles and donations go towards equipment and facilities which benefit all the students at Kendrick School. The decision on what proceeds of the raffle/ donations go towards are always discussed and agreed between KPS and the school and these are items which may not otherwise be possible with the continuing reduction in budgets and increased costs. Proceeds from this year's raffle and other donations are going towards the purchase of two trolleys each containing 16 Chromebooks and to provide a contribution to the upgrade of sound, lighting and staging in the main hall. At present there are a limited number of Chromebooks in the school and often the students must share these. These additional 32 Chromebooks will enable greater use of this resource across more lessons and across all year groups. The contribution towards the upgrade to the main hall was requested as these facilities are old and inefficient. The main hall is in constant use for assemblies, house events, presentation evenings, concerts, external speakers and other events, so this upgrade will benefit all students, staff and the community on a daily basis.

Remember there is a fantastic selection of prizes, suitable for both adults and children, with a value of over £1,500. Also, if you wish to give a donation, cheques or cash can be returned in the envelopes provided or can be done via BTMyDonate through the KPS section in the school website or directly at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/kpsraffle>.

The **Raffle draw will be on Thursday 4th April** during the Spring Concert. If you are able to attend this wonderful annual school event, you may be lucky enough to leave with a raffle prize!

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

If you require any further details on the raffle or wish to offer your support, please do contact [raffle@kps.gmail.com](mailto:raffle@kps.gmail.com)

The KPS Raffle Team  
[raffle.kps@gmail.com](mailto:raffle.kps@gmail.com)

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## VACANCIES

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

[School Administrator](#) (9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday, Term Time only)

### Reading School Vacancies

Reading School currently have the following vacancy for September 2019:

[Computer Science Teacher Advert](#)

[Computer Science Teacher Details of the Post](#)

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please do pass on the details. We welcome visits to the school for potential applicants.

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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- Royal Albert Hall performance that took place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – there are still a few payments outstanding - £17 (to cover transport)
- Year 12 Philosophy Conference – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 - £42 to pay
- Year 12 Geography day field trip on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – £28 to pay (to cover the cost of coach travel)
- Year 13 trip to 'An Ideal Husband' on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - £17.75 to pay
- Year 9 PGL, Year 7 Bushcraft and Year 12 Biology residentials – please remember to pay any instalments due.