

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 8th March 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

As I mentioned last week, it is International Women's Day (IWD) today and many events are taking place around the world, the country and in our local community to mark this occasion. The theme *#BalanceForBetter* can be interpreted in many ways but essentially it is about gender equality. Last weekend, the Head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), [Christine Lagarde, gave an interview to mark IWD](#) and spoke about the need to tackle sexism in the workplace. She said that some countries could increase their economies by 35% if they utilized the skills of women much more and got rid of discriminatory legislation which prevented women accessing certain jobs. She also suggested that there should be more women on boards of banks which would make them more balanced and likely to make better decisions. The IMF has done some research in this area recently and found that the benefits of gender equality in the work place are greater than previously thought. I know that our students, when they find themselves in the workplace in years to come, will certainly have huge skills and abilities that will benefit the economy.

To mark IWD at Kendrick, [a wonderful display of female 'icons'](#) has gone up outside the Hall in the Vestibule. The women featured in the display are those that were shortlisted for the BBC TV series *Icons of the Twentieth Century* in various categories. In addition, a group of Year 12 students is going to a conference in London with me and Dr Marina Della Giusta, Associate Professor in the Economics Department at the University of Reading. The conference has been arranged by the [Association of State Girls' Schools \(ASGS\)](#). The presentation that Dr Della Giusta will give at the conference will also be presented to some of our sixth form students in a couple of weeks' time. I hope lots of students and parents feel inspired to look up more information about IWD and issues of gender equality.

A great academic highlight of the year took place this week. Students in Year 13 studying the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presented their projects to groups of students, staff and their supervisor. As always the range of topics researched was wide ranging and diverse from themes related to science and research to literature and art. I was able to attend one of the presentations and was impressed by the student's motivation for choosing to do the EPQ, as well as the depth of research and scope of her project. The EPQ is an excellent qualification and can enable students to work in the style of an undergraduate thus preparing them for their university studies. Well done to all our EPQ students!

It was a pleasure to meet Year 7 parents at the Parents' Consultation meeting last night. Most pleasing were the very positive and encouraging comments parents made to me about the evening. Firstly they were impressed by the general organisation of the event, secondly the fact that students could be present to hear the comments their teachers had to make and finally that teachers demonstrated such a good insight and understanding of their daughter. It means a lot to us when we receive positive comments from parents recognising and appreciating the huge efforts and work of the staff. Thank you!

Finally, a team of Year 9 students will be taking part in the first round of the Mock Trial competition tomorrow morning. Miss Heath, who has been working with the students, preparing and rehearsing with them, feels quite excited about the event which will take place at the Crown Court in Reading. We wish them well.

Please remember that your daughter has brought home KPS raffle tickets this week which we hope you will be able to sell. As you know the proceeds will be spent on equipment that will benefit our students.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Sexual Abuse

[Link to advice from NSPCC on spotting the signs of child sexual abuse and what you can do about it.](#)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

"By being yourself you put something wonderful into the world that was not there before"

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[House Drama 2019](#)

[Generous Donation of Microscopes](#)

[Chemistry Olympiad Success](#)

Library Closure & [Visit of Ruth Barnett, Holocaust Survivor](#)

Please note the Library will be closed from 3:30pm on Wednesday 13th March for Ruth Barnett's visit. Students are invited to attend Ruth Barnett's talk in the School Hall from 3:45 pm instead.

Comic Relief Week - Monday 11th March - Friday 15th March

Next week is Sixth Form Charity week and the HGT want as many students to get involved as possible. To be able to attend all events students can buy a wristband for £4, giving them round access to the events (excluding KFEST.) The

HGT will continue to sell wristbands during Comic Relief week and will come round to registration on Monday for those students needing to collect wristbands.

Monday	Cake Sale	1 st & 2 nd break	Hall
Tuesday	Teachers dodgeball	2 nd break	Sports Hall
	Kendrick v/s Reading Boys Netball	After school	Courts
Wednesday	HGT v/s HGT event	2 nd break	Hall
Thursday	World Records + Inflatable competition	2 nd break	Sports Hall
Friday	Dress Up Day in 'C' or 'R' + Final Showcase	2 nd break	Hall
	KFest for Years 10 – 13 (tickets £5)	7pm-10pm	Hall

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 11th March 2019 (B Week)

Sixth Form Charity Week

Monday 11 th March	Music Trip to the Royal Albert Hall
Tuesday 12 th March	Year 9 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm to 6.15pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Holocaust Survivor – Ruth Barnett, 3.45pm-5.30pm
Thursday 14 th March	Years 12/13 Profiling Day Governor Learning & Teaching Committee, 4.30pm

Key Events in Term 4, 2018-19

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

Key Events in Term 5, 2018-19

Tuesday 23 rd April	Start of Term 5, 8.25am
Wednesday 24 th April	RYPEWP Parent Workshop on Exam Anxiety

Thursday 25 th April	Open Event, 5pm to 8pm
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday, school closed to students and staff
Wednesday 8 th May	Lower School Music Concert, 5pm
Thursday 9 th May	Year 11 Celebration Day
Friday 10 th May	Year 13 Celebration Day
Monday 13 th May	Public Exams start
Thursday 23 rd May	Last Day of Term 5 for Students
Friday 24 th May	INSET Day for Staff

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

News and Events by Year Group

Year 9 Parents Consultation Afternoon

As per the dates given earlier in the year, Year 9 Parents' Consultation Afternoon is taking place on **Tuesday 12th March 2019**. Students have been given an appointment sheet with instructions on how to liaise and make appointments directly with their subject teachers. Please discuss with your daughter what times would be appropriate. This is a great opportunity to see how your daughter is progressing and discuss option choices with subject staff.

Your daughter is expected to accompany you to the consultation afternoon in her uniform, unless she is attending a PE club after school in which case she can come in her kit. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be available without appointment to see parents and carers. Please be aware that many teachers teach multiple classes and will need to prioritise speaking to students where there is an area for development or concern. Appointments are 4 minutes each, so these conversations will be succinct.

You can make an appointment with your daughter's tutor if you have a specific pastoral concern, or, if you would like to speak to Miss Swaine as Head of Year then please do make an appointment as she is more than happy to see you but please bear in mind that she also have students from her PE classes to see too.

Miss Swaine has also blocked out the following times, so if you would like to see her without appointment at the following 'drop ins' then please do:

- 4.00-4.15pm
- 5.30-5.45pm

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.

KPS NEWS

2019 KPS Spring Raffle

On behalf of the KPS, staff and students, I am delighted to say that the 2019 KPS Spring Raffle was officially launched this week! Could we take this opportunity to thank those of you who bought “pre-launch” raffle tickets during the fantastic House Drama performances last week! Thank you also to those of you who have already returned tickets and/ or made donations. And if you haven’t yet seen any raffle tickets, please do check your daughter’s school bag! If you require any extra tickets, your daughter can request these from the General Office. **Please could all tickets stubs be returned by Tuesday 26th March.**

Just a reminder that this year we aim to **raise at least £15,000** from the Spring Raffle. Proceeds from the raffle and other donations will be used to buy two trolleys each containing 16 Chromebooks, for use across the school, in a variety of lessons and all year groups. In addition, we will also contribute to the upgrade of sound, lighting and staging in the main hall, which is used for assemblies, house events, presentation evenings, concerts and other events.

There is a fantastic selection of prizes, suitable for both adults and children, with a value of over £1,500. Prizes include meals out, days out, activities, pampering, jewellery and much, much more. The full prize list was sent out with the Raffle Launch Parentmail and on the [website](#), so do take a look!

If you wish to give a donation, cheques or cash can be returned in the envelopes provided or this can be done via BTMyDonate through the KPS section in the school website or directly at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/kpsraffle>. Remember to include your daughter’s Tutor Group with all donations.

This year, the Tutor Group with the highest amount of money raised, to include raffle tickets and donations, will have an Own Clothes Day and a free pizza lunch provided by the canteen and served by the KPS!

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!

The KPS Raffle Team
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VACANCIES

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

[Biology Teacher x 2 roles \(Full Time and 0.6\)](#)

[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.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Royal Albert Hall performance 11th March – coach costs - £17
- Years 9 & 10 MFL plays – £3 per play

Year 9 PGL, Year 7 Bushcraft and Year 12 Biology residentials – please remember to pay any instalments due.