

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 22nd March 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I am beginning my message to you this week with a plea about the **Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS) raffle**, our annual fund raising event. We have extended the deadline for the return of stubs/tickets until Monday 1st April so that families are able to sell or return the tickets. We have been speaking to students in their forms, in assembly and via our Head Girl Teams to try to encourage the students to encourage you to sell, donate or return tickets. The KPS committee continue relentlessly in their work to raise money for the school and try to be positive about what they do to help the school and the students. So I ask you again, **please can you support KPS** to support the school and the learning of your children. At the last count this morning, we have reached 36.9%, (£5530.10) of our target of £15k, with some families selling more tickets than they have been allocated, but clearly some people have not sold any tickets at all. We have just over a week to go, please may I ask you to do what you can to support KPS who on your behalf want to support our school. Without your contributions, super new equipment that will enhance the learning of the students will not be bought. I look forward to your responses. Thank you to the kind donations received so far.

Student activity has continued in school with some very interesting events this week. Led by a group of Sixth Formers, there has been a series of **Ted Talks** with students across the school speaking on a range of subjects from Poverty, Brain implants, Flexitarianism, Climate Change, Identity, Disability Prejudice and many other very interesting topics. I have also attended some excellent assemblies and this week **10H** did an assembly on **Colonialism** which involved them researching the history of colonialism and the impacts, both negative and positive, on our society today.

Outside of school one of our most talented Musicians, [Maya Fear, won the Berkshire Young Musician Award](#), a prestigious award which confirms her as a most promising and gifted musician. We are very proud of Maya. There have been other Music successes at the Henley Music Festival recently and articles and photos will appear on the website in due course.

Please read further into this week's update as there is always a lot of useful information to know. This week there is an important item on **safety** to and from school that all students and parents need to be aware of.

I will finish where I started this week and remind you of the KPS raffle and ask you again to support the school by selling tickets or donating monies to enable us to buy the chrome books and lighting system which will benefit your daughter and our school environment and community.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Safety to and from school

Yesterday afternoon a Sixth Form student was walking home from school at 4.20pm. At the corner of East Street and South Street the driver of a navy blue Citroen car with blacked out windows drove past her and then slowed down, wound down his window and spoke to the student. As she was wearing headphones at the time she did not hear what was said, but pointed out her father, who was close by.

As we do not know what was said, we are not certain that there was a sinister motive to this exchange. However, we would like to use this as a reminder that we encourage all students to travel to and from school with their friends wherever possible.

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.

"Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine" Roy T Bennett

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Berkshire Young Musician of the Year – String Success](#)
[Woodley Festival Success](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 25th March 2019 (B Week)

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

Key Events in Term 4, 2018-19

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](#)

Mental Health Parent/Carer Workshops, Wednesday 27th March 2019

The next in this series of workshops is on Eating Disorders and will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 6.00pm. This workshop will also be 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/5PL6GV5>

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

Year 8 Parents' Consultation Afternoon – Thursday 28th March 2019

As per the dates given earlier in the year, Year 8 Parents' Consultation Afternoon is taking place on Thursday 28th 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.

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 has 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.

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Associated Board Music Examinations

Kendrick School will be running practical Associated Board music examinations during the **w/c 13th May**. If you would like to enter your daughter then please ask her to collect a letter from the Music Department and return it completed to Mrs Cooper by no later than **Friday 29th March**. Entries from external candidates will be accepted but we will not take any late entries.

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.

KPS NEWS

2019 KPS Spring Raffle

The KPS Spring Raffle was launched at the start of the month. **Sales and donations currently stand at nearly 37% of the target of £15,000**. A KPS Raffle Update Parentmail will be sent out early next week, which will provide more details and graphs of the top 5 forms, so do look out for this!

We have seen some very generous donations and tickets sales from some families, so thank you very much for your fantastic support, however we are still some way from reaching the £15,000 required to buy all the much needed equipment and facilities requested by the school. Please remember, these will benefit **all** students in **all** years, so it would be great to see **all** families getting involved. **In order to optimise sales and donations, the raffle has been extended until Monday 1st April, so there is still time if you haven't yet bought tickets or donated.**

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 this can be done via BTMyDonate through the KPS section in the school website or directly at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/kpsraffle>.

This year, we are holding two folding events to get all the stubs folded and into the raffle drum, and would be delighted if you could come and help.

- Tuesday 26th March: at school in SC2 from 6.30pm (refreshments will be provided). Parking is permitted at the school for this meeting.
- Wednesday 3rd April: Coffee and folding at the Reading Tesco cafe (King's Meadow / Napier Road) at 10am on Wednesday 3rd April.

As mentioned previously, 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 to make Kendrick's biggest fundraising event of the school year a great success!

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

The KPS Raffle Team
raffle.kps@gmail.com

VACANCIES

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). Deadline for applications is Sunday 24th March 2019.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 13 English – 'An Ideal Husband' (at Newbury Vue) on 27th March (£17.75) – there are a few payments outstanding
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