

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 17th March 2023

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

As always, I would like to share the wonderfully interesting and diverse activities that have been going on this week at Kendrick. Please look at the links below which highlight what our students have been doing supported and encouraged by the teachers and staff around them. Thank you to everyone who is part of making these things happen at Kendrick.

- [House Drama- article and photos](#)
- [World Book Day- article and photos](#)
- [House Photography- article and photos](#)
- [UK Space Design Competition](#)
- [Library displays](#)
- [Year 10 Maths Feast](#)

Today, to support Comic Relief, many students in school are dressed in interesting outfits represented by the letters C and R and there have been other fun activities this week organised by 6th Formers who always lead this charity event.

There is some important information below which we have been asked to circulate to our community about Olly Stephens, who was murdered in January 2021, as a result of knife crime. I strongly recommend that you read this information and watch the video.

Finally, the **KPS Raffle** has seen a slow but steady increase in ticket sales this week and as of today we have raised £4395, from 260 individuals/families. Our target is £8k so we still have some way to go to be able to buy the things that we wish to get for our school. The amount raised so far will buy the chrome books, but the other items, outdoor furniture/benches and the students' wish list items need the extra £3k of funds. If you have not bought any tickets and or made a donation so far, please may I ask you to do so this weekend. The link is [here](#). The deadline is next Saturday 25th March.

Wishing everyone a good weekend and mothers everywhere a lovely Mothering Sunday.

Please read the rest of the Weekly Update which contains important information about supporting young people.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Kendrick School has several social media platforms and sites. Please follow us to get the latest news and information about the school. The links are in the logos below.



SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859 and ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Officer.

If you're worried about any child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 4pm and at weekends and holidays), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0800 800 5000** or **contact NSPCC online**. Children can contact **Childline** any time to get support themselves. **In an emergency please call 999 or for a non-emergency call 101.**

We have created a library of resources for parents, carers and students including support avenues which you can find on our website via this [link](#). We will be adding to these on a regular basis.

[CAMHS Resources](#) - This site was created for young people, carers and professionals to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support your mental health and well-being.

For well-being support in school please visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

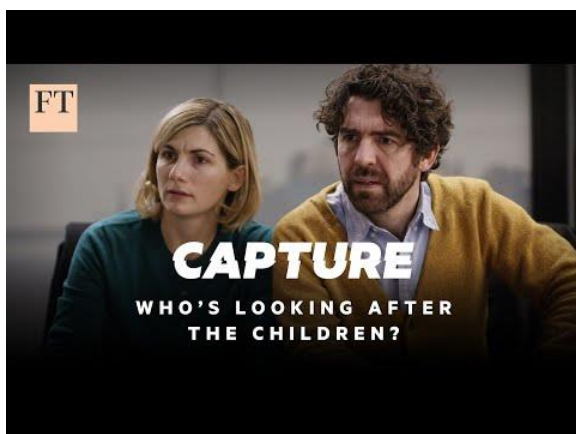
SAFEGUARDING – KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS AND SAFETY ONLINE

THE MURDER OF OLLY STEPHENS



The information below is being shared with you on behalf of Amanda and Stuart Stephens, the parents of Olly Stephens who tragically lost his life to knife crime.

Online safety and protecting children from online harm is extremely important. Amanda and Stuart would like as many parents and carers as possible to see the FT film via the link below in the hope that it will spread awareness and start conversations. They also hope that parents and carers will join the free, Ben Kinsella Trust workshops, to take advantage of this opportunity, to learn more about knife crime and how they can help protect their children.



Capture, who's looking after the children? | FT Film Standpoint

An FT drama starring Jodie Whittaker (Dr Who), Paul Ready (Motherland), Shaniqua Okwok (It's a Sin), looks at online harm, regulation and responsibility. The search for their missing son leads a mother and father to a tech company, and a digital gatekeeper who seems to have all the answers.



Join Our Free Knife Crime Workshop for
Parents and Carers | The Ben Kinsella
Trust
benkinsella.org.uk

<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – EAT, SLEEP, BREATHE

Our wellbeing theme this term is "Eat, Sleep, Breathe" and we will be sending students, parents and carers, and staff information throughout the term on why eating well, getting good sleep and relaxation is so important to good mental health and wellbeing.

WORD SLEEP DAY – 17TH MARCH 2023

As well as being Red Nose Day, today is [World Sleep Day](#)!

- World Sleep Day is a global call for action to promote sleep health
- The theme this year is "Sleep is Essential for Health"
- Just like eating well and exercising, sleep is a behaviour that is foundational to your physical, mental, and social well-being.
- However, sleep is not yet commonly considered an essential behaviour for good health. World Sleep Day is an opportunity to promote sleep health alongside thousands of other sleep health professionals and advocates.

For more information on the importance of good sleep and some hints and tips on getting a good night's sleep, why not have a look at our [Wellbeing Newsletter No.2 - The importance of good sleep](#).

For information on how you can help your child or young person achieve good sleep from please click on the information [here](#) from Great Ormond Street.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 4, 2022-23

Tuesday 21st March	Profiling Day, Yrs 7,8,11,12,& 13 at home; Years 9&10 in school as normal
Thursday 23rd March	Year 9 Parents' Consultation KPS Spring Raffle draw
Friday 24th March	Air Ambulance concert, 6.30pm, school hall
Saturday 25th March	KPS Spring Raffle closes at midnight
Sunday 26th March	KPS virtual raffle draw, 4-5pm
Thursday 30th March	End of Term 4, 3.15pm

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 please click [here](#)

NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

PROFILING DAY – TUESDAY 21ST MARCH

The Spring profiling day is **Tuesday 21st March 2023**. Years 9 and 10 are in school as normal that day. Years 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 will be at home. Please see the emails sent to parents/carers earlier this week for further information.

AIR AMBULANCE CONCERT

Tickets for the Air Ambulance Concert are now on sale! This annual tradition will be taking place next week on Friday the 24th of March from 18:30. Organised by students from Kendrick and Reading School, all proceeds will be donated to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, who provide advanced critical care by helicopter to patients within Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Tickets can be bought through ParentPay <https://www.parentpay.com/> and are going fast, so be sure to get them soon. Come along and listen to our hard work this year performing pieces from artists such as Beethoven, Shostakovich and Avicii. Refreshments will be available, and there will also be a wonderful raffle drawn by Reading's own Deputy Mayor.

Please note that it is cash only on the night, and parking cannot be provided within school grounds.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Heather Li
Sixth Form, Director of the Air Ambulance Concert

ATTENDANCE

As the next holiday period is approaching, please can we remind you that students should not be taking time off school either side of the holidays for travel abroad/holidays. Missed school days impact on students' learning and can cause added stress as the student has to catch up what they have missed, alongside other school work. In line with Brighter Futures for Children guidance, we make referrals for unauthorised absence, for consideration of the issue of a fine. Thank you for working with us to support good attendance at school.

SCHOOL PHOTO

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is Tuesday 28th March. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

SEND SHORT BREAKS – EASTER HOLIDAYS 2023

The programme for the SEND Short Breaks funded by BFFC over the Easter holidays has been published and sessions are now available to book:

- [Make/Sense Theatre](#)
 - [Multi-Sport Camp](#) run by RFC Community Trust (8-18 years)
 - [Easter Play Camp](#) (5-7 years)
 - [Easter Holiday Sessions – Reading Play](#) – Ranger Stations
 - [Chance To Dance Stars CIC](#) – Dance and Multi Activity
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FESTIVAL OF INCLUSIVITY

A Festival of Inclusivity is taking place at Palmer Park Leisure Centre and Stadium on Friday 14 April, 9am-4pm. The event, organised by GLL, is for anyone aged eight or over with a physical, learning or neurological condition. There is an opportunity for individuals to participate and try out a mix of sports, including athletics, football, rugby, wheelchair rugby and cricket. There will also be a fundraising element, with a sponsored mile taking place to close the day. This promises to be a fun day out, with families welcome to come and watch. Organisers are encouraging participants to bring a picnic and spend the day there. Registration for this event is now open:

<https://sport2getherberks.org/>.

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies at Kendrick School. Please click on the links for more information on the roles and how to apply and please share with friends and family.

Kendrick School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure & Barring Service. Kendrick School is an Equal Opportunity employer. Please read the information on our Safer Recruitment procedures [here](#).

[Geography Teacher](#). Full time for September 2023. Closing date for applications Tuesday 14th March 2023 (interviewing Friday 17th March).

Part-time [Music Teacher](#) to cover a maternity leave – for end of February 2023 or September 2023 to December 2023. Applications will be dealt with on receipt.

[Exam Invigilators](#) – for the 2023 exam season

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details. Please could you check your child's account and ensure that any overdrafts are paid. Thank you.

Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts

Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts

Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and technology contributions

Year 10 and 11 Art and Textiles contributions

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase

Year 8 Careers Event - Tuesday 31st January 2023

KPS department birthday gift - celebrating Kendrick's 145th year

Air Ambulance Concert – Friday 24th March 2023 (adult tickets £10/children' tickets £5)

Please purchase Event 1: Comic Relief - purchase of wrist band minimum £3 donation OR Event 2: Comic Relief -

Dress up day only, £2 donation

Trips

GCSE and A level Art visit to Tate galleries Thursday- 2nd February 2023

Year 11 History visit to The Corn Exchange Theatre Newbury -28th February 2023

Geography Field Trip to Hengistbury Head and Hurst Castle Spit - 20th March 2023

Year 8 Bushcraft Residential - May 2023

Year 12 French and History trip- June 2023

Year 12 and Year 13 Classics and Latin students' trip – 6th March 2023

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

SPRING RAFFLE

After our latest updates on Wednesday, we haven't seen much engagement and rise in raffle funds. The **raffle has raised £4395 (increase of only £230 only)** with a total of 260 people having bought their tickets. The parent/carer cohort comprises more than 850 families and we urge each one of you to help us to achieve our targets. *We only have 1 more week to raise funds. The draw is on the 26th evening and we will share more details next week.*

See below a breakdown by year groups and forms. *There is a very close tie between some forms and only you as parents/carers can make the students win!!* Please buy your tickets/donate using the ticket link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CCQI>.

Share the ticket link with your friends and family too :-)!

Year	Supporters	Form Groups	Funds raised		
			Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
7	83	7ABM	£235.00	£485.00	£495.00
		7MAH	£230.00	£240.00	£295.00
		7WM	£135.00	£195.00	£220.00
		7HES	£135.00	£175.00	£220.00
8	32	8SA	£140.00	£190.00	£240.00
		8EG	£50.00	£100.00	£190.00
		8JK	£65.00	£85.00	£95.00
		8JP	£55.00	£75.00	£80.00
9	43	9EGC	£225.00	£225.00	£320.00
		9ED	£137.50	£192.50	£217.50
		9SAH	£135.00	£160.00	£170.00
		9PB	£90.00	£150.00	£175.00
10	21	10RR	£95.00	£140.00	£150.00
		10BH	£65.00	£85.00	£85.00
		10CJD	£30.00	£40.00	£65.00
		10MM	£10.00	£35.00	£35.00
11	23	11PS	£135.00	£140.00	£140.00
		11FL	£100.00	£110.00	£140.00
		11PN	£25.00	£50.00	£80.00
		11LW	£42.50	£42.50	£77.50
6th form	49	6NW	£145.00	£205.00	£240.00
		6PK	£30.00	£90.00	£90.00
		6JAC	£60.00	£85.00	£110.00
		6JF	£55.00	£55.00	£80.00
		6AWH	£0.00	£55.00	£90.00
		6BK	£50.00	£50.00	£60.00
		6RO	£35.00	£50.00	£100.00
		6YLC	£35.00	£45.00	£45.00
		6ER	£15.00	£40.00	£50.00
		6JCR	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00
		6SJ	£0.00	£25.00	£25.00

Year 11 Parents/carers catch-up with Ms Kattirtzi is scheduled on Tuesday 21st March, please use the online link to join the session.

Year 11 Parents/carers - Catch-up with Ms Kattirtzi

Tuesday, 21 March · 5:00 – 6:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tto-uvhn-bkz>