

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 3rd May 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

One of the many things I tell prospective parents and students about our school at Open Day is the social conscience that students demonstrate and the desire of many to help other communities and make a difference to people's lives, whether it be locally or globally.

In the last few weeks a few students have seen me on some very important and relevant issues. Firstly two Year 12 students wish to raise awareness of an aspect of Human Rights and have started a campaign which they have called 'I'm not a Bystander'. They want to encourage students in our school and beyond to wake up to the prejudices and discrimination that exist in parts of the world that rarely get into the news. Through their information sharing they are speaking to other students in the hope that they too can be appalled and stirred into action and not be a bystander, as these activities take place and are condoned by big governments. Another group of Year 12 students wish to raise awareness and take some practical action towards trying to alleviate the issue of period poverty. They have been in touch with some local charities and have asked Tutor groups to prepare sanitary parcels that they can pass on to local women's groups. Then again in a very well researched and presented assembly on Tuesday, 10th looked at the Fashion Industry and the abuses and excesses that now exist to make mass produced and cheap clothing for the consumer.

I also tell prospective parents about how proactive some students are in local politics. We always have a good number of students who are active in Reading's Youth Parliament taking a good interest in local issues that affect them. One of our Year 10 students who participates in local politics has been asked, along with students from other schools, to participate in the selection of Reading's new Director of Education. Just like we have student involvement in our staff appointments, these students will help to make some very important decisions about the future of education in Reading.

I find these acts of participation and kindness amongst our young people inspiring and I feel so proud as well as hopeful and optimistic about the future. This morning I spoke to Year 13 at their last assembly before their exams begin and inevitably I mentioned people who inspire me. I didn't mention Mandela, my all-time favourite (he will be coming up soon!), but I mentioned Malala and all that she has done to shake up governments and people of the world to the importance of education and, in particular, girls' education. Very recently, like many, I have been impressed by the young Swedish student and climate activist, [Greta Thunberg](#), already being nominated for a Nobel Prize.

I am sure some of our students will make significant impressions on their communities and others when they move on from Kendrick and they will help change lives, just as these remarkable young people are doing now.

Best wishes for a good weekend

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

UK Safer Internet Centre

The UK Safer Internet Centre has tips, guides and resources to keep your child safe online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination” Nelson Mandela

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Year 11 and 12 Physics Olympiad Results](#) - [Photos and videos from the Spring Concert 2019](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 6th May 2019 (B Week)

Public exams continue

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| Monday 6 th May | Bank Holiday Monday – school closed to staff and students |
| Wednesday 8 th May | Lower School Music Concert, 5pm |
| Thursday 9 th May | Year 11 Celebration Day |
| | Governors Learning & Teaching Committee meeting, 4.30pm |
| Friday 10 th May | Year 13 Celebration Day |

Key Events in Term 5, 2018-19

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| Friday 24 th May | Last day of Term 5 and INSET day as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School closed for Years 7, 8, 9• Year 10: School Examinations• Year 11: GCSE Public Examinations• Year 12: Study Leave• Year 13: Public Examinations |
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Key Events in Term 6, 2018-19

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| Monday 3rd June | Start of Term 6, 8.25am Residentials week – Year 9 PGL and Year 7 Bushcraft Year 10 Exams/Year 8 Enrichment week |
| Wednesday 12 th June | Sports Presentation Evening, 7pm |
| Thursday 27 th June | Sixth Form Induction day |
| Friday 28 th June | INSET Day |
| Saturday 29 th June | Year 12 Biology Trip to Dale |
| Wednesday 10 th July | Year 12 'Life after Kendrick' event, 6.30pm |
| Thursday 11 th July | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 17 th July | Summer Concert, 7pm |
| Friday 19 th July | Last day of Term 6, 1.05pm |

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

Lower School Chamber Concert - Wednesday 8th May, 6.30pm

The Lower School Chamber Concert showcases the talent of our students in Years 7-9. For our Year 7 students it will be their first opportunity to play in this concert, whilst our Year 8 and 9 students are more experienced. It features classical and romantic music on instruments such as the violin, piano and harp, as well as pop songs and songs from musicals. This is a FREE concert and there will be refreshments available. As always, our students really appreciate a full audience and we welcome all members of the Kendrick community to attend.

Year 11 and Year 13 Celebration Days

Both the Year 11 and Year 13 celebration days finish at 1.05pm, after afternoon registration. Your daughter should talk to you about the theme of the celebration and the guidelines they have been given around the appropriate dress code for the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Arriving at School in the Morning and Leaving at the End of the Day

Students should not arrive in school before 07.30. From 07.30 - 07.45 they should wait in the Canteen, after this time they can go to their form rooms. All students should be in school by 08.25, anyone arriving after this time must sign the late book in Reception.

All students should leave promptly at 3.15pm, the end of the school day, unless they are attending an after school club or studying in the Library. Please note the Library closes promptly at 5pm daily.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

KPS NEWS

International Food Festival – Sunday 7th July 2019

Please see the attached letter from the KPS regarding their upcoming event – The International Food Festival on Sunday 7th July 2019.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

A Level Biology Dale Fort residential 29th June – 3rd July 2019: the full balance of £470 is now due. Please pay as soon as possible or contact finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you have any queries

Year 9 River field trip (May 2019) – please pay £43 by 8th May 2019

VACANCIES

Reading School Job Opportunities

Please find below links to current teaching vacancies from September 2019:

[Teacher of Computer Science Advert](#)

[Computer Science Details of the Post](#)

[Teacher of Drama Advert](#)

[Drama Teacher Details of the Post](#)

If you know of anyone who might be interested in either of these posts, please forward details to them. The application form is available on the vacancies section of the Reading School website.