

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 25th May 2018

Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

I have mentioned the highlights of this term in previous updates and the school has continued to be busy and active in these last few weeks. The examination season is well under way and I have been impressed with our Year 11 students who are approaching their GCSE examinations with a quiet and focused attitude, arriving on time (even yesterday, when the traffic was terrible due to an accident on the M4) and carefully and methodically getting through these challenging examinations. Today our Year 10 start their exams. I hope all our senior students take a bit of a rest in the coming week and some relaxation in between their revision so that they can recharge and refresh to manage the rest of the examination period.

Last December we submitted a Conditions Improvement Fund (CIF) application to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for two projects to improve the facilities in the school. One of the bids was to address structural problems in Sidmouth House and the second bid was to improve our canteen and eating facilities. I am delighted to say that we were successful in both these bids and an investment of around £520,000 will be spent on the school in the coming months. There will be some disruption to everyone whilst the improvement works take place but our contractors will try to keep this to a minimum. We hope that the end results, in particular, the improvement to our dining facilities, will be worth the inconvenience. In order to add weight to our bids, we had to commit some funding to the overall costs. Some of this funding will come from the Kendrick Trust and a portion from School Fund. Again I will write to you in more detail about this next term and ask for further support with this funding. We will also put the plans on our website for people to see the small extension to the Library that has been planned to improve the dining facilities. Next term I shall be writing to you about some exciting and significant longer term strategic plans for the school.

Ms Case, PD/Art Technician and Mrs Agarwal, Science Technician, are leaving us today. We thank them for their dedication and service to the school and wish them well in their future plans. Last week Mrs Whittaker left to begin her maternity leave, we look forward to receiving her news in due course and I would like to welcome back Mrs Kenward who has returned from her maternity leave.

I would like to end this term's Weekly Update with a lovely news item that we have put on our website: [140 Inspirational Quotes](#). As you can see from the item, two Year 9 students, Anwita and Abi, organised a super activity last autumn as part of our 140th Birthday celebrations. The 140 inspirational quotes that were displayed around the school are now in a book which will be put in the Library to be seen by everyone. In the next academic year, September 2018, I intend to begin my Weekly Update with a quotation from the 140 quotes that students suggested. The inspirational quotations will also feature in our internal Information Sheets. My thanks to Anwita and Abi for the inspirational idea that they had which has given all of us such pleasure.

Finally, I would like to thank staff and students for all their hard work and efforts this term. I wish everyone a relaxing and restful holiday and in the words of one of the 140 quotations to help you be inspired:

'Use your smile to change the world, but do not let the world change your smile'

Best wishes

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[140 Inspirational Quotes](#)

[UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge Results](#)

GDPR and Kendrick School

GDPR has now come into effect. Thank you to those parents/carers that have completed the information required via the link below. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED THE FORM PLEASE COULD YOU DO THIS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. Each parent/carer should complete their own form.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F9Y8RCY>

You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting Kendrick School by telephone, email or in writing.

To learn more about the General Data Protection Regulation, please visit the Information Commissioner's Office website on <http://ico.org.uk>.

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies:

- Technology and Art Technician (to start June 2018). This role is for 30 hours a week, term time only with one week in the summer holidays. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and creative who ideally has equipment and machinery skills, but full training would be given to the right applicant.

Please see our website for more information and forward to friends and family who may be interested in applying.

<https://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=29>

Visitors to Kendrick School – Safeguarding Procedures

As part of our Safeguarding procedures, all visitors to the school are asked for photo ID by the Reception staff. Therefore if you have a meeting with a member of staff during the hours of 8am to 5pm please ensure you bring this along with you.

KPS

To see the latest KPS news please click [here](#).

Safeguarding

The CCG East of Berkshire produced the following short video clip in 2017 and the message remains important today. Using messages around water safety and window safety, the video was produced in response to increasing concerns about the distractions of mobile phones in particular and how use of electronic devices may impact on risks to supervision of babies and children.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/mental-health-suicidal-thoughts-children/>

ParentPay Reminders

Please log on to your ParentPay account (www.parentpay.com) to pay for any outstanding items and top up canteen accounts.

- Ski Trip (December 2018/January 2019) – you can now pay further instalments on this trip – full cost £829.

Many thanks to all parents/carers who pay for trips and resources promptly – this makes a big difference to the smooth running of trips and other educational activities organised by the school.

Students leaving Kendrick: Dinner Money balances over £5 will be refunded in July/August; however, please contact finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you are sure that your daughter will no longer require the canteen facilities and you would like to be refunded earlier or would like the balance transferred to a sibling at Kendrick School.

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 4th June

Year 9 PGL Trip

Year 12 Study Week

Year 10 Exam Week

Year 8 Enrichment Week

Monday 4 th June	Start of Term 6, 8.25am
Tuesday 5 th June	Year 7 Residential (to Friday 8 th June)
Wednesday 6 th June	Year 8 Black Country Trip
Thursday 7 th June	Year 8 Enterprise Day
Friday 8 th June	Year 8 Boulogne Trip
