

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 27th May 2022

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

It has been an unusual week in school with fewer students attending than normal. Students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 continue with examinations: end of year school exams, GCSE, AS and A Level examinations. Year 8 have been on an activities trip and returned yesterday afternoon looking exhausted, but having had a great week away, camping and developing outdoor skills. Year 7 had a super day yesterday, taking part in an Enterprise Challenge which they thoroughly enjoyed and were able to exercise their creative and team building skills, interacting and working with students across the year group. For Years 7, 8 and 9, the half term break begins today and Year 12 are also at home on study leave for their exams which are in first week after half term. In school today, teachers are working on curriculum planning within departments for the next term and academic year.

Our plans continue to develop for our celebrations for the [Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#) with the activities and competitions being prepared for launch after half term. Whilst the nation will be celebrating next week, our celebrations will take place on Friday 7th July. As well as enjoying ourselves, we shall be thinking of others and, once again, students will be encouraged to prepare **Jubilee Gifts Boxes** for local charities.

My thanks, as always, to staff and students for their incredible efforts and hard work over these last few weeks. I would like to remind students again of the **Awards and Grants** that are available to them. The deadlines have been extended to 30th June. Please look and apply [here](#).

We have vacancies for two parent governors. If you have an interest in education and have skills that you feel could contribute to the work we do, please put your name forward to be considered for the role of Parent Governor at Kendrick. For more information and a nomination form please see the email sent to you or via this [link](#). The deadline for nominations is 9am on Monday 6th June.

I hope everyone has a good half term break; it is difficult to be joyous when there is still such sad news everywhere – the continued war in Ukraine and this week the shootings of children in Texas, and here at Kendrick we deal with our own sadness.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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.

If you're worried about a 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 **0808 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.

Under 25s	Over 25s	Parents
YOUNGMINDS Crisis Messenger Text YM to 85258 Open 24/7	mind for better mental health Call 0300 123 3393 9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri	YOUNGMINDS Parents Helpline Call 0808 802 5544 9:30am - 4pm, Mon - Fri
THE MIX Call 0808 808 4994 3pm - 12am, every day	SAMARITANS Call 116 123 Open 24/7	
childline <small>Support on the phone, by text, or on our website</small> Call 0800 1111 7:30am - 3:30am, every day	For more advice and information visit: youngminds.org.uk/find-help	

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.

Student Welfare Team at Kendrick School








The Base (in Sidmouth basement) is a quiet space for students who would benefit from this. There is a relaxation area, art area and workstations available for your use. Please come to the General Office first to check there is space in The Base. The Student Welfare Committee (sixth-form students) run regular lunchtime activities in The Base - please see Daily Bulletin for details.
Contact: StudentWelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
If you feel you need further support in school, please contact Mrs Hackett regarding appointments with our No.2 Counsellors (Emma and Katie) and Dianne, the school nurse.

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.

WELLBEING: HOPE AGAIN

Source: [Hope Again](#)

Hope Again is the youth website of Cruse Bereavement Support. It is a safe place where you can learn from other young people, how to cope with grief, and feel less alone.

Here you will find information about our services, a listening ear from other young people and advice for any young person dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Hope Again provides somewhere to turn to when someone dies.

Get involved and join the conversation [here](#).

WELLBEING: STRESS LESS COURSES

Talking Therapies offer **Stress Less** courses (and wider support) to 6th formers aged 17 and 18. They have free courses booking for June and July which could be of interest to students, parents and teachers alike.

These are specific courses but all our NHS Talking Therapies are open to people aged 17 and over.

Free Stress Less video courses – learn life skills to handle stress better

The NHS in Berkshire is offering free 4 week video courses to adults aged 17 and over.

Find out more and book online:

- For 17-25 year olds [17-25 Stress Less Videos | NHS Talking Therapies Berkshire \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](#)
- For over 25s [Stress Less Videos | NHS Talking Therapies Berkshire \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](#)

SAFEGUARDING – WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CROSS-PLATFORM SHARING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Source: [National Online Safety](#)

Creepy characters like Slender Man or Huggy Wuggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for youngsters. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children

accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms, like online games, social media, streaming sites or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Huggy Wuggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggywuggy on Instagram.

In the [guide](#), you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as accidental exposure, inappropriate language and unsuitable videos.

SAFEGUARDING – WATER AND WINDOW SAFETY

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.

[Keep your Kids Live and Kicking](#)

Also below is a water safety and rivers clip which we encourage you to watch and share with your child.

<https://youtu.be/y4njOkRBK4Q>

CALENDAR FOR TERM 6

Monday 6th June	Start of Term 6, 8.25am Year 12 Exams KPS Raffle Launch
Saturday 11th June	Second Hand Uniform Shop, 9am-11am
Tuesday 14th June	Year 10 Geography Trip
Thursday 16th June	Year 10 Geography Trip Learning & Teaching Committee, 4.30pm EPQ Launch
Friday 17th June	Year 12 Work Experience Day
Sunday 19th June	Biology Trip Leaving
Wednesday 22nd June	Year 7 Taster Day
Thursday 23rd June	Resources Governors, 4.30pm
Monday 27th June	Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 13 Book Return and Tea Party
Tuesday 28th June	Year 12 Induction Day
Thursday 30th June	INSET Day New Year 7 Information Evening
Monday 4th July	Futures Week and Creative Arts Festival Showcase
Wednesday 6th July	Wind and Brass Performer Series KPS Meeting, 6.30pm
Thursday 7th July	Full Governors Meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 8th July	Year 12 Insights Day Platinum Jubilee Celebrations KPS Raffle draw
Monday 11th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 12th July	Summer Concert
Friday 15th July	End of Term 6, 1.05pm

NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

MAY HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

A wide range of events and activities for children and families in the Reading area are now available to view on the Family Information Service directory. You can find:

- [Activities in Reading during May / June Half Term 2022 including SEND Short Breaks | Reading Services Guide](#)
- [SEND Short Breaks \(all ability activities & overnight breaks\) | Reading Services Guide](#)
- General holiday activities at: [Search Results | Reading Services Guide](#)

BfFC children's centres have also revealed their half-term timetable which you can find at: <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/under-5/childrens-centres/>.

Reading Borough Council has also issued a [press release](#) with details of free and low-cost activities on offer.

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER'S INTERACTIVE QUIZ

The Children's Commissioner for England launched an interactive quiz for children called [Where can I go with maths?](#) featuring more than 50 career profiles of role models using maths or maths skills in their work. It has been developed to show connections and transferable skills between the KS3 maths curriculum, careers and everyday life.

INSET DAY

There is an INSET Day on **Thursday 30th June 2022** when the school will be closed to all students.

TWO PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES – DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: MONDAY 6TH JUNE

We have vacancies for two Parent Governors to join us in Term 6. Information on nominations and the election process has been sent to you this week. If you have any queries about being a Parent Governor at Kendrick School or would like further information, please contact clerk@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. Please click [here](#) for more information and a nomination form.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE ART COMPETITION

The **Art Department** would like to invite you to enter **The Queen's Jubilee Art Competition**

We are calling all students to create a piece of work inspired by the Queen and/or the Platinum Jubilee. Please see the posters around school to help you with inspiration. Any media can be used, maximum size A3. Open to all year groups.

All entries will be displayed around the school leading up to our Jubilee Celebrations.

There will be winners for KS3, KS4 & KS5. An overall winner will be 'crowned' and announced on the Jubilee Celebration Day, and their work will be framed and displayed in the school.

Please submit your work (with your name and form on the back) to Mrs Souch or Miss Long by 1pm on **Friday 1st July**

YOUNG WRITER COMPETITIONS

Goldsmiths' Young Writer competitions are open for registration; The [Young Anthropologist](#) is an essay competition for those interested in issues of identity and culture and the [Young Writer](#) is a 1,000-word short fiction competition

for creative writers and storytellers. The winner of each competition will win £1,000, with prizes for runners-up and shortlisted entries.

The closing date for submissions is **Monday 01 August** and all entrants need to register beforehand.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment. Please see your ParentPay accounts for details. We appreciate your continued support.

- Year 12 A level German - purchase of the book "Der Besuch der alten Dame"
- Year 12 A Level Biology Residential Field Course at Dale Fort Field Centre.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 food and textiles contributions.
- Year 10 GCSE Geography field trip 14th and 16th June 2022
- Year 10 and Year 11 Art Textiles GCSE contributions.
- Year 12: The Career-Interest Destination Trip and CV feedback

VACANCIES

Kendrick School currently has the following vacancies. Please click on this [link](#) for more information.

Governance Officer – 200 hours a year – for September 2022

Inclusion/SENDCo – part time, flexible role – for September 2022

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

We are thrilled to announce a musical and fun-filled disco evening on 6th July for Y7- Y9 students. We have booked a DJ for the evening and the KPS team is working towards making other arrangements. The parents will also have an opportunity to network in the Conservatory alongside disco. The details of the event and link to book tickets will be shared soon. If any parent would like to volunteer for the event, please reach out to us at kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

Second hand Uniform shop

Our next uniform shop opening is Saturday, 11th June, 9-11am in the Conservatory. The KPS will also sell uniforms to the new year 7 students at their Welcome Evening on Thursday, 30th June.

The student led shop is open for students every Monday, week A, during second break at the Servery. The students are able to see a list of the available stock and the price list on Sharepoint.

Thank you for donating good quality uniform and sports kit to be sold in the Second Hand Uniform Shop. The students can leave the donations in the donations box in the lost property cupboard. Thank you in advance for your donations. If you have any queries, please contact Teresa Haynes at thaynes@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

Upcycling Competition

The KPS and the school Eco Council have held an upcycling competition with several fantastic entries. Later this week, there will be an article on the school website showing what the students and members of staff have created.

Summer raffle 2022

We are delighted to introduce you to KPS 2022 Summer Raffle. The annual raffle is our major fundraiser where we aim to offer not only some great prizes, but also to generate sufficient funds to provide equipment for the school that will result in a significant benefit for all our students and staff on a daily basis. This year we aim to raise at least £8,000 from the Summer Raffle. This will be used to fund new Smart Boards across all year groups.

We are very grateful to all the businesses and parents who have previously supported our fundraising by kindly donating generous prizes, volunteering their time or arranging matched funding. Kendrick parents/ carers have an excellent record of supporting the school and we hope that once again we can rely on your support.

Please contact us by emailing raffle.kps@gmail.com if you are able to donate a prize or arrange matched funding. The raffle will launch on 6th June and close on 1st July with an online draw planned for 2nd July. A full list of prizes and details on how to buy raffle tickets or donate will be shared in a letter sent out on the day of the launch. Thank you for your continued support and help in ensuring that we have another successful raffle this year.

Not a KPS member yet?

Would you like to join the charity your daughter's school is linked with? It is a great way to interact and know other parents, help the school in various initiatives and projects and help in raising funds.

Here is the link to the [online membership form](#) that will give you details on what the membership provides, class rep system and many other useful details. Once you have become a KPS member, you are welcome to join the KPS Facebook and Committee too.