

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 18th May 2018

Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

The Year 9 [Mock Trial Team](#) accompanied by some 6th Formers and Mme Cervera took part in the second round of the Mock Trial Competition last Saturday at Reading Crown Court. They performed very well with some very strong individual performances from the students. However, despite their excellent preparation, huge energy and enthusiasm they just missed being in the top three finalists to go through to the National Finals. Whilst this might feel disappointing, I would like our students to know that we are very proud of them for being such great participants in the Mock Trial competition and representing their school so well.

The public examination have started for our GCSE students and AS Level students, with the Year 13 students beginning their examination leave next week. Once again we wish them well and want them to know that they have already done so much work and preparation with their teachers that they should try to feel confident and optimistic about the examinations. My thanks, as always, to the brilliant teachers and staff who have worked so closely with the students to get them this far.

I would like to remind parents of Years 7-10 to make sure that **homework diaries** are signed regularly. As many of you know homework diaries can be one way a teacher communicates with home, as well as being a means by which homework can be monitored by the tutor and parents. If we maintain this communication between school and home we can support the students more effectively in their learning. If you have not seen your daughter's diary recently, please may I ask that you to look at it and sign it this weekend.

I would also like to remind parents to return their [consent forms](#) which we sent a few weeks ago regarding **GDPR** compliance.

We have been very lucky with the very nice weather we have had recently. This sometimes results in some students across the school feeling that the [school uniform](#) and [Sixth Form dress code](#) they should adhere to can be relaxed. I would like to remind everyone that correct uniform should be worn at all times, in particular, skirt lengths need to be appropriate and the Sixth Form dress code should be adhered to. Parental support on this matter is vital and much appreciated so that we can maintain appropriate dress codes in school.

Finally we say goodbye today to our two PGCE students who have worked in the History and Geography Departments this year. Both Miss Fowler (History Department) and Mr Jones (Geography Department) have jobs to go to in September. We have enjoyed having them and I believe they have enjoyed being with us and learnt a lot from working with the staff and students of our school. We wish them well for the future.

I hope everyone enjoys the weekend ahead.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Mock Trial Competition](#)

[BPHO Competitions](#)

GDPR and Kendrick School

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:

- Mathematics Teacher (to start September 2018)
- Technology and Art Technician (to start June 2018)

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>

Safeguarding

The NSPCC have produced a guide for helping a child if they are struggling with their mental health. This can be accessed via the link below.

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

ParentPay Reminders

- Year 9 & 10 MFL plays – still some payments to come.
- Year 9 residential – please remember to continue to make payments – full balance (£390) should be paid by 25th May 2018

Please log on to your ParentPay account (www.parentpay.com) to check that you do not have any payments outstanding and to top up dinner money and printing accounts.

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 21ST May 2018 (B Week)

News and Events – By Year Group

Year 9

Year 9 Participation in the Gala Concert – Wednesday 11th July 2018

Our Gala Concert takes place on Wednesday 11th July, the week before we break up for the Summer holidays. We hope that all Year 9 students will be able to take part, singing songs (from memory) that we have been learning in music lessons. Many students will also be performing in other extra-curricular ensembles, such as an orchestra, Wind Orchestra or Senior Choir. If your daughter is unable to take part, please write to us to confirm this.

Tickets

You will shortly receive a Parentmail to explain how to buy tickets for this concert. We politely ask for you not to leave ticket requests or queries until the day of the concert.

Travel and arrival

Students should go home between the end of school and the concert. If the journey is a particularly difficult one, they may wish to organise to go to a friend's house instead. Please leave plenty of time to get back to school for the concert – traffic congestion is always a problem on concert evenings and car parking is extremely limited around the school. Year 9 students should aim to arrive back at school at about 6.40pm and go straight to their meeting room. There is an interval in this concert and we anticipate it will finish by 9.15pm. You will be able to collect your daughter after the concert from in the Canteen. Any Year 9 students involved in other items should follow the instructions for that particular item (e.g. Wind Orchestra, Senior Choir or Sinfonia). All students will be given these instructions in their music lessons, and detailed instructions will be displayed in each of the form rooms. Visitors should aim to be seated in the School Hall by 6.50pm at the latest. Refreshments will be available before the concert from 6.30pm. These will be available in the Servery by the Hall.

Uniform

Students' uniform on the evening of the concert should be very smart, of course. Jumpers should be worn when on stage. Coats, bags etc. should be left with a relative or friend in the audience or left with a teacher backstage if this is not possible.

Year 9 teachers have been made aware that Year 9 students will not be in a position to do homework on the evening of the concert. Please note that the following day is Sports Day.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at what promises to be an exciting evening.

The Music Department

Year 10

Year 10 Examinations

Year 10 students have exams from **Friday 25th May to Friday 8th June 2018**. There will be up to three sessions of exams each day. The examination timetable has been shared with each form and displayed on the form notice board so your daughter knows when each exam is being held. A copy of the timetable is also attached to this letter, for your own reference.

All students must be in school promptly for morning registration every day as normal during the examination period. Rooms will be designated for supervised revision and private study.

If your daughter has not got an exam in the third session of the day, she will be dismissed after afternoon registration at 1.10pm, if you agree to her leaving school at this time. The students that have an examination in the third session of the day will be dismissed after that exam at around 3.15pm. The finishing time may be slightly earlier or later than 3.15pm on some occasions. On Friday 25th May, the finishing time for all students is likely to be around 2.30pm.

If, however, you wish your daughter to remain in school at all times during the exam period there will be rooms available for private study. We will assume that unless you contact the school by email, you agree to her being dismissed at approximately 1.10pm on days when she does not have an examination in the third session.

We appreciate that illness cannot be avoided but please encourage your daughter to have 100% attendance during this period. She will be expected to sit any missed exams at the next available time slot during exam week to avoid missing important lessons in the following week.

Exams can be a particularly demanding time for students and we ask you to join us in being supportive but not overbearing in your approach to revision and, in due course, results. Exams at this stage are an important but not the only method of assessment we use to measure students' progress over the year.

We would like to wish the students well in the next few weeks.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher and Mr Will Stride, Head of Year 10

Years 11 and 13

Valerie Hume Bursary Award 2018 – DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS FRIDAY 25TH MAY

This bursary award has been set up in memory of Valerie Hume, Head of History at Kendrick School, 2009-2012. The bursary was set up by the family of Mrs Hume from donations received and will thereafter be supported by James Hume and Denis and Mary Cooper.

The bursary consists of an annual award of two x £250 for a student or students in Years 11 and 13 to pursue an activity that is constructive, useful, supporting an academic interest or vocational development in the area of Arts, Science, Humanities, Languages, Mathematics or a practical discipline. The award is to encourage an activity that would otherwise not take place. It needs to be equivalent to that which at a later stage in life might be defined as:

'Enhancing to professional development, being relevant to the acquisition of particular skill or knowledge, helpful to the individual either to make better academic choices (* Y11) or to reinforce those made (*Y13).'

For Year 11 this may be an extracurricular activity which may be undertaken to assist an individual in a decision about what they may wish to do when they leave school. **For Year 13**, students may have already chosen a university course or professional direction and the activity they choose may help to strengthen their foundational knowledge.

Examples of activities may include a visit to a museum or an ancient site, attending a lecture or series of lectures, a masterclass, buying key books or equipment to assist in a practical activity/area of interest, experiencing an activity that will enhance personal and intellectual development.

At both levels the award is about studying positively, joyfully and constructively because you want to rather than because you have to, as well as well, as practising good decision making skills and making appropriate responsible choices, demonstrating courage and conviction and taking risks but measured ones.

How to apply:

- Write a statement in no more than 500 words explaining the purpose of the activity you wish to pursue and how it will help you pursue the objective as set out above. State who you are and confirm your eligibility and financial need as well as the costs involved
- Make your application by **Friday 25th May 2018**
- Address it to Ms Kattirtzi, Mr Hume and Drs Cooper

AFTERWARDS

Award winners will be notified by the end of June 2018. When an award has been received and used for the purpose intended, bursary recipients will be asked to submit a brief statement, no more than 300 words, explaining what they did and the outcome of their activity.

Mr Hume, Drs Cooper and Ms Kattirtzi
March 2018