

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 24th May 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Yesterday we gave 35 boxes containing sanitary products to two local charities, Red Box and Sadaka, supporters of the period poverty initiative. The box collection was organised by a group of 6th Form students who feel strongly that all girls and young women should have free access to essential sanitary products. I would like to thank them and all the students across the school who contributed to the boxes and brought items into school that we have been able to pass on. We are committed to supporting this initiative and I have asked the charities to get in touch with us when they need more supplies so that we can continue to support them.

We are beginning to make arrangements to make a memory garden for Manasvini. KPS will be seeking some financial support from parents for the plans we have. A Governor, who is also a former student of Kendrick and now a Landscape Gardener, has volunteered to work with 8V and other students in the year group to design the garden somewhere on the school site. When we have drawn up the plans we will share them with you. Manasvini's parents have given us their full support in what we are planning to do in memory of their daughter.

Our students in Years 11, 12 and 13 have continued to take their GCSE and A Level examinations in the last two weeks. The timetable of examinations this year seems even more challenging than before because of the large number of exams being squeezed into a shorter period of time. Our students are doing so well managing this tight schedule and we wish them well for the remainder of this exam period.

We have had a productive INSET day today. Teachers have been working in departments on some focussed work on the curriculum we teach across the school, an area of work that we feel is important to us and our students. Some key questions we have discussed today regarding the curriculum are: **Intention** – *why is the curriculum designed the way it is?* **Implementation** – *how well is it implemented?* **Impact** – *how is students' progress through the curriculum being assessed?* These are important questions that teachers need to regularly consider so that we can design and deliver the right and best education for our students. We pride ourselves on being able to do this well.

I would like to thank everyone - staff, students, parents and governors, for all their support and encouragement this term and for the huge amount of work everyone has done these last few weeks. Although it has been a relatively short term and for teachers and students the focus has been around preparation and the start of the public examinations, our work in school doesn't seem to slow down after the students leave us because planning and preparation for the following year begins.

To end this week I would like to share some brilliant work that Miss Long and students have done for the school in the Art Department. Earlier in the year I asked Miss Long to construct a wall hanging for the wall in the Balcony with a special quotation written on it. The board is now finished and will be displayed in the Balcony. The quotation is well known but never suffers from being repeated, particularly at this time of the year:

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'.

I hope that we can consider these words as we finish this term and understand why we all do what we do at Kendrick.

Wishing everyone a super half term break.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Exam Stress

All The Revision and Exam Tips You'll Ever Need

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/all-the-revision-and-exam-tips-you-ll-ever-need/>

Exam Stress and Pressure (Childline)

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/exam-stress/>

Countdown to exams (BBC Bitesize)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/support>

Supporting Your Child During Exam Time (Young Minds)

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you" B.B King

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Mental Health Awareness Week – Tutor Activities](#)

[Mental Health Awareness Week – Staff Activities](#)

[Francesca Williams, former Kendrick student, selected for England Roses World Cup squad \(netball\)](#)

INSET Days - September 2019

The following INSET days have been confirmed for September 2019:

Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September

Therefore the school will reopen for all students on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 8.25am.

Sports Presentation Event – Wednesday 12th June 2019

The Sports Presentation Event will take place on Wednesday 12th June at 4pm in the Sports Hall. Invites to all parents of students that have attended PE clubs will be sent out by ParentMail.

Vacancies in Year 10 for September 2019

We are expanding our Year 10 cohort by four places (one additional student per form) in September 2019 and testing will take place in Term 6.

There will be tests in English and Mathematics and Cognitive Ability Tests (CATS). The selection process sets out to identify students who are currently working at the level of Kendrick students. If more than four students meet this criteria, the oversubscription criteria will be applied. Please read the [Non-Routine Admission Policy](#) on our website for more information.

Interested applicants should complete the Non-Routine online application form which can be found on our website via this [link](#) by SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2019.

Please contact admissions@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you have any queries on this process.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 3rd June 2019 (A Week)

Public Exams continue

Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term 6, 8.25am Residentials week – Year 9 PGL and Year 7 Bushcraft Year 10 Exams/Year 8 Enrichment week Year 12 Study Days/Year 12 Exams
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Key Events in Term 6, 2018-19

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](#)

Girls' Stem Day at Brooklands Museum – 28th May 2019

“Come and join us for our girls STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers day.

You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with some fantastic female engineers and members of the Women's Engineering Society, to learn more about the amazing job opportunities that are available through studying STEM subjects. You will also have the chance to participate in some STEM activities and even win some Brooklands themed prizes!

Drinks on arrival and lunch are provided, so come along and be inspired to see where STEM can take you!

Suitable for girls 11-18 year olds, limited space, so book early to avoid missing out!”

<https://www.brooklandsmuseum.com/whats-on/inside-track-to-a-career-in-stem>

Meet the Author – Fiona Barker

Please click on this [link](#) for a flyer for a local event where children can meet the author of 'Danny the Dream Dog', Fiona Barker on Sat 29th June at Reading Central Library.

KPS NEWS

Please see the latest newsletter from the KPS attached.

VACANCIES

We have vacancies for the following roles. Please click on the links for more information. Please pass the information to family and friends that may be interested in applying.

[Music Teacher \(part-time for September 2019\)](#)

[Mathematics Teacher \(part-time for September 2019\)](#)

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

Please can you log onto your ParentPay account over the half term and check there are no outstanding payments and top up dinner money accounts. Thank you.