

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 10th May 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

One of the most wonderful things about working with young people in school is seeing them grow and develop their talents. At Kendrick, we are very fortunate to have so many talented students in sport, music, dance etc. This week we had our annual **Lower School Chamber Concert** showcasing the huge talent of aspiring musicians in the younger years. The concert was made up of a medley of items from beautifully played and performed classical pieces to amazingly strong and powerful popular songs delivered with such passion. There were also some delightful group arrangements which really lifted the spirits and made us all feel happy! We will continue to watch with pride as these young students grow and progress their talents through the school. In her closing remarks, Mrs Cooper, Head of Music, told everyone about our plans to try to buy a piano for one of the Cedars practice rooms (approx £3k) and a lever harp (approx. £3k) which can be played in the orchestra. From generous donations of parents and supporters so far, we may be able to buy one of these items soon but we would like to buy the other by Christmas. So please support us if you can. **Click [here](#) for a link to the School Fund page on the website.**

As you know, KPS raised just over £10k in the recent raffle for a new set of Chrome Books and new lighting in the Hall. We received some great news this week informing us that we have been given an additional £2k from Thames Water. Through their generous 'match funding' scheme they have donated this money to KPS because one of our parents works for them. We are extremely grateful to this parent for initiating this gift to us and, of course, extremely grateful to Thames Water. I am aware that other companies operate such schemes, in particular, Microsoft. Perhaps parents who work for Microsoft or a similar company could find out if their employer can do this. All these small gestures take time and effort to organise but can be so helpful in our fund raising. I would be most grateful and happy to talk with anyone about this.

This week has been a week of goodbyes as Year 11 and Year 13 students finish lessons and begin their study leave in preparation for the public exams. We have been treated to some super assemblies. Yesterday Year 11 had their celebration day and today it is the turn of Year 13. Using the theme Airports, Year 13 organised an elaborate schedule of flights and departures guiding students to some exotic destinations. Their celebration assembly has been made up of some fun and hilarious videos and songs as well as some very serious and thoughtful messages of friendship and love. Just as they will miss us, we will miss them. They have been a wonderful year group: a pleasure to teach, to work with and to have as students of our school. We wish them well and every success in their exams and in their future.

I finished my speech to the Year 13s this morning with a poem that I asked Miss Fieldsend to read to the students. The poem was written by William Ernest Henley and I would like to end my message to you with it this week. The poem has messages of courage and hope which I think can speak to all of us.

Invictus

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.*

*It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.*

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

IPOC Launces 'Make Yourself Heard' Campaign to Raise Awareness of Silent 999 System

A national campaign to raise awareness of a system to help people alert police when in imminent danger but unable to speak, was launched by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) on 8 April 2019. Please see the link below for more details.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2019/04/iopc-launches-make-yourself-heard-campaign-to-raise-awareness-of-silent-999-system/>

The Silent Solution Guide can be launched [here](#).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The best way to predict the future is to create it." Abraham Lincoln

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Year 8 at the Salters' Chemistry Festival](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 13th May 2019 (A Week)

Public Exams continue

Mental Health Awareness week

Tuesday 14 th May	Year 9 Rivers Trip (9AA & 9AL)
Thursday 16 th May	Year 9 Rivers Trip (9LN & 9NN) Governor Resources Committee, 4.30pm

Key Events in Term 5, 2018-19

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

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
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](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week

As part of Mental Health Awareness week, the Head Girl team have organised events for students and staff as follows:

Monday 13th May	T-Shirt Painting Workshop for Staff in Textiles Room after School
Tuesday 14th May	Slam Poetry Showcase in Drama Studio 2nd Break To sign up, email 13lwu@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
Wednesday 15th May	Teacher Catwalk - a runway show of shirts created by the teachers. Sports Hall - 2nd Break

KPS NEWS

Please see the latest newsletter from the KPS attached.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 9 Geography Rivers field day trip (14th or 16th May) - just a few more payments to be made.

Please take the opportunity to check your accounts for any trip payments that you may have missed and to top up Dinner Money and printing accounts.