

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 20th May 2022

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

We have some good news to share and that is that we have been successful in our application for a **Conditions Improvement Fund Project (CIF)**, an application we made to the government in December 2021. As an academy we can apply for capital grants to improve our facilities every year. Thousands of applications are made from schools across the country and over the years we have been successful a few times, but also had a few of our bids declined. The application we made was to make repairs and renovations to our Cedars building, which houses the Music and Drama Departments. We have done a lot of work to Cedars over the years, but this grant of some £300.000 will enable us to repair the roof, windows and other areas of the building that are in desperate need of improvement. As a Grade 2 listed building, Cedars is difficult to look after, however, the funding we have just received will, we hope, give it a new lease of life! Within this amount of money is a contribution from our Kendrick Trust and Kendrick Parents' Society, for which we are most grateful. We do not know when the work will begin, but we hope it will start before the winter so that we can avoid another season of leaks and draughts.

School is very quiet this week as the public examinations get underway. As always, Year 11, Year 13 and some Year 12 students who are taking AS Levels, have responded to the demands of being here on time and conducting themselves appropriately for this period. They should know that they have worked hard, prepared well and have been supported by their staff to be able to do their best. The period of exams is longer this year, so our students need our continued support and encouragement for many weeks to come. There is a lot of information to support students as they proceed with their examinations, please see [HERE](#)

On our website this week are some more articles related to events I have mentioned recently:

[Years 10-13 House Chess](#), an amazing event that took place earlier in the month with Sidmouth winning!

['One Day' Poetry Competition](#) with young poets demonstrating their skill and insight into this year's Holocaust Memorial Day theme. Please read the students' poems and article.

[Jubilee update](#), with more information to follow next week.

Finally, please read [Adhya's article](#) on her journey through the [BBC Young Dancer Competition 2022](#) and how she got to be this year's winner!

Wishing everyone a great weekend

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 **0800 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 0800 802 5544 9:30am - 4pm, Mon - Fri
THE MIX Call 0800 808 4994 3pm - 12am, every day	SAMARITANS Call 116 123 Open 24/7	
childline Dial 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



Mrs Hackett **Mrs Shaw**

Mrs Edwards (Sixth-form welfare) **Mrs Duncan** **Mrs McManus**

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 HoA 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: 7 WAYS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE WORRIED

Source: [Anna Freud Centre](#)

Clinicians at the Anna Freud Centre have developed seven ways that they consider to be best practice in responding to children and young people's fears.

To access the guide please click [here](#).

SAFEGUARDING – WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DISCORD

Source: [National Online Safety](#)

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate in private online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

In the [guide](#), you'll find tips on several potential risks such as cyberbullying, predators and inappropriate content.

CALENDAR FOR TERM 5

Monday 23 rd May	Year 7 Bushcraft residential (to Thursday 26 th May)
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 7 Enterprise Day
Thursday 26 th May	P&R Governor meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 27 th May	Curriculum Day
	School closed to Year 7, 8 and 9
	Years 10, 11 and 13 exams in school as planned
	Year 12 on study leave

NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

CURRICULUM/INSET DAYS

There is a **Curriculum Day** on **Friday 27th May 2022** when the school will be closed to Years 7, 8 and 9 ONLY. Years 10, 11 and 13 will have exams in school as planned and Year 12 will have a study day.

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

TWO PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

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.

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 8 Bushcraft residential trip 23rd May.
- 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 and Year 11 Art Textiles GCSE contributions.

VACANCIES

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

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

Physics Teacher – part time or full time considered. ECT's encouraged to apply – for September 2022

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

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.