

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone has had a good and restful holiday and was able to enjoy the lovely sunny days of the Easter weekend. I would like to thank everyone for their work and efforts last term and, in particular, commend our talented musicians and staff for the excellent concert we had last term. Also our wonderful KPS for the fantastic raffle we had where over £10k was raised. Thank you to all. Please click [here](#) for some photos of the event.

Last night we held our Open Day for prospective students and parents for September 2020 entry. As always the event was very popular and hundreds of people visited Kendrick and were politely taken around our school by our students who spoke proudly and confidently about their school. Thank you to them and all the staff involved last night in preparing and running the event. The September 2020 entry is when we will be able to take an expanded cohort of 32 students making the new Year 7 a total of 128 students. We are very excited about these developments, not least because we [are](#) going out to local schools and working with teachers and students to encourage them to consider Kendrick as a possible choice for their secondary education. Our own students are participating in this work and I am so proud and pleased with their enthusiasm to do so.

I am delighted to announce to you our new Head Girl Team (HGT) for 2019-20. They started planning and training for their roles before the end of term and proudly introduced themselves to the school at the first whole school assembly on Tuesday. Their message to the school was that they wish to 'empower themselves, empower others and empower their community'. They have already made a brilliant first impression and Louise and Serena spoke beautifully at Open Day last night whilst the rest of the team coordinated operations, managing the vast crowds that visited the school. The [HGT](#) is made up of the following students: Head Girl – **Louise Wu**, Deputy Head Girl and Management Prefect – **Serena Farrelly**, House Captain (Cedars) – **Katherine Hay**, House Captain (Palmer) – **Candice Smith**, House Captain (Sidmouth) – **Anna-Mae Zhao**, Communications Prefect – **Mia Tucker**, Community Prefect – **Amy Dorward**, Curriculum Prefect – **Zaynab Rashid**, Pastoral Prefect – **Simran Bassi**, Social Prefect – **Gabrielle Ndonkeu-Yidjeu**.

I would like to share with you a letter I received just before the end of term from the Schools' Minister Nick Gibb, who congratulated us on our GCSE results last summer. He says that we are in the top 1% of schools in the country owing to our outstanding Progress 8 score of 1.18 which demonstrates the excellent progress our students have made in their education with us. He also commended us on having a score of 97% for the EBacc qualification. We are delighted to be applauded in this way and I would like to thank students and staff for the work and dedication in achieving these high standards. Click [here](#) for a link to the letter.

A reminder to all students that the deadline for applications to the Trust Awards is next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and for Year 11 and 13 the deadline for the Valerie Hume Award is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

Finally, this morning a few of us attended the funeral of Manasvini. As expected, it was a most difficult and sad occasion. There were many people there which was a great comfort to the parents. A family friend spoke movingly about Manasvini and how important she was in all our lives.

I will end again with some beautiful words that were said about Mansvini by her parents:

*'In loving memory of our beloved daughter – a girl with a twinkly smile, a lilting sweet voice, distinctive long hair and a loving, kind heart. You filled our lives with so much warmth, shine and laughter and we feel honoured in the thought that you chose us to be your parents.*

*As we sift through messages, recount our best memories, we are filled with pride that it is your kind heart that one remembers the most of you. It gives us a glimpse of the person you would have been, the rare kind who puts kindness over everything.'*

Wishing everyone a peaceful weekend

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

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### **Bullying and Cyberbullying**

Advice from the NSPCC on how to spot the signs of bullying and what you can do help a child

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

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## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

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“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall” Confucius

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## **WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS**

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News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Human Rights Week](#)

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## **SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April (A Week)

*Public Exams start*

*House Scrabble Week*

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

KPS Meeting at 6pm

Junior Maths Challenge for Years 7 and 8

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## Key Events in Term 5, 2018-19

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday, school closed to students and staff
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Lower School Music Concert, 5pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 11 Celebration Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 13 Celebration Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Term 5 and INSET day as follows:

- School closed for Years 7, 8, 9
- Year 10: School Examinations
- Year 11: GCSE Public Examinations
- Year 12: Study Leave
- Year 13: Public Examinations

## Key Events in Term 6, 2018-19

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Term 6, 8.25am Residential week – Year 9 PGL and Year 7 Bushcraft Year 10 Exams/Year 8 Enrichment week
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Presentation Evening, 7pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sixth Form Induction day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 12 Biology Trip to Dale
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 'Life after Kendrick' event, 6.30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Concert, 7pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6, 1.05pm

The full school calendar can be found via this [link](#)

## Change of Contact Details

In the interests of Safeguarding, please notify the school immediately if your contact details change. Please email [admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) to inform us about any changes to your home address, phone numbers or email address, even if the change is temporary. **Please note that changing your details on Parentmail does not automatically update the school systems.**

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## KPS NEWS

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We hope that you all had a good relaxing time during the Easter break. In this newsletter, we wish to give you all an update on the successful Spring Raffle 2019 and also an outline on our upcoming event.

### Spring Raffle – 2019

The KPS Spring Raffle was drawn on the 4<sup>th</sup> April during the Spring Concert. The evening was a great success on many levels and the generosity of family and friends resulted in us exceeding £10,000 by the end of the evening, with over

£500 being raised with donations and raffle ticket sales on that one day! We are pleased to confirm that we were able to collect 67% of our target with the exact total of **£10,043.16**. We have decided to keep the online donation site open until the end of April 2019, also we are expecting a matched funding donation courtesy of 3 volunteers and their employer Thames Water, as well as further proceeds from the gift aid donations. We are hoping that we should be able to achieve our target of £15,000 by the end of this month. We will provide the final breakdown and total collections in our May month newsletter.

### **International Food Festival - 2019**

Our next event is a first of its kind within the Kendrick School community and is an innovative attempt to celebrate and leverage the variety and diversity of our school community. The event in essence is a sort of International Food Festival planned to be held on 7th July in our school campus, with the key attraction being speciality home cooked cuisines and delicacies from across the world, run by our own school student families! There are also going to be games stalls run by school students, cake baking completion, photo shoot booth and much more!!

We look forward to your involvement and contributions in making this event successful. Kindly register your interests if you wish to run a food stall. We are finalising a list of dishes by countries for you to choose from; this will be shared with you in the next week's newsletter, so watch this space for more information.

If you are unable to own a stall but would like to help us with some other activity like running another stall, ticketing, managing rota etc., please do email us at [chair.kps.uk@gmail.com](mailto:chair.kps.uk@gmail.com).

This is going to be yet another exciting event to look forward to!

### **KPS Committee meeting**

The next KPS Committee meeting is on the **Monday, 29th April** in the school starting **at 6pm**. It will be a good opportunity to share and discuss your ideas and to meet and network with other parents.

If you are not able to attend or help at any of the events, you can still help us raise funds for the school if your company can match the profit, just let us know and we will help you with this too.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Thanking you,

**KPS Team**

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## **PARENTPAY REMINDERS**

- A Level Biology residential – Dale Fort. The full balance of £470 should now have been paid – please check your account to ensure that you have paid any outstanding balances. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office ([finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)).

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.