

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 17th May 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Our planning application for our new building will be submitted to the Planning Department at Reading Borough Council (RBC) by the end of May. Since last year when we had some very initial thoughts about where the new building would be placed as well as its design, a lot has happened with regard to the original location, design and cost. For the Selective Schools Expansion Fund (SSEF), the design that we had to put forward needed to be as cost effective as possible to meet the need of an expanded school population. Essentially we need an additional nine classrooms, some more dining space and a few modifications to Main School to make the flow of people easier and less congested. The location of the new building is now to be adjacent to the Sports Hall. This means that there will be some modifications to the Tennis and Netball courts although in the end we will not lose any court space.

We are obliged to inform our neighbours and stakeholders of our plans and to give everyone the opportunity to make some comments. The letter [here](#) gives you some information about the building project. This letter will be sent to all our neighbours in the immediate vicinity of the school to inform them of our plans. We are also required to conduct a travel survey with our staff and students which was sent to everyone yesterday and this information will go to the Highways Department at RBC. There will be boards displayed in Reception for the next few weeks and plans will be on our website showing the design and location of the new building. Inevitably a construction of this size will have an impact on the life of the school but we are assured by our architects, Bailey Garner and builders, Darwin Group, that they will endeavour to contain their compound and use the school site as little as possible. The period of the build should be from October 2019 until summer of 2020 with the building being ready for use by September 2020 when the first of the new cohort of students will join us. I will keep you updated about our plans and I will also speak to students after half term. You and they may make comments and ask questions via our admin email address which is on the letter and we will try to answer your queries. I look forward to your support as we go through this process. The last time we had a new building of this size was 10 years ago when the 6th Form Block was built; it's time for another building!

I am sure that many of you have been aware that this week has been National Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW). Staff and students have been doing some amazing things to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing, many being fun but also very thoughtful and reflective. This work has been led by Ms Stacey, our Head of 6th Form and SENDco and our Student Well Being Ambassadors. For the staff Ms Stacey has followed the guidelines of the NHS's 5 ways to Wellbeing which has included a daily focus on one of the following:

Connect – talk and connect, be there feel connected

Give – your time, your words, your presence

Keep learning – embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself

Take notice – remember the simple things that give you joy

Be active - do what you can do. Move your mood

We shall be putting some information and the details of what we have done over the week on our dedicated Safe Space page on the website next week. If you haven't seen any of the MHAW information on the news or in the media so far, I highly recommend you do some research this weekend to help you and your family's mental health and wellbeing.

Have a great weekend.

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 pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty" Winston Churchill

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Year 12 Maths Inspiration Event](#)

[Berkshire Young Musician of the Year – Award Ceremony](#)

National Book Tokens

Please help our library to win £5,000 in National Book Tokens

It will only take a few minutes, so please help by following the link:

<https://caboodle.nationalbooktokens.com/competitions> clicking on 'Enter now' in the 'Encourage a lifelong love of reading!' section.

If you enter your *name, postcode* and *Kendrick School, Reading* & you have increased our chance of winning :-)

Thank you for taking the time to help :-)

Lost Property Display

There will be a display of Lost Property for students in front of the Cover Office, first and second break on Monday 20th May. We aim to get all named items back to the rightful owners. Any unclaimed items remaining after second break will be disposed of. Please ask your child to take the time to look for any lost items and please remember to clearly name all items brought into school.

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 20th May 2019 (B Week)

Public Exams continue

Friday 24th 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 3rd June

Start of Term 6, 8.25am
Residentials week – Year 9 PGL and Year 7 Bushcraft
Year 10 Exams/Year 8 Enrichment week

Wednesday 12th June

Sports Presentation Evening, 7pm

Thursday 27th 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>

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

- Year 8 History trip to the Black Country Living Museum on 4th June 2019 – please pay £23.50

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.
