

WEEKLY UPDATE – FRIDAY 19th JUNE 2026

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

This week we welcomed the return of our Year 10 students and staff from the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) trips to France and Germany and the Year 12 students from their Work Experience placements. It is lovely to have everyone back in school and to see the lively activities and plans that everyone is looking forward to in the next few weeks. Speaking to the leaders of the Language trips, Frau Mueller, Mme Harding and Mme Hulley, I have been told how well the students responded to their new environment in Germany and France. In both countries, students had to speak to members of the public, and in Germany, Frau Mueller told me how confidently many students were able to use their language skills and knowledge to speak to people they did not know, whether this was in a school, at a place of interest, in shops etc. Well done to the students for the personal growth and maturity they displayed, as well as the respect they are showing in speaking to people in their own language. There is nothing more significant than trying to communicate, understand and empathise with others. I have also received similar positive reports about Year 12 students from their work experience placements, in particular, Moya and Caitlin who did a placement at the University of Reading in the Classics Department. Their article is on the website, please read it to see what a fascinating week they had researching and learning about ancient artefacts. [Year 12 WEX](#)

The public exams finished this week: GCSEs on Tuesday and A Levels yesterday with one of the very big exams, Mathematics, closing the season for this year. I know and have spoken to a few students who are hugely relieved that this intense period of their education is over and they can now rest and relax for several weeks. The staff organising, managing and supervising this period of exams, led by Mr Chapman, Exams Officer and Ms Le Croisette, Assistant Headteacher, have given me such positive reports about how well students have conducted themselves over the 6-week period. Well done and thank you again to the students and the staff assisting.

There are several new articles on the website which I hope you will look at and read.

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The one I would like you to prioritise is the one in our series of podcasts that I have been sharing with you, prepared by our Holocaust Ambassadors. I have mentioned the Holocaust Ambassadors many times and the fact that this year we were able to send 6 students on the *Lessons from Auschwitz* project has meant we have received so much more in return from this larger group. Their remit as Holocaust Ambassadors is always to share their learning from the trip with their school, which this group is doing so well. Their efforts have enabled them produce 6 podcasts and I believe there are more to come. The one I am suggesting you listen to is between one of the Ambassadors, Elizabeth and Frau Mueller, Head of German. Frau Mueller is asked what her Holocaust education was like at school in Germany when she was growing up and how that compares to how the topic is taught in the UK. Referencing certain key documents, the discussion between teacher and student is most engaging, thoughtful and intelligent. My thanks to Frau Mueller for her time and contribution to this work. The podcast is [here](#).

It is a lovely day today at Kendrick, and I enjoyed walking around school at lunch time and seeing activities taking place and students taking part, for example in the Pride event in the Hall. Many students and staff sat outside to have their lunch and enjoy the sunshine, chatting with their friends. On such a day, feelings of belonging and community are so very strong and show what a pleasant school we are. I know this will be something I will miss when I am not here next year.

Wishing everyone a good weekend,

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

School Notices

INSET Day – Friday 3rd July 2026

Friday 4th July 2026 is an INSET day and school will be closed to all students.

Whitley Food Cupboard

It is hard to believe that we have now been supporting the Whitley Food Cupboard for three and a half years and through your incredible support we have made numerous donations of supplies and money. We have established a strong connection with Whitley Park School in the process as well.

We are having our Summer Food Bank Collection next week in school. I have been in touch with the team who are running the Whitley Food Cupboard and they would be grateful for all the usual donations with an emphasis on snacks, juice, toiletries and washing products.

Thank you so much in advance. We are aiming for a bumper collection to top up the Food Cupboard before the long summer break.

Donations can also be made via Parent Pay and this is also incredibly welcome.

Mr N Simmonds
Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding

[Safeguarding at Kendrick School](#)

[Social Media Ban – Everything Parents Need to Know](#). Source BBC.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

[Mental Health and Wellbeing at Kendrick School](#)

[Managing Stress and Building Resilience](#). Source Mind. There are some things you can do to help manage your stress and cope when you're under pressure.

SEND

[Reading's SEND Local Offer](#). The SEND Local Offer is here to help you find information about local services, support, activities and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

School Fund

Please donate to our School Fund [here](#). You can make one-off payments through your ParentPay account or complete a [standing order form](#) for more regular payments. If you are a UK taxpayer, please ensure you also complete a [Gift Aid Form](#).

A school fund is maintained by voluntary contributions from the parents/carers of students. Its purpose is to provide an additional source of funding for the provision of facilities and educational resources for the benefit of students. We use our School Fund to support so many activities **in and out of** school that have now become essential to school life.

Canteen

The Spring/Summer menu can be found [here](#). **Please ensure that you regularly check your child's canteen balance on their ParentPay account and settle any 'overdrafts' quickly.** Overdrafts should only be issued on an exceptional basis and not as a regular occurrence.

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School Calendar

Week commencing 22nd June 2026 – Week B

Monday 22 nd June	Year 13 Farewell Tea Party
Tuesday 23 rd June	Induction Session for New Year 7 Students
Wednesday 24 th June	New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 25 th June	Year 10 Geography Rivers Trip Sixth Form Induction Day

Student Careers and Work Experience

[Current Opportunities](#)

Vacancies

No current vacancies

ParentPay and Evolve Reminders

[Latest Reminders for ParentPay and Evolve](#)

Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS)

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