

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 11th June 2021

WEEKLY LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

I hope that everyone had a good break and enjoyed some relaxation time in the warmth and sunshine that we had over the week. Perhaps you pondered the thought: *when it is all over*...which is where I ended the update last term. It seems that there may be some delay to it all being over with the recent rise in Covid cases resulting in our school and many others in the area participating in the surge testing in the last couple of days. Again, I am impressed with the speed with which the roll out of this local initiative has taken place, the organisation in our school and the response of everyone to the testing. Thank you to everyone. Let's hope this enables us to contain and minimise the new strain of the virus and help us get closer to the further easing of lockdown. We still all have a personal responsibility and must remain alert and aware of safe practices: twice weekly Lateral Flow testing and hands, face, space and fresh air.

This week our Year 12 students are having their end of year exams, which will be followed next week by a virtual Work Experience programme. Year 10 students are back in lessons following their assessments before half term and they will undertake their virtual Work Experience programme on the week 28th June. As I have said before Year 11 and 13 are at home completing their GCSE and A Level courses based on work sent to them by their teachers. Years 7, 8 and 9 are also back in lessons following their enjoyable Activities week. At this point in the year there is a focus on the end of the academic year and planning for the next and I can see that what we put in place will be different and new as a result of the year that we have just had. I am increasingly of the view, as many others have said, that we have the opportunity to try things differently and perhaps better than before and we must not hold back on the new opportunities this experience has given us to do things differently, both in our work and in our lives.

The [Kendrick Gazette](#) that was ready at the end of last term and featured in the Weekly Update then, has gone into print and I received a copy of it in my pigeon hole this week. What an amazing read on variety of current topics and issues on important themes of political, social and economic interest, as well as home news about the House Captains, Ecospot and recommended reads, etc. I don't think I have read anything so interesting or entertaining for a long time! Authors are from across the school, including teachers and Mr Wilson's article on what is happening in the UK economy is a must read for everyone to correct their view and understanding of what is economics; my bathtub has taken on a new meaning since I read Mr Wilson's article! Thank you to the initiators, editors, writers and contributors of the magazine; I am looking forward to your next addition already!

The **KPS raffle** was launched this week and I am pleased to hear that it has got off to a good start. There are over 80 prizes to be won and as of yesterday 400 tickets have been sold and some donations have been made too. A more detailed update will follow on Monday in the KPS newsletter. Please remember we are trying to raise £7k to buy new and additional lighting for the Hall to enhance productions and concerts when we can resume these in the autumn. Please support us. Buy your tickets or donate using the link [HERE](#)

This month is **Pride Month** and for the last few years we have been proud to raise awareness of this celebration of diversity. As always some excellent displays have gone up around the school and on our **Lead, Inspire** board in the Library. The prominent individual that is being featured this month is Sandi Toksvig. Please see link [HERE](#) to the displays.

The news this week regarding the widespread **sexual harassment of girls in schools** and in society in general requires everyone's attention. Ofsted the regulator for education has stepped into to the debate. Their report, published yesterday, following a review of 32 schools and talking to over 900 children, showed the prevalence of peer on peer sexual violence, in the main, on-line but also in children's everyday lives. The report contains many recommendations on schools and other bodies and here at Kendrick we are reviewing our policies and practice, seeking training and support for our staff from experts and addressing our PSHCE curriculum. We will respond strongly and with a zero tolerance approach to any instances of sexual harassment. I will also engage with our student leaders for their views and knowledge so that we can work together to keep our children safe. The report can be found [here](#) . A lot of information regarding the safeguarding of children follows my news update every week, I do hope parents continue to read on for important information regarding keeping children safe.

We have a few vacancies for September, please look on our website [HERE](#).

Wishing everyone a good 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 5pm), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0808 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.

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.

SAFEGUARDING – SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

Many parents and carers feel unsure about how to talk to their child about sex, sexuality and relationships. The NSPCC has advice to help you support your child and keep them safe

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/sex-relationships/>

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

DRAMA DEPARTMENT – NEW LIGHTING AND TRAINING

During the Easter holidays Kendrick was able to put the money donated from KPS to good use by having new lighting fixtures installed in the Drama Studio. In Term 5, they went on to have a full day of specialist training, courtesy of Jack Moorhouse from Chroma-Q, for all GCSE Drama students, a number of Year 12 students and Mrs Cooper. During the day, students were shown how to use our upgraded Vista 3 software to work and programme the lights in both the Drama Studio and the Hall. This has enabled students to enhance their productions in their final devised and scripted NEAs, as well as for work in class. Furthermore, this new lighting has been incorporated into KS3 lessons and will enable those in Year 12 to assist in House events and other sixth-form-led productions next year.

The photos you see [here](#) are from some of our Year 10 GCSE Drama students as they worked on portraying key scenes from Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* as well as an example of what some of the software looks like. Over the coming year, we look forward to being able to use these lighting fixtures to enhance our House Musical production and other dramatic works in lessons and beyond. We would like to once again thank KPS and those who donated to make this happen.

Mrs Cooper
Drama Department

EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME – LESS THAN 40 DAYS LEFT TO APPLY

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, you and your family need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30th June to continue to live, work and study in the UK. For Further information see <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies at Kendrick School. Please click on this [link](#) for more information and please pass to friends and family that you think would be interested.

Senior Technical Engineer for September 2021	Full time
French and German Teacher for September 2021	0.3 FTE
English Teacher (maternity cover) for September 2021	0.7 FTE

CALENDAR

Monday 14 th June	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 15 th June	Year 10 Geography Trip (half of year group) Year 13 Celebration Event
Thursday 17 th June	Year 10 Geography Trip (half of year group)
Tuesday 22 nd June	New Year 7 Induction Day
Wednesday 23 rd June	New Year 12 Induction Day
Thursday 24 th June	INSET Day
Monday 28 th June	Year 10 Work Experience Week KPS Meeting at 6pm

Wednesday 30 th June	Year 7 Profiling/Enterprise Day
Thursday 1 st July	New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
Friday 2 nd July	Year 9 Profiling/Enterprise Day
Monday 5 th July	Year 12 Futures Week
Wednesday 7 th July	'Life After Kendrick' Year 12 Event Profiling Day
Monday 12 th July	Sports Day
Friday 16 th July	End of Term 6, 1.10pm

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

Please click [here](#) for the latest KPS newsletter.

We launched Kendrick's Summer Raffle on Monday, 7th June 2021. We are pleased to let you know that with your support we managed to reach 10% of our target (£7K) today! **Here is the link to Kendrick's [Summer Raffle](#)** .

We are delighted to share that **we have secured 83 prizes across 40 different and wide range of categories**. We request you to share this link with all your friends, families, contacts, neighbours, colleagues and anyone who can help support our initiative.

We also request parents to kindly add their child's name and Year group correctly so that they can benefit from winning the competition of maximum funds raised and win **'Own clothes day' and 'Free Pizza lunch at school'**.

We will send you a detailed letter sharing all the stats and more information about raffle and **an attractive digital booklet on Monday 14th June**. Please watch this space!

KPS SHOPPING LINKS

AmazonSmile donations

We encourage you to continue your purchases at smile.amazon.co.uk, (not www.amazon.co.uk or the mobile app) These are helping us generate AmazonSmile donations for our school. Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Easy Fundraising Charity

KPS has also signed up to other easy ways of raising funds for the school especially when you are shopping online - **easyfundraising charity site** : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendrickschoolreading/> . Please continue to use these links and let's all together contribute to something that our daughters can benefit from.

TheGivingMachine

Another opportunity for you to raise more donations and funds for the School when you shop online. Go to this site and give for free: Here is the link: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

GAYL

Give As You Live (GAYL) is one way with which you can help KPS receive additional funds with no cost to you! Please use this link <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/kendrick> and help us raise additional funds.

NEWS, ARTICLES AND EVENTS – STUDENTS

This week on EcoSpot

You've had your best week of climate action so far! Can you DOUBLE this and log over 1000 actions by the end of next week?

Total actions taken	575
Community members	175
Bonus challenges completed	2/2
Trees to be planted	100

House Leaderboard

1st Place - Palmer

293 actions taken

2nd Place - Cedars

197 actions taken

3rd Place - Sidmouth

84 actions taken

Top individual action-takers

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Vincenzo Cassano

After a close day of competition on Tuesday between Palmer and Cedars, Palmer has pulled ahead and taken the top spot!

Cedars are close behind with less than 100 actions separating 1st and 2nd place!

Sidmouth have almost tripled their actions taken in just a week!

TUESDAY 15TH JUNE - YEAR 13 CELEBRATION DAY

- All students must do a lateral flow test on Monday evening and record it on the NHS website, you will receive an email stating the time it was done and that it was negative. Obviously if you feel at all unwell, please do not attend.
- When you come to school on Tuesday at 1.15pm please enter through the London Road gates. You will need to show the email from the NHS stating your negative Monday evening test. If you do not have the email you will need to do a repeat test before you are allowed to mix with others.
- If you do not have any lateral flow tests at home these can be collected free of charge from any pharmacy.
- All students must stay on the front lawn. There will be a table to collect books and a box for their fobs and anything else that you need to hand back to school. Please bring in everything you have borrowed over the years.
- You will be sent in small groups to form rooms/common rooms to empty your lockers and collect belongings, please do this as quickly as possible.

- At 2pm you may go into the hall for the assembly. If you are organising you will be able to go in before this to set up. Masks can be worn, the chairs will be spaced out and we will photograph who you are sitting near for track and trace.
- At the end of the assembly, approximately 3.30pm you will leave via the London Road gate.