

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 21st June 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I am sure that our Year 11 and 13 students are delighted that their exams have finished at last. There are a few legacy papers to be taken next week but in the main all the GCSE and GCE examinations have finished. Well done to all our students for their resilience and endurance in what is a most challenging time for them. I hope they can begin to relax and rest and enjoy a super long holiday after the hard work they have done these last few months.

We welcomed our **prospective Year 7 students** to school today for some 'taster lessons' and **to meet** with teachers and students. They all seemed very excited about the prospect of joining us in September and we very much look forward to welcoming them to our community. We do a lot of work to try to make the transition from primary to secondary school as smooth as possible and as well as the taster event today we have informal meetings with new parents and students as well as an Information meeting next week.

We are delighted that the local **MP for Reading West, Alok Sharma**, has agreed to come to the KPS International Food Festival event on Sunday 7th July. Mr Sharma hopes to be with us at the start of the event, 11.00am until midday. We hope that he will be able to help judge our cake competition as well as say a few words to everyone. Mr Sharma was very supportive of our plans to expand so I am sure he will be interested in the progress we have made in this area. A reminder again to everyone to save this date in your diary. Not only will there some fabulous food to eat but also some games run by our students and a cake competition that we hope many of our very talented bakers will want to enter.

Finally, we are at the time of the year when we are planning and preparing for the year ahead, as well as the long term future of our school. As always I am so pleased and proud of the staff who always approach these times with enthusiasm and a genuine desire to make things better, building on our strengths, as well as taking notice of feedback from students and parents about trying to make things better. It is a characteristic of our school that we are never complacent and we always strive to improve our practice and procedures so that we can make the educational experience of our students and the workplace of our staff the best it can be. Thank you to all our parents and friends for helping us in our endeavours.

With those positive thoughts in mind, enjoy the weekend and the sunshine!

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping Children Safe

The NSPCC has a wide range of resources to help you keep your child safe from abuse and other dangers, both online and in the physical world. Click below for more information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts" Eleanor Roosevelt

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Ted-Ed Club](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 24th June 2019 (B Week)

Monday 24 th June	Year 7 Enterprise Day Bath Trip, Year 10
Thursday 27 th June	Sixth Form Induction day New Year 7 Information Evening, 6pm – 9pm
Friday 28 th June	INSET Day (school closed to all students)

Key Events in Term 6, 2018-19

Saturday 29 th June	Year 12 Biology Trip to Dale
Monday 1 st July	Year 13 Leavers' Tea Party
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 12 'Life after Kendrick' event, 6.30pm
Thursday 11 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th July	Summer Concert, 6.30pm
Friday 19 th July	Last day of Term 6, 1.05pm

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

“When They Go Low” Progress Theatre – 2nd to 6th July 2019

Some students in Year 9 will be performing in ‘When They Go Low’ at the Progress Theatre from 2nd – 6th July. The play tackles issues around online bullying in school, feminism and the challenges of standing up for what you believe in and how this doesn’t always go to plan.

Follow this link if you want to learn more. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/reading/progress-theatre/when-they-go-low/e-gqddvx>

Gala Concert – Wednesday 17th July 2019, 6.30pm

Our Gala Concert takes place on Wednesday 17th July at 6.30pm in the School Hall featuring a range of songs from Vox Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir; fantastic instrumental pieces from Jazz Band, Harp Ensemble and our other instrumental ensembles, and two special performances from all of Year 9.

Refreshments will be available before the concert from 6.10pm and during the interval. We expect the concert to finish at approximately 8.30pm.

Please may we remind you that no parking is available on the school site unless you have a disability. If this is the case, then please contact Reception before the event.

Our end of term concerts have sold out quickly this year so we urge you to order your tickets as soon as possible through Parentpay in order to avoid disappointment. Ticket price/suggested donation: £5.00. In the first instance, tickets will be restricted to five per family. We politely ask for you not to leave ticket requests or queries until the day of the concert.

If you would like tickets for the Gala Concert on Wednesday 17th July please complete the order on Parentpay. Tickets will be distributed to students via the registers the day before the concert.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the concert.

Class of 2019 – Year 13 Leavers’ Tea Party

Monday 1st July 2019

4.00pm to 5.30pm

at Kendrick School

An opportunity for students and their parents to celebrate their time at Kendrick School

Please RSVP by Friday 21st June by completing the ParentMail form confirming number of attendees

KPS NEWS

Firstly, our greetings to all of you! In this newsletter we would like to give you a quick update on the progress with our preparations for the KPS International Food Festival.

KPS International Food Stall

We are pleased to let you know that we had a great responses from our existing parents as well as the new Year 7 cohort.

We are still looking for volunteers for the following stalls:

Thailand	Red/ Green curry with coconut rice or jasmine rice; Papaya Salad, Pad thai veg/ nonveg
Italy	Pasta, Pizza if possible or Risotto Soup with Bread
USA	Hot dog (veg/ nonveg) Burger (veg non veg)
Turkish	Falafel in pitta bread with hummus Kebabs

If you would like to suggest any other country or choice of food please feel free to let us know.

To register your interest or for any other queries please contact **Ruchi Mehrotra**, one of our Year 8 parents. You can reach Ruchi at [07816167203](tel:07816167203) or email khatriruchi05@gmail.com.

KPS Bake off

We are calling for enthusiastic student bakers to showcase their baking talent. Students should bake the cake and decorate it at home and bring it to the International Food Festival. We will be having a panel of judges who will be judging the taste and appearance. We look forward to some innovative ideas from students. Students can register their interest at chair.kps.uk@gmail.com. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

KPS Games Stalls

We would like to invite students to provide about five games stalls. Please see the attached flyer and register your interest to chair.kps.uk@gmail.com.

Tickets are available for purchasing

We would appreciate it you could please buy your tickets in advance so that we have the visibility of the overall numbers for catering purposes. Tickets can be bought online using the link- <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/7012>

Volunteers Required

We need your help to make this event a memorable one! Please let us know if you are willing to spare an hour on the day of event, this could be for either setting up a stall, running a stall, ticket collection, clearing up or any other adhoc things that may crop up. Every little helps!

Give as You Live

We all love shopping...why not help the school raise funds as we shop? Shopping through <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/kendrick> raises funds at no cost to you.

We are pleased inform you that we have reached another milestone in our Give as you Live quest for raising much needed funds for The Kendrick Parents Society!

You have helped raise a total of £2,000.20 simply by shopping via Give as you Live. We sincerely thank you for this support and look forward to this continuing.

AmazonSmile Donations

We are happy to inform you that the KPS is now registered with Amazon Smile. This means that any purchases you make at smile.amazon.co.uk, (not www.amazon.co.uk or the mobile app,) will generate AmazonSmile donations to Kendrick school. Read below to know what we will receive:

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations to charities by Amazon. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

Please note: Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Also, only purchases made at smile.amazon.co.uk, (not www.amazon.co.uk or the mobile app,) will generate AmazonSmile donations.

If you have any other suggestion or wish to volunteer for non-catering activities, please email us at chair.kps.uk@gmail.com or secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com.

We look forward to your thoughts, suggestions and enthusiastic participation!

KPS Team

VACANCIES

Kendrick School 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.

[English Teacher \(full time maternity cover for November 2019-July 2020\)](#)

[Mathematics Teacher \(part-time for September 2019\)](#)

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- A Level English texts (Year 12 going into Year 13) - £11.50
- A Level German text - £9.25
- Year 10 trip to Bath 24th June 2019 - £26.50

There are still a number of trips that have already taken place but where payment has not been made by a small number of students. Please check your ParentPay account (www.parentpay.com) and pay for any outstanding trips that show on your account. If you have any queries regarding please contact finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.
