

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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### Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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It has been an interesting week since we made our announcement regarding our [proposed expansion plans](#) last week. The media has taken a keen interest in us and for a few minutes it seems we have been given national coverage in newspapers and even on the BBC website! Since writing to parents about our proposals I have also spoken to students and today they too will receive an email from me explaining the process we are going through. I would like to thank parents for the support that we have received for our plans so far. There is a consultation meeting on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.00-8.30pm** in the School Hall and parents are welcome to come along to hear more about the plans and ask questions.

I have heard from all the party leaders who took the trips away last week and I am told that students enjoyed their trips and appreciated the places they visited. I am always grateful to our energetic and eager staff who are prepared to take these trips which require them working for 24 hours a day and for doing so with enthusiasm and dedication. I hope all students have expressed their thanks to the staff they were with.

Yesterday we reflected on the tragic events of Grenfell, one year on, and today, students are wearing an item of green in remembrance of the tragedy of the fire and its victims. Moments like this can bring communities together and I hope students have pondered on this event. From the news coverage and remembrance services there have been, we have seen the immense courage and resilience of families and children affected by the fire; we have also seen that life goes on. I hope we will be able to make a small contribution to the charities who are working with the victims of the fire so that we can show our support and sympathy for them. Let's hope some lessons have been learnt so that events like this can never happen again.

Wishing everyone a pleasant weekend.

*Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher*

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## NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

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News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Kendrick School Expansion Plans](#)

## GDPR and Kendrick School

GDPR has now come into effect. Thank you to those parents/carers that have completed the information required via the link below. **IF YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED THE FORM PLEASE COULD YOU DO THIS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THE FORM AGAIN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED IT.** Each parent/carer should complete their own form.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F9Y8RCY>

You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting Kendrick School by telephone, email or in writing.

To learn more about the General Data Protection Regulation, please visit the Information Commissioner's Office website on <http://ico.org.uk>.

## Kendrick School Gala Concert – Wednesday 11th July 2018

Our Gala Concert will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in the School Hall.

Our Gala Concert will feature a range of songs from Vox Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir, and all of the school's main ensembles will perform, including two special performances from all of Year 9. This concert will also include two special Year 13 performances. Sicheng Huang will play the Viola Concerto in Bb by A. Stamitz and Yijia Cui will perform Kicho by Piazzolla on the double bass.

Please note that refreshments will be available before the concert from 6.30pm and during the interval. We expect the concert to finish at approximately 9.15pm.

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.

Concerts this year have sold out quickly so I 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 four 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 11th July please complete the order on Parentpay. Tickets will be distributed to students via the registers before the concert.**

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

***Music Department***

## Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies

- **Technology and Art Technician** (to start September 2018). This role is for 30 hours a week, term time only with one week in the summer holidays. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and creative who ideally has equipment and machinery skills, but full training would be given to the right applicant.
- **Library Resource Coordinator** (2 roles) (to start September 2018.). These roles are for 22½ hours a week – 8am to 12.30pm and 12.30pm to 5pm. We are looking for candidates who are enthusiastic and well organised. Experience is not essential, however, candidates must be motivated, creative and passionate about students' learning, books and reading.
- **Classics Teacher** (to start September 2018). This position would suit a Classics graduate, or a recently qualified or

an experienced teacher, who is able to impart passion for the subject to highly motivated, creative and engaging students. Latin is taught in Years 8 and 9 and offered at GCSE and A Level. A responsibility allowance is available for a suitably qualified and experienced candidate.

Please see our website for more information and forward to friends and family who may be interested in applying.

<https://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=29>

## Safeguarding

[Gooseberry Planet](#) have provided the following information on Changing Perceptions – Is Stranger Danger an outdated concept online?

For today's children, being part of an online community is perfectly normal and is considered by them to be an acceptable way to 'make friends'. It is inevitable that at some stage, your child will connect and communicate with people online.

We should acknowledge the many advantages of the online world but educate our children, in an age appropriate way, of the risks. Being aware of who poses a risk and how to safely manage communication online is a life skill they need to develop. But we need to do so sensitively, so that we do not unnecessarily worry younger children.

Any App, website or online game where people can connect and communicate creates potential risks. Unfortunately, the sites that appeal to children are targeted by those who wish them harm. A stranger attempting to engage in conversation with a child on the street would likely be identified by the child as a potential risk. The same person, playing alongside them in an online game, or engaging in an online chat, is unlikely to be seen in the same way. Using the "stranger danger" terminology in this context is ineffective and possibly misleading. Current risks to children include not only paedophiles but also those wishing to recruit drug runners (often tackling younger children who are less likely to be jailed if caught) and those trying to radicalise.

Speak to your child about the risks they face when communicating and connecting online

- **Inappropriate chat or requests** – empower your child to just say "No". It might be something we discourage in other situations, but it is the best strategy in this case!
- **Sharing** - avoid sharing personal information and photographs online that could be misused by others.
- **Grooming** – teach your child to be wary of flattery, gifts and unusual amounts of contact.
- **Communication** – ensure that your child is confident about what to do if they feel uncomfortable or are targeted online. Make sure you are ready to listen and help. Assure them you will not be angry if they admit foolish behaviour online – that their safety is the most important thing.
- **Online Friends** – only have trusted friends from 'real life' as friends online.
- **Apps appropriate for age** – using apps, games and websites that are age appropriate can reduce the risk of problems. Following community rules and knowing how to report inappropriate content can also help.
- **Turn off Microphones if playing games that connect with others online**

## ParentPay Reminders

- Year 12 English Theatre trip – 'Hamlet' on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - £9
- Text books for Year 12 students to use for their A Level courses – English (£6.25) and German (£9.50)

## Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June (A Week)

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 12 exams
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 12 exams
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 12 Art exam

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Governor Learning & Teaching Committee, 4.30pm

Kendrick School Expansion Plans Consultation – Public Meeting, 7pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

New Year 7 Induction morning

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