

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 23rd June 2023

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

I would like to begin by reminding everyone of the **Kendrick Parents' Society Summer Fair** in a week's time on **Saturday 1st July**. The day looks to be full of fun and super activities for all the family and I urge parents and students to come along. As always, a huge effort and considerable work goes into organising such an event in order to raise funds for the school, as well as to bring our community of students and parents together to enjoy time together. Please support the event. Please see this [link](#) for further details

The public examinations finish today, and I am sure there is much joy and happiness in homes and amongst the students and families of Year 11 and Year 13 students. I thank our students again for how they have conducted and presented themselves in this exam period; being here on time and without a fuss, enabling the process for everyone to run so smoothly. I would also like to thank our Examinations Officer, Mr Chapman, and Assistant Examinations Officer, Mrs Gray, for the calm and composed way in which they have led and managed this exam season and the team of invigilators that have worked with them. It has been a long period of time for students to be under such intense pressure and scrutiny but they have shown immense resilience and their teachers and staff are very proud of them. The A Level results will be received by students on 17th August and for GCSE students on 24th August. This means that for the next two months all students can relax and have an enjoyable summer before they embark on the next stage of their educational career.

Website articles to activities I mentioned last week can be found here:

- [Hidden Histories](#)
- [PE Department successes](#)
- [Eco Committee activities](#)

This week we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort of 128 students who will be joining us in September. We look forward to meeting parents and students at an Information Evening next week. Also next week we will be having a Tea Party for parents and students in Year 13, a sad but also a happy occasion, as we acknowledge the education and development the students have had with us over the last seven or two years and the next steps they have planned for the future. Later in the week we welcome our new Year 12 students who will join our Sixth Form in September, as always, a time of endings and beginnings.

I have mentioned our Wellbeing Ambassadors who at the end of last week were presented with shiny badges which I have seen being worn with pride. This week they received some training for their roles from Miss Hyde and will now begin their work supporting their peers to encourage wellbeing amongst us all.

Finally, it is Pride Month and activities have been planned for students by the Community Committee of our Kendrick Student Leaders which include:

- a pride mural using rainbow paints and fingerprinting,
- messages of support and positivity in the form of a poster
- Some information on the history of Pride month including a display in the library.

This group, on behalf of the school and coordinated by Mr Simmonds, has delivered another big food package to the Whitley Food Cupboard this week, including some money to help them buy food for the community. Thank you to parents and students who are working with us on this much needed and appreciated local initiative.

Please read on into the rest of the Weekly Update which contains vital information about plans for the week beginning 3rd July when some school events have been rescheduled around the NEU strike days. Parents will see that we are now able to accommodate KS3, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 in school for one day of the strikes.

Wishing everyone a pleasant weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Kendrick School has several social media platforms and sites. Please follow us to get the latest news and information about the school. The links are in the logos below.



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 and ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Officer.

If you're worried about any child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 4pm and at weekends and holidays), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0800 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.

For well-being support in school please visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE IN SPORT

Source: NSPCC

Sport and exercise are great ways for children and young people to learn new skills, keep fit and make friends. Whether it's a martial arts club, ice skating lesson or hockey team, sports can be an important part of growing up and learning to be more independent. Wherever children and young people are, it's important they're safe and happy — read the NSPCC advice and support so they can focus on training, learning and having fun. Link to the information [here](#).



National Online Safety **STAYING SAFE ONLINE**

ANIME

Anime is one of the most popular forms of media in the modern world. Fans span across multiple generations – with a particular emphasis on young people in the west, to whom the unique art style and over-the-top presentation greatly appeal. It takes many different forms – from movies to video games – but is most commonly presented in TV shows.

The cartoonish art style of anime can lead people to assume that all media of this type is child-friendly. While a good amount of anime fits this description, there's just as much – if not more – that centres around deeply adult themes and topics, with scenes of extreme gore, disturbing horror, and sexual content. The National Online Safety guide delves deep into this cultural phenomenon, identifying all risks parents and carers should be aware of.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

DEALING WITH CHANGE

Our wellbeing theme this term is '**Dealing with Change**'. Below are some top tips for parents and carers to help your child cope with change. Going through change can be scary or challenging, but sometimes it's just things, like showing interest in our child's hobbies, that can make a difference.

Choose health

Know what affects your child, what makes them grumpy, hyper, disconnected...

- Do they need snacks throughout the day?
- Do they need lots of sleep?
- Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?
- Do they need time alone?

Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days

Work together

Share ideas about how to:

- create action plans
- have a problem-solving approach
- enjoy achievements
- be forward-looking
- show them that we can all get things wrong

Move on up

Encourage independence:

- help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
- increase their responsibilities
- be positive whenever they act maturely

Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

Get learning

Be involved, find out more and talk about:

- social media
- internet benefits and dangers
- new music
- language and slang
- current affairs
- what it's like to be young in the current world

Communicate

The small things you do make all the difference:

Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

Be calm

Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed.

Your child may show:

- highs and lows
- melodrama
- anger
- blame
- self-centredness

Be wise

As they discover new things, try to:

- be interested
- be non-judgemental
- guide
- give boundaries
- see it from all sides
- listen to their point of view
- choose your words carefully
- act on warning bells

Be the anchor

In times of change you are:

- constant
- family
- familiar
- routine
- in-jokers
- irritating
- comforting
- home

Have fun

Provide lots of light relief:

- be silly
- be embarrassing
- play games
- laugh together
- do stuff together
- make jokes
- make things
- be outside

Look after yourself

Support yourself, to best support your child:

- lean on friends
- offload on other family
- find 'me time'
- see the GP
- relax, exercise, sleep well, eat well
- remember tomorrow is a new day



Ten Ways for parents to help children cope with change



WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

For the latest **Wellbeing Newsletter** please click [here](#).

FOOTBALL FOR YOUTH MENTAL WELLBEING

Sport in Mind is running a new weekly football session for 10-14 year olds every Wednesday, 4.30- 5.30pm. The free session on the 3G pitch at Prospect Park, west Reading, offers a great way of helping to build self-confidence, support self-esteem and meet new friends. Places can be booked by email to: youth@sportinmind.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 6, 2022-23

Monday 26 th June	Year 13 Farewell Tea Party
Tuesday 27 th June	INSET Day. School closed to students other than those taking exams
Thursday 29 th June	Sixth Form Induction Day
	New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
Saturday 1 st July	KPS Summer Festival
Monday 3 rd July	Futures Week
	Creative Arts Festival Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Strike Day – school open to Years 7, 10 & 12; Year 8 & 9 stay at home
Thursday 6 th July	Profiling Day (see information below)
	Summer Concert
	Full Governing Body Meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 7 th July	Strike Day – school open to Years 8, 9 and 12; Years 7 & 10 stay at home
Monday 10 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 7 trip to Neasden Hindu Temple
	UCAS Information Evening, 5.30pm
Friday 14 th July	End of Term 6 for students, 3.15pm
Monday 17 th July	Staff Day
Tuesday 18 th July	Staff Day

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 please click [here](#)

NEWS, NOTICES, COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

STRIKE ACTION

Members of the National Education Union (NEU), one of the trade unions representing the teaching profession, will take strike action on **Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023**.

The arrangements for both days will be as follows. **Please read these carefully as they are different from previous strike days.**



Wednesday 5th July

- If your child is in **Years 7, 10 and 12** they should **attend school** as normal.
- If your child is in **Years 8 and 9** they should **stay at home** but will be asked to remotely register at 8.25am, attend online classes if these are available and/or complete work that will be set for them. If you are a critical worker, your child may attend school, however, we must be informed of this by emailing admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk **as soon as possible** so arrangements can be made. As for Profiling Days, vulnerable students are also able to attend school and our Student Welfare Team (SWT) will make contact with the parents of those students as appropriate. Students in receipt on free school meals will receive a voucher as before.

Friday 7th July

- If your child is in **Years 8, 9 and 12** they should **attend school** as normal.

- If your child is in **Years 7 and 10** they should **stay at home** but will be asked to remotely register at 8.25am, attend online classes if these are available and/or complete work that will be set for them. If you are a critical worker, your child may attend school, however, we must be informed of this by emailing admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk **as soon as possible** so arrangements can be made. As for Profiling Days, vulnerable students are also able to attend school and our Student Welfare Team (SWT) will make contact with the parents of those students as appropriate. Students in receipt on free school meals will receive a voucher as before.

PROFILING DAY – THURSDAY 6TH JULY

As Profiling Day is on a strike day it has been rearranged to **Thursday 6th July**. The arrangements are as follows:



Years 7, 8 and 9

Students in Years 7, 8, and 9 should stay at home unless they have difficulty accessing wifi or need to come into for their free school meal. During the day they will have their remote profiling interview with their Tutor.

- The day should be regarded as a school day and students are expected to register at 8.25am remotely and complete the work set.
- The Form Tutor will let the students know when their Profiling time will be and will send a Google Meet invitation. The students will need to make sure that they are connected to the Google Meet on time as to not delay the rest of the students.
- If your child needs to come into school for their Profiling appointment or for a free school meal, please make sure that you inform the Student Welfare Team by emailing admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

Year 10

- Year 10 students will come into school for the full day as normal. They will spend the day taking part in various activities and should regard this as a normal school day, wearing correct uniform and bringing their pencil case and a reading book.
- The canteen will be open for food at the usual times.

Year 12

Please see the email sent by the Sixth Form Team.

Please note that the library will close at 3.30pm that day.

TEEN PPP (POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME)

This organisation and activity is not associated to Kendrick School but has been passed to us by Brighter Futures for Children

Thursday 14th September – Thursday 16th November 2023, 9.30am-11.30am

Berkshire Record Office, 9 Coley Avenue, Reading, RG1 6AF

Is your child aged 11-19 years old? Do you want to support your child when they show distressing behaviour? Do you want to help your teenager make positive choices?

Join our evidence-based flexible parenting programme. The group aims to strengthen your relationship with your teenager, promote your teen's development and equip you to help them recognise and avoid risky situations. The programme is delivered in nine two-hour weekly group sessions on Thursdays, term-time only.

To enquire or book your place, please contact: parenting.reading@brighterfuturesforchildren.org or call 07812 462799



STAGEABILITY – SUMMER DRAMA PROJECT

This organisation and activity is not associated to Kendrick School

How is your Teen spending the summer holidays?



StageAbility is producing a one act play in five days...is your Teen up for the challenge?

This year's Teen Summer Drama Project - QUEENS by Kristen Doherty - is based on a story we are all fascinated by.

It's gritty, it's gruesome and it's filled with angst as we see King Henry in purgatory, forced to relive the sins he committed against his queens, mistresses and people of the court, over and over again, for an eternity.

Join us from Monday 7th August to Saturday 12th August from 12.30 - 16.30 in Spencers Wood to rehearse and perform this one act play in just five days!! Are you up for the challenge?

Book before 30th June and get the early bird price of just £99!

<https://stageability.class4kids.co.uk/camps>

Recommended age 13+

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS UPDATES

READING IASS FOR SEND

Reading Information, Advice and Support Service for SEND (Reading IASS) is a free resource for children, young people and parents and carers of children aged 0-25 years who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and live in Reading borough.



The Reading IASS team offers impartial information, advice and support on a wide range of topics, including Education, Health and Care Plans, school transport and SEND support in schools.

Subject to availability, members of the team may also be able to attend meetings with parents or carers (this is usually virtually) and help them with writing letters and filling out forms.

Reading IASS can be contacted by phone on: 0118 937 3421 or by email at: iass@brighterfuturesforchildren.org. The Reading IASS website also has pages of information and resources as well as videos and webinars for parents, carers and young people. Visit: <https://www.readingiass.org/>. Reading IASS is a self-referral only service, so cannot accept referrals from third parties.

SUMMER SHORT BREAKS

Please find below the programme of Reading SEND short breaks for summer 2023:

- [Summer Holiday Clubs with Make/Sense Theatre](#)
- [Multi Sports Summer Camps with Reading FC Community Trust](#)
- [Play Camps for 5-7 years with Reading FC Community Trust](#)
- [Dance and Multi Activity Programme with Chance to Dance Stars CIC](#)

Full details can be found on the [Reading SEND Local Offer Short Breaks](#) page.

CAREERS AND POST16 INFORMATION

ELEVATE SUMMER CAREERS FAIR

Elevate careers service is holding an event for young people to find out about courses, apprenticeships and other work opportunities next month.



The event is taking place on Tuesday 18 July, 11am-3pm, at the New Meaning's warehouse at 28 Portman Road, Reading. RG30 1EA, which is close to the Portman Road Tesco store and is a 5-minute walk from the No 17 bus stop. Parking is also available at the far end of Tesco's car park.

Organisations attending include Thames Water, John Lewis Partnership, Army careers, Reading Borough Council and the NHS. Young people interested in attending should email: elevate@brighterfuturesforchildren.org.

LATEST JOB AND APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Elevate careers service has updated its jobs and opportunities board online for June. Opportunities this month include the John Lewis employment programme, a hairdressing apprenticeship and legal business support apprentice. Visit the [Elevate](#) page on the BfC website.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Reading Libraries is looking for young people aged 14-18 who can encourage children to take part in this year's summer reading challenge, *Ready, Set, Read!* Tasks will include discussing the books younger children have been reading and suggesting books they might like and assisting library staff with reading challenge events and craft activities. The library will provide training, supervision and support and it is a great opportunity to develop new skills and experience.

The summer reading challenge will run between 8 July – 2 September in all Reading libraries and volunteers will need to commit to a minimum of six sessions during that time. The closing date for applications is 21 July.

For more information, and to apply, visit: [Volunteering for our Summer Reading Challenge – Ready, Set, Read! - Reading Borough Council](#)

CREATING WRITING WORKSHOPS AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY, SUMMER 2023

These workshops, run by **Igniting Writing**, are available for all pupils in Year 6-13 and held at Wokingham Library. **Each workshop costs just £5 to attend** (to be paid in cash on the day). Attendees will also need to **bring a packed lunch**, as there will be a lunch break for both workshops.

Email **Ms Fieldsend** for the links, or go to the Wokingham Libraries website and navigate from there.

The first workshop session will be on **Saturday 22nd July, 10:30am to 3:00pm, on the topic of sports stories**. We'll be exploring why people around the world connect with sport on such an instinctual level and how it can be used in stories to craft interesting plots, characters and motivations! The link to register is [here](#).

The second workshop session will be on **Saturday 29th July, 10:30am to 3:00pm, and is all about chain stories**. This workshop will be about creating collaborative stories, where everyone writes part of a story and then hands it onto another group member to continue crafting the characters, settings, plotlines, worldbuilding and more! The link to register is [here](#).

VACANCIES

We have a vacancy for a **Computing Teacher for 0.3FTE** (approximately 2 days a week) to join us in September. For more information please click [here](#).

Kendrick School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure & Barring Service. Kendrick School is an Equal Opportunity employer.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details. Please could you check your child's account and ensure that any overdrafts are paid. Thank you.

- Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts
- Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts
- Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and technology contributions
- Year 10 and 11 Art and Textiles contributions
- Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase
- KPS department birthday gift - celebrating Kendrick's 145th year
- Coach trips to Palmer Stadium: Athletics Season – Term 5 2023
- Whitley Community Food Cupboard – cash donations
- Celebration of Arts – 6th July 2023 – adult and children tickets

Trips

- Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – June 2023
- Year 10 Geography Field Trips – 13th and 15th June 2023
- Year 10 work experience insight programme 28th June 2023
- Year 12 work experience insight programme 16th June 2023
- Year 7 Swaminarayan Hindu Temple trip 11th July 2023
- Geography Slapton Ley residential course – October 2023
- Year 10 French and German Trips June 2024

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

KENDRICK SUMMERFEST – SATURDAY 1ST JULY

With just a week more for the event, we are eagerly looking forward to seeing most of you to have fun with us at the Kendrick Summer event. Most of the stalls are being put up by students this time and we hope that all of you would come and encourage them to help raise funds for their school.

At the request of some of the school students, we had approached **Seema Goyal, President of the Maidenhead and Windsor Chamber of Commerce and the Owner & MD at GOYALS Ltd to be our Chief Guest** for the day and she has agreed to be part of this event. Seema is an Award-winning businesswoman, a respected and recognised female entrepreneur within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, known for her charitable work, support to the local community, and winning several local accolades. The GOYAL name is recognised as a trusted brand in Uniform retailers since their doors opened back in 1956. Seema is also the current VP at the Maidenhead and District Chamber of Commerce, supporting local business growth. She will be talking to our young students about her journey and inspire us with the career she has made for herself. A DJ has also been organised and will be providing some musical background for all of us.

There are going to be several games stalls, drinks and refreshments, food, music, dance - everything that you had asked for! There is something for every member of your family. Please bring your friends too if you can. We are also looking for marquees (these will be outside on the lawn, various sizes needed). Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please note, there is no parking on site.

CAKE BAKE COMPETITION

We are inviting all the young bakers for the baking competition at the summer fair on Saturday 1st July. If interested please email kpsclassrepcordinator2022@gmail.com.

TICKET LINK

We have opened up the ticket link for the summer event. We are asking for a £2 entry fee per adult whilst children go free. Please bring along your friends and their families too to this great grand gala. <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CLWW>

