

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Thank you to our PE Department for putting on another successful awards event this week celebrating sport and the great participation and commitment many of our students have towards school sport. The number of clubs, competitions and events our students are involved in demonstrates the dedication of our team of staff and the numerous and creative ways they try to engage our students in sport. It is not surprising that as a school we have some elite sportswomen and last weekend at the Reading Sports Awards, two of our students in Year 10 were celebrated for their contribution to their sport: **Smrithi Shirol** (Badminton) who won Junior Sports Personality of the Year and **Anaya Patel** (Tennis Table) who won the Female Sports Personality of the Year. Please click [here](#) for photos and more information.

Congratulations to them and all our other students that participate in sport; we wish them all the best as they pursue their development in their chosen sport.

This morning I spoke to students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 about our building plans and showed them some of the drawings we have been given. It is amazing to think that at this very time last year I spoke to the students about our application to the DfE and this year we are in the position where we are preparing for our new cohort arriving in September 2020 and a new building. Click [here](#) for a link of the plans.

Earlier this week I attended the annual conference for Grammar School Heads (GSHA). At this event we often hear from a prominent politician and this year again, the Schools' Minister, Nick Gibb, MP addressed the conference. He praised the work and achievements of the grammar school sector and he named some schools whose work he wanted to commend. I was delighted when at one point in his speech he mentioned the work that we are doing through the Curriculum Fund initiative supporting science in other schools and he particularly mentioned Kendrick's work at KS3 science with staff and students at Cranbury College. Only the week before we received confirmation that we have received the Platinum Science Mark Award for our work in science. All of this should make us feel very proud that our school is able to receive national recognition in the work it does. Thank you to all my colleagues and students for what they do to make this happen.

We have already mentioned the fabulous **International Food Festival** that KPS is planning for 7<sup>th</sup> July. Posters and information were sent to you last week but here is the information again via this [link](#) if you missed it. Please make a note in your diary and join us on the day.

Finally today is the second anniversary of the fire at Grenfell Tower where 72 people died. There are a number of activities taking place in London and elsewhere to remember the victims of the fire. I asked students this morning to reflect on the tragedy of this event and to think about the people who lost their lives, as well as the family and friends whose lives were devastated by this tragic event. We extend our sympathy as well as our best wishes to the community and hope that they are beginning to rebuild their lives.

Best wishes for the weekend.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

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### **County Lines**

County Lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups (OCGs) use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas. This type of drug dealing requires exploitation of the vulnerable, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, at all points of their drug supply routes. OCGs often use high levels of violence and intimidation to protect the 'county line' and control vulnerable people.

Tackling county lines and the exploitation of young people and vulnerable adults is a priority for Thames Valley Police. They are working with their partners in local authorities, social services and other emergency services as part of their Stronghold campaign to tackle this issue.

Please click on this [link](#) for more information.

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## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

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*"Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise" Victor Hugo*

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## **WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS**

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### **News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media**

[Year 9 PGL Trip](#)

[Sports Awards Presentation](#)

[Year 7 Bushcraft Trip](#)

[Reading Sports Awards](#)

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## **SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### **Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (A Week)**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Governor L&T Committee, 4.30pm

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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

New Year 7 Induction Morning

## Key Events in Term 6, 2018-19

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sixth Form Induction day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 12 Biology Trip to Dale
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 'Life after Kendrick' event, 6.30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Concert, 6.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6, 1.05pm

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

## Gala Concert – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 6.30pm

Our Gala Concert takes place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## KPS NEWS

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), (not [www.amazon.co.uk](http://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](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), (not [www.amazon.co.uk](http://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](mailto:chair.kps.uk@gmail.com) or [secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com).

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

**KPS Team**

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## VACANCIES

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### 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 \(part-time for September 2019\)](#)

### Reading School Vacancies

Reading School has a vacancy for an SSI from September 2019. Please forward details to anyone who may find it of interest:

[SSI Job Advert](#)

[SSI Job Description](#)

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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- Year 10 English/Classics trip to Bath on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - £26.50
- Vietnam trip coach cost - £24.50
- A Level German text £9.25
- Year 13 A Level English texts – there are still a number of payments outstanding for these texts which students will have annotated. Please pay as soon as possible.

Please take the opportunity to check your accounts for any trip payments that you may have missed and to top up Dinner Money and printing accounts.