

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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### Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

A few weeks ago I mentioned the Period Poverty campaign that some of our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students initiated and the many sanitary boxes we were able to give to two local charities, Red Box and Sadaka. Last week I was sent an email and video link from the charities publicising the cause, as well as mentioning our contribution. The link is here:

<https://youtu.be/1i59jsK9H-0> Thank you again to all the students who contributed to this initiative.

Some students in Year 9 have asked me to mention a theatre production they are involved in called 'When They Go Low', from the 2018 National Theatre Connections Folio. It is, in their words, *'a punchy modern feminist tale set in a British Secondary School where a website has recently sprung up rating all the female students out of 10. Based on a real story, this show is a fast-paced, magnetic pull through the lens of modern British Teen life, and a stark reminder of some of the challenges they still face. Directed with movement inspired by Frantic Assembly, When They Go Low features some stand-out performances from our energetic young company, come and check it out:*

*Show runs 7.45-9PM Tues 2nd - Sat 6th July, well-stocked bar open before and after, tickets here:*

<http://progresstheatre.co.uk/2019-when-they-go-low>

As we approach the last few weeks of term there are lots of what I would describe as 'beginning' and 'ending' events taking place. On Monday a few staff joined our out-going Year 13 at their wonderful end of year prom. Honoured to be invited, we saw them with their friends and partners looking relaxed now that the exams have finished, but so grown up and sophisticated in their beautiful prom outfits which suited the occasion marking the end of their school life. Personally I feel a huge sense of pride and satisfaction seeing our young people get to this point in their education, knowing that everyone has done as much as they can to help them on their journey in life and on to the next stage. At the other end of the scale, last night we welcomed our prospective Year 7 students and their parents/carers to the Information Evening. Although quite different to the prom event, it is just as exciting and equally filled with ambition and hope. It is lovely to see young children making friends, asking questions and generally eager and enthusiastic to take their next step in life, unaware of the huge significance of the moment. It reinforces for me the great privilege it is to work with young people in these formative years of their life.

Our inset day today is a welcome opportunity for the staff to spend time on their professional development. Teachers spent the first part of the day looking at the new Ofsted framework which becomes effective in September 2019. While we remain exempt from regular inspections under the current rules, it is vital that we continue to be aware and work on what Ofsted consider to be priorities in their judgments of schools. The emphasis in the new framework is on the **quality of education** which we all agree is an essential priority, as are the other top priorities: **behaviour and attitudes, personal development and leadership and management**. These elements feature in how we have structured our school development plan for next year and going forward I would like to keep parents/carers

and students informed of what our key developments are for the school over the next 1-5 years. Starting in September, I will regularly refer to our Kendrick School Development Plan in my Weekly Update.

I hope the students have enjoyed their day off school today. Many of them have some exciting events to look forward to next week. Year 10, who ran a super charity week this week, will be embarking on their five day work experience and a large number of students in Year 12 will be going on their field trip, an essential component of their A Level Biology course.

Finally, please remember that the KPS Food Festival is just over a week away and students in school have been asked to get involved in running games or baking a cake for the cake competition. Please contact KPS at this email address [chair.kps@gmail.com](mailto:chair.kps@gmail.com) if anyone would like to be involved. I know more student volunteers are needed.

Best wishes everyone and have a great weekend!

***Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher***

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

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### **Keeping Children Safe**

From online games to livestreaming, NSPCC have got lots of advice to help parents/carers keep their child safe online.

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

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## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

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*"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future" Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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## **WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS**

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

[When They Go Low](#)

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# SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 (A Week)

*Year 10 Work Experience week*

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 12 Biology Trip to Dale
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 13 Leavers' Tea Party
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<a href="#">RYPWP – Parents' Workshop on Resilience</a> – 9.30am RGS; 6.00pm Kendrick School

## Key Events in Term 6, 2018-19

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](#)

## Mental Health Workshops – Support for Parents

Please click [here](#) for a link for a leaflet for details of the final workshop in this series which is on Resilience and will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6.00pm**. This workshop will also taking place at Reading Girls' School on the same day at 9.30am.

Please reserve a place for this session via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5PL6GV5>

For further information on this series of workshops please refer to the 'Mental Health – The Safe Space Project' page [here](#) on our website.

## Profiling Days

The Profiling Days are on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. They form part of our programme of assessment and reporting. As before, we propose to allow the students to come to school on just one of the profiling days when they will have their scheduled interview with their Form Tutor or Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator and then follow a varied programme of activities.

On their profiling day the students will take part in a House PE event so need to bring their PE kit and House T-shirt if they have one.

On the day that students will be at home an appropriate and related activity will be set for them to do.

## Sports Day

Sports Day will take place at Palmer Park Sports Stadium on **Thursday 11th July 2019** between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

The arrangements for the day are as follows:

- Students involved in Field Events will walk to Palmer Park at 9.00am accompanied by members of staff.
- All other students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will have their usual lessons until 10.55am and then after a short break, will walk to Palmer Park, accompanied by their form tutor. Students will be fully supervised on the journey and tutors will be assisted by other members of staff and Year 12 students.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

**At the end of the event, all students will be registered and dismissed from Palmer Park UNLESS you would like a member of staff to accompany your child back to school.**

**If this is the case please email [admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July AT THE VERY LATEST. Please be aware that, for safeguarding reasons, NO changes can be made or requested after this date. There is no exception to this and any requests to change plans after Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July will be refused. Please also note this arrangement may mean students return to school after 3.15pm.**

**Please think very carefully about your plans for Sports Day and send an email to [admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) if you do NOT want your child to be dismissed from Palmer Park.**

Please also note that no messages can be given to students once they have departed for Palmer Park.

If you wish to attend the event you would be most welcome and will be required to sign in on arrival and sit in the designated area. **If you are planning to collect your child from Palmer Park, please arrive no later than 3.00pm.**

### **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.

## Class of 2019 – Year 13 Leavers' Tea Party

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 asap by completing the ParentMail form confirming number of attendees

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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](https://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](https://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 \(part-time for September 2019\)](#)

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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- A Level English texts (Year 12 going into Year 13) - £11.50
  - A Level German text - £9.25
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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](http://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](mailto:finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).