

# Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

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We have some super news items on the website this week which I encourage you to read.

- **[Year 8 Bushcraft Trip Report](#)**: Year 8 participated in a fun and challenging activities week before half term; the first opportunity for them to be together as a year group on a residential. You can read from the descriptions of each day and the photos that they had a great time and learnt some good outdoor skills, plus practising team work and working collaboratively throughout.
- **[Chess Competition Kendrick Vs Queen's School](#)** Students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 visited Queen's Anne School and enjoyed playing against their opponents, winning seven out of 10 games they played. Although winning is rewarding, students also enjoyed playing against another school, which they hope to continue to do in the future.
- **Upcoming Music events**: Masterclass, Musical items at the Avenue School in Tilehurst as part of the school's summer music festival, plus our own concert on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.
- **[The Gazette](#)**: a new publication of the Gazette has just come out. Once again, students have written and reflected on topical areas of interest to them.
- **[Awards and Grants](#)** deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June is in two weeks' time
- **Year 12 Work Experience** visit today to two major employers in the Reading/Berkshire area.
- **Field Trips**: Year 10 Geography trip this week and Year 12 Biology trip leaving on Sunday for a four-day residential to study marine biology.
- **[KPS Raffle](#)**: the total amount of money raised from the sale of raffle tickets this week is £1230, which is not quite the quadruple figure I had hoped for, but slowly getting there, thank you. If you have not bought your raffle tickets yet or made a donation, please do so. The smart boards we hope to purchase will have a direct impact on students' learning and lessons. <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BRFA>
- **Pride Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**, the school will be celebrating Pride month and students may come to school in brightly coloured clothes on that day to raise awareness.

All these events demonstrate the great enthusiasm and involvement of students in curricular and extracurricular activities. Behind all these activities are teams of staff who plan, organise and lead these events which they do in addition to their roles as teachers or support staff in the school.

Yesterday I sent an email to all parents about the proposed train strike next week to say that students are expected to be in school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> despite the disruptions to train services. Parents should be planning alternative ways for their children to travel to school and may consider arranging group travel and lifts where students live near each other. Everyone is expected to be in school on these days. Public examinations will continue as normal and on time.

Finally, we are enjoying some lovely weather at the moment and parts of the school can get very warm. We are encouraging students to be outside in the breaks and to wear their uniform appropriately, blouse and skirt which lends itself well to the very warm conditions.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

# SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

## WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email [studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) or telephone 0118 9015859.

If you're worried about a 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 **0808 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.

Under 25s	Over 25s	Parents
 Text YM to 85258 Open 24/7	 Call 0300 123 3393 9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri	 Call 0808 802 5544 9:30am - 4pm, Mon - Fri
 Call 0808 808 4994 3pm - 12am, every day	 Call 116 123 Open 24/7	
 Call 0800 1111 7:30am - 3:30am, every day	For more advice and information visit: <a href="http://youngminds.org.uk/find-help">youngminds.org.uk/find-help</a>	

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](mailto:studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).**

### Student Welfare Team at Kendrick School

**The Base** (in Sidmouth basement) is a quiet space for students who would benefit from this. There is a relaxation area, art area and workstations available for your use. Please come to the General Office first to check there is space in The Base. The Student Welfare Committee (sixth-form students) run regular lunchtime activities in The Base – please see Daily Bulletin for details.

Contact: [StudentWelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:StudentWelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)

If you feel you need further support in school, please contact Mrs Hackett regarding appointments with our Counsellors from No5 Counselling Services (Emma and Katie) and the School Nurse, Dianne.

## WELLBEING: MANAGING SOCIAL MEDIA

Source: [Anna Freud](#)

Since the coronavirus shutdowns, our lives have been disrupted greatly and usual routines have changed for most of us. Whilst social media can be an effective tool for staying connected to friends and family, it can also be a place where negative language and imagery is regularly shared which can have a negative impact on your mental health and wellbeing.

Anna Freud's Managing social media booklet aims to highlight some key social media issues and offers advice and guidance on how to minimise the impact of social media on your mental health. The booklet was written by Louisa Rose, a freelance social media expert and [Parent Champion](#) at the Anna Freud Centre, working with Centre staff with feedback and input from the Centre's [Young Champions](#).

Click [here](#) for a link to the booklet.

## SAFEGUARDING – TIKTOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around 1 billion active users worldwide.

In the guide via this [link](#), you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, addiction and in-app spending.

Internet Matters also has TikTok guidance for parents via this [link](#).

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## CALENDAR FOR TERM 6

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<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Biology Trip Leaving
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 7 Taster Day
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Resources Governors, 4.30pm
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 13 Book Return and Tea Party
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 12 Induction Day
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET Day New Year 7 Information Evening
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Futures Week and Creative Arts Festival Showcase
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Wind and Brass Performer Series KPS Meeting, 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Full Governors Meeting, 4.30pm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 12 Insights Day Platinum Jubilee Celebrations KPS Raffle draw
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Concert
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Term 6, 1.05pm

### INSET DAY

There is an INSET Day on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022** when the school will be closed to all students.

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## NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

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### PRIDE EVENT: FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 2022

Pride Club invites you to dress up in your brightest rainbow colours on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> June! There will also be a Rainbow Picnic on the Front Lawn open to everyone in all year groups- feel free to bring colourful snacks to eat with your lunch. There will be free stickers and face paint available. We're also making a display for the library, so on a picnic bench there will be a large piece of paper for everyone to write their own takes on 'What does PRIDE mean to you?'. We will have sharpies and craft supplies there, so feel free to make your mark in a cute colourful way!

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### ORGAN AND CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT CHRISTCHURCH READING

The Joint Organ and Choral scholarships have been done by a number of previous and existing students, all of which have gone on/are going on to do great things with the skills they've learned.

There are five scholarships which are available from the beginning of the academic year 2022/23. To request further information about music at Christ Church, to apply or to arrange an informal discussion please contact the Director of Music, Jamie Hudson: [music.ccreading@gmail.com](mailto:music.ccreading@gmail.com)

For more information please click [here](#).

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## THE RABBLE THEATRE GROUP

The Rabble Theatre group are running summer workshops for students of different ages and they also offer those on low incomes a free place. For more information please click [here](#).

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Reading Borough Libraries are looking for young people aged 14-18 who can encourage children to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Gadgeteers. Tasks will include talking with, and listening to, children aged 4-12 about the books they have been reading and suggesting other books to read, helping children and families understand the reading challenge and assisting library staff with events and craft activities. For more information and to apply visit: [Volunteering for our summer reading challenge - Reading Borough Council](#). Closing date for applications is 21 July. Further information is available from Suzan Davis at Reading Libraries on 0118 937 3449 or email [suzan.davis@reading.gov.uk](mailto:suzan.davis@reading.gov.uk).

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## SUMMER HAF SCHEME REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme for the summer holidays. The programme provides a wide range of holiday camps, and lunches, for children and young people who are normally eligible for pupil premium free school meals. You can read a [press release about the summer HAF](#) which we published this week. Parents can register on the BFFC website at: <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/haf/>.

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## COMPETITIONS

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### THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE ART COMPETITION

The **Art Department** would like to invite you to enter **The Queen's Jubilee Art Competition**

We are calling all students to create a piece of work inspired by the Queen and/or the Platinum Jubilee. Please see the posters around school to help you with inspiration. Any media can be used, maximum size A3. Open to all year groups.

All entries will be displayed around the school leading up to our Jubilee Celebrations.

There will be winners for KS3, KS4 & KS5. An overall winner will be 'crowned' and announced on the Jubilee Celebration Day, and their work will be framed and displayed in the school.

Please submit your work (with your name and form on the back) to Mrs Souch or Miss Long by 1pm on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

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### YOUNG WRITER COMPETITIONS

Goldsmiths' Young Writer competitions are open for registration; The [Young Anthropologist](#) is an essay competition for those interested in issues of identity and culture and the [Young Writer](#) is a 1,000-word short fiction competition for creative writers and storytellers. The winner of each competition will win £1,000, with prizes for runners-up and shortlisted entries.

The closing date for submissions is **Monday 1st August** and all entrants need to register beforehand.

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## HISTORICAL FICTION CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION – THE YOUNG WALTER SCOTT PRIZE

Are *you* a storyteller? Could you tell a story [set](#) in a time before you were born? Could you tell that story in 2000 words or fewer?

Enter a story of between 800 and 2000 words, set any time before you were born, and you could be one of the 2022 winners. We embrace all forms of fiction – prose, poetry, drama, fictional letters or reportage – but we must receive your entry by 31st October 2022.

Winners receive: £5000 travel grant, publication of your work in an anthology, and invitation to the Borders Book festival in Scotland.

There's lots of inspiration from published writers and previous winners on our website and social channels, and full details of how to enter, here: [ywsp.co.uk](http://ywsp.co.uk)

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment. Please see your ParentPay accounts for details. We appreciate your continued support.

- Year 12 A level German - "Der Besuch der alten Dame" book purchase
- Year 12 A Level Biology Residential Field Course at Dale Fort Field Centre.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 food and textiles contributions.
- Year 10 GCSE Geography field trip 14th and 16th June 2022
- Year 10 and Year 11 Art Textiles GCSE contributions.
- Year 12: The Career-Interest Destination Trip and CV feedback
- Year 10 (MFL) French and German residential trips

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## VACANCIES

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Kendrick School currently has the following vacancies. Please click on this [link](#) for more information.

**Governance Officer** – 200 hours a year – for September 2022

**Inclusion/SENDCo** – part time, flexible role – for September 2022

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## KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

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KPS were delighted to launch their **Summer raffle** on Monday, 6th June soon after the half term. We have seen a great response from our patrons, parents and carers and staff and we have already raised over £600 in the first week of launching. We are very thankful to all those who have bought their raffle tickets or have donated towards this event. We are raising funds to fund 2 smart boards for the school that will cost us approx £8000. The draw is scheduled for the 2nd July.

We mentioned that the year group that raises the most will get a pizza lunch kindly sponsored by the school canteen; so far year 8EGC is on the lead raising £80 so far, so well done to all those who are connected with this year

group. If you want your child to have the pleasure of winning this competition please use [this link](#) for your purchase or donation.

If the company that you work for can help with matched funding, please get in touch with the raffle team at [raffle.kps@gmail.com](mailto:raffle.kps@gmail.com) or [kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).

KPS is also excited to host a **disco party for Y7 to Y9 students** within the school main hall on the **6th July**. We are aware that there is a school event that day but the disco is scheduled to start only after 6:30 so this is all taken care of. We apologise for the confusion that many parents had earlier this week. We are looking for volunteers to help us run the disco event and if you can spare some time on the 6th July please do get in touch with [kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) or [kpstreasurer@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:kpstreasurer@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).

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