

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 7th June 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

It has been very quiet in school this week with Year 9 and Year 7 students away on their residential trips. The rest of the school from Year 10 upwards have continued with their examinations. Once again I would like to praise and acknowledge the work and efforts of our students at exam times, in particular, the students taking public exams in this most crowded of exam scheduling. I believe the number of exams per day eases slightly for some next week but we still have another big week ahead. Thank you to our invigilation team and staff who have supervised the exams.

Over the half term break we have been able to install the bench around the tree on the front lawn that became the focus for floral tributes to Manasvini last term. Please see the photo attached. This week, a former student who is now a Governor of Kendrick and a landscape gardener, volunteered her expertise and services to work with 8V on creating a memory garden. Faith has set the students the task of designing a garden and the best one or possibly a combination of all their ideas will be created somewhere on the school site. This project was in part at the request of KPS and to that end a **Justgiving** page has been created for donations from friends of Manasvini and her parents. The link to the page is here <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/KPSGarden>. We welcome donations to help pay for the bench we have already installed, plus the memory garden we hope to create.

Much of the news these last couple of days has focused on the D-Day Landings in Normandy and I am sure everyone has been moved by the services and tributes that have been made by **veterans and** world leaders at these commemorative events. I have read a few articles in the newspapers and one article in particular focused on the symbolism of the event of the landings when the allies stood together as *united nations* to defend the freedom of the world. The camaraderie of the people involved in the D-Day landings and the cooperation of the allied countries showed a true sense of unity and responsibility where nations demonstrated what united them and gave them a common purpose. It is difficult for many of us today to truly appreciate and understand that common purpose, particularly when some of our world leaders want to recreate barriers between us. The article I read yesterday, mentioned a speech that the German leader, Angela Merkel made to Harvard University graduating students last week. She began her speech telling students that she started her life in East Germany and every day on her walk home from work she would walk toward the Berlin Wall to then have to 'turn away from freedom'. She spoke about multilateralism rather **than** unilateralism, thinking globally, 'being open minded and not isolationist'. She ended her speech by saying:

'I want to leave this wish with you: tear down the walls of ignorance and narrow-mindedness, for nothing has to stay as it is'.

Some thoughts for us to ponder this weekend.

Have a good weekend

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Exam Stress

All The Revision and Exam Tips You'll Ever Need

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/all-the-revision-and-exam-tips-you-ll-ever-need/>

Exam Stress and Pressure (Childline)

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/exam-stress/>

Countdown to exams (BBC Bitesize)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/support>

Supporting Your Child During Exam Time (Young Minds)

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Never was so much owed by so many to so few" – Winston Churchill

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Year 8 Drama and Journalism Event – A Titanic Success](#)

National Book Tokens

Please help our library to win £5,000 in National Book Tokens

It will only take a few minutes, so please help by following the link:

<https://caboodle.nationalbooktokens.com/competitions> clicking on 'Enter now' in the 'Encourage a lifelong love of reading!' section.

If you enter your *name, postcode* and *Kendrick School, Reading* & you have increased our chance of winning :-)

Thank you for taking the time to help :-)

Volunteering for Space Chase – The Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Space Chase in Reading's libraries is looking for teenage volunteers to help with this year's summer reading challenge. The opportunity is for 14 – 18 year olds and can be used to help qualify for awards such as the Duke of Edinburgh award. More news about the challenge can be found at www.readingagency.org.uk

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 10th June 2019 (B Week)

Public Exams continue

Tuesday 11 th June	Junior Maths Kangaroo (some Year 7s and 8s)
Wednesday 12 th June	Sports Presentation Evening, 4.30pm

Key Events in Term 6, 2018-19

Thursday 27 th June	Sixth Form Induction day
Friday 28 th June	INSET Day
Saturday 29 th June	Year 12 Biology Trip to Dale
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 12 'Life after Kendrick' event, 6.30pm
Thursday 11 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th July	Summer Concert, 7pm
Friday 19 th July	Last day of Term 6, 1.05pm

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

KPS NEWS

Please see the flyers from the KPS attached – International Food Festival and Bake Off.

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.

[Mathematics Teacher \(part-time for September 2019\)](#)

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 10 trip to Bath 24th June 2019 - £26.50

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.