

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 19th July 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Here we are at the end of another school year. Everyone feels a mixture of emotions at this time: relief that we have got to this day, satisfaction and pride about what has been achieved, sadness that the year has finished and people have moved on. For some the freedom from routine is welcome, for others it can be a bit scary as the thought of not seeing friendly and familiar faces everyday can be worrying. Whatever emotion one might feel, I hope everyone uses their time away from school to review, relax and refresh. I would like to ask parents that whatever you may be doing this summer with your family, whether it be holidaying abroad with family and friends, travelling or staying at home, please be sure that your children are with people you know and trust and that they will be safe.

This week we have had lots of end of term events and the highlights have been the Awards Assembly for Years 7-10, the Celebration Assembly for Year 12. The concert on Wednesday night which as always was brilliant with a great audience of friends and families. Articles will appear on the website in due course. Lots of thanks are being said or written to staff which is so pleasing and welcome. I am also heartened by the number of students who have already started to reflect on their year and are able to appreciate all the big and small things that have been done for them by staff and or each other.

My meeting with Nick Gibb, Schools' Minister on Monday was cordial. As I expected, Mr Gibb was generous with his time, well briefed about the schools we represented and listened carefully to each of the Heads regarding their individual situation and issues. Mr Gibb is aware of Kendrick School, probably through our expansion plans and was knowledgeable about our unique funding situation. Mr Gibb said that the government recognises the funding crisis in education and that he has made a case to the treasury in the next spending review for more funding. However, we all know that there are so many other requests or promises being made about spending at the moment that we cannot be sure that education will indeed be prioritised. This morning, a report from the cross party education committee made the case again for a cash boost saying that there is an 8% funding gap in education budgets which requires a '£3.8bn uplift', so as always we will wait and see. Click [here](#) for the article on the BBC. In the meantime, I will continue to engage with politicians at a local and central level and make the case for Kendrick's funding to them.

Some staff are leaving this year and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for what they have done for Kendrick. They are **Mrs Gallagher** in the Mathematics department, **Mrs Hartwell** in the Music department, **Dr Jenkins** in the Biology department, and finally **Dr Crawford** who this year has been Head of Biology and who has taught A Level students in Biology and Chemistry at Kendrick for almost 20 years. We wish them well in their future plans.

I would like to give my **personal thanks to everyone in school** for all that has been done and achieved this year: to the **staff** for their enormous work and dedication to the school, **students** for their enthusiasm and interest in their studies, our **governors** for their hard work and commitment, **KPS** and all the **volunteers** that are associated with

them for their commitment and persistence in fund raising and making things happen for the school, including their most recent successful event the **Food Festival** which raised over £1600 and was such a lovely day for everyone. And finally to all the **parents**, thank you and please continue to support us as you have done so far.

Last week I finished my letter to you with some appreciative words sent to me by a parent of a student in Year 13. This week I shall end as I did in this morning's assembly with some thoughtful words sent to me from a student in Year 11. Her thoughts about her time at Kendrick may resonate with many of us.

"Without realising it I have learnt and been educated by every person be it a teacher, other staff member, friends or fellow students in other years. Kendrick has been my home for the past five years and despite a few stumbles I have really liked this school so thank you. Since joining Kendrick I have heard that lifelong friendships were made here, which I did not believe. Kendrick students share a unique bond; we have grown up together physically, mentally and emotionally and I am so grateful for this. Even in the hardest and saddest times beautiful moments can occur. During Manasvini's assembly, I felt a powerful feeling of support and community from everyone, as well as an immense respect for the Year 8 students and the professionalism from all.

A phrase I have heard countless times is 'lead, inspire, make a difference'. I'm not sure if I am able to follow this motto just yet, but I know for sure that I have followed great people, aspired to be like them and been changed for the better. I want to widen my horizons and so have decided to move and I hope I can spread some Kendrick wisdom there. It has been an honour to be a student here. Thank you".

With thanks and very best wishes to everyone and have wonderful summer holiday!

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Happy Healthy Holidays

Please find below a link to a Healthy Happy Holidays booklet which has been created by Mrs Lace, our PSHCE Coordinator. The booklet gives lots of ideas of things for students to do in the holidays as well as where to go for emotional support if needed.

Happy Healthy Holidays

Reading Festival

We want all young people going to the Reading Festival to have fun but also to stay safe. The Reading Festival organisers have a useful guide to keeping safe on their website: <https://www.readingfestival.com/information-category/personal-safety> and on their app (which can be downloaded here: <https://www.readingfestival.com/app>)

The festival will have a Welfare Tent which is open 24 hours and is staffed by experienced and supportive people who understand festivals. They can give confidential advice about drugs, alcohol, legal highs and sexual health and offer support if anyone needs someone to talk to for any reason. They offer a monitored rest & recovery area if someone has overdone it and can arrange a place to crash if anyone finds them self stranded. They also care for lost children & vulnerable people.

If you know anyone who is attending the festival, please make sure they are aware of the potential dangers and where they can go in the event that they need it.

Summer Holiday Safeguarding

The summer holidays are a time when children are often given more freedom at home, either online or meeting friends in the neighbourhood; or they may be attending a new holiday childcare provider or staying with family and friends. The NSPCC offers a range of information and advice to help you keep your child safe when they are not with you, as well as guidance on how to talk to them about keeping themselves safe and understanding what is right and what is wrong.

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Success isn’t about how much money you make. It’s about the difference you make in people’s lives” Michelle Obama

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Year 8 Journalism Awards](#)

[Year 9 Poetry Recitation Challenge](#)

[Awards Assembly](#)

[Kendrick School Celebrates Apollo 11 Anniversary](#)

[Sports Day 2019](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 2nd September 2019 (A Week)

Monday 2 nd September	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th September	Start of Term 1, 2019-20, 8.25am

The full school calendar can be found via this [link](#). The calendar for the upcoming academic year will be updated over the summer holidays.

Exam Results Days

A Level Results Day – Thursday 15th August 2019

A Level Results – 8am to 9am

AS Results – 9am to 10am

Location: 1st Floor, Sixth Form Building

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 22nd August 2019

Time: 9am to 10am

Location: 1st Floor, Sixth Form Building

We very strongly advise that you come in to school on results day to collect your envelope, even if you have received some, or all, of your results online. This will enable you to celebrate with us and your friends if it is good news, but will also enable you to access the support on offer in school, if your results are not quite as you had hoped.

In some circumstances in Year 13 we will need to fax or email unit results to universities to confirm grades and if you are in the unfortunate position of not meeting the grades required for your firm or insurance choices, you may need to enter clearing. This can be a stressful process and staff and friends will be by your side at school to support you in your search for a university place.

Manasvini's Garden

It has been almost 4 months since Manasvini Kaushik, our Year 8 student, died. During the school holidays we will start to plan the garden in remembrance of Manasvini.

Please could you donate towards the garden in loving memory of Manasvini by using the link below:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Manasvini>

DIGITAL CAMP 16th-17th AUGUST – MESSAGE FROM VODAFONE

Vodafone is excited to announce Digital Camp this summer for 14-18 year olds. The camp is designed to kickstart digital learning and support students' journeys to first work experiences. Tickets for camp will help raise funds for a charity Girls Fund and a sustainable education program.

GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP PLACES

If you know a girl with a love of learning, then nominate them for a scholarship to the 2019 Digital Camp. We will select 20 girls to attend this event for FREE!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Oz8oaleEhkyts6Uijxi4k8XsF_BfzRdAimGTKFEH1w1UQk9WV01USFkwUkhJWkITUjNQUzNEN0kzRSQIQCN0PWcu

ABOUT THE DIGITAL CAMP

Join the party this summer and get creative with tech! Learn from professionals and enthusiasts from Vodafone, Microsoft and the technical community to build skills needed for jobs of the future. Connect with friends and build stories to share. No programming experience required.

Get Hands On with the Hottest Tech. A simple introduction to the hottest technologies in a day. Get hands on with tech, smart devices, and data to start building your skills -- from augmented and virtual reality with Microsoft Hololens, to mobile apps, games, robotics, artificial intelligence and 5G. We break it down into simple concepts & help you to get started.

Design Your Future. Who do you want to be? Identify what's unique to you and paint your vision. Learn about what lies ahead and new types of jobs in the digital world. Hear from professionals in both technical and creative roles about what skills are required. Get valuable advice that will serve your future.

Share Your Story. Learn the essentials of storytelling. Create a story and a video blog about cool things you are doing with digital to share with friends and family.

Prepare for Work Experience. We'll help you get started building your personal story and experience profile. Learn how to present your best self and find work experience.

CONNECT FOR GOOD --

Connect For Good - Ideas Hackathon. Work in teams to put your ideas to . How can we use technology to help our P

Build a Summer Project with Mentoring. Build a project to show off your digital skills and creativity. Get coaching and mentoring online in the weeks that follow the camp to hone your craft.

REGISTER TODAY - LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

Register early to secure your place <https://digitalcampuk.eventbrite.com>

Sign up by 21st July for a 20% discount using code: SCHOOL20

Proceeds from the Digital Camp will support the Vodafone Foundation charity Girls Fund (UK registered charity no. 1089625) and the development of a sustainable community education programme.

If you would like to know more about the event, please reach out to Elena Branet at elenabranet@hotmail.com.

KPS

Please click [here](#) for the latest KPS newsletter.

VACANCIES

Kendrick School Vacancies

We have vacancies for the following role. Please click on the links for more information. Please pass the information to family and friends that may be interested in applying.

Outreach and Admissions Assistant

Monday to Friday, 1pm to 4pm, but flexibility with hours is essential

Closing date: 6th September 2019

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Vietnam trip coach costs - £24.50
- A Level English Texts - £11.50

Please log on to your ParentMail account over the holidays and check that all trips have been paid for. Please also remember to top up dinner money and printing accounts prior to starting back to school in September.