

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 30th June 2023

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

This week we said goodbye to our Year 13 students and parents at a most pleasant tea party at school. Some parents were recalling their first encounter with Kendrick back in 2015 when they came to our Open Day and the start of their child's life at Kendrick in 2016. How quickly the time goes. As expected, there is some sadness when one gets to the end of an era, but also tremendous excitement about the prospect of the future. I feel confident, exam results pending, that all our students will go onto some fabulous courses and experiences that will continue to shape their life and future plans. Yesterday we welcomed new Year 12 students for their Induction Day and last night we welcomed our incoming Year 7 parents and students. We look forward to the students and families joining us in September.

I must mention the **Kendrick Parents' Society Summer Fair** tomorrow, **Saturday 1st July, between 11.00am-3.00pm**. I hope many parents and students, as well as new parents and students, will come along to enjoy the activities and at the same time raise money for the school. Click this [link](#) for more information.

A year ago, today we held a memorial service for one of our students, Sahana, who sadly died from cancer aged 12. One year on, Sahana's parents and family visited Kendrick to view the bench and the plaque that we have installed to remember her. With friends from Sahana's tutor group, we sat on the bench and recalled our memories of her. We remembered what a loving, peaceful and kind child she was and always wanted everyone around her to be happy and not sad, right up to the very end. Over the year Sahana's parents have dedicated themselves to a charity in her name which is raising funds to build a hospice in Sri Lanka, a positive and lasting legacy that has come out of the sadness of her death. When the plans for the hospice are confirmed and information is available, I will share the details of the charity with everyone as I am sure many people will want to support this cause.

In memory of Sahana, I will end this week's update with the words, Sahana's words, that are on the plaque which has been made and is now attached to the tree bench on the front lawn. Click [here](#) for a photograph of her friends and family who gathered together around the bench today to remember her.

In memory of Sahana Ananth, a Kendrick student in Year 7 from 2021 to 2022.

'I never dreamt of success; I worked hard for it. Be brave. Be strong. Be happy.'

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Kendrick School has several social media platforms and sites. Please follow us to get the latest news and information about the school. The links are in the logos below.



SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859 and ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Officer.

If you're worried about any 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.**

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.

SAFEGUARDING – TEENAGE PARTIES AND SLEEPOVERS

Source: Family Lives

For advice and guidance from Family Lives on teenage parties and sleepovers, please click [here](#).

FOR ALL OUR SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [HERE](#).



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ANIMO

A sprawling online discussion forum with incentives for checking in each day and the facility to follow certain users, Animo bears comparison to Reddit – but with an added sprinkle of Snapchat and a Twitter twist. It may not be radically original, but's proving popular: there are now more than a million communities of fans exchanging views on topics from anime to zombies.

The concept is to recreate the passion and excitement of live conventions in the online world: from behind their screens and keyboards, however, not everyone behaves as well as they might in person. From hurtful comments to age-inappropriate images and predatory messaging, the National Online Safety guide [here](#) highlights some potential hazards to protect young users from.

FOR ALL OUR ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [HERE](#).

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

DEALING WITH CHANGE

Our Wellbeing topic this term is Dealing with Change.

It's natural to need time to adjust to a change. You might feel surprised, happy or even angry and that's okay. Feelings can pass in time, but give yourself time and keep doing things to feel better. Distracting yourself when you are feeling low or overwhelmed can help you feel better.

Some activities that ChildLine suggest to distract yourself are as follows. Click on each link to find out more.

- [Count all the purple objects in your room](#)
- [Write a short story](#)
- [Read a book](#)
- [Try the raisin exercise](#)

WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

For the latest **Wellbeing Newsletter** please click [here](#).

FOOTBALL FOR YOUTH MENTAL WELLBEING

Sport in Mind is running a new weekly football session for 10-14 year olds every Wednesday, 4.30- 5.30pm. The free session on the 3G pitch at Prospect Park, west Reading, offers a great way of helping to build self-confidence, support self-esteem and meet new friends. Places can be booked by email to: youth@sportinmind.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 6, 2022-23

Saturday 1 st July	KPS Summer Festival
Monday 3 rd July	Futures Week
	Creative Arts Festival Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Strike Day – school open to Years 7, 10 & 12; Year 8 & 9 stay at home
Thursday 6 th July	Profiling Day (see information below)
	Summer Concert
	Full Governing Body Meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 7 th July	Strike Day – school open to Years 8, 9 and 12; Years 7 & 10 stay at home
Monday 10 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 7 trip to Neasden Hindu Temple
	UCAS Information Evening, 5.30pm
Friday 14 th July	End of Term 6 for students, 3.15pm
Monday 17 th July	Staff Day
Tuesday 18 th July	Staff Day

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 please click [here](#)

NEWS, NOTICES, COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

SCHOOL NEWS, EVENTS AND UPDATES



APPLYING TO TAKE THE ADMISSION TESTS FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2023

The deadline for applying to take the admission tests for entry into Year 7 in September 2023 is **midnight Saturday 1st July 2023**. For an application form and information on the admission process please visit our website [here](#). Please shares with interested friends and family.

STRIKE ACTION

Members of the National Education Union (NEU), one of the trade unions representing the teaching profession, will take strike action on **Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023**.

The arrangements for both days will be as follows. **Please read these carefully as they are different from previous strike days.**

Wednesday 5th July

- If your child is in **Years 7, 10 and 12** they should **attend school** as normal.
- If your child is in **Years 8 and 9** they should **stay at home** but will be asked to remotely register at 8.25am, attend online classes if these are available and/or complete work that will be set for them. If you are a critical worker, your child may attend school, however, we must be informed of this by emailing admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk **as soon as possible** so arrangements can be made. As for Profiling Days, vulnerable students are also able to attend school and our Student Welfare Team (SWT) will make contact with the parents of those students as appropriate. Students in receipt on free school meals will receive a voucher as before.

Friday 7th July

- If your child is in **Years 8, 9 and 12** they should **attend school** as normal.
- If your child is in **Years 7 and 10** they should **stay at home** but will be asked to remotely register at 8.25am, attend online classes if these are available and/or complete work that will be set for them. If you are a critical worker, your child may attend school, however, we must be informed of this by emailing admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk **as soon as possible** so arrangements can be made. As for Profiling Days, vulnerable students are also able to attend school and our Student Welfare Team (SWT) will make contact with the parents of those students as appropriate. Students in receipt on free school meals will receive a voucher as before.

PROFILING DAY – THURSDAY 6TH JULY

As Profiling Day is on a strike day it has been rearranged to **Thursday 6th July**. The arrangements are as follows:

Years 7, 8 and 9

Students in Years 7, 8, and 9 should stay at home unless they have difficulty accessing wifi or need to come into for their free school meal. During the day they will have their remote profiling interview with their Tutor.

- The day should be regarded as a school day and students are expected to register at 8.25am remotely and complete the work set.
- The Form Tutor will let the students know when their Profiling time will be and will send a Google Meet invitation. The students will need to make sure that they are connected to the Google Meet on time as to not delay the rest of the students.
- If your child needs to come into school for their Profiling appointment or for a free school meal, please make sure that you inform the Student Welfare Team by emailing admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

Year 10

- Year 10 students will come into school for the full day as normal. They will spend the day taking part in various activities and should regard this as a normal school day, wearing correct uniform and bringing their pencil case and a reading book.
- The canteen will be open for food at the usual times.

Year 12

Please see the email sent by the Sixth Form Team.

Please note that the library will close at 3.30pm that day.

READING LOCAL AUTHORITY NEWS AND EVENTS

TEEN PPP (POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME)

This organisation and activity is not associated to Kendrick School but has been passed to us by Brighter Futures for Children

Thursday 14th September – Thursday 16th November 2023, 9.30am-11.30am

Berkshire Record Office, 9 Coley Avenue, Reading, RG1 6AF

Is your child aged 11-19 years old? Do you want to support your child when they show distressing behaviour? Do you want to help your teenager make positive choices?

Join our evidence-based flexible parenting programme. The group aims to strengthen your relationship with your teenager, promote your teen's development and equip you to help them recognise and avoid risky situations. The programme is delivered in nine two-hour weekly group sessions on Thursdays, term-time only.

To enquire or book your place, please contact: parenting.reading@brighterfuturesforchildren.org or call 07812 462799

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS UPDATES

READING IASS FOR SEND

Reading Information, Advice and Support Service for SEND (Reading IASS) is a free resource for children, young people and parents and carers of children aged 0-25 years who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and live in Reading borough.

The Reading IASS team offers impartial information, advice and support on a wide range of topics, including Education, Health and Care Plans, school transport and SEND support in schools.

Subject to availability, members of the team may also be able to attend meetings with parents or carers (this is usually virtually) and help them with writing letters and filling out forms.

Reading IASS can be contacted by phone on: 0118 937 3421 or by email at: iass@brighterfuturesforchildren.org. The Reading IASS website also has pages of information and resources as well as videos and webinars for parents, carers and young people. Visit: <https://www.readingiass.org/>. Reading IASS is a self-referral only service, so cannot accept referrals from third parties.

SUMMER SHORT BREAKS

Please find below the programme of Reading SEND short breaks for summer 2023:

- [Summer Holiday Clubs with Make/Sense Theatre](#)
- [Multi Sports Summer Camps with Reading FC Community Trust](#)
- [Play Camps for 5-7 years with Reading FC Community Trust](#)
- [Dance and Multi Activity Programme with Chance to Dance Stars CIC](#)

Full details can be found on the [Reading SEND Local Offer Short Breaks](#) page.

VOLUNTEERING, CAREERS AND POST16 INFORMATION

ELEVATE SUMMER CAREERS FAIR

Elevate careers service is holding an event for young people to find out about courses, apprenticeships and other work opportunities next month.

The event is taking place on Tuesday 18 July, 11am-3pm, at the New Meaning's warehouse at 28 Portman Road, Reading. RG30 1EA, which is close to the Portman Road Tesco store and is a 5-minute walk from the No 17 bus stop. Parking is also available at the far end of Tesco's car park.

Organisations attending include Thames Water, John Lewis Partnership, Army careers, Reading Borough Council and the NHS. Young people interested in attending should email: elevate@brighterfuturesforchildren.org.

LATEST JOB AND APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Elevate careers service has updated its jobs and opportunities board online for June. Opportunities this month include the John Lewis employment programme, a hairdressing apprenticeship and legal business support apprentice. Visit the [Elevate](#) page on the BFFC website.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Reading Libraries is looking for young people aged 14-18 who can encourage children to take part in this year's summer reading challenge, *Ready, Set, Read!* Tasks will include discussing the books younger children have been reading and suggesting books they might like and assisting library staff with reading challenge events and craft activities. The library will provide training, supervision and support and it is a great opportunity to develop new skills and experience.

The summer reading challenge will run between 8 July – 2 September in all Reading libraries and volunteers will need to commit to a minimum of six sessions during that time. The closing date for applications is 21 July. For more information, and to apply, visit: [Volunteering for our Summer Reading Challenge – Ready, Set, Read! - Reading Borough Council](#)

COMPETITIONS AND WORKSHOPS

CREATING WRITING WORKSHOPS AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY, SUMMER 2023

These workshops, run by **Igniting Writing**, are available for all pupils in Year 6-13 and held at Wokingham Library. **Each workshop costs just £5 to attend** (to be paid in cash on the day). Attendees will also need to **bring a packed lunch**, as there will be a lunch break for both workshops.

Email **Ms Fieldsend** for the links, or go to the Wokingham Libraries website and navigate from there.

The first workshop session will be on **Saturday 22nd July, 10:30am to 3:00pm, on the topic of sports stories**. We'll be exploring why people around the world connect with sport on such an instinctual level and how it can be used in stories to craft interesting plots, characters and motivations! The link to register is [here](#).

The second workshop session will be on **Saturday 29th July, 10:30am to 3:00pm, and is all about chain stories**. This workshop will be about creating collaborative stories, where everyone writes part of a story and then hands it onto another group member to continue crafting the characters, settings, plotlines, worldbuilding and more! The link to register is [here](#).

NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY SCHOOL COMPETITION

Students in schools across Reading are being invited to share their views about Reading's new Central Library in a writing and drawing competition. The council is planning to relocate Central Library into the Civic Offices, after securing funding from the government's Levelling Up fund. The school competition asks children to answer three questions which they can answer either in writing or with a picture. The five best entries chosen will receive a £10 book token each. Entries must be submitted by 26 July. The questions are as follows. You can answer any question you like and write or draw your answer.



1. What are libraries for?
2. What do you want to see in the new library?

3. What don't you want to see in the new library?

To return your form, drop into a Reading Library, email a scan to librarycivicproject@reading.gov.uk or post to NEW LIBRARY Reading Central Library, Abbey Square RG1 3BQ by 26 July.

The council has also launched a **public consultation** about plans for the new library and the associated redesign of the public area of the Civic Offices. The online consultation can be found at: www.reading.gov.uk/NewCivicLibrary and runs until 24 July.

VACANCIES

We have a vacancy for a **Computing Teacher for 0.3FTE** (approximately 2 days a week) to join us in September. For more information please click [here](#).

Kendrick School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure & Barring Service. Kendrick School is an Equal Opportunity employer.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details. Please could you check your child's account and ensure that any overdrafts are paid. Thank you.

- Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts
- Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts
- Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and technology contributions
- Year 10 and 11 Art and Textiles contributions
- Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase
- KPS department birthday gift - celebrating Kendrick's 145th year
- Coach trips to Palmer Stadium: Athletics Season – Term 5 2023
- Whitley Community Food Cupboard – cash donations
- Celebration of Arts – 6th July 2023 – adult and children tickets

Trips

- Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – June 2023
- Year 10 Geography Field Trips – 13th and 15th June 2023
- Year 10 work experience insight programme 28th June 2023
- Year 12 work experience insight programme 16th June 2023
- Year 7 Swaminarayan Hindu Temple trip 11th July 2023
- Geography Slapton Ley residential course – October 2023
- Year 10 French and German Trips June 2024

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

KENDRICK SUMMERFEST – SATURDAY 1ST JULY

All preparations are going well and we are eagerly looking forward to seeing you all to have fun with us at the Kendrick Summer event tomorrow within the school campus from 11 to 3pm. Here are some points for your consideration.

- Stalls holders are advised to arrive by 10, so that they have enough time to set up their stalls.
- Those who have volunteered to help, please arrive by 10.
- Please use the London Gate entrance to walk into the school.
- Stalls will start selling from 11am.
- Please bring cash along with you as most of our stalls are being put by our students.
- Due to the limited parking space in the school, we are unable to offer any parking to anyone but just the stall holders.
- Tickets are available to buy at the gate too. However, if you wish to get your tickets prebooked, please use the link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CLWW>.
- We already have around 200 tickets sold. We have to capacity to sell more, so please bring your friends too.
- We will be having our Headteacher and some of the school staff members too joining us. It's a perfect opportunity to come and meet them and other parents in an informal way.
- Seema Goyal, President of the Maidenhead and Windsor Chamber of Commerce and the Owner & MD at GOYALS Ltd is our Chief Guest for the day and she has agreed to be part of this event. Seema is an Award-winning businesswoman, a respected and recognised female entrepreneur within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, known for her charitable work, support to the local community, and winning several local accolades.
- A DJ has also been organised and will be providing some musical background for all of us.
- We are inviting all the young bakers for the baking competition at the summer fair on Saturday 1st July. If interested please email kpsclasrepcoordinator2022@gmail.com.



There are going to be several games stalls, drinks and refreshments, food, music, dance - everything that you had asked for! There is something for every member of your family. Please bring your friends too if you can.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact KPSChair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. See you all tomorrow in school from 11am!

Happy Funday!!

KPS Team