

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 21st June 2024

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

The public examinations finish today, and I am sure there is much joy and happiness in homes and amongst the students and families of Year 11 and Year 13 students. I thank our students again for how they have conducted and presented themselves in this exam period: being in school on time and without a fuss, enabling the process for everyone to run smoothly. I would also like to thank our Examinations Officer, Mr Chapman, and his team of Invigilators who have worked so hard to make this year's season go so well. It has been a long period of time for students to be under such intense pressure but through this time they have shown immense resilience, and their teachers and staff are very proud of them. The A Level results will be received by students on 15th August and for GCSE students on 22nd August. This means that for the next two months all students can relax and have an enjoyable summer before they embark on the next stage of their educational career.

This week and next we begin the process of welcoming, but also saying goodbye, to some of our students. On Wednesday we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort of 128 students who will be joining us in September 2024. We look forward to meeting parents and students at an Information Evening next week and beginning the transition period and activities which will help them join Kendrick more confident and assured next term. This will also include a two-day summer school at the end of July. At the other end of the school, next week we will be having a Tea Party for parents and students in Year 13, a sad but also a happy occasion, as we acknowledge the education and development the students have had with us over the last seven or two years and the next steps they have planned for their future. Later in the week we welcome our new Year 12 students who will join our Sixth Form in September, as always, a time of endings and beginnings.

On the website this week, there are a few super articles of achievements and success of students. Please take time to read them.

[Chemistry Analyst Competition June 2024](#)

[Grand Clothes Swap](#)

[The Perspective - Issue Two](#)

[Earth Day Poem](#)

A reminder again of our **GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition** next week, followed by the **Creative Arts Festival** the following week, including our music concerts. Also, our weekly Pride events for the month of June continue and students can make friendship bracelets in The Base at lunch time today. And finally, another reminder of the **Kendrick Parents' Society Summer Fair** on Saturday 6th July, just two weeks away. I know the KPS committee would welcome more support from parents and students to help make this big event a success, raise money for the school and provide parents and students with a lovely afternoon of fun and entertainment.

Finally, a link to a two-minute video made by two Year 12 students, Ananya and Shruti earlier for a competition run by Hertford College, Oxford, called the Unsung Heroes of Science. Their video entry is about a female scientist from the Ancient World who they felt has been forgotten in history, a Greek gynaecologist called Metrodora. Metrodora worked in preventing sexual assault, and supporting victims, as well as pioneering surgical techniques at a time when the predominant male physicians were not interested in researching female health. Metrodora shared her knowledge on the subject in the first known medical text to be written by a woman. The video has been shortlisted but needs a few more views to help it in its final stage of the competition, so please support Ananya and Shruti and watch this interesting and important video. [Metrodora Greek Gynaecologist](#)

Wishing everyone a pleasant weekend. **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

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 wellbeing support in school, students can visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

PREVENTING HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR



Children and young people are most likely to be at risk of sexual abuse within their family and community. But not all sexual abuse is carried out by adults. Around one-third of child sexual abuse is thought to be carried out by under-18s.

That's why this [guide](#) has been created for parents, carers and professionals on preventing harmful sexual behaviour to help everyone do their part in keeping children safe.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS (IPHONE)

Most smartphones allow parents and carers to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't – also preventing young



people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age. This #WakeUpWednesday guide on parental controls for managing apps on iPhones will help you to reduce the chance of your child using a game or app that might not be appropriate for their age.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of tips such as how to restrict built-in apps, the game centre and app store purchases.

[SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS \(IPHONE\)](#)

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

YOUNGMINDS

YOUNG MINDS PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH GUIDE – ANXIETY

Anxiety is a feeling of worry, fear or unease. It is often experienced as a combination of thoughts, feelings and physical sensations in our body.

All children and young people feel worried sometimes. This is a normal, human reaction to things that feel stressful. For example, before an exam a young person may feel more worried than usual. But they will soon feel calmer after the stressful event has passed.

Anxiety becomes a problem when a child or young person feels stuck in it. When this happens, it can become an overwhelming experience. It can also affect their daily life and limit the things they feel able to do.

If your child or young person is struggling with anxiety, there are things you can do to help them. Young Minds has advice to help you provide reassuring support, work on strategies together and find professional help if they need it.

[YOUNG MINDS PARENTAL GUIDE TO ANXIETY](#)

KENDRICK SCHOOL WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

For all our **Wellbeing Newsletters** please click [here](#).

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.” **John Steinbeck**

POEM OF THE WEEK

Solstice

by Tess Taylor

How again today our patron star
whose ancient vista is the long view
turns its wide brightness now and here:
Below, we loll outdoors, sing & make fire.

We build no henge
but after our swim, linger

by the pond. Dapples flicker
pine trunks by the water.

Buzz & hum & wing & song combine.
Light builds a monument to its passing.

Frogs content themselves in bullish chirps,
hoopskirt blossoms



on thimbleberries fall, peeper toads
hop, lazy—

Apex. The throaty world sings ripen.
Our grove slips past the sun's long kiss.

We dress.
We head home in other starlight.

Our earthly time is sweetening from this.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 6, 2023-24

Tuesday 25th June	Year 13 Farewell Tea Party
Wednesday 26th June	Year 10 Work Experience
	New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 27th June	Sixth Form Induction Day
Monday 1st July	Creative Arts Festival Week
Tuesday 2nd July	Performer Series, 4-5.45pm
Thursday 4th July	Full Trustee Meeting, 4.30pm
	Summer Concert, 6.30pm
Friday 5th July	INSET Day, school closed to all students
Saturday 6th July	KPS Summer Fair
Monday 8th July	Year 12 Futures Week
Tuesday 9th July	Year 12 Insights Day
Wednesday 10th July	Profiling Day
	Marriage of Figaro Trip
Thursday 11th July	UCAS Parents' Information Evening
	Year 7 Hindu Temple trip
Monday 15th July	Sports Day (half day)
Tuesday 16th July	Sports Day (half day)
Thursday 18th July	End of Term for students, 3.15pm
Friday 19th July	Staff Administration Day

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25 please click [here](#)

VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for the following roles:

SUPPORT STAFF ROLES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024. More information can be found [here](#).

Music and Drama Technician. 10-15 hours a week, term time only. Closing date for applications – Friday 21st June.

School Caretaker – 37 hours week, 10am – 6pm for August 2024. Closing date for applications – 9am Monday 1st July

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.

READING SCHOOL VACANCIES

Teacher of PE (1-year Fixed Term) – deadline 31 August 2024

Teacher of PE and Head of Cricket – deadline 31 December 2024

Library Assistant – deadline 9am, 4 July 2024

Student Support Assistant – deadline 9am, 5 July 2024

For more details, go to: <https://www.reading-school.co.uk/vacancies>

NEWS, NOTICES, COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

GCSE AND A LEVEL ART EXHIBITION



PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details.

School Fund Donation

Whitley Community Food Cupboard – cash donations

Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 English set texts

Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and Technology voluntary contributions

Year 10 and Year 11 Art and Textiles voluntary contributions

Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 English set texts

The Poets; Society Anthology – launch on 29th April 2024

Year 7 The Wheelie Fun Business Challenge – 23rd May 2024

Year 12 German set text: Der Besuch Dear Alten Dame – May 2024

Trips

Year 10 French and German trips - June 2024

Year 12 Biology field trip 11th and 12th June 2024
Year 12 Career interest destination trip and CV feedback June 2024+
Year 12 World of Work Insights Programme June 2024
Year 7 Swaminarayan Hindu Temple trip 11th July 2024
Geography A level residential course at Slapton Ley October 2024
Year 12/13 French and History trip October 2024
The marriage of Figaro by Garsington Opera 10th July 2024
A production of The Duchess at the Trafalgar Theatre Thursday 10th October 2024

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

For the latest KPS newsletter please click [here](#).

KPS SUMMER EVENT – 6TH JULY 11AM TO 3PM

We are excited to announce that tickets for the KPS Summer Fair are now available! There is a **£2 entry fee per adult**, while **children** can attend **for free**. **Don't miss out – get your tickets here -** <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DNTL>

Invite your friends and their families to join us for this grand gala. It promises to be a fantastic day filled with fun and community spirit!



The Summer Fair is fast approaching! At KPS, we are working incredibly hard to make arrangements for the fair to ensure it is a great event for everyone to enjoy.

This year, the **funds raised** from the Summer Fair will be used to **purchase outdoor benches and equipment** for the school.

Ticket link is now open and can be booked. There is a £2 entry fee per adult, while children can attend for free.

If you are unable to attend **but wish to donate**, you can still do so by clicking the ticketing link and using the donations tab.

Click this link to [Book Tickets / Make a Donation](#)

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Volunteers: To ensure the **Kendrick Summer Fair is a fantastic success, we need your help!** We are **looking for volunteers** to assist with various tasks such as setting up booths, helping with stalls and activities, and ensuring everyone has a great time. If you are available to volunteer, please join the group by clicking the link [Summer Fair Volunteers Group](#)

Your support is greatly appreciated and essential to the fair's success.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to lend us their marquees. We are still in need of marquees of various sizes for the lawn area. Your assistance and participation would be greatly appreciated. Please contact us if you can help!

We had incredible interest from **the students** and the individual teams are being contacted to finalise the details. While there is no fee for having a stall, students are encouraged to **donate their profits (part or full) to KPS in support of our fundraising efforts, living up to the school motto: Lead, Inspire, Make a Difference.**

You can reach out to us using these emails - kpsmembership@kendrick.reading.sch.uk & kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

The next shop will be **open for the New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening (2024 Cohort) on Wednesday, 26th June.**

Additionally, we will be hosting a pre-loved **uniform stall at the KPS Kendrick Summer Fair on Saturday, 6th of July from 11 am to 3 pm.** Please stop by to say hello and grab some bargains.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT KPS

Are you looking to get more involved in our school community? Please see below on how to get involved. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

Refreshment Helpers

Does your child participate in music or drama performances at the school? We need volunteers to help serve refreshments during these events. This is a great way to be part of the school activities and support our students.

Please note, your help is needed only when your child is performing. To join our team of Refreshment Helpers, please join the WhatsApp group using this link: [Refreshment Helpers Group](#)

Pre-loved Uniform Shop Volunteers

Are you available on Saturday mornings? We're looking for volunteers to help run our pre-loved uniform shop. This initiative not only helps raise funds for the school but also supports environmental sustainability by reusing uniforms. It's a fantastic way to provide great value to parents while ensuring students have access to quality uniforms at reduced prices

Join our team by clicking on this WhatsApp group link: [Uniform Shop Volunteers Group](#)

JOIN KPS

Since KPS operates as a registered charity, we invite you to become a part of our community by joining us. Connecting with your daughter's school through KPS is a simple process.

Please take a moment to complete our [online membership form](#) making your involvement seamless and effortless. Your participation is highly valued, and we look forward to welcoming you to the KPS family.

KPS FACEBOOK CLOSED GROUP

KPS runs a closed Facebook group where we provide details of upcoming events and other important information. To join this group, search for the 'Kendrick Parents' Society' group and ask to join - once we have confirmation that you are a member of the KPS, we will approve your request. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1514675551882470/>)

KPS Team

