

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 18th June 2021

WEEKLY LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

We had a delightful afternoon on Monday when our Year 13 students came to school for their final Celebration Assembly, returned their books and thanked their teachers and staff. The afternoon consisted of some talks from Mrs Hearn, Mr Wilson, Mr Simmonds and me acknowledging the unique experience they have been through during their 6th Form studies, as well as the immense contribution they had made to their school. The students themselves prepared and presented some beautiful musical items and a short video of times past and present. Once again, we thank our students and wish them well in their future plans. A few photos of the event can be found [here](#).

Following the government's updated Covid guidance on Monday, we continue with our Covid safe measures. Unfortunately we have had to cancel some live events including the New Year 7 Induction morning next week and the Information Evening for new parents which will now take place remotely. There is of course understandable disappointment that the restrictions are being continued, but at the same time we can all see the rise in infection rates and must continue to be vigilant in our behaviour.

Today across the country the **Teacher Assessed Grades for GCSE and A Level** are being submitted to the examination boards. This ends the process that I have spoken about over the last few months involving students being carefully assessed by their teachers who have now confirmed a grade for them for each of their subjects. At Kendrick, the process has been through a rigorous moderation and checking procedure and we feel able to submit our grades with a high degree of confidence and integrity. Once again I thank the students for their perseverance, patience and hard work during this period and the teachers and staff for their extraordinary efforts to do the work necessary to get to this position. Altogether 1648 grades have been submitted by Kendrick School, which demonstrates the magnitude of the task that has been undertaken.

Last week, we mentioned the new lighting system that has been installed in the Drama Studio bought by donations from KPS. As Mrs Cooper said, the new equipment has enabled students to enhance their productions in their final GCSE devised and scripted NEAs, as well as in their class work. Other years have benefited from the new lighting which has been incorporated into KS3 lessons. So I mention again, the **KPS Summer Raffle** which is trying to raise funds for the lighting in the Hall which will enhance whole school events when get back to these in the autumn term. So far, we have reached 30% of our target of £7k which is great, but there is only one week left before the draw on the 26th June. We will receive a more detailed update on Monday about the raffle, but please buy your tickets and or make a donation to KPS so that we can reach our target. There are now over 90 prizes to be won! The link is [here](#).

Our **Eco Group** and the work they are doing continues to impress me. They is a determination and commitment to want to tackle major issues regarding climate change, recycling and protecting the environment. Led by a team of very dedicated staff, Mrs Kaur, Mrs Bharate and Miss Long, they have some super plans for this year and next. Besides the Ecospot initiative, which I believe has led to 150 trees being planted worldwide on our behalf, the Eco Group is now planning a series of activities to mark **Kendrick Earth Day next Friday 25th June** (postponed from earlier in the year). The day will be a themed **Own Clothes Day**, meat free in the canteen and there will be planting of seeds and lots of other fun activities to encourage and motivate people in this initiative.

On the website we have some photos of Year 7 and 9 students who took part in the activities at the end of term 5, including a couple of slide shows:

- [The Year 7 Wilderness Activity day](#)
- [The Year 7 Wheelie Challenge](#)
- [The Year 9 Egg Challenge](#)
- [The Year 9 Wilderness Day](#)

We started the week acknowledging the students in Year 13 who have completed 7 years of secondary education. We have ended the week by submitting grades for them, and Year 11, which will set them on a course for their future plans in life. To all of us involved in these students' education, this is a moment to reflect on the purpose and importance of the work we do and the education we provide at Kendrick. In the many wise words we offered Year 13 in their Assembly on Monday, Mr Simmonds quoted some words said by a Rabbi at a service of Remembrance in Auschwitz that he attended a few years ago. The words were:

Educators are the guardians of civilisation and the trustees of all our futures

An appropriate reflection on what has been yet another remarkable week in education.

Best wishes for the 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 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 5pm), 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.

SAFEGUARDING – TIKTOK

TikTok is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them. **The official age rating for TikTok is 13+**. Net-Aware rate TikTok's safety as **average**.

For more information on TikTok and how to keep your child safe please visit the link below.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING – BBC ACTION LINE

BBC Action Line provide supporting information for viewers and listeners affected by issues addressed in BBC programmes. A few examples are:

[The One Show - eating disorders](#)

[Holby City – addiction](#)

[Wake up to Money – mental health](#)

[One to One - OCD](#)

For more information please visit the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/actionline/>

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

[Year 9 Wilderness Day](#)

[The Egg Challenge](#)

[The Wheelie Challenge](#)

[Year 7 Wilderness Day](#)

BERKSHIRE MAESTROS



EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME – LESS THAN 40 DAYS LEFT TO APPLY

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, you and your family need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30th June to continue to live, work and study in the UK. For Further information see <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

COVID-19 SURGE TESTING UNDERWAY IN READING

Please see the information below regarding surge testing in Reading. If you live outside of the Reading area, please visit the information on your local authority website.

Surge testing is underway for residents and workers over the age of 12 in the following postcode areas:

- **RG1 3****
- **RG1 5****
- **RG1 6****
- **RG1 7****

Testing takes place from Monday 7 June until **Sunday 20 June**. There is currently no change to local restrictions in the light of this testing. You can still travel to work and school in the affected areas. Please continue to follow public health advice and national guidelines to minimise the spread of the virus www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

You can use our [surge testing address lookup](#) to check to see if you live or work in the surge testing area.

You **should take the test** even if:

- you don't have symptoms
- you have received one or both doses of a Covid-19 vaccine.
- have been taking regular Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) or 'Rapid tests'

You **should not take the test** if:

- you have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days using a PCR test

Getting a test

You can order a test online from www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Alternatively, you can access a test by attending a local test site from Monday 7 June. No appointment is needed:

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

Year 12 Geography Fieldtrips – 29th and 30th June 2021

The first instalment of £60 was due on Thursday 27 May, the second instalment of £60 is due on Monday 14th June.

Year 10 Geography Field Trip – 15th June and Year 10 Geography Field Trip – 17th June

A payment of £38.50 was due on Tuesday 8th June.

YEAR 8 Bushcraft Residential 2021- 24th May to 27th May 2021

The final instalment of £75 was due on Friday 4th June.

YEAR 7 & 9 Team Building Activities

A payment of £25 was due on Friday 21st May.

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies at Kendrick School. Please click on this [link](#) for more information and please pass to friends and family that you think would be interested.

Senior Technical Engineer for September 2021	Full time
French and German Teacher for September 2021	0.3 FTE

English Teacher (maternity cover) for September 2021 0.7 FTE
Cover Assistant for September 2021 3 days a week

CALENDAR

Wednesday 23 rd June	New Year 12 Induction Day
Thursday 24 th June	INSET Day
Monday 28 th June	Year 10 Work Experience Week KPS Meeting at 6pm
Thursday 1 st July	New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening (remote)
Friday 2 nd July	Enterprise Day
Monday 5 th July	Year 12 Futures Week
Wednesday 7 th July	'Life After Kendrick' Year 12 Event Profiling Day (remote)
Monday 12 th July	Sports Day
Friday 16 th July	End of Term 6, 1.10pm

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

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

We launched Kendrick's Summer Raffle on Monday, 7th June'21. We are pleased to let you know that with your support we have raised 30% of our target (£7K) today! There is only one more week to go and we need your help and support to achieve this year's target of £7000. If every parent is able to contribute at least £10 we can achieve it easily. So here's your opportunity to contribute to Kendrick's [Summer Raffle](#) .

In exchange for your little contribution, you will be able to win from our wide range of fabulous prizes. We have secured **90 prizes across 40 different and wide ranges of categories**. We request you to share this link with all your friends, families, contacts, neighbours, colleagues and anyone who can help support our initiative.

We also request parents to kindly add their child's name and year group correctly so that they can benefit from winning the competition of maximum funds raised and win '**Own clothes day**' and '**Free Pizza lunch at school**'. **So far 7HES is in the lead!!**

To all the other class groups, you too can do it and make your child's year group win this competition!! Buy your tickets now, just click this link [Summer Raffle](#) .

For the digital copy of all the establishments that have donated a prize please click [here](#). Please click [here](#) for the list of 90 prizes.

KPS SHOPPING LINKS

AmazonSmile donations

We encourage you to continue your purchases at smile.amazon.co.uk, (not www.amazon.co.uk or the mobile app) These are helping us generate AmazonSmile donations for our school. Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Easy Fundraising Charity

KPS has also signed up to other easy ways of raising funds for the school especially when you are shopping

online - **easyfundraising charity site** : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendrickschoolreading/> . Please continue to use these links and let's all together contribute to something that our daughters can benefit from.

TheGivingMachine

Another opportunity for you to raise more donations and funds for the School when you shop online. Go to this site and give for free: Here is the link: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

GAYL

Give As You Live (GAYL) is one way with which you can help KPS receive additional funds with no cost to you! Please use this link <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/kendrick> and help us raise additional funds.

NEWS, ARTICLES AND EVENTS – STUDENTS

ECOSPOT

Kendrick School now has its own Ecospot mini website!

<https://kendrickeco.carrd.co/#>

With 5 weeks to go until the end of the school year, we have a mission to get the whole school community taking climate action. As an Eco Committee member, Kendrick School needs your help to get your fellow students living a little greener and showing them how easy it can be. Taking greener decisions no matter how big or small spur actions towards sustainability. On this site, find some inspiration to help get your EcoSpot challenges completed before the end of term.

This week on EcoSpot

You've had your best week of climate action so far! Can you DOUBLE this and log over 1000 actions by the end of next week?

Total actions taken	575
Community members	175
Bonus challenges completed	2/2
Trees to be planted	100

House Leaderboard

House	Actions Taken	Top individual action-takers
1st Place - Palmer	293 actions taken	amygrace u.
2nd Place - Cedars	197 actions taken	dhritxberry
3rd Place - Sidmouth	84 actions taken	ari :)
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		Vincenzo Cassano

After a close day of competition on Tuesday between Palmer and Cedars, Palmer has pulled ahead and taken the top spot!

Cedars are close behind with less than 100 actions separating 1st and 2nd place!

Sidmouth have almost tripled their actions taken in just a week!

Kendrick Earth Week

Kendrick Earth week
-starts from Monday 21st of June
-Kendrick Earth day Friday 25th

NO PLASTIC TODAY

GO GREEN

Recycling and Upcycling Workshop
-Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd at lunchtimes
-please bring in any scraps of colourful paper e.g. wrapping paper, magazines etc.
-room Q + P

Meat-Free Meal
-Friday 25th
-The canteen are providing Vegetarian meals
-Upload your picture onto EcoSpot

Sunflower Seeds Potting
-Friday 25th at lunchtime

SAVE OUR PLANET

ECO FRIENDLY

Non-Uniform Day
-Friday 25th
-Remember to bring a donation of £2
-Colours : Earth colours, green, blue or shirts and tops with earth-themed designs

Litter Picking
- We will be adopting a street soon.

LOVE EARTH

PLASTIC FREE

KEEP OCEAN CLEAN

Guerilla Seed Bombs
-Monday 21st & Wednesday 23rd at lunchtime
-Sign up through the google form that has been sent out via email
-Please bring your old notes or paper
-Art room

Tree

YEAR 12 INDUCTION DAY – WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE 2021

We are pleased to confirm the arrangements for the Year 12 Induction Day which will take place in school on **Wednesday 23rd June**.

We need to make this event as COVID safe as possible, as the school is now in the RG1 surge testing zone, because of the rise of the Delta variant. This means that everyone must follow the plan below:

- **All** students must do a lateral flow test on Tuesday 22nd June in the evening and record it on the NHS website, you will receive an email stating the time it was done and that it was negative. Obviously if you feel at all unwell, please do not attend.
- When you come to school on Wednesday please enter through the East Street gates, someone will be there to greet you. You will need to show the email from the NHS stating your negative Tuesday evening test. If you do not have the email you will need to do a repeat test before you are allowed to mix with others.
- If you do not have any lateral flow tests at home these can be collected free of charge from any pharmacy.

Current Kendrick Students please arrive at 9.40am

- All Kendrick Year 11 students will be directed through the library and conservatory to drop off text books and other equipment, such as white boards, and anything else which you need to hand back to school. Please bring in everything you have borrowed over the years.
- Once you have given everything in please go straight to the Sports Hall.

Students new to Kendrick please arrive at 10.00am

- You will be directed straight to the Sports Hall.

The Induction day will start promptly at 10.15am and will finish at 12.30pm.

There will be a seating plan in the hall and the chairs will be spaced to allow for some social distancing.

There will be sanitation stations for you to clean your hands as you arrive and throughout the morning.

Please bring with you a water bottle and wear a facemask.

