



# KPS - Kendrick Parents' Society

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Dear Parents

In this week's newsletter, we would like to give you some updates on our 2019 Spring Raffle again as this is the biggest fundraising event of the school. Mrs. Karen Skipsey, who is our KPS raffle coordinator, along with her team, has been working very hard over the last few months in getting fantastic prizes and donations.

Here's some of the key information on all the activities that are going behind the scenes.

The Prizes!

The Raffle Team has been working tirelessly in search for prizes and donations for the forthcoming raffle and we are delighted to say that we have prizes to the value of over £1,500! Prizes cover a wide variety of areas including meals out, days out, golf days, yoga, reflexology, horse-riding, ice skating, jewellery and much more.....

## Matched funding

Many of you approached us asking what is matched funding, so here is some information on this. Matched funds are contributions provided by your employer direct to school for volunteering work you do.

Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. It is an informal albeit corporate arrangement between a company and their employee. Not all companies offer matched funding but those that do will pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised for or donated to the charity of their choice. Some organisations will match fund on a £ for £ basis, others will stipulate what they are prepared to give. It really is money for nothing, and you can double the amount of cash you raise with very little effort. We know that some local companies here have matched fund schemes including Microsoft, Vodafone, etc.

## What can you support?

Check with your manager/employer and enquire if they run such a scheme. If they do, then inform us immediately by emailing at [raffle.kps@gmail.com](mailto:raffle.kps@gmail.com). There are loads of activities that you can volunteer for, such as preparing envelopes, folding tickets etc. If you have any issues around time etc, we can work around your schedule and make this volunteering experience very easy!

**It's very simple and will cost you nothing extra other than some time to talk to your employer!**

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We are delighted to say that through one of Kendrick Parent's initiatives, **Thames Water** has agreed to provide matched funding once again this year and it would just be fantastic to have one or two other companies involved too... it is possible if you talk to your employer today!

## The Next Steps

Mark your diaries for the 2019 Spring Raffle Launch date, **4th March!**

The next few weeks will be spent preparing for the raffle launch and further details will follow in the coming weeks. The KPS page on the school website is getting updated to enable online donations. We shall also let you know what the proceeds of the raffle will go towards very soon.

As always without your help and support we cannot achieve much, so we really need your active involvement.

We sincerely hope that we can count on you all for your support with Kendrick's biggest fundraising event of the school!

The next KPS Meeting is on the 11th Feb at 6.30 p.m, to be held in the school premises. We all are going to be there with members of the school senior leadership team, if you have any suggestions or enquiries, this is the perfect opportunity to meet us all including the raffle team.

See you there!

Thanking you

**KPS Team**

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