



Welcome from Kendrick Parents' Society(KPS)

Kendrick School, London Road, Reading, RG1 5BN

Chair: Gayatri Hariharan

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome you to the Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS - a registered charity# 1104281) that forms a strong link with the School, developing relationships between staff, parents, carers and students. KPS provides many socialising opportunities for both students and parents.

KPS organises events and initiatives throughout the year to provide support, enjoyment and opportunities to meet each other and be a key part of the school community while continuing to raise much needed funds for items that the School's increasingly tight budgets cannot cover.

Historically, we have had a solid uptake on membership and would like to invite you, the 2022-2023 parents and carers, to do the same. Here is the link to the [online membership form](#) that will give you details on what the membership provides, the class rep system and many other useful details. Once you have become a KPS member, we welcome you to join the KPS Committee to discuss various opportunities and help with events.

All the funds raised by KPS are invested in the School. We input into how the money is spent by discussing the prioritised wish lists generated by Ms Kattirtzi, staff and students, the committee members and the Senior Management team.

Some of the significant contributions in the last two years had been towards some specific projects like

- Providing outdoor benches for students
- Play equipment
- New student welfare office and adjoining safe space
- Curtains & lighting in the drama studio
- Enhancements for the new Horizons building
- Redecorations of toilets
- Providing musical instruments, including an orchestral harp and LED stage lighting in the Drama Studio
- Funding for some library books.

The Summer Raffle event that we conducted last week was also conducted to upgrade the stage lighting in the School's main hall.

All of these cannot be achieved without the active involvement of KPS members. We have many ambitious targets this coming academic year too, and we look forward to your help and engagement!

KPS Events

KPS organises many events throughout the school year for students and families, such as disco night, film nights, Cultural evenings, Spring Raffles and many more. We moved all our engagements and events to a digital platform even during the lockdown situation. A full schedule of KPS events for 2022-2023 will be published in September'22. During the normal (non-restricted circumstances), we would also provide refreshments at many school events where there would be opportunities to meet most of you.

Parents and carers meeting - If not for the current situation, there would have been a few KPS events for you to get involved in BEFORE your daughters start at Kendrick, like the Parents & Carer evening and our annual International food festival in July. However, like last year, we are arranging a **virtual online meeting for all new year 7 parents**. Once we have your membership details, we will share the meeting details with you. We look forward to meeting you all soon and expect your involvement and contributions once the School reopens in September'22.

Class Representative System

To encourage communication between families and help them and the students get to know each other, the Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS) runs a **Class Parent Rep System** for each form in the School.

The main role of the Class Parent Rep is to maintain a list of student/parent and carer contacts. Through this way of communication, parents and carers can get to know what is going on in School and in particular, their daughter's form and year and help in planning the KPS initiatives and fund-raising events. Once the system is in place, it will prove invaluable when homework is forgotten, when sharing lifts, etc. If you are interested in this scheme or possibly being the Class Parent Rep, please complete the [online form](#) along with the one-off membership fee. Once we receive this from you, we will send you an invitation to join the class distribution list.

Benefits of joining KPS

Our main objective is to be a strategic partner to the School. We leave the academics in the expert hands of the teachers and staff members. We focus on creating greater engagement between parents; parents and School; School, parents and the community we live in. We provide a supportive and friendly community for parents that promotes a feeling of belongingness. This had proved very useful, especially during lockdown situations in the past year when we had to quickly adapt to a digital platform.

We also offer a free workshop on self-improvement and self-promotion by Google's #IamRemarkable 'Gold Tier' facilitator. Finally, you will always feel connected to your daughter's School which will help strengthen your relationship with your children!

KPS Facebook

The 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 received your membership form and fee and have confirmed that you are a member of the KPS, we will approve your request.

A summary of the actions for you

- KPS membership & Class Representative System form – Please complete the [online form](#) with payment
- If you have downloaded the amazon app on your phone handset, go to **Menu (bottom right 3 bars) >Gifting and Charity > AmazonSmile> choose Kendrick Parents' Society as your charity to support.** You can raise funds for KPS whenever you shop via Amazon. It's really easy!! Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases
- Join the Easy Fundraising Charity, here's the site : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendrickschoolreading/> .
- TheGivingMachine: Another opportunity for you to raise 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/>
- Give As You Live (GAYL) information – please register. There is nothing to return to KPS
- Sign up for the Kendrick Parents Society Facebook Group

KPS Policies and Roles

Please visit the [KPS pages](#) on the school website to see the policies that we adhere to, including our Privacy Notice. You can also read and understand the various roles that exist within KPS. Please apply for them if you think you have the required skills, time and expertise. We have a 14-member committee at the moment who have specific roles and responsibilities. You will have the opportunity to meet each one of us at some point in time. The current Roles and the team members are detailed on the KPS website [here](#).

Position Title	Name
Chair	Gayatri Hariharan
Joint Secretary	Nell Payne Sushmitha Ghosh Monika Maheshwari
Treasurer	Raghavendra Vaishampayan Pratijna Panda
Membership Secretary	Urvashi Thacker
Assistant Membership Secretary	Vasudha Chaudhary
Parent Class Rep Coordinator	Monika Sarin
Website Coordinator	Ayetri Bhadra Ravi Vadugu
Second Hand Uniform Coordinator	Teresa Haynes
Spring Raffle Coordinators	Revati Bothe Sifat Sikandar Amrutu Sohoni
Promotion & Donations Officer	Mohima Bose Amit Talwar

If you have any questions or ideas on various fund-raising initiatives or would like to contribute towards funding the wish list, or your employer operates a 'match fund-raising/giving scheme' please do get in touch at any of the email addresses listed below:

Email addresses to contact:	
Chair	KPSChair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
Secretary	kpssecretary@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
Treasurer	kpstreasurer@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
Membership	kpsmembership@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
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Once again, our heartiest congratulations on becoming a member of the Kendrick Community, and we look forward to seeing you and welcoming you into the KPS Committee very soon!

Yours sincerely

Gayatri

Chair of Kendrick's Parents' Society