

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 11th November 2022

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

It has been an unusual week for us at Kendrick. On Monday at around midday, we received a call from Ofsted informing us that the school was going to be inspected on Tuesday and Wednesday. Very quickly a programme for four inspectors was organised by me and my senior team for the inspectors to visit lessons, speak to students and staff, subject leaders and leaders of key areas in the school. In addition, surveys were sent to staff, students, parents and governors. I would like to thank everyone involved in the activities related to those two days. In particular, I would like to thank our students who spoke to inspectors confidently and politely about their school, showing how proud they are to be here. The outcome of the inspection will not be known until mid-December, so it is business as usual at Kendrick, after that slightly interrupted interlude.

Business as usual means lots of activities and learning going on every day at Kendrick. Please see links below to some super articles of events that have been taken place.

- [Disney Dress -up for Fundraising](#)
- [Year 7 Movie Night](#)
- [Field trip to Dale Fort](#)
- [Year 10 trip to France](#)
- [Year 10 trip to Germany](#)

This morning we had a whole school assembly, to mark Remembrance Day, which is today Friday 11th November. As always, I spoke to the students about Remembrance Day and the work of the British Legion who work and support serving and former service men and women of the British Armed Forces. I also talked about conflicts and how they arise, including the conflict that we are seeing and hearing about every day in Ukraine. Students in the 6th Form, Darja, Rosie, Janelle and Ellie, spoke about the symbols of Remembrance, the red poppy, but also other poppies that can be worn purple, black and white poppies. It is difficult for young people to understand and appreciate the issues that relate to war and the personal, social, economic, and political consequences of conflict. However, it is important for them to understand how their individual behaviour and attitudes can help resolve arguments and conflicts in what they do every day in school and in their lives. I suggested to them that at Kendrick there are things we can do as a community to promote and uphold peace in our lives. We can remember those who have died in war, we can reflect and consider that war is an argument/disagreement on a major scale that has not been resolved. We can look at what unresolved conflicts and arguments we have with each other and how we can try to resolve these peacefully and amicably. We can be the person that tries to keep the peace in disagreements and tries to find common ground. We can 'call out' people when they are being mean or unkind to others. We can recognise and appreciate the warmth and kindness of others and be welcoming to people who join our community. We can support the charities and organisations that work in countries where war exists. And finally, we can re-read and recommit to our [Kendrick Pledge](#).

We finished the assembly with a quiet moment of reflection, remembering loved ones that have died and who we mourn, including our student Sahana who died earlier this year. I finished by saying that at Kendrick, our strong values and beliefs, remind and encourage us to be kind and respectful to one another, to be tolerant and understanding. In all we do, let's endeavour to live these values in our daily lives so that we can live in peace with one another. At 11.00am, our community stopped for a two-minute silence and to listen to Connie playing the Last Post. Click [here](#) for a recording of Katy in the Sixth Form playing the same piece of music. A link to the wonderful Library display for Remembrance Day 2022 can be found [here](#).

With these thoughts in mind, I wish you all a peaceful 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 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 **0800 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 – ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 14TH TO 18TH NOVEMBER 2022



On Monday 14th November students are invited to wear odd socks as part of their school uniform to mark the beginning of **Anti-Bullying Week 2022 (14th to 18th November)**. Odd Socks Day encourages people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

We are not collecting money on Monday but you are able to donate money to the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) if you wish.

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is **Reach Out**. Throughout the week the SWT will send students daily emails, copied to parents with information on bullying. If at any time students need to speak to someone, they should talk to their tutor, the Student Welfare Team or any member of staff.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are lots of positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm. One of the steps is knowing when to ask for support. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has produced a tool kit for parents and carers which you can access [here](#). At the end of the resource there are of organisations like Kidscape who can help.

All the resources and information for Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will be posted [here](#) throughout the week.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – 7 DAY KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Anti-bullying week is the perfect time to focus on kindness. Can you complete a kind act each day?

- Complete a kindness challenge each day. How did it make you feel?
- There are also some small steps that make a big difference. Try to do all of these every day!
- Take a look at a daily kindness question. These will help you discuss the importance of being a kind human.

Click [here](#) for the Kindness Challenge sheet.

CALENDAR FOR TERM 2, 2022-23

Monday 14th November	Start of Anti-Bullying Week 2022. Odd Socks Day
Thursday 17th November	Profiling Day
Thursday 24th November	Year 13 Parents' Consultation
Friday 25th November	KPS Year 8 Film Night, 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday 29th November	Year 11 Parents' Consultation Presentation of the GCSE Certificates, 2.15pm
Wednesday 30th November	KPS Meeting, 6pm, online
Thursday 1st December	German Christmas Market Trip departs (returns on 3/12) P&R Governors Meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 2nd December	Former Student Reunion Event
Thursday 8th December	Full Governing Body (FGB) Meeting, 4.30pm Winter Concert, 6.30pm
Monday 12th December	Opera Trip for KS4 and 5
Friday 16th December	End of Term 2, 1.05pm
Tuesday 3rd January	Inset Day
Wednesday 4th January	Start of Term 3, 8.25am

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 AND EVENTS

KENDRICK SCHOOL – 2024 ADMISSION POLICIES – CONSULTATION

Kendrick School has made some changes to its admission policies for 2024 entry and, in line with admission guidelines, are now consulting on these policies.

The key changes are as follows:

Year 7

- Removal of the following postcodes in Priority Area 2:
RG18, RG19, RG21, RG24, RG26, RG27 (except RG27 0), RG14 2, RG14 5, RG20 4, RG20 5, RG20 6, RG20 7, RG22 6, RG23 8, RG29 1, GU14, GU15, GU16, GU17 (except GU17 0), GU18, GU19, GU20, GU51, GU52,

OX10 0, OX10 1, OX10 6, OX10 8, OX10 9, OX11 9, OX49 5, SL4, SL5, SL6 (except SL6 3, SL6 4, SL6 5, SL6 6), SL7, SL8, SL1 5, SL1 6, SL1 7, SL1 8, SL1 9 HP10 9, HP11, HP12, HP14 3

Year 12

- Removal of the following postcodes in Priority Area 2. (NB *This will not impact students who are currently at Kendrick School*)
RG18, RG19, RG21, RG24, RG26, RG27 (except RG27 0), RG14 2, RG14 5, RG20 4, RG20 5, RG20 6, RG20 7, RG22 6, RG23 8, RG29 1, GU14, GU15, GU16, GU17 (except GU17 0), GU18, GU19, GU20, GU51, GU52, OX10 0, OX10 1, OX10 6, OX10 8, OX10 9, OX11 9, OX49 5, SL4, SL5, SL6 (except SL6 3, SL6 4, SL6 5, SL6 6), SL7, SL8, SL1 5, SL1 6, SL1 7, SL1 8, SL1 9 HP10 9, HP11, HP12, HP14 3
- Change to the oversubscription criteria to:
 - Category 1 – Children in care or previously in care
 - Category 2 – applicants in receipt of pupil premium or service premium with a permanent home address in Priority Area 1 or Priority Area 2
 - Category 3 – applicants with a permanent home address in Priority Area 1 or Priority Area 2
 - Category 4 – candidates with a permanent home address not in the designated area
- Change of entry requirements:
 - Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics from a Grade 6 to Grade 7
 - Further Mathematics from Grade 7 to Grade 8

Non Routine

- Removal of the following postcodes in Priority Area 2:
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The consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and will commence on **Monday 7th November 2022**. All comments regarding the proposed changes or any aspect of the Admissions Policies, should be sent to admissions@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or by completing the online form via this [link](#) by **9am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

The full policies with all changes highlighted in yellow can be accessed from our website via this [link](#).

In addition, Kendrick School will be using GL Assessment as the test provider for 2024 entry. This is for information purposes only, and not part of the consultation process.

READING REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The main Remembrance Sunday Service in Reading will be taking place at Reading Minster at 9.25am on 13 November and is open to all. A march through the town, led by The Waterloo Band and Bugles of the 7 Rifles, will follow at 10.15am and arrive at Forbury Gardens for laying of wreaths and a two-minute silence at 11am.

Friday 11 November marks Armistice Day and Reading Mayor Cllr Rachel Eden will lead a two-minute silence at Forbury Gardens War Memorial at 11am. The Deputy Mayor Cllr Debs Edwards will lead a two-minute silence outside the Civic Offices. Find more information on the [Reading Borough Council news website](#).

COUGHS AND COLDS IN YOUNG CHILDREN

The Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust (RBFT) has launched its winter campaign about coughs and colds in young children and, in particular, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). The campaign is focused on parents looking after young children at home and knowing when to seek help. Advice about [coughs and colds in children](#) can be found on the NHS website and there is a [short video about RSV](#) on the RBFT YouTube channel.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Reading Borough Council has announced how it will be using the Household Support Fund to help struggling families in Reading. Energy vouchers worth £49 are being distributed to eligible families and grants are being provided to local voluntary and community groups to help vulnerable residents with food and warm clothes for the winter. You can find details on the [RBC news website](#).

READING IASS FOR SEND - THERE FOR PARENT CARERS & YOUNG PEOPLE

Reading Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) for SEND is there for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities and for young people with SEND. The service offers free, confidential and impartial information, advice and support about education, health and social care. [Reading IASS](#) is funded by BFC but operates as an arm's length service. The team has recorded videos for [parents and carers](#) and for [children and young people](#) explaining how Reading IASS can help them.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF READING CARERS PARTNERSHIP ON CARERS' RIGHTS DAY

Reading and West Berkshire Carers Partnership will officially launch its new information, advice and support service for unpaid carers on Carers Rights Day on **Thursday 24 November, 10am-2pm**. The partnership is now carrying out Parent Carer Needs Assessments in Reading, in place of TuVida. They have a new website at: <https://carerspartnership.org.uk/>.

The Carers Rights Day event at Wycliffe Church, Cemetery Junction, will include information stalls from Reading Family Information Service, Citizens Advice Reading, the council's debt advice team and several local charities.

SAFER STREETS PUBLIC EVENT

Reading Borough Council has secured funding to help reduce crime, provide safe spaces for young people, improve safety at night and make some areas of the town more welcoming. The Community Safety Partnership is holding a Safer Streets Drop-in session for people to find out more and share their thoughts. The event is taking place at the Civic Offices, in Bridge Street, on Monday 14 November, 12noon-2pm and 6-8.30pm. You can also [complete a short survey online](#).

STEVENSONS – TEMPORARY STORE CLOSURE

Flooding has meant that Stevensons has had to temporarily close their Reading store. They plan to reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 but you can still continue to order online for home delivery via their website www.stevensons.co.uk. For customers who would prefer to collect their items directly, they will be operating a click and collect service the store on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between 10am and 4pm from the 8th November to 17th December.

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies at Kendrick School. Please click on this [link](#) for more information on the roles and how to apply.

Exams and Access Arrangements Assistant – for January 2023 or earlier.

Exam Invigilators – for December 2022 and onwards

Vacancies at Reading School

- [Teacher of English \(Maternity Cover\)](#) – starting January 2023

- [Cover Supervisor \(Fixed Term\)](#) – immediate start (pending relevant checks)
- [Alumni and Development Assistant \(Maternity Cover\)](#) – starting November / December 2022
- [Chief Operations Officer](#) – starting January / February 2023

For more information please visit the Reading School website [here](#).

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.

- Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and technology contributions
- Year 10 and 11 Art and Textiles contributions
- Year 7 Study Skills Workshop – 17th November 2022
- 2022 Biology Week: Design a Biology Tote Bag
- Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase
- Year 12 A Level Maths Graphics Calculator
- Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts
- Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts
- Year 12 and Year 13 Disney Dress up Day

October trips

- Year 12 Wokingham Waterside Centre trip 4th October 2022.
- Year 10 MFL French and German trips 9th to 14th October 2022
- Year 13 A Level Geography Residential Field Course 12th to 16th October 2022
- Year 12 Biology Brain Afternoon 20th October 2022

November trips

- Year 11 Drama trip A Monster Calls 11th November 2022

December trips

- Year 11 12 13 Christmas Market trip to Germany 1st to 4th December 2022
- Tosca Royal Opera House trip GCSE and A level Music – 12th December 2022

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

Year 8 Film Night

After the success of Year 7 movie night, we are planning to run the **Year 8 Film Night**. All Year 8 students will be sent out a Google form asking them to make the choice of the movie name. We will communicate to you with a ticket link as soon as things have progressed. **We strongly recommend students are picked up after the event.** In the meantime, we are looking for Year 8 parent volunteers to help us with refreshments on the day. If any parent can spend their afternoon with the students selling them refreshments, please contact

kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or kpssecretary@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. The date of the film night is on **Friday**

25th November from 3.30pm to 6pm.