

# Kendrick School - Weekly Update

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

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For this last Weekly Update of the year, I will keep what I say brief, but ask you to please explore the links below.

For those who were unable to attend the Winter Concert, click [here](#) for the stunning solo performances by the four Year 13 students, I mentioned last week: Asia, Arya, Jasmine and Shayna. Plus there are some wonderful photos of the concert [here](#). The Harp ensemble that was unable to play at the concert can be heard [here](#).

Our A Level Musicians have made a beautiful arrangement of a popular Christmas classic *It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas*, popularised recently by Michael Bublé [here](#).

Elsewhere Physics and Maths students enjoyed a very interesting talk by a former student Dr Rebecca Harwin, now an Instrument Development Scientist at RAL Space. 6<sup>th</sup> Form students were fascinated by Dr Harwin and her presentation and engaged her in was lots of lively discussion. Click [here](#) for the article.

As part of our Christmas charity events, the Community Committee of the Kendrick Student Leaders organised a [Food Drive for the Whitley Community Food Cupboard](#). We hope to continue to support this group next year with regular donations to them.

I would like to thank staff and students for all their hard work and efforts this term. Thank you to parents for your support and encouragement and for reading this update every week. I hope it gives you an insight into life at Kendrick. It is always such a privilege and pleasure to talk about what we do at Kendrick and share our news with you.

Finally, I wish you all peace and joy this holiday which are the themes of Christmas and this time of the year. I would like to finish with a [link](#) to Mr Hodge's Christmas assembly which he recorded and was watched by students this week.

In case you didn't see our Christmas card last week, please view again [here](#). Happy holidays to everyone, take time to rest and relax and stay safe and well.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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### SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

#### WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email [studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).**

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## SAFEGUARDING – AVENUES OF SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

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The infographic is a purple grid with three columns: 'Under 25s', 'Over 25s', and 'Parents'. Each column lists support services with their contact details and availability. A yellow speech bubble at the bottom right provides a website for more help.

Under 25s	Over 25s	Parents
<b>YOUNGMINDS</b> Crisis Messenger Text YM to 85258 Open 24/7	<b>mind</b> Call 0300 123 3393 9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri	<b>YOUNGMINDS</b> Parents Helpline Call 0808 802 5544 9:30am - 4pm, Mon - Fri
<b>THE MIX</b> Call 0808 808 4994 3pm - 12am, every day	<b>SAMARITANS</b> Call 116 123 Open 24/7	
<b>childline</b> Call 0800 1111 7:30am - 3:30am, every day	For more advice and information visit: <a href="http://youngminds.org.uk/find-help">youngminds.org.uk/find-help</a>	

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – COPING AT CHRISTMAS

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### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Christmas can be an exciting time when people get together to celebrate. But it can also be difficult. If you're feeling lonely, worried or stressed then Childline has a lot of useful information and resources to help you.

Christmas can be difficult for lots of reasons. You might be worried about spending time with your family, money or having to cope with your feelings. Or you might be worried about [getting hurt or feeling unsafe](#).

It can feel hard to escape the holiday season sometimes, especially when you're stuck at home or everyone else is talking about it. But telling someone what your Christmas has been like can help you to feel less alone.

[Childline](#) is available for you throughout Christmas and [New Year](#), including Christmas day. Whether you want to [speak to a counsellor](#) or talk to other young people on the [message boards](#), you can always be honest with Childline about what things are like.

For information, advice and resources for coping at Christmas please click this [link](#).

## PARENTS/CARERS

If you find Christmas a difficult time of year, NSPCC has some tips to help you cope.

Different things can help us at different times, depending on our situation and how we're feeling. Some of these tips may not feel helpful or relevant for you right now. Try some different things and see what works best for you.

- [Coping with money worries](#)
- [Looking after yourself](#)
- [Planning ahead](#)
- [Managing relationships](#)
- [Talking to other people](#)
- [Getting support](#)

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## CALENDAR FOR TERM 3, 2022-23

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<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Inset Day
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Start of Term 3, 8.25am Presentation of the A Level Certificates, 4pm
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	KPS Online Meeting, 6pm to 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Bushcraft Parent Information Meeting
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 12 Geography Trip
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Dance Enterprise Day
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	L&T Governors Committee
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Year 11 Geography Trip
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Evening of Dance, 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 12 Parents' Consultations
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Resources Governors Committee
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Start of Year 11 Sixth Form Consultation meetings
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 8 Parents' Consultations
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	P&R Governors Committee House Drama, 6.30pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End of Term 3, 3.15pm

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 please click [here](#)

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## NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

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### SCARLET FEVER AND STREP A ADVICE

Please find below links to information provided by the Local Authority on scarlet fever and strep A.

- [Scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep – advice for parents from the UK Health Security Agency | BOB ICB](#)
  - [5 ways to protect your under 5s this winter - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)
  - [Group A Strep - What you need to know - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)
  - [\(Strep A\) Group A streptococcus \(GAS\) information - Reading Borough Council.](#)
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## KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Kendrick School has a number of 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.



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## PARENT GUIDE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Children's Commissioner has published a Parent Guide on School Attendance. It is really clear about the importance of attendance and encourages parents to ask for help or support appropriately. You can find the guide on our website [here](#).

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## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

The Family Information Service has created two advice and guidance pages about cost of living support:

- [Reading Directory | Christmas & New Year 2022/23 Local Services & Support Information](#)  
Information about local services, the support available and their opening times over Christmas and New Year.
- [Reading Directory | Support - Food, Clothing & Warm Hub](#)  
Includes details of support organisations that provide food, clothing and warm spaces/hubs.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY

At Kendrick School we do so many excellent things in school to support and build good mental health and wellbeing in our students. We have coordinated all what we do into a Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy which you can access [here](#).

The policy aims to:

- Promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing to our school community.
- Increase understanding and awareness of common mental health issues.
- Enable staff to identify and respond to early warning signs of mental ill health in students.
- Enable staff to understand how and when to access support when working with young people with mental health issues.
- Provide the right support to students with mental health issues and know where to signpost them and their parents/carers for specific support
- Develop resilience amongst students and raise awareness of resilience-building techniques.
- Raise awareness amongst staff and gain recognition from the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) that staff may have mental health issues, and that they are supported in relation to looking after their wellbeing; instilling a culture of staff and student welfare where everyone is aware of signs and symptoms with effective signposting, underpinned by behaviour and welfare around school.

The policy is in consultation stage until **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023**, and we welcome your comments on the policy during this period.

Comments can be emailed to [admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).

In Term 3 our mental health and wellbeing focus will be on building resilience and understanding and coping with perfectionism. We will send information to students and parents, and are also hoping hold a remote information event for parents and carers to attend. More information will be sent in January.

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## 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 can be found on our [website](#).

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

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## CHRISTMAS HAF REGISTRATION OPEN

Parents of children eligible for pupil premium free school meal can now register for the Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme. Providers taking part in the programme include Reading Rock Academy, Next Thing Education and Sport in Mind.

BFFC co-ordinates the HAF scheme on behalf of Reading Borough Council, with funding from the DfE. Registration is open via the BFFC website at: <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/haf/>

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## STEVENSONS – UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Unfortunately, there has been further investigations into the flooding at the Branch which now acquires further works. Due to this the store will not be reopening the Reading branch until March 2023.

The Branch will be open every Monday and Wednesday between 10am – 4pm for click and collect, and parents can still order online for home delivery. Stevenson's apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

All details can be found on their [website](#), and their dedicated Customer Service team are on hand to help with any queries parents may have.

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## VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies at Kendrick School. Please click on the links for more information on the roles and how to apply and please share with friends and family.

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.

Please read the information on our Safer Recruitment procedures [here](#).

[Head of Music and Drama](#) to cover a maternity leave – at least 0.8FTE. Job share will be considered. For end of February 2023 to at least December 2023. Closing date for applications Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

[Exams Officer](#) – for January 2023. 25 hours per week, term time only plus 2 weeks in the summer holiday. Closing date for applications 9am Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

[Exam Invigilators](#) – for December 2022 and onwards

## Reading School Vacancies

*Student Data Officer (SDO):* An exciting opportunity for a capable and compassionate administrator to join our Associate Staff Team at Reading School as a Student Data Officer. More information about the role can be found on our [website](#). All applicants must complete an associate staff application form to be considered for shortlisting. Application forms can be found in the vacancies section of our [website](#).

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## PARENTPAY REMINDERS

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*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.*

Please could you check your child's account and ensure that any overdrafts are paid. Thank you.

Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts

Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts

Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and technology contributions

Year 10 and 11 Art and Textiles contributions

Year 7 Study Skills Workshop – 17<sup>th</sup> 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

Daisy's Dream: Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 9th December 2022

KPS department birthday gift - celebrating Kendrick's 145th year

### **October trips**

Year 12 Wokingham Waterside Centre trip 4th October 2022.

Year 13 A Level Geography Residential Field Course 12th to 16th October 2022

Year 12 Biology Brain Afternoon 20th October 2022

### **December trips**

Year 11 12 13 Christmas Market trip to Germany 1st to 4th December 2022

### **2023 trips**

Year 12 A level Biology Dale Fort residential trip.