

# Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

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Welcome back and I hope everyone has had a good half term break.

The exam season continues with numerous exams being taken by Year 11 students and A Level exams taken by Year 13. The work and stress of this period of young people's education cannot be underestimated and my thanks to students for their fortitude in managing the exams and to the staff who work with the students to make the process run so smoothly and in a supportive way. Year 12 students complete internal exams today and I am sure there is much relief on their part that the exams are over, and they can enjoy a restful weekend.

Term 6, the last term of the academic year is always full of activities and opportunities for students. For Year 12 with exams completed, they can focus on their plans for next year which include university destinations and opportunities post 18. A week called **Futures Week** is taking place later in June preceded by some work experience opportunities next week which should help them in their thinking and choices for the future. In Year 10, they too have some work experience opportunities to encourage them to start to think about plans for next year when all too quickly they will be looking at A Level choices and options post 16. Year 9 are being prepared to embark on their life in Year 10 and GSCSs. Year 8 fresh from their super [Bushcraft trip](#) before half term will move into Year 9 with the options for GCSE to consider later in the year and of course Year 7 will move on to Year 8 more experienced and confident about life at Kendrick. Such is the life of a school where change is always taking place and adapting to new situations is the norm.

Change for all of us can be a challenge but particularly for young people whether it be at the top end of the school or at the beginning; supporting change and talking about it can help the transition from one stage to another go more smoothly. At Kendrick we endeavour to manage change in a supportive way to enable students to look forward to the next stage of their school career or life in a positive way but also being aware of the challenges change brings and how to manage these. A very useful video clip was sent to students and staff this week about change and how changes in life are inevitable and necessary for everyone. Please take a few minutes to view this short video [here](#).

I had a very good meeting with Mrs Kaur who leads our Eco Committee about their plans for this term to engage the school in environmental issues. They are planning a **flower show** for the end of the year! Each form has the chance to adopt a plant for 5 weeks and take care and nurture it then enter it into a competition to see whose plant has remained healthy and grown over that time. I am looking forward to seeing lots of plants around the school which as we all know can enhance our wellbeing and make us feel better. My thanks to Mrs Kaur and the Eco Committee for their brilliant ideas and relentless efforts to keep the green agenda strong at Kendrick.

Elsewhere plans are being made to celebrate **Pride Week** later in June and a display in the library can be found [here](#). On our **Inspire** board in the library this term we are featuring **Mary Quant**, Queen of fashion who died a couple of months ago. Please see the display [here](#). There are a few big events that I am looking forward to in July and they are a **KPS Fair on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** which you will hear more about soon, **Sports Day on 10<sup>th</sup> July**, a whole school event which takes place at Palmer Park and a new event that is being planned called **A Celebration of the Arts** which is on the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> July where a gala evening of entertainment showcasing the arts and the talents of students at Kendrick is being planned by staff and students supported by KPS. I will talk more about all these events in the coming weeks.

Wishing everyone a good weekend, with more sunshine for us all to enjoy.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

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Kendrick School has several 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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## SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

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### 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 and ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Officer.

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 – WATER SAFETY

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### Water Safety Code



With the summer holidays not far away and with much warmer weather expected this weekend, it is important to remind children about water safety. The River Thames is a popular meeting place for young people when the weather is warm. Below are links to a range of useful resources you we ask you to share with your child or young person.

- Tom Dean, double Olympic gold medallist swimmer, sharing an important water safety message followed by advice from other experts and emergency services: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdcxThIHUmc&t=1s>
- Float to Live TikTok video for young people: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/lglcxGTkRp0>
- RNLI Float to Live campaign: <https://rnli.org/safety/float>

For more information on water safety visit the RoSPA website [here](#).

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – DEALING WITH CHANGE

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Our wellbeing theme this term is '**Dealing with Change**'. Change is an inevitable part of life! We're coming to the end of the academic year which brings change for our students as they move up a year group or leave Kendrick, have a new tutor, and Year 9 and Year 11 will start their GCSEs or A Levels. Some of them may also be dealing with other changes - maybe in their family, moving home or relationships.

Change can be hard to cope with, especially if you're not feeling prepared for it. But there are ways you can feel more in control and we will share these with parents and students over the term. In the meantime, students might like to watch this [video](#) on Dealing with Change from **Rise Above**.

For information and practical tips from Young Minds to help you support your child during a time of transition or change please click [here](#).

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 6, 2022-23

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Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	External Exams continue
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Information Evening for Year 12 History/French Trip
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Geography Rivers Trip
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Geography Rivers Trip
	L&T Governor meeting, 4.30pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Biology Dale trip departs
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	French and History trip departs
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	New Year 7 Induction sessions
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Resources Governor meeting, 4.30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 13 Farewell Tea Party
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day. School closed to students other than those taking exams
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sixth Form Induction Day
	New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	KPS Summer Festival
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Futures Week
	Creative Arts Festival Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Profiling Day
	KPS Meeting (online)
	UCAS Parents' Information Evening, 5.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Concert
	Full Governing Body Meeting, 4.30pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7 trip to Neasden Hindu Temple
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6 for students
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Day

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, COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

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### VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Reading Libraries is looking for young people aged 14-18 who can encourage children to take part in this year's summer reading challenge, *Ready, Set, Read!* Tasks will include discussing the books younger children have been reading and suggesting books they might like and assisting library staff with reading challenge events and craft activities. The library will provide training, supervision and support and it is a great opportunity to develop new skills and experience.

The summer reading challenge will run between 8 July – 2 September in all Reading libraries and volunteers will need to commit to a minimum of six sessions during that time. The closing date for applications is 21 July. For more information, and to apply, visit: [Volunteering for our Summer Reading Challenge – Ready, Set, Read! - Reading Borough Council](#)



### LATEST JOB AND APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Elevate careers service has updated its jobs and opportunities board online for June. Opportunities this month include the John Lewis employment programme, a hairdressing apprenticeship and legal business support apprentice. Visit the [Elevate](#) page on the BfC website.

### CREATING WRITING WORKSHOPS AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY, SUMMER 2023

These workshops, run by **Igniting Writing**, are available for all pupils in Year 6-13 and held at Wokingham Library. **Each workshop costs just £5 to attend** (to be paid in cash on the day). Attendees will also need to **bring a packed lunch**, as there will be a lunch break for both workshops.

Email **Ms Fieldsend** for the links, or go to the Wokingham Libraries website and navigate from there.

The first workshop session will be on **Saturday 22nd July, 10:30am to 3:00pm, on the topic of sports stories**. We'll be exploring why people around the world connect with sport on such an instinctual level and how it can be used in stories to craft interesting plots, characters and motivations! The link to register is [here](#).

The second workshop session will be on **Saturday 29th July, 10:30am to 3:00pm, and is all about chain stories**. This workshop will be about creating collaborative stories, where everyone writes part of a story and then hands it onto another group member to continue crafting the characters, settings, plotlines, worldbuilding and more! The link to register is [here](#).

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### FOOTBALL FOR YOUTH MENTAL WELLBEING

Sport in Mind is running a new weekly football session for 10-14 year olds every Wednesday, 4.30- 5.30pm. The free session on the 3G pitch at Prospect Park, west Reading, offers a great way of helping to build self-confidence, support self-esteem and meet new friends. Places can be booked by email to: [youth@sportinmind.org](mailto:youth@sportinmind.org).

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## VACANCIES

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We have a vacancy for a **Computing Teacher for 0.3FTE** (approximately 2 days a week) to join us in September. For more information please click [here](#).

*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.*

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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 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award  
Year 9 and Year 10 French Play -7th March 2023  
Year 9 and Year 10 German Play – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase  
KPS department birthday gift - celebrating Kendrick's 145th year  
Coach trips to Palmer Stadium: Athletics Season – Term 5 2023  
Whitley Community Food Cupboard – cash donations

### **Trips**

Year 12 French and History trip - June 2023  
Year 12 A level Biology: Dale Fort centre residential trip – June 2023  
Year 10 work experience insight programme 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Year 12 work experience insight programme 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Year 7 Swaminarayan Hindu Temple trip 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Year 10 French and German Trips June 2024

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## KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

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### **KENDRICK SUMMERFEST**

KPS is looking for the following items for the Summer Fair on Saturday July 1st. If you, your family or friends are able to supply and/or run any of the following stalls: multicultural food stalls (such as BBQ, hot dog, sandwiches, pizza, etc), bouncy castles, any other stalls, please contact [kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:kpschair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk). We are also looking for marquees (these will be outside on the lawn, various sizes needed). Any help will be greatly appreciated.

### **CAKE BAKE COMPETITION**

We are inviting all the young bakers for the baking competition at the summer fair on Saturday 1st July. If interested please email [kpsclassrepcoordinator2022@gmail.com](mailto:kpsclassrepcoordinator2022@gmail.com). Also see the attached poster.

### **TICKET LINK**

We have opened up the ticket link for the summer event. We are asking for a £2 entry fee per adult whilst children go free. Please bring along your friends and their families too to this great grand gala.

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CLWW>

### **PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will be open tomorrow, Saturday 10/6, 9-11am in the Conservatory. Special offer of buy one and get one free for skirts and trousers.

