



Katherine Warrington School

HEADS UP

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It is with great delight that I can announce the moving date for the school to occupy the fully finished main building has been confirmed for Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June 2020. You may recall that due to issues regarding planning and the conditions attached to that, work commenced behind the proposed schedule. It was due to start in December 2018 but commenced a month later. This delayed the completion of our temporary accommodation in the newly built Sports Centre and pushed the projected completion date for the main build back into the school summer holidays 2020. However, due to the focus and efficiency of Kier, the build has been slowly regaining the lost time from the late start.

The main building will be handed over, fully completed, on Wednesday 17th June. At that point Kier needs access to the Sports Centre to convert it back from classrooms. This will take approximately 3 months. The school field adjacent to the Sports Centre and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) will be seeded shortly and, depending on the weather, could be ready for limited use from Monday 22nd June. The four other pitches will be seeded over the summer months and should be ready for use by January, again weather permitting.

Moving into the main build this academic year means that we can familiarise our current students with the layout, help staff settle into offices, identify any snagging to be rectified over the school summer holidays, and hold a transition day for our new Year 7 students in school without disrupting our current students.

Accordingly, I have asked our Trustees for permission to close the school to students on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June. They have agreed due to the exceptional circumstances. That week becomes our extended curriculum week with Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th June at Cuffley Camp, and on Wednesday 17th June there will be a day trip for all students to London to see the Globe Theatre and Tate Modern gallery. School will be closed to students on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June as staff pack up and move.

We will begin a programme of visits for students to the main build after Easter and intend to invite parents/carers to visit during our first week of occupation. I will communicate in greater detail about the Cuffley Camp trip, the day trip to London and the Summer Showcase (in the hall of the main build) shortly.

I fully appreciate the potential inconvenience to parents and carers that closing the school will cause. However, the ability to move and orientate students prior to September is invaluable. I look forward to welcoming all our current students to the main building on Monday 22nd June at 8.30am.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

End of Half Term Achievement Update

On Friday 14th February, we celebrated student achievements from the first half of the spring term. We gave out lots of certificates and recognised a variety of student achievements.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following students for achieving 100% attendance. They should have received a letter home before half term as a big thank you for their effort and commitment.

Amelie, Anoushka, Bibi, Blake, Callum, Chris, Courtney, Daisy, Eesa, Ethan, Freya, Harrison, Harry H, Ibrahim, Ingrid, Jada, Jahleel, Jamie, Jasmine, Joanne, Jordan, Joshua E, Kiera, Michael Sm, Mikhail, Nathan K-O, Nathan T, Oscar, Rayan P, Shakhram, Tayani, Theo and Toluwani.

Recognitions

By the end of last half term, Year 7 received 19,066 recognitions which we think is absolutely fantastic!

The following students received the most recognitions last half term:

Harry H (162), Sapphira (158), Maanasee (156), Cuan (154), Tiffany (154), Ben W (153), Emaan (151) and Anoushka (150). Congratulations for being Respectful, Ready and Responsible.

The following students also did incredibly well and received 60 or more recognitions last half term, an impressive number!

Annabel	Freddie C
Joshua T-O	Omari
Eesa	Cameron
Rory	Neomi
Leigha	Andrea
Nathan T	Nathan K-O
Toby B	George M
Jada	Elise
Rayan P	Ruairi
Nelson	Samuel L
Effie	Umar-Farooq
Ingrid	

The students below also achieved certificates for individual achievements from making an amazing start as a new starter to taking pride in their work:

Maisy, Harry L, Taylor, Josh Tw, Samuel G, Rohan, Jordan, Amelie and Steven.

English Awards

Last half term students were given the opportunity to write and perform a persuasive speech about a political issue they were passionate about. The standard of work was incredibly impressive and we thoroughly enjoyed listening to the views of our Year 7s.

We wanted to recognise students who we felt had gone above and beyond in their effort, preparation and execution of their speeches.

Effort Awards: Adam, Evelyn, Jasleen, Sofia, Michael Sn, Martha, Cameron, Sapphira, Hannah, Lexi, Amelie, Daniel, Mia, Maisy, Poppy, Lewie, Mollie, Neomi, Effie, Eshan, Aimee, Summer, Freddie S, Zak and Jemma.

Attainment Awards: Ibrahim, Isabel, Rayan P, Josh B, Maanasee, Elise, Mabel, Alexander, Omari, Anna Q, Ben W, Jada, Cuan, Nelson, Ruairi, Annabel, Erin, Bailey, Jahleel, Tom M, Nishaan, Alexander, Leigha, Joanne and Harry H.

House Update

Although some houses were trailing behind when it came to house points, the addition of points from the interform quiz competition and the touch rugby competition saw all houses' numbers shoot right up!

We were incredibly excited to announce that our first house winners were Franklin form! Congratulations to Mr Church and his fabulous form group! A special

congratulations goes to Ali for turning things around in the last half term as they became real contenders in the final stages of the competition!

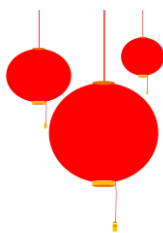
Form	Tesla	Armstrong	Franklin	Ali	Nightingale	Keller
House Points	187	183	255	180	102	221

On Monday 24th February the scores returned to zero for all form groups as the house competition begins again. We will continue to keep parents and students updated.

MUSIC



We have now completed our Chinese Music project, culminating in students performing and recording their own pentatonic melodies using traditional Chinese instrumental sounds. Particular congratulations go to the following students whose work was shared in class. They composed lovely flowing melodies and some extended their work to include extra accompaniment tracks:



Well done to Harry H, Nelson, Poppy B, Jasmine, Becky, Rayan P and Sapphira.

Period 7 Music Technology

I am delighted to share with you some photos of our Period 7 Music Tech Club students developing their ideas on Garageband before half term. There was some really creative work and I loved seeing the students growing in confidence with the software and sharing their ideas. Some of the work, including ideas for ringtones, has now been exported to Google Classroom as mp3 files. This means that students can access their work and, if they want to, download it to another device.



Voice in a Million



Choir Rehearsals are now back in full flow following the auditions for the school show. Please look out for final details being sent home to all those going to sing at Wembley Arena on Wednesday 18th March. Audio tracks, lyrics and even dance move videos are all on Google Classroom for students to access in order to prepare for the event. They do not need to know all the words or attend every rehearsal, but the more familiar they are with the songs, the more they will enjoy the day. I can't wait to see our very own KWS massed choir take on Wembley!

Ms Bailey

SPORTS NOTICES



Well done to all of the girls who went to Saracens at Allianz Park on Tuesday to take part in a rugby training session. The effort they put in was excellent and we'd like to say a big thank you to Saracens for their hospitality.



Congratulations also to Mollie who after successfully competing against 3000 horses and ponies, qualified to compete in the Olympia Horse Show in December. She was one of 32 competitors who had qualified to take part, and was one of only two children. Mollie and her pony Shandy came in 9th place which is a good start to her professional riding career. An amazing achievement. Well done!

TRUST BOARD

The Trustees met this week and were delighted to hear the news regarding the move to the main site. Plans for the transition are well underway and the Trustees are busy supporting the school throughout this period.

Our new Clerk, Rebecca Robertson, joined us this week. Rebecca comes to KWS and the Trust with a background in school business management. She's also been a governor herself in the past so will be well able to keep us organised. Welcome to the team Rebecca.

In our last note to you we announced that Helen Parkinson had been elected as Chair of Trustees. At this week's meeting we elected Jenny Howarth as Vice Chair to support Helen. We will be updating the Trustee section of the website to reflect these changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 14th May – Parents’ Evening for students with surnames starting A to K.

Wednesday 20th May – Parents’ Evening for students with surnames starting L to Z.

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th June - Cuffley Camp.

Wednesday 17th June - Visit to The Globe Theatre and Tate Modern gallery.

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June - School closed to students for relocation to the main school building.

Date to be confirmed - Summer Showcase – More details to follow nearer the time.

YEAR 7 EXAMS

We are now able to confirm that the Year 7 exams will run over just one week, starting on Monday 16th March, as per the following schedule:

	Mon 16th	Tues 17th	Wed 18th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th
1	Maths Paper 1 45mins	Science 50mins	English Writing 60mins	Normal Lessons (P do Maths not PE)	Maths Paper 2 45mins
2	Music 15mins	Drama 30mins	REVISION	Normal Lessons (P do Maths not PE)	Geography 50mins
	Break	Break	Break	Break	REVISION
3	English Reading 70mins	History 60mins	RE 30mins	Normal Lessons	Break
4	REVISION	Computing 30mins	REVISION / VOICE IN A MILLION	Normal Lessons	PE Lesson (P, S) Art 90mins (Ca, Mg)
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Spanish 40mins & Mandarin 40mins (N, K)
5	PE Lesson (Ca, Mg) Art 90mins (N, K)	PE Lesson (N, K) Art 90mins (P, S)	REVISION / VOICE IN A MILLION	Independent Study / Revision	Lunch
6	Spanish 40mins & Mandarin 40mins (P, S)	Spanish 40mins & Mandarin 40mins (Ca, Mg)	REVISION / VOICE IN A MILLION		Assembly
	Break	Break	Break	Break	
7	Normal P7	Normal P7	Collapsed P7	Independent Study	

Yesterday morning we held an assembly to inform students of the exam schedule and also to explain how we plan to support them in preparing for their exams.

This preparation will begin with a session on creating a revision timetable and will include sessions on revision techniques, coping with exam stress and tips on how to read exam questions properly. Mrs Aikman will be tweeting links to the resources for each session so you can reference them at home if you would like to via our website.

We would like students to see these exams as an opportunity to showcase their learning so far and, whilst we do expect them to take them seriously, we are looking to minimise stress around the exams by supporting students adequately in preparation. On the last school day before the exams (Friday 13th March) we will focus on de-stressing through a House netball tournament and our Pi Day assembly.

This is an important half term for our students and we hope this will be reflected in their attitude to learning.

Mrs Coomber

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES TO PARENTS/CARERS:

Email: Letter from Herts Police Chief Inspector relating to the safety of young people.
Email: Coronavirus advice / update.


KWS VACANCIES

Teacher for Design and Technology - for more information [Click here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA


Keep up to date with the latest information via the newsletter, website and our social media platforms: **Facebook @KatherineWarringtonSchool** and **Twitter @KWSHarpenden**. If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us.

NON KWS EVENTS, PUBLICITY AND VACANCIES


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FOUNDATION

Supporting young people in Harpenden and Wheathampstead since 1722

In 1722 a local man, James Marshall, left a remarkable gift in his Will. He created a charity that would support young people, living in the Parish of Wheathampstead and Harpenden, to achieve their dreams. Almost 300 years later, James Marshall's legacy lives on and in the last six years, the Trustees have awarded grants of £1,000,000.



James Marshall Foundation CIO can provide financial support to under 25's, living in Harpenden and Wheathampstead, from families of limited financial means, for educational and career-related opportunities.

The Foundation makes grants to young people towards school uniform and equipment, residential school trips, courses, laptops for homework, college/university accommodation or travel costs, apprenticeships and could support a business idea.

Please do get in touch if you think the Foundation could help.

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Vacancy for Trustees

James Marshall Foundation CIO has been supporting young people in the community for almost 300 years. The aim of the Charity is to assist young people under 25 years with educational or career-related activities and enable them to have opportunities that otherwise would not be available. Grants of over £1,000,000 have been awarded during the last six years.

The Foundation is run by a Board of Trustees, all of whom should either live or work in Harpenden or Wheathampstead. We are looking for up to three new Trustees to join the team, individuals with enthusiasm to carry on this legacy for the benefit of local young people.

Are you interested? If so, please visit our website at www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk to understand more about the Foundation and contact our Foundation Manager, Pauline Whiting, on 01582 760735 or email office@jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk for more information. The deadline for applications is **Monday 16 March 2020 at 10.00am** so please do get in touch if this is something you would like to be involved in.

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