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I'm writing this as I sit at my desk in my new office in the fully built main building of KWS. It has felt, at times, that I would never get to write that sentence. A simple sentence but bound up in it is all the energy, resilience, fortitude, frustration and determination we've all needed to give our current and future students a brilliant, aspirational educational environment where they can flourish and thrive.

The payoff at the end of the journey has made it all worthwhile. The vast majority of you managed to book a tour and have seen for yourselves the high specification of the build, the space, the natural light, the openness, the amazing sight lines and the occasional splash of purple! Here are some of your comments:



As we come to the end of our first academic year, it is a timely moment to reflect on the achievements, the smiling faces, the new friendships, the supportive nurturing environment that has been established from the start. We have managed to gather together a formidable group of teaching and support staff who have met and overcome every challenge that has come our way, with determination, joy and positivity.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our parents/carers who have been thrown into the unfamiliar world of home schooling and have come out of it still

smiling, still supporting their children with their school work and balancing everything else at the same time. Much has been said about the role of key workers during this period but it was all made possible by the hard graft everyone else was willing to put into the situation. Thank you.

So the academic year ends and hopefully everyone can enjoy some rest over the summer to recharge and get ready for September. I will write to you all in August explaining the systems we are putting in place in order to bring all students in every day - they will be kept in year group bubbles and will need to be in their form rooms by 8.25am, (school will be open from 8am). The school day will end at 4pm.

On behalf of all the staff at KWS, I wish you and all of our students a relaxing, fun filled, healthy school vacation.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

Student Achievements

UK Maths Trust (UKMT) Challenge

This half term, students competed in the Virtual UKMT Challenge. The challenge puts students across the whole country against each other to test their mathematical thinking skills. We had a great set of results and these are the notable achievements of our top students:

Silver - Raheem K (Best in School), Summer A, Nishaan P, Chloe W, Freya F, Joanne E, Ibrahim A.

Bronze - Alex C, Freddie C, Oliver G, Ethan W, Max O, Ben W, Omari W, Connor N, Finley M, Tom M, Ruairi A, Hamza C, Rayan H, Umar-Farooq S, Anton P-S, Daniel S, Leigha K, Ben R, Nathan T, Toby B, Toluwani S, Rory F, Mollie G-H, Kevin O.

Well done All!

Miss Anderson & Mrs Coomber

The Arts

On Thursday 16th July Art, Drama and Music showcased all of the fantastic contributions and hard work of our year 7 students. The KWS well-being carnival aimed to offer students an insight to other cultures and to undertake part of their learning for enjoyment and celebration of their achievements. The theme of carnival was used to promote community and collaboration at KWS. [Click here](#) and take a look!



Miss Robinson

Literacy Day

Thank you to all of the students who attended the Literacy Day on Tuesday this week. Mrs McPartlin put a lot of effort into planning really useful activities based around reading and we had such a lot of fun sharing the stories with students.

In these sessions Mrs McPartlin took students through how they can access our online library. This is currently a trial and something we are looking to expand for September.

If your child was unable to attend this session due to illness, they can access a video about how to use the online library by [clicking here](#). From about 8 minutes in Mrs McPartlin starts to talk about the online library itself.

We have had a few technical glitches but these should be resolved now. If they are not, please do get in touch and we will do our best to resolve them.

Have a lovely summer of rest and reading.

Mrs Aikman

Sports Notices

Sports Awards Evening

On Wednesday 15th July students took part in Sports Day and part of this was our Sports Awards Evening/Celebration. Congratulations to all the winners who are as follows:

Football Most Improved - George G-H & Mia A-F

Football Player of the Season - Jamie D & Thea O

Netball Most Improved - Joanne E

Netball Player of the Season - Jasmine D

Rugby Most Improved - Seth L

Rugby Player of the Season - Nathan T

Hockey Most Improved - Elise S & Rory F

Hockey Player of the Season - Joanne E & Callum W

Athletics Most Improved - Toluwani S & Jack D

Athletics Player of the Season - Ella H & Jordan T-C

Outstanding Players of the Season - Evie H & Joshua H

Congratulations all! Here's to next season!

Miss Anderson

House Points

Well done to everyone who took part in Sports Day, it was quite close, but in the end Armstrong took first place.

The points were tallied up and over the whole year, Franklin were the house winners!

Congratulations Mr Church and Franklin!!!

Sports Day House Points

Ali - 119

Armstrong - 176

Franklin - 163

Keller - 154

Nightingale - 170

Tesla - 155

Armstrong were the winners of sports day!

Total Annual House Points

Ali - 4811

Armstrong - 4914

Franklin - 5193

Keller - 5105

Nightingale - 5013

Tesla - 4715

Franklin are the winners for the year!

Miss Anderson

New Staff

We're excited to have had some new staff join us in July and more will be joining us in September. They look forward to meeting you all.

[Click here](#) to see a message from Miss Phillips, your child's new Head of Key Stage.

The pastoral team would like to wish you all a restful summer.

Mrs Aikman and The Pastoral Team

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September - Inset Day for Staff (No students in school)

Thursday 3rd September - Term Starts - Students return to school.

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term

Friday 18th December - Term Ends at 12.05pm

Social Media

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

Non KWS Publicity



Please [click here](#) to view this useful booklet on 'Self Care in the Summer, produced by the Anna Freud Centre in London.

After such an unsettling time, many young people may be struggling with feelings around unexpected change and general anxiety.

This booklet offers useful support as well as an opportunity to discuss concerns as a family should you choose to work on it together.

We hope you all have a lovely, safe and restful summer.