



Katherine
Warrington
School

HEADS UP

Newsletter no. 18

13th November 2020

At the end of each half term we give students awards for a variety of achievements, including performance and attendance. We also ask students to thank any member of staff who has been kind, helpful and supportive. It is one of the best sights to see, all the thank you cards in envelopes with staff's names on laid out in the staffroom. One staff member came up to me and showed me what a student had written. They choked up and said 'that's why I do this job'.

Our assembly on the final day of half term presented by the Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire and our local MP is now available to be viewed on our website. I'd like to thank the students who contributed by asking questions; they have all received a Head's commendation.

We have achieved the Bronze Modeshift Award. This is a scheme that recognises schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. To qualify for the award the school has put in measures to:

- Reduce the volume of traffic using nearby roads, both school-run and through traffic;
- Improve air quality in and around the school gates;
- Increase the number of students walking and cycling to school; and
- Reduce the number of students arriving at school by car.

I would like to thank all our parents for their support.

We are re-establishing our Student Council. Details of how to stand for election have been conveyed to students. There will be one representative from each form. Students who wish to put themselves forward need to deliver a short speech to their form. Their form will then vote for who they consider to be the best candidate to represent their views on the Council.

Our teachers are currently working on student assessments and reports will be issued to parents/carers towards the end of the month.

We now have access to the area identified as our allotment space (situated behind the sports centre). It's approximately 15 m x 12 m in size. Our Student Eco Council is working hard to develop plans for this and other parts of our school site. If you have access to any of the equipment we need for the allotment, either for free or discounted, please contact admin@kwschool.co.uk.

We need:

- Scaffolding boards / gravel boards (reasonable length 1.5 m and above)
- 2x2, 3x2, 4x2 timber (reasonable length)
- 3x3 posts
- Old pallets, sleepers, garden plant troughs
- Hay, straw, manure / fertiliser
- Wood chip, wood bark, pea shingle, fabric weed control
- Bean sticks, wood stakes
- Paving slabs (not heavy) blocks and bricks

Tools:

- Tool shed, potting shed, greenhouse
- Plastic interlocking grid (shed, greenhouse foundation)
- Garden forks, spades, shovels, hoes, rakes etc
- Wheelbarrows, water butts x2
- Club hammer, sledgehammer
- Petrol / cordless lawn mower and garden strimmer

All donations or facilitating discounts are gratefully received.

We've changed the style of our tracksuit bottoms in response to some feedback from students and parents. The less baggy new style will be available shortly. Students can also wear plain black leggings as an undergarment if desired.

Finally, thank you to all the students who have responded superbly to the requirement to wear a face covering in communal spaces (and those who have exemption). All the staff are thankful for our students' mature response.

Tony Smith
Headteacher



House points

The house points winners for this week are **Armstrong** - Congratulations!

Form	Totals Year 7	Totals Year 8	Overall
Ali	579	624	1203
Armstrong	835	556	1391
Franklin	614	600	1214
Keller	720	600	1320
Nightingale	681	520	1201
Tesla	653	477	1130

Bebras Challenge

This week we are really proud to report that our Year 7 and Year 8 students have taken part in the Bebras challenge during their computing lessons.



Bebras is an international initiative aiming to promote Computer Science and computational thinking among school students at all ages. The challenge promotes problem solving skills and computing concepts including the ability to break down complex tasks into simpler components, algorithm design, pattern recognition, pattern generalisation and abstraction.

We will receive the results in 3-4 weeks time and are hoping some of our students will have achieved a certificate of merit or distinction. The top 10% of students across the country get invited to enter the TCS Oxford Computing Challenge in March.

Mrs Coomber and Mrs Wall

Sports Notices

Due to COVID, unfortunately rugby on a Saturday morning will not be taking place until further notice. We will keep you informed once it is up and running again, however, lunchtime clubs are still continuing as normal.

Just a reminder about the 'Going for Gold' PE challenge, a completion sheet is accessible for all students on their PE Google Classroom. We would love as many students as possible to engage with this. There will be prizes awarded for those students who successfully complete the series of challenges. All evidence should be completed on Google Classroom.

Mr Alexander

Trust Board

Being a Trust Board Member - Dimple Mistry

I was excited to join my first Trustee meeting on 6th October. We discussed many items, from budgets, teacher and student welfare to the school improvement plan for the next three years. I was impressed with the robust discussion, transparency and openness.

One of KWS's key objectives is to help young people, and the staff who guide and care for them, to thrive and build character in a safe and secure environment. Part of this role is to build awareness around diversity and inclusion, the Trust Board is committed to raising awareness and supporting school activities and initiatives in this area.

We were interested to learn more about KWS celebrating 'Black History Month' in October and a number of successful events and activities were organised: Year 7 and 8 Student Forums to discuss Diversity, exploring authors and musicians of African and Caribbean heritage, with a celebratory assembly at the end of the month. This is a journey and work is taking place to explore, on a curriculum and resource level, how we can expand student learning and awareness of diverse positive historical events and role models.

Dimple Mistry - Trustee

Upcoming Events

Monday 16th November (Anti Bullying Week) - Come to school in odd socks

Recent notices to parents /carers:

Year 7 flu nasal spray immunisation reminder.

Admission arrangements for 2022-2023 consultation

Anti Bullying Week - Come to school in odd socks

EasyFundraising

Are you doing your Christmas Shopping Online? Want to help support the School?

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE.

Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!



All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online.

It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us by [clicking here](#).

KWS Vacancies

Forthcoming teaching vacancies (all for a September 2021 start):

We will shortly be advertising for the following:

Head of English
Teacher of Computing
Teacher of Girls' PE (NQT)
Teacher of Science (ideally Chemistry)
Teacher of Geography

If you know of anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact Julie Fox recruitment@kwschool.co.uk

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KwAF)

Who we are and what we do

The Katherine Warington PTA is named the Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KwAF). We are a friendly group of volunteers that consist not only of parents, but of guardians and carers of current Katherine Warington students.



We have a strong desire to lay the foundations of a supportive, inclusive, fun and successful association that will benefit current and future students.

The KwAF is newly formed, coming together in line with the schools opening in September 2019 and we work together to:

- Commence fundraising for the school through social events and other activities
- Promote and build strengthened links between school and home
- Encourage other parents and carers to become involved with the school community

The funds we raise will help to provide new facilities and resources which cannot be catered for in the existing school budget. Examples of this include DT tools, provisions for a sensory room, improvements to the grounds and lots more.

To make KwAF successful we rely on volunteers to help drive fun initiatives and support our events. We need this support from all years to ensure that our activities continue to support the school year after year.

If you would like to be involved (especially if you are new to the school), offer to volunteer or have previous experience being part of a previous PTA please get in touch.

We currently run our virtual meetings every 4-6 weeks. We have lots going on in the run up to Christmas - it's a great time to get involved!

You can email the KwAF team on kwaf@kwschool.co.uk,

More information can be also found on our website by [clicking here](#).

Alternatively, watch out for our updates on our social media channels.

Your KwAF Team

Social Media

Keep up to date with the latest information via the newsletter, website and our social media platforms:

Facebook @KatherineWaringtonSchool.

Twitter @KWSHarpندن.

Instagram @kwschoolharpندن

If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us!

Non KWS Events / Publicity

Rhythm Room Music School



schools@rhythmroom.co.uk
www.rhythmroom.co.uk
01908 418570

Rhythm Room Music School is delighted to provide the peripatetic music tuition at Katherine Warrington School. We believe that every child should be given the opportunity to learn an instrument and we take pride in the quality service we offer to schools and parents.

We currently teach Clarinet, Drum, Flute, Guitar, Piano, Recorder and Saxophone but we are also happy to accept applications for any instruments not listed and should there be sufficient interest in a new instrument we can make arrangements to provide a teacher.

We have a number of spaces available for Flute, Recorder, Clarinet and Saxophone so would particularly welcome applications for those instruments.

Students require their own instrument (excluding piano and drums). Some instruments are available to be purchased or hired from us if requested. More information can be found here:

<https://www.rhythmroom.co.uk/parent-base>.

Fees per term (10 lessons) are detailed below:

* terms typically exceed 10 weeks – therefore your child will not receive a lesson every week of a school term. This allows us the flexibility to work around other school commitments, such as school trips and productions.*

30 Minute Lesson	£200.00
20 Minute Lesson	£135.00
15 Minute Lesson	£100.00

If you would like to register your child please visit the link below to complete our registration form:

<https://www.rhythmroom.co.uk/school-lesson-application>.

Once registered, your child will be automatically enrolled for subsequent terms and we require 6 school weeks' notice in writing should you wish to discontinue your child's tuition. **If your child already has music lessons with us there is no need to re-apply.**

We look forward to receiving your application, if you have any queries, please email schools@rhythmroom.co.uk. Due to Covid-19 our administrator is currently flexibly furloughed working reduced hours, therefore may not always be available to answer calls, please feel free to leave a voicemail and somebody will get back to you.

Communities 1st Postcard Pal Scheme



COVID-19 Postcard Pal

People needing to shield themselves from the coronavirus COVID19 will find the coming weeks a struggle as they are unable to meet friends and family or leave their home.

Communities 1st are working to find ways of making sure older people feel valued and in contact with the outside world coming up to Christmas.

If you would like to help...

Write a letter, make a Christmas card, draw a picture, whatever you would prefer and post in the post box outside reception before the 1st December.

Feel free to include the name of the school as it would be nice for the residents know where they have come from, however, we want to make sure pupils are safe so **make sure you read the Do's and Don'ts** below before you begin!

[Click here](#) to read the do's and don'ts!

Young people can report crime 100% anonymously at www.fearless.org



Join The Prince's Trust Team

Are you aged 16-25?

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For more information, please contact:
Email: hfrs.youth@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Or call free on **0800 842 842** or visit princes-trust.org.uk/team to find out when your nearest Team starts.



Prince's Trust

Supporting Links

With the continuing uncertainty surrounding group meetings and social contact, Supporting Links, along with our commissioners at Herts County Council, have maintained the decision to keep our Parenting Support Groups online for the spring term.

From January they are offering the following 6 week courses (FREE of charge to parents) as follows:

Understanding Behaviour in your child with Additional Needs (2 courses)

Talking Families (3 courses)

Talking Teens (4 courses)

Talking Dads (2 courses)

BOOKINGS FOR THESE COURSES ARE NOW OPEN.

[Click here](#) for further information on course content and suitability, along with details on dates and times.

TALKING DADS
Dads play an important role in a child's life. This FREE course will help you be the Dad you want to be! Over 6 weekly sessions, fathers and male carers of children aged 0-19 will be supported to:

- Increase confidence in your parenting.
- Develop your dad/child relationship, now and for the future.
- Improve listening and communication skills.
- Develop strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- Learn how to enforce boundaries.

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS
A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict: why it happens and how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.
- Manage different needs within your family.

Diagnosis not essential

Talking Dads
Dads, Step-Dads, Stay at Home Dads, Working Dads...

Wednesday 7.45-9.15pm
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Jan
3rd, 10th Feb 2021
Course ID 419

Wednesday 7.45-9.15pm
24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th,
24th, 31st Mar 2021
Course ID 420

Wednesdays 10-11.15am
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Jan,
3rd, 10th Feb 2021
Course ID 411

Wednesday 8.00-9.15pm
24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th,
24th, 31st Mar 2021
Course ID 410

Zoom 2021
Sessions will be run over Zoom so you will need access to a device such as a phone, tablet or computer with a webcam and microphone. We will help you get set up if you haven't used Zoom before. No special skills are needed.

Courses are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire
Pre-booking essential
To check eligibility and book a place, please contact
Supporting Links on
07812 709586 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk
Quoting the Course ID
www.supportinglinks.co.uk

 

Parent and Carer Support Online Courses Spring Term 2021

TALKING FAMILIES
Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 will cover

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.

TALKING TEENS
Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 will cover

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.

Pre-booking essential
To check eligibility and book a place, please contact
Supporting Links on
07812 709586
bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk
Quoting the Course ID

Supporting Links
Promoting Learning Family Relationships

Talking Families
Tuesdays 8-9.15pm
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Jan
2nd, 9th Feb 2021
Course ID 414

Wednesdays 10-11.15am
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Jan
3rd, 10th Feb 2021
Course ID 412

Wednesdays 10-11.15am
24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th,
24th, 31st Mar 2021
Course ID 413

Talking Teens
Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Jan
2nd, 9th Feb 2021
Course ID 418

Thursdays 7.45-9.15pm
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Jan
4th, 11th Feb 2021
Course ID 416

Mondays 7.45-9.15pm
22nd Feb, 1st, 8th, 15th,
22nd, 29th Mar 2021
Course ID 417

Thursdays 7.45-9.15pm
25th Feb, 4th, 11th, 18th,
25th Mar, 1st Apr 2021
Course ID 415

Understanding Childrens' Mental Health Courses

TAKE ONE OF OUR BRAND NEW COURSES:

Mental Health Awareness

Children & Young People's
Mental Health

www.theaimgroup.co.uk/behind-the-mask

T - 0203 900 3091 E - qualifications@theaimgroup.co.uk



The AIM Group is trying to support all people to understand children's mental health and are providing a FREE qualification for all staff and parents to help. The course Understanding Children & Young People's Mental Health, is nationally accredited and certificated upon completion.

- The qualification is all question based
- 6 weeks to be completed, taking between 15-30 hours to do so
- Online platform to complete the qualification, therefore a computer or laptop will be needed.
- 2 workbooks to be completed, with them needing to be submitted at the 3- & 6-week stage.
- Tutor support throughout for any help and guidance

[Click here](#) to watch a video providing further information about the course.

A withdrawal fee of up to £150 may be charged for non-completion without genuine reason (signing up with no effort to complete).

All participants must be:

- Aged 19+
- Have the right to work in the UK
- Have been in the EU/UK for the past 3 years
- Not currently doing a government funded qualification
- Once this course is completed, you
- can enrol to undertake further qualifications

To enrol please [click here](#)

Applications need to be completed by Friday 20th November.



St Albans & Harpenden Youth Council



Project description:

Our Youth Council is a group of young people keen to change things in their local area, whether it is looking for somewhere for young people to meet, improving facilities in your local area, or raising awareness of wider issues such as mental health, transport, sexual health and personal safety.



Project details:

Age: 11 – 17 years

Day: Mondays during term time

Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Venue: Harpenden Young People's Centre, 27 High Street (above The Library), Harpenden, AL5 2RU

Venue is fully wheelchair accessible

01442 454 060

Text for more information: 07860 065195

www.ychservicesforyoungpeople.org

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