



Katherine Warington School

HEADS UP

Newsletter no. 24

26th February 2021

My section today is dealing with the government's announcement that all students will return to secondary schools from Monday 8th March. There will also be an email sent out on Monday to all parents/carers/students to inform them of our restart process as well.

Return - Year 7

We will ask all Year 7 students **to come in at an allocated time on Monday 8th March** to be tested for Covid-19 in school. If arriving by car, parents/carers are requested to wait in their cars - please do not come into the school building. After testing they will return home.

They will be invited into school in small groups at timed intervals and expected to socially distance and wear masks when in school. The testing process should not take longer than 15 minutes. Students should not wait for their results. **Any Year 7 students who are negative will be expected in school the following day, Tuesday 9th March.**

On Monday 8th March Year 7 will have lessons available remotely. There will not be any live lessons. **Work missed due to testing will be expected to be completed in the students' own time on Monday.**

Return - Year 8

On Monday 8th March Year 8 must remain at home and will have lessons available remotely. There will not be any live lessons.

We will ask all Year 8 students **to come in at an allocated time on Tuesday 9th March** to be tested for Covid-19 in school. If arriving by car, parents/carers are requested to wait in their cars - please do not come into the school building. After testing they will return home.

They will be invited into school in small groups at timed intervals and expected to socially distance and wear masks when in school. The testing process should not take longer than 15 minutes. Students should not wait for their results. **Any Year 8**

**students who are negative will be expected in school the following day,
Wednesday 10th March.**

On Tuesday 9th March Year 8 will have lessons available remotely. There will not be any live lessons. **Work missed due to testing will be expected to be completed in the students' own time on Tuesday.**

For the avoidance of doubt, there should be no Year 8s in school on Monday 8th March and Year 8s are only in school on Tuesday 9th March for testing (unless key worker or vulnerable).

Parents/carers will receive an email with their child's appointment time early next week. Parents with cross year siblings at the school can bring them in together on Monday 8th March.

Key worker/vulnerable students are welcome in school on both Monday and Tuesday 8th and 9th March. They will continue to work remotely based in the main Hall. On Tuesday 9th March Year 7 students will join their normal class.

Testing

We have several testing stations set up and we have been testing key worker/vulnerable students frequently over the past few weeks. Testing takes about 15 minutes and the results are known to the school approximately 30 minutes after the test is complete - for any student testing positive, the school will immediately contact the family. At the end of their test, students will be given registration cards to bring home. You should register this card following the instructions given (it is a requirement that all tests are registered) - you should expect to receive the test result by the end of the day/early evening. **Please do not ring the school asking for your child's result.**

Testing has not proved to be an issue with any student to date. Though mildly uncomfortable, it is over in seconds. I sincerely urge all parents and carers to consider the potential impact on the wider school community if they are reluctant to allow their child to be tested. A video will be made available next week taking students through each step of the process and hopefully this will allay any lingering fears.

Students will be re-tested a further two times in the following 8-10 days before parents/carers are asked to test at home (kits and instructions will be provided by the school).

I would like to thank those members of our community who have volunteered to assist the school with testing.

Safety

Students will continue to arrive using separate entrances and be assigned specific classrooms. Students will be taught in teaching groups until Easter then this will be

reviewed. Specialist lessons will take place in specialist classrooms. We will not be running clubs or period 7 as such before Easter. This is to reduce the exposure of students should we have an outbreak of the virus.

Masks should be worn at all times when inside school buildings. The exceptions are during indoor PE and if a student is exempt. For exempt students, we have purchased some sunflower lanyards that should be worn in school. This will prevent students being continually warned or given consequences for not wearing a mask. Exemption is granted as follows:

- people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
- where putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress
- if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate

You will notice that anxiety about wearing a mask is not recognised. If you believe that your child should be exempt, please contact admin@kwschool.co.uk. Wearing a mask can become uncomfortable. We will encourage all students to have time outside of the school building during break and lunch when they can remove masks.

Students will be separated into two distinct eating and recreation areas. Movement to classrooms at the start of the day and moving out of the school at the end of the day will be staggered to aid social distancing.

Practical Issues

Students will be expected to wear KWS uniform when they return to school. We appreciate that during lockdown students may very well have outgrown items of clothing. In order to try to help, summer uniform will be allowed to be worn when students return. Dress code remains in place eg. hair should be a natural colour, jewellery conform to our regulations, no smart watches etc.

Our canteen will be open as normal serving at breakfast, breaktime and lunch.

I suggest that parents/carers and students use next week to prepare to return to school by re-establishing their normal school routines - waking time, bed time, meal times, trying on uniform again.

On behalf of all the staff and governors at KWS, I thank you all for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to welcoming all our students back into school in the forthcoming weeks and sincerely hope that this is the start of a slow journey back to some kind of normality.

**Tony Smith
Headteacher**

House Points

The house points winners for this week are **Keller**- congratulations!

Form	Totals Year 7	Totals Year 8	Overall
Ali	259	229	488
Armstrong	139	365	504
Franklin	269	254	523
Keller	370	233	603
Nightingale	224	376	600
Tesla	186	211	397

Wellbeing Week:

Well done to all of the students that participated in wellbeing week, we hope you enjoyed completing the activities as much as we enjoyed designing them. A huge thank you to Miss Phillips and Mr Church for organising it; I know how much hard work they put in. We received so much amazing work back from all of the students, here is a small random snippet of the students' efforts:



What are Greenhouse gases?

Greenhouse gases are certain substances in the obvious form of gases. These gases contribute to the pollution in the atmosphere by absorbing infrared radiation. Carbon dioxide is one of the many pollutants. Carbon dioxide and the other main five gases contributing to the trapping of the Earth's outgoing energy, retaining heat in the atmosphere. The five main gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone and methane.

REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES!

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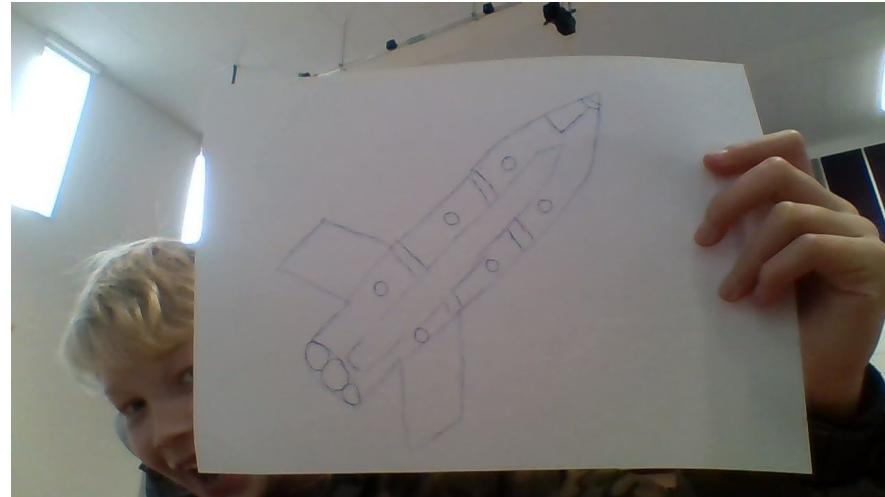
What causes Greenhouse gases?

The greenhouse gases are caused by man-made objects and places such as factories, vehicles, modes of transport and nonrenewable energy sources. Carbon dioxide is formed commonly from car fumes, factory smoke and oxidation. These gases produced are pollutants and are not meant to be in the atmosphere at a high level but there should be some small form of this gas so that the formulae which allows us to live and breathe air.



How can we prevent it?

Humans can prevent this by producing less pollutants and this can be done by using less vehicles on the road, making products naturally instead of by factories and to make use of renewable sources. These individual actions all together could change so much for the humans, animals and life here on Earth



Sports Notices

We wanted to share with you the progress of the grass growth for our various pitches. Our football, cricket and rugby pitches are growing so well that they look like bowling greens. Exciting times!



Photos Above: Views looking downhill towards the main school building and sports centre.



Photos Above: Views from the very top of the hill looking downwards towards the main school building and sports centre. It's so high up they can't be seen below!

Want to improve your Maths even more?

We would like to remind our students that **MemRi** on **Hegarty Maths** is a great tool to use to improve their maths. As parents please do encourage them to make use of this regularly.



Not using Hegarty maths		MemRi is in essence a short set of questions, recalling work they have done before, which, if completed regularly, leads to better learning in the long term .
Using Hegarty maths		Students should aim to complete MemRi on a regular basis. Five times a week would be ideal, but maybe start by aiming for two or three times a week.
Using MemRi on Hegarty maths		Each Monday the Maths team gets a report from Hegarty and awards lots of recognitions to students that have been completing MemRi, so it's a double win!

In addition, there is now a tool on Hegarty called **Fix Up 5**, which focuses students back on doing deliberate practise of topics they may have found tricky before. Students can watch a video to improve their understanding and then try some questions.

Mrs Coomber, Miss Anderson and Mrs Wall

Philosophy & Religious Education (PRE)

Miss Hassan and Ms. Bailey would like to congratulate the following students for the high quality of their PRE work throughout the lockdown period. We have been so impressed with their consistently outstanding work. Well done to all!

Outstanding PRE Work

YEAR 7

Charlie A
Akira A
Gitali G
Callum S
Dylan T
Harry E
Will E
Hayden L
Jayden A
Isla W
Daniel W
Hannah W
Jessica H

YEAR 8

Becky D
Eva-Rose M
Ben W
Simrah A
Jahleel M
Pearl P
Harry H
Freya F
Mabel K
Finley M
Jada O
Umar-Farooq S
Kevin O
Martha H
Evelyn O
Tiffany P

During Wellbeing Week, PRE lessons focussed around the question ‘How Should I Treat Others?’

Students were asked to consider how different religions encourage kindness, as well as finding out about the role of organised charity in helping people to reach out to others.

Some of these charities were linked with particular religions eg. NishkamSWAT, Christian Aid and Islamic Relief, whilst others were secular organisations. Below are some of the examples of Year 8 work:



Miss Hassan and Ms Bailey

Geography

During our Wellbeing Week, as part of our current topic in Geography on Ecosystems, we asked our Year 7 Geographers to go for a walk in the nearby woods and to study the food chains or webs that they could see in our local deciduous woodland biome.

Take a look at some of our intrepid researchers who braved the cold and some highlights of their work and their walks by [clicking here](#).

Mrs McPartlin

Music

I am delighted to be able to give you advanced notice of our Virtual School Concert.



The perfect start to the weekend!

Look out for the email link which will be sent out next Friday at 7.30pm.

Our singers and instrumentalists have worked really hard to share their talents with you. So sit down together, grab a drink, relax and enjoy the concert!

Curtain up at 7.30pm

Friday 5th March

Also, many congratulations to the following students who have passed their instrumental examinations during lockdown - a fantastic achievement!

Anton P-L - Violin Grade 5 with Merit
Sapphira R - Flute Grade 5 with Merit

Ms Bailey

Parents' Mandarin Classes

Our Mandarin for parents classes have been going exceptionally well, participants are nailing Mandarin conversation! In this one minute recording, Mrs Taflaj demonstrated how to speak Mandarin fluently in less than two months. She recorded herself speaking as if it were two people who had first met. They are exchanging greetings, basic information about nationality, where they live, how they are, their beverage preferences as well as ordering drinks. She included all the structures and vocabulary that parents have learnt and sounded like a native speaker in pronunciation. [Click here to listen to her conversation.](#)

If you can't catch the lessons live, they are on the website. [Click here](#) to access them and enter the password KWS2020.

Mr Chen

E-safety Evening for parents

Thank you to the 60+ parents that attended our virtual e-Safety evening on Wednesday. We are aware that some people couldn't join us live but are still interested in finding out more about how to keep their children safe online. Please [Click here](#) to watch the recording of the presentation.

There is also a useful information leaflet [available here](#).

Mrs Aikman

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have recently changed, your son/daughter may now be eligible for free school meals.

Your child is eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

How do I register?

You only need to register once with Hertfordshire County Council.

Please apply directly using the Hertfordshire County Council website: [Hertfordshire County Council](#) or call 0300 123 4048. You just need your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand.

It takes 5 mins and in most cases they can tell you straight away if your child is eligible for free school meals.

Eco Garden

We are working hard to get the Eco-garden up and running, ready to flourish in the spring sunshine. Raised beds have been made and seeds have been ordered, with even a few already sown.



Thompson and Morgan has also kindly agreed to donate packets of





seeds which should arrive any day now!

Unfortunately time is against us this growing season and it's very hard to get everyone involved with current Covid restrictions. But here is how you can help...

We need soil for the raised beds and would be extremely grateful for any donations of soil or money to purchase soil. If you can assist with either of these requests please email admin@kwschool.co.uk. In addition to this, it would be fantastic for the students to get involved growing flower and vegetable seeds at home that can be transplanted into the garden.



From week commencing Monday 8th March we hope to start taking small groups of students to the Eco-garden at lunch times to get involved.

Ms Brandon

Move for a Month:

WEEK 4 UPDATE:

Thank you so much for all of the support so far and everyone who has generously made a donation to Save the Children. We have raised an amazing £960 so far; we are so close to our target of £1000 so please tell your friends and family so we can make a difference to as many children's lives as possible.

To donate go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/katherine-warington-school

With the deadline of midnight on Sunday drawing nearer our members of staff have been stepping up their game to meet and exceed their targets.

Team Run is still in the lead but team cycling has been peddling away to close the gap - due to their efforts Team Run now only has a 10Km lead so it is all to play for. On Team

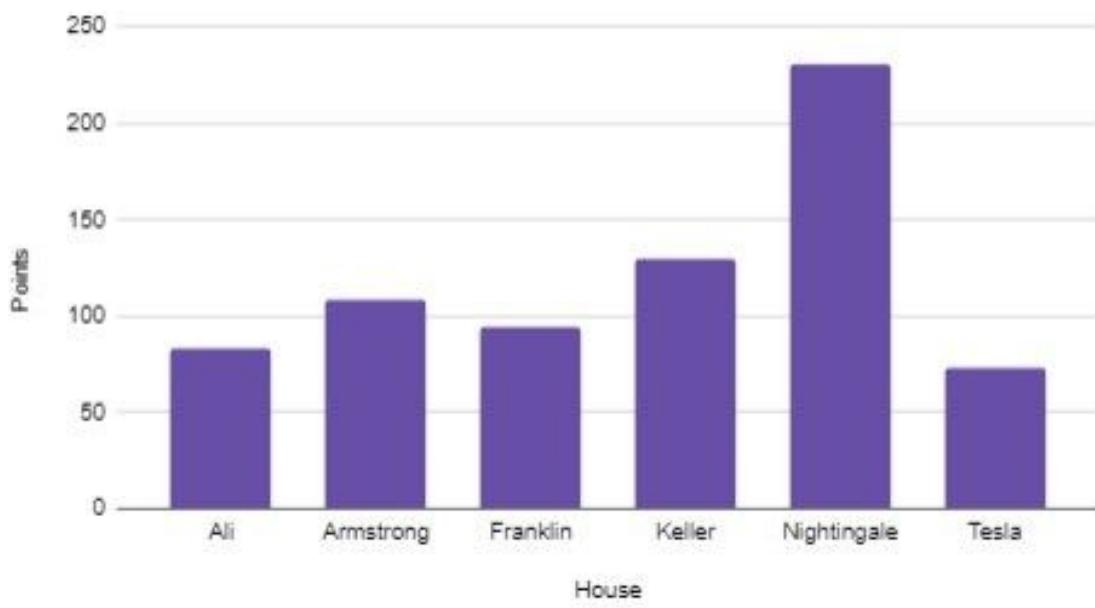
Run everyone is running to catch up with Mr Alexander, with Mrs Reid just 4Km behind him and on Team Cycle Mr Smith is leading from the front.

With the inter-house side of the competition Nightingale has increased their lead with Keller in second.

3 Days to go, good luck to all our staff!



House Point Totals



Upcoming Events

Friday 5th March - Virtual School Concert

Friday 26th April - Spring Talent Show Video Showcase - More info to follow soon

This week's notices to parents /carers:

- KWS Spring Talent Show
- Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy Consultation

RSE Policy Consultations

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at KWS, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

The Department for Education (DfE) has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE). This means that we'll be reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our students.

If you'd like to participate in our policy consultation, please email d.martin@kwschool.co.uk, **before Friday 5th March**, providing your name and contact email address.

To help you understand the curriculum requirements we need to meet, please do take a look at the [DfE statutory guidance](#) that includes what all pupils are expected to know by the end of secondary school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAF)

If you would like to get involved and support your school's parents' association please email kwaf@kwschool.co.uk or look out for updates on [Facebook @kwafkws](#). If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us!

Social Media

Keep up to date with the latest information via the newsletter, website and our social media platforms by clicking on the links below:

[Facebook @KatherineWaringtonSchool](#)
[Facebook @KWSchoolSport](#)

[Twitter @KWSHarpenden](#)

[Instagram @kwschoolharpenden](#)
[Instagram @kwschoolsport](#)

Beats Summer School Uniform

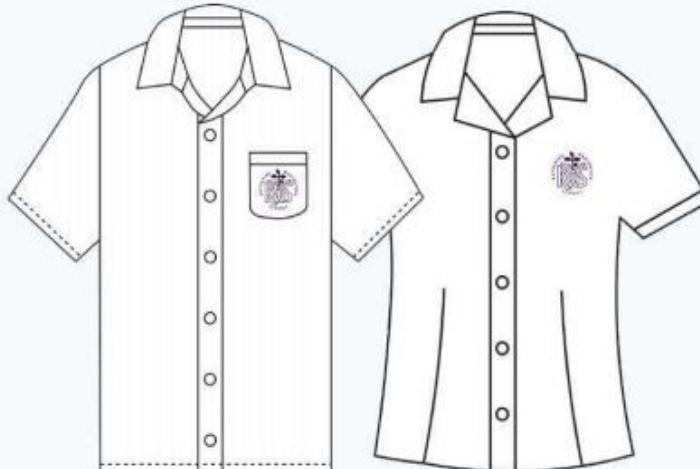


Beat School Uniforms

for Katherine Warington School

Summer Shirts Now In

Our **lovely quality non-iron summer shirts** are now **available in all sizes**.



Both boys' and girls' shirts have the **logo embroidered to the front** and an **open V Neck collar** to keep cool and comfortable.

Available to order for home delivery at: www.beatschooluniforms.co.uk

020 3362 2430

Thank you for your continued support throughout this time. We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well and are keeping our fingers crossed that things are looking up for the near future.



With love from
Beat School Uniforms





Are you a parent of a child with
Speech, Language, Communication &
Autism needs?

**1:1 Advice Sessions via MS Teams
16th and 30th April 2021**

9.30am – 9.50am
9.55am – 10.15am
10.20am – 10.40am
10.45am – 11.05am
11.10am – 11.30am
11.35am – 11.55am

Louise Howe and Louisa Smyth, Specialist Advisory Teachers for Speech, Language, Communication & Autism will be holding free 20 minute 1:1 advice sessions for Harpenden, Kimpton, Redbourn & Wheathampstead parents with children and young people who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnosis or suspected ASD and associated challenges.

Sessions will be held on MS Teams

To book a session or to find out more information, please contact familysupport@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

READY Low mood and depression trial scheme

Are you, or someone you know:

- Living in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire or Norfolk
- Aged 13 – 17
- Living with low mood or depression
- Interested in taking part in research that may help

If so, why not get in touch with the [READY Trial](#) to find out more:

Email: readytrial@herts.ac.uk
Website: www.readytrial.co.uk/contact/
Twitter: [@READYTrial](https://twitter.com/READYTrial)

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Activity Depression

University of Hertfordshire **UH NIHR** National Institute for Health Research

Five Dinners

If you're fed up with deciding what to cook each night for dinner this might help...

Local parent and chef Theo Michaels has set up a new online meal planning service to help parents get out of the dinnertime rut.



Each week Theo publishes a new meal plan with five well balanced, easy recipes for your family. Whether you're a family of two or ten you can change the serving size to match your family, swap recipes or skip days and his website automatically updates your weekly shopping list so you only buy what you need (saving families on average £60pm), plus reducing your food waste and the best bit... no more stress deciding what to cook each night!

Theo is giving all KWS parents 6 weeks' free access to the service. Just head to FiveDinners.com; click Join then use the code KWS for the monthly membership plan. If you cancel before the 6 weeks is up it doesn't cost you a penny.

Oh, one more thing; you also get free access to their 'text-a-chef' service. Theo says "You can text us for real-time help in the kitchen, we just draw the line at doing the dishes!"