



Katherine
Warrington
School

HEADS UP

Newsletter no. 27

Friday 16th April 2021

I trust students, staff, parents and carers managed to catch a breath, and enjoyed some relaxation and not too much chocolate was consumed over Easter! Any government announcement over the Easter break has not changed the expectations and guidance on how schools operate in the pandemic. So it continues to be unusual business as usual I'm afraid. That said, there was one important change - schools are allowed to hold sporting fixtures. Mr Alexander was straight on this and has arranged several summer PE events including cricket and athletics. Saracens has informed us that rugby is allowed and offered us the use of its stadium pitch later this month. In order to dust off the cobwebs so students can refresh themselves regarding the rules and techniques, we will begin Saturday morning rugby training at Harpenden Rugby Club starting from 24th April. Please see below for more details.

Year 7 student reports were sent home this week, with parents' evening being held next week. Year 8 reports and parents' evening will follow shortly. Both parent evenings will be virtual.

Our inset day on Monday focused on student motivation, pupil premium and curriculum development. We also welcomed new teaching staff who will be joining us in September to tour the school and meet their future colleagues. Several of the new staff were seeing the building and facilities for the first time as our recruitment process to date has been virtual. Our recruitment continues as we interview D&T applicants next week, then on to support staff positions. All of our current and future vacancies are on our [website](#), [Teach in Herts](#) and [My New Term](#).



And finally, the big news - at their last meeting our Trustees approved KWS keeping a flock of sheep. We are expecting a dozen or so woolly friends to arrive next month. Though we have spare classrooms, we felt it more prudent to accommodate our new friends on the field alongside our three higher playing pitches. We intend to build animal husbandry into our curriculum from September. As you can see, the sheep were delighted to hear the news!

We would love students to take part in a photo caption competition: What is the sheep saying? Please submit your answers to your form tutor on Monday morning. There's a prize for the best caption!!

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

With **Tesla** being only one point behind, it's all to play for next week! The house points winners for this week are **Keller** congratulations!

Form	Totals Year 7	Totals Year 8	Overall
Ali	271	180	451
Armstrong	297	194	491
Franklin	225	224	449
Keller	308	188	496
Nightingale	309	166	475
Tesla	288	207	495

Sports Notices

As Covid restrictions are beginning to ease, school sports fixtures have now been given the green light to resume, which is fantastic news. Firstly, rugby training will be restarting on Saturday 24th April from 9.00am - 10.00am at Harpenden Rugby Club for a 6 week period. We also have an exciting fixture opportunity at the home of Saracens on Thursday 29th April. Students will be selected according to their attendance to rugby training over the course of this year and also their general behaviour in school. More information about this will be provided in due course for those who are selected.

We have also been given permission to begin cricket and athletics fixtures too. Make sure you register your interest with your PE teacher in lessons if you wish to be considered. Again, students will be selected according to their attitude and potential.

Lastly, live online fitness sessions will resume on Friday 23rd April at 3.30pm.

Everyone's Invited – Safeguarding Update

You may have been made aware of Everyone's Invited. This is a website which has received a lot of media attention in recent weeks. The website invites anyone affected by sexual harassment, abuse or assault to share their experience anonymously. Many of the testimonials submitted relate to experiences of children and young people at school, college or university. You can view the website and testimonials by [clicking here](#).

We would encourage you to discuss issues of sexual harassment, abuse or assault with your child at home as these issues are likely to be discussed this half term in assemblies and as part of our RSE lessons.

We would like to remind you of the following procedures:

- Students at our school can report concerns to any adult in the school community
- If your child makes a disclosure, you should report this to the Police, Children's Services or you can request to talk to the designated safeguarding lead (DSP) at Katherine Warrington School (Grace Aikman)
- If you or your child does not feel comfortable speaking with senior members of the school staff, you can request to speak with our Chair of Trustees (Helen Parkinson)

We would also like to direct you to the following resources which will help you in facilitating conversations with your child:

- NSPCC resources: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/sex-relationships/
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) resources: www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

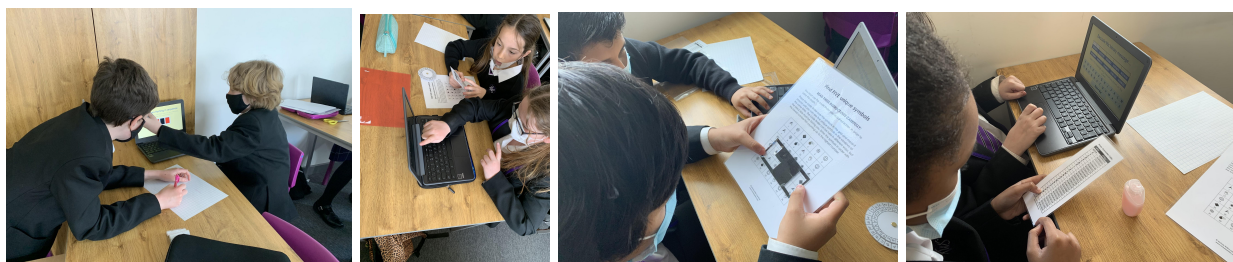
If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact with our pastoral team.

Mrs Aikman

Computing

Both year groups have been enjoying some interesting Computing lessons this week, as they started new units of work.

Year 7 completed a space based Escape Room task, to try out the Computational Thinking skills they acquired last term. They worked to avoid entering a black hole by completing tasks including binary code, pattern recognition and decoder rings. We are pleased to report they all escaped, ready to start coding in Python next week.



Year 8 started a unit that is focused on ethics in computing. The first lesson sees them exploring the decisions made in designing self driving cars and whether they should be programmed to prioritise their passengers' lives over those of pedestrians. With the help of MIT's Moral Machine they have been exploring how machines must take the lesser of two evils and how human perspective guides such decisions.

Mrs Coomber & Mrs Wall

This week's notices to parents /carers:

- Lost Property
- Year 7 Spring Report Cards
- Summer Uniform
- Bikeability Level 3
- Year 7 Online Parents Consultations (Email will be sent out Saturday 17th April)

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAF)

We are 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 the link below.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kwaf/?invite=tafw1m&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=refsharebox



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!

KWS Vacancies

- Caretaker
- Cleaner

DAYTIME CLEANER

REQUIRED AS SOON POSSIBLE

Monday to Friday, term time only

4/5 hours per day (from 10/10.30 am)

£9.50 per hour

Working under the direction of our caretakers, the postholder will be responsible for cleaning the toilets, canteen and common areas of our school.

For further details contact recruitment@kwschool.co.uk or telephone Julie Fox on 01582 314777.

We are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and an equal opportunities employer. We will need to obtain references in advance on any candidate shortlisted for interview and all job offers are subject to satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service clearance.

[Click here](#) to access our vacancies on the Teach in Herts website.

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 @KWSHarpندن](#)

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

Non KWS Events / Publicity

Preventing harmful sexual behaviour

Following on from Mrs Aikman's safeguarding update, further information is available from child protection charity, The Lucy Faithfull Foundation - Stop it Now Campaign.



[Click here for more information.](#)

Preventing harmful sexual behaviour in young people

We've created a guide for parents, carers and professionals to explain the warning signs, risks and the steps to prevent harmful sexual behaviour in children and young people as well as how to talk about worrying behaviours, if they are already present.



It's got support, advice and information, plus resources and links to useful organisations.

[Take a look](#) and please share with your networks. The leaflet is available to download in both English and Welsh.

Confidential advice and support

Our anonymous and confidential [Stop It Now! helpline](#) (0808 1000 900) is available for anyone with concerns about child sexual abuse prevention, including parents, carers and professionals.

Callers do not need to give identifying information, so can remain anonymous. Every year, we speak to thousands of people and give them steps to help protect children and young people from sexual abuse.



Sir John Lawes - Festival on the Field



Festival on the Field will be taking place this year on Saturday 3rd July at Sir John Lawes School. Organisers have kindly offered that for every ticket that they sell using the link below, they will provide 40% of the ticket sale price to KWS as a thank you for our support. Please click on the link below to book your tickets:

<https://buytickets.at/festivalontheheld1/346481/r/kws>

Parenting Courses

DSPL7 have a number of parenting courses available during the summer term. [Click here](#) for more information.

Who we are

DSPL7 supports parents and carers, staff in early years settings, schools and further education colleges by ensuring there is a range of provision and support services within the St Albans and Harpenden area for children and young people with additional needs.

Contact Us

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Parenting Support Summer term 2021





Starting Secondary School?

A friendly workshop for parents and carers of Year 6 pupils, exploring both what you need to know, and what you can do to support your child through the change to secondary school education.

Friday 21st of May

10.15 - 12.15

Via Zoom

Fully funded by Harpenden Plus Partnership *

To register your interest

email : dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

You will be sent a booking form and your place will be secured upon receipt of your completed form and a small deposit.

*£20 fee if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school

List of partnership schools: Beech Hyde, Cratree schools, Grove schools, Harpenden Academy, High Beeches, Kington, Lea, Marland, Redbourn Schools, Roundwood Park, Roundwood Primary, Sauncey Wood, Sir John Lawes, St Dennis, St George's, St Helen's, St Luke's, St Nicholas, Wood End, Katherine Warrington



A free* 4 week course for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 18 about recognising and trusting feelings, making safe choices, improving relationships and communication and raising personal confidence and self-esteem.

*£50 if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school

List of partnership schools: Beech Hyde, Crabtree schools, The Grove schools, Harpenden Academy, High Beches, Kimpton, The Lea, Marland, Redbourn School, Roundwood Park, Roundwood Primary, Sauncey Wood, Sir John Lawes, St Dominic, St George's, St Helen's, Katherine Warrington, St Hilda's St Nicholas, Wood End, St Luke's

4 My Family and Me

Fridays: 11th, 18th, 25th of June and 2nd of July
10.15 – 12.15
Via Zoom

You are able to register your interest on this course by emailing us on dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

Please provide us with the following information:
Your name, your child's age and which School they attend

All information is correct at the time of going to press, but may be subject to change



Living with an Anxious Child

A workshop for parents and carers of children aged 5-19 who worry, and show signs or symptoms of anxiety.

We will cover :

- ⇒ **What anxiety looks and feels like**
- ⇒ **When anxiety becomes a problem**
- ⇒ **How to respond to an anxious child**

Friday 14th May

9.30 - 11.30

Via Zoom

email : dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

With your name, your children's School and their ages

*£20 fee if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school

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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR KIDS' HEALTH HABITS?



Fussy eater?
Won't eat their greens?
Serial snacker?
Couch potato?
Eyes bigger than their belly?

WE'VE GOT THE ANSWERS!

Book a free support session with
a member of our wellbeing team!

We are experts in engaging children with
healthy eating and physical activity and can
help you turn healthy efforts into healthy habits for life.

Over a (virtual) cuppa, we will give you advice about
family nutrition & exercise, and work together on a
personalised behaviour change plan for your family.

We'll check in a month later to see how you're
getting on!

Funded by Hertfordshire County Council, this
free service is available to children aged 5-15
who have a BMI above the 91st centile
(we can help you work this out if you're unsure).



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TO HELP YOUR FAMILY BE HEALTHIER



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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
5-8 year olds	16:30 - 17:45 OR 16:45 - 18:00		X
9-12 year olds	18:00 - 19:15	OR	17:00 - 18:15
13-16 year olds	X	18:00 - 19:15	X

FREE 12 WEEK COURSE STARTING 26th APRIL

HENRY Online Healthy Families Programme

During this uncertain time, HENRY is here to help you give your child a great start in life



The HENRY programme is completely FREE to join for parents or carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old. We will send you details of how to join online.

*Eligibility applies. Families need to be registered with a HVCCG GP; priority will be given to families with a child above the 91st centile. After this any free spaces will be offered to families who meet 2 of our secondary criteria including concerns around eating habits, sleep, oral health, screen time, activity levels and parents or siblings being overweight or obese.

The programme provides everything you need to help your child get off to a great start

We cover the following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is a 1 hour live session and some short pre-recorded videos you can watch.

You'll also receive a free toolkit with lots of fantastic resources, delivered to your home.

This programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other local families in a safe environment!

Programme Details

Every Monday starting the 19th of April
from 6.30-7.30pm

Every Tuesday starting the 20th of April
from 10.30-11.30am

Every Wednesday starting the 21st of April
from 6.30-7.30pm

Every Thursday starting the 22nd of April
from 10.30-11.30am

Each group has a max capacity of 6 families



Get in
touch to
sign up!

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