



Katherine Warrington School

HEADS UP

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As we move into more normal times and see the infection rates for the pandemic fall nationally and locally, school life is slowly returning to something more recognisable. However, we need to continue regular testing and reporting throughout the KWS community. Further testing kits have been sent home with students today.

I'm delighted that the physical library has now re-opened, adding to the virtual library available to all students. I would like to thank our parent volunteers for giving up their time during opening hours. This is on the back of nationally reported statistics about a surge in book buying and reading during lockdown. Reading is such a vital part of students' development, enriching their imagination and vocabulary. Please encourage your child to embrace any opportunities to read, especially embracing our Going For Gold and Big Purple Reading Challenge.

Staff fully enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Year 7 parents/carers last week to go through students' attainment in their subjects. Although the evenings were virtual, they remain an important point of contact and the take up of appointments from parents was exceptional. Next Tuesday and Wednesday, it's the Year 8 parents' evenings. Students are expected to attend with their parents/carers, having reflected on their current attainment levels.

The response to the Maths Challenge was commendable with nearly 100 students opting to take part from both years 7 and 8. This national competition is followed next week with the Herts maths team challenge. Congratulations to all those who stepped up to the challenge and good luck. It was also good to see so many students at rugby training last Saturday morning and we took a group of year 7 and 8 students to be coached by Saracens coaches and play on the hallowed (artificial) turf on Thursday evening.

While achievements in school are important, lots of our students and staff pursue notable activities beyond school. If this applies to your child, do please let us know so that we can acknowledge and celebrate their achievements. We have two staff who I would like to recognise for their recent achievements outside of school - Mrs Freeman received a commendation from the Lord Lieutenant last week for her



work with the army cadets. She is gearing up to lead our Duke of Edinburgh offering for students when they go into Year 9. Miss Jones has just completed her phase 1 training with the RAF Reserves! We congratulate them both.

Parents of our Year 8 students with long memories will recall our rather challenging Bushcraft camping trip amidst the now fabled 'Knebworth Monsoons' of 2019. Determined not to accept defeat, we rearranged the event, then delayed, then postponed (all Covid related). Anyway I'm delighted to announce that it is back on and really looks like it will happen. It is planned for 24th -25th June at Cuffley Camp for all Year 8s. We are reasonably confident that the weather will be kinder to us and the camp will run for two days (one night). No additional financial contribution from parents/carers who paid originally is required. Again I thank you for your patience and understanding as we have worked to reschedule this.

Katherine Warrington Association of Friends (KWAF) are raising money for us to kit out our Design and Technology rooms. One way of supporting that is to Buy A Brick for the founding students and staff wall. The bricks will have the student's name and year of entry engraved on them. The suggested donation is £30. If you can afford more then please consider doing so. It isn't very often that you get an opportunity to mark the building of a new school and your part in its early years. The wall will be a fantastic way of us remembering the characters and personalities that helped make KWS known for its Knowledge, Wellbeing and Success.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

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

Form	Totals Year 7	Totals Year 8	Overall
Ali	933	680	1613
Armstrong	1034	737	1771
Franklin	846	708	1554
Keller	1092	778	1870
Nightingale	965	660	1625
Tesla	928	735	1663

Sports Notices

It has been absolutely fantastic to start reintroducing extra-curricular sport. After a successful return to rugby training on Saturday, over 30 students were able to visit the home of Saracens for a coaching session and game, courtesy of their coaches. The boys involved applied themselves very well throughout and it was a positive learning experience for all. We look forward to five more rugby training sessions before the end of the school year. We look forward to cricket and athletics fixtures in May too.

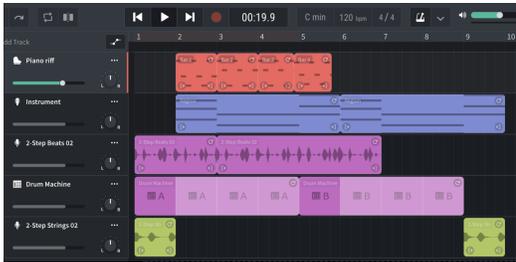


Music

Congratulations to Sam C for passing his Grade 4 Guitar exam with Merit. A fantastic achievement. Well done Sam!

Before Easter, students in years 7 and 8 used EduBandLab to record and share their work whilst in non-specialist classrooms. They have all worked hard to quickly learn how to use this programme and the results have been great to hear.

Click [here](#) to listen to some examples of Year 8 EduBandLab work. Well done to **Kevin O, Maanasee N, Michale Sn and Annabel S!**



English



Year 7's have just finished their reading unit where they carried out an in depth analytical study of a 'A *Midsummer Night's Dream*' by Shakespeare. Students focused on the theme of love and for the assessment, they used their analytical lens to explore

how Shakespeare conveys the different types of love through language techniques, word choice and explaining their effect.

Year 8's entered the world of Dystopian Fiction where they studied 'The Giver' by Lois Lowry. Our students used their analytical lens to explore how the writer conveys meaning through language techniques, tone, word choice and explaining their effect. Students also took on the role of an author through Creative Writing for their end of unit assessment, they wrote an epilogue to their book of study.

Click the link below to have a read of some of our amazing pieces!

[Y7 & Y8 Excellent Work!](#)

Reading Challenge Success

All KWS students are tasked with completing a year-group reading challenge which runs from the Autumn term, right through to the end of the school year. Some of our wonderful students have already completed their challenge and on Friday they received a certificate, a small chocolatey treat and 15 House Points. Huge congratulations to the following students:

Year 7's

Jess H, Oscar Y Sophie K, Branna McC, Tycho B, Jude D'S, John D, Alexandra H, Aaron N, Isla W, Dylan T, Daniel W, Izzy P, Isobel J, Mia T and Hannah W.

Year 8's

Hannah T and Raheem K.

The Reading Challenges run until July 2021 and all students who can complete the challenge will be entered into a draw for Amazon vouchers at the end of the school year.

The English Department

Upcoming Events

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th May - Year 8 second HPV Vaccination

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th May - Year 8 Parents' consultations

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June - Half Term

Monday 7th June - Students return to school

National Pet Month

This month has been National Pet Month (1st April - 3rd May) which celebrates and raises awareness of responsible pet ownership. At KWS we would like to celebrate this by creating a photo gallery of all of your lovely pets for the school website and social media. To take part all you have to do is send in a photo or video of your pet to

a.jones@kwschool.co.uk, along with the pets name and the name of the student, by **Midnight on Monday 3rd May** and keep an eye out for the gallery to be released next week!

To find out more about National Pet Month, [click here](#).

Here are some examples that have been sent in already from members of staff and students:



Mr Martin's dog Nevis



Mia T in Year 7's Dog



Mrs Dicks' dog Moris



Martha H in Year 8 with her sheep.

This week's notices to parents /carers:

- Year 8 Parents Consultations
- Year 8 Report Cards
- KWS Founders Wall
- Year 8 HPV Second Vaccinations

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAF)

KWS Founders' Wall

Be a part of KWS history and you could be 'just another brick in the wall!'

As mentioned earlier by Mr Smith, we are giving students and staff the opportunity to have their name on the KWS founding wall. Each student and staff member can have their own 'brick', as shown in the computer-generated photo below - these will be placed together to create a wall to be a part of KWS History taking centre stage in the school, in the communal area between the canteen and courtyard.

Mr D Inns 2019	A Day 2019	A Jones 2019	N Morgan 2019	A Day 2019	C Renshaw 2019
C Renshaw 2019	A Thompson 2019	T Murphy 2019	F Fox 2019	A Jones 2019	F Fox 2019
Mr T Smith 2019	F Fox 2019	Mr T Smith 2019	Mr D Inns 2019	C Renshaw 2019	T Murphy 2019
A Jones 2019	A Thompson 2019			Mr D Inns 2019	N Morgan 2019
Mr T Smith 2019	N Morgan 2019		Mr T Smith 2019	A Jones 2019	
T Murphy 2019	A Day 2019	A Thompson 2019	A Day 2019	N Morgan 2019	A Thompson 2019
N Morgan 2019	A Jones 2019	Mr D Inns 2019	F Fox 2019	A Jones 2019	A Day 2019
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In addition to this wall being a part of KWS history, the money raised will be used for the equipment required to deliver the Key Stage 3 curriculum in D&T: including tools, power tools, sewing machines and electrical equipment. We are hoping to raise a total of £10,000 to ensure both D&T suites can be kitted out with the remaining required equipment.

The suggested donation for each brick is £30, although we do recognise everyone's circumstances are different so if you would like a brick but require financial assistance please contact finance@kwschool.co.uk.

We are also able to claim Gift Aid on this donation which adds an additional £7.50 per brick to help support the school. In order for us to claim Gift Aid on your donation please can you complete the short form here: <https://forms.gle/t7TD62d5WsDLsywPA>

To purchase a brick for the wall please visit iPayImpact and purchase a brick under the fund 'Katherine Warington School Founders' Wall'.

You will be kept updated on the progress of the wall in forthcoming issues of the newsletter and social media and we look forward to the grand unveiling.

If you have any queries or require further information please email kwaf@kwschool.co.uk

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](#)

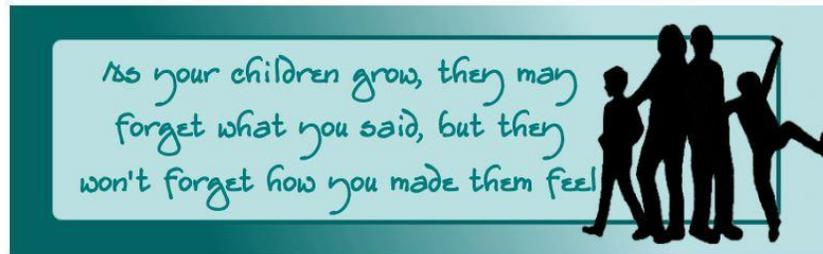
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[Instagram @kwschoolsport](#)

Non KWS Events / Publicity

Supporting Links Courses

Supporting Links



Most parents love being parents but it's not always easy. Things don't always go as you expected them to and you might find yourself unprepared for a situation you find yourself in. You might be doing fine at the moment but want to be prepared for what is ahead.

There's a constant juggle of different needs between children, parents, work, school and home. Needs changing as your children grow, it can be hard to keep on top of everything and still remember to enjoy family time.

Conflict arises in many families over issues such as bedtimes, meal times, morning routines, use of technology, homework, behaviour, keeping safe, being respectful, responsibilities and more.

This is where Supporting Links can help.

We are a local Social Enterprise, providing parenting support through courses, workshops and 1:1 mentoring of parents and children throughout Hertfordshire and the surrounding area.

We value the knowledge and experience that every parent brings and we aim to build on those skills to enable parents to feel more confident and positive about their own abilities. We can help you understand your child's behaviour and develop effective strategies that really work to improve behaviour and communication, and build the foundations for successful family relationships.



TALKING DADS

**Dads, Step-Dads,
Stay at home Dads,
Working Dads...**



Wednesday 7.45-9.15pm
21st, 28th April 5th,
12th, 19th, 26th May
Course ID 439

Wednesday 7.45-9.15pm
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
June 7th, 14th July
Course ID 440

Dads play an important role in a child's life. This FREE ONLINE 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.

ONLINE PARENTING COURSES DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME VIA ZOOM



Full details on how to access and use Zoom will be offered.

OPEN TO PARENTS AND CARERS ACROSS HERTFORDSHIRE

Pre-booking essential

Please quote the course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

www.supportinglinks.co.uk



These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council

TALKING FAMILIES



Because parents don't get training for the toughest job on earth!



Tuesday
20th, 27th April 4th,
11th, 18th 25th May
9.45-11.15am
Course ID 412 or
8.00-9.30pm
Course ID 434

Tuesday
8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
June 6th, 13th July
9.45-11.15am
Course ID 435 or
8.00-9.30pm
Course ID 436

Our FREE 6 week online courses for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 will help you to:

- Manage challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- Set and maintain boundaries
- Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children

'It was a brilliant course and has made a huge difference'

'It has taught me new skills to deal with family life'



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TALKING TEENS



Thursday 7.45-9.15pm
22nd, 29th April 6th,
13th, 20th, 27 May
Course ID 437

Monday 7.45-9.15pm
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
June 5th, 12th July
Course ID 438

**Our FREE 6 week online courses
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 during a conflict situation.

'I have already changed my attitude towards my 12 turning 13 year old daughter by understanding her behaviour rather than being annoyed by it. The results have been quite remarkable.'



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