



Katherine Warrington School

HEADS UP Newsletter no. 29

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With the government's recent announcement regarding the wearing of face coverings in classrooms and communal areas, we look forward to the removal of masks from Monday 17th May for students and staff. Should either students or staff wish to continue to wear face coverings then that decision will be respected. We are moving forward with plans to collapse the separated year group bubbles from half term so that a full menu of lunchtime clubs, sports training and Period 7 options can be offered. We intend to return to 'normal' form groups and teaching groups after exams week. The playing fields will be open for use at lunchtimes and we will serve and consume food in the food hall, not the main hall. The requirement to test twice weekly at home for staff and students remains a significant factor in reducing the risk of the virus spreading in our school community. Following the guidance will help us return the school to a greater normal as safely as possible.

Exam week is after half term and one of the aims is to get students used to the rigour of revising and sitting formal exams. Students are being supported in their approach to revision and home learning will be focused on this from next week. Advice to our students and how parents can support their child through revision is circulated on our social media platforms and website.

I'm delighted to report that our Eco garden has delivered its first crop, in this case radishes. Ms Brandon, our resident green-fingered expert, has helped students plant and grow them. This ties in with the launch of our 'Recognising Achievement' postcards home and our keen gardener, Toby in Year 8 will be receiving the first one from me. Keep a look out for postcards and Good News slips for notable achievements for your child in the coming weeks and months.



It's nice to see the bike racks filling up as more and more students opt for this environmentally friendly method of transport now the weather is improving. The cycle path at Piggottshill Lane is now fully open with newly installed lighting as part of the KWS planning agreement. For students interested in brushing up their cycling skills or starting to learn to ride, our cycling course next term is full but there are still places

available for the course running over the summer holidays. Please contact a.jones@kwschool.co.uk if you are interested in booking a place.

Thank you for the great response to the KWAF opportunity to 'Buy a Brick' for the commemorative wall. If you haven't managed to purchase one yet then please treat this as a timely reminder.

We have been granted a premises licence to hold events that can feature live and recorded music, drama performances, films etc either inside or in the school grounds. The licence also allows for the sale of alcohol when KWAF holds parent events at the school or outside organisations hire the school for an event. Contrary to some social media rumours, the school is not turning itself into an off-licence, social club or live gig venue. It is, however, a community resource and we are open and willing to offer our superb facilities to support groups in the local community who are looking for a venue to hold meetings and events.

The sheep are here. There are more of them than expected. Luckily we have the space, otherwise it would be rammed (Dad pun of the week). I counted 28 but as they refused to stand still while I counted, I could be wrong!



Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

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

Form	Totals Year 7	Totals Year 8	Overall
Ali	1550	1089	2639
Armstrong	1633	1177	2810
Franklin	1373	1223	2596
Keller	1850	1235	3085
Nightingale	1576	1077	2653
Tesla	1498	1156	2654

Exams Week

As we approach the whole school exam period this week students were given an assembly introducing them to how the week will run and what will be expected of them.

The [assembly](#) also gave students a first look at their exam timetable. There has now been one small change so the new exam timetable can be found [here](#). During Period 7, students now have tailored revision sessions to help them create a revision timetable as well as introduce them to different study skills and techniques. They will continue to have two of these sessions a week until the exam period is over. We will also continue to share any resources with you once the students have had the sessions. This week's sessions were on; creating a [revision timetable, flashcards](#) and [revision clocks](#).

Please feel free to go through this information again with your child and make sure that they are feeling confident and comfortable with the upcoming exam period. We would also encourage your child to speak to their form tutor if they have any worries about the exams or any questions about how they should begin their revision.

Miss Anderson & Mr Martin

Lost Bus Passes

Having been in contact with the bus companies we have been told that we need to follow their procedures regarding bus tickets/passes.

Therefore, from now on, the procedure to follow if your child has lost their bus pass is that parents will need to contact the relevant bus company directly to let them know that your child has misplaced their pass, and ask for your child to be allowed on the bus. They will need evidence that you have either paid for the ticket or get the ticket from the Council.

KWS will no longer be able to give temporary bus passes for any reason including forgotten bus passes. If your child has lost their pass and you have been unable to find it and wish to purchase another one, then KWS can provide an application form for you to complete and send off with the required money.

Mr Inns

Year 8 Bushcraft / Cuffley Camp Residential Trip

As mentioned in our last newsletter we have rescheduled the residential school trip for Year 8's to Cuffley Camp on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th June. A letter has been sent out all year 8 parents/carers with the full information. However, we would like to remind you to ensure that your consent for the trip and all of your child's dietary requirements and medical conditions are up to date on Arbor by this Monday 17th May, as we will rely on this information for the trip. [Click here](#) to see the letter.

If you are having any trouble updating your child's information on Arbor please email admin@kwschool.co.uk.

Miss Jones

Trust Board

My name is Alex Vickers and I am a recent joiner of the trust board at the school and due to my finance background as a Chartered Accountant, have recently taken on the role of Chair of Resources. The Resources Committee, along with the Education Committee, is one of two groups that sit under the overall trust board and is primarily responsible for providing guidance and assistance with regards to finance, resourcing (including HR) and infrastructure.

From a finance point of view, we are responsible for monitoring the health of the school's accounts and budgets for future years and helping determine where best to invest the school's funds to ensure KWS offers the best possible experience for pupils and staff. We are also responsible for reviewing the structure of the school's Senior Leadership Team, ensuring the school has the correct staffing levels and continues to attract the highest quality staff who are appropriately compensated.

Finally we are responsible for the infrastructure of the school, including reviewing tenders for key services and compliance with key policies.

Having only joined the trustee board in late 2020, chances to visit the school have been limited due to COVID, but I was delighted to be able to get my first full tour of the entire site earlier this month. It was a real privilege to see the incredible facilities that the school has first hand and talk with staff about potential future developments. This included seeing some of the items that have been recently reviewed and approved by the resources committee such as the golf buggy, the site of the soon to be completed long jump pit and even the sheep at the field at the top! There are many more potential improvements to the school already being discussed for the coming years.

Alex Vickers - Trustee

Upcoming Events

Monday 7th June - Year 7 & Year 8 Exam Week
 Thursday 24th & Friday 25th June - Year 8 Cuffley Camp

This week's notices to parents /carers:

- Summer Lunchtime Clubs Questionnaire
- Exam Week and Revision Guide
- Year 8 Bushcraft / Cuffley Camp Residential Trip

Katherine Warrington Association of Friends (KWAf)

KWS Founders' Wall

It's still not too late for 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	Mr D Inns 2019	N Morgan 2019
Mr T Smith 2019	N Morgan 2019		Mr T Smith 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.

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

We are currently recruiting for the following vacancy:

- Achievement Mentor - [Click here](#) for more information

Forthcoming vacancies:

- Pastoral Assistant
- School Counsellor

All vacancies are advertised on [Teach in Herts](#) and on [My New Term](#)

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](#)

Menace Sports - Tennis, Basketball & Camp



MENACE SPORTS
MAY/JUNE HALF TERM CAMP 2021
MULTISPORT
5yrs - 16yrs



MAY/JUNE HALF TERM CAMP 2021

TUESDAY 1st JUNE - FRIDAY 4th JUNE

Venue

Katherine Warrington School, Lower Luton Road, Harpenden, AL5 5FH



Tennis



Football



Sports Day



Netball



Basketball

Children will be learning & developing so many skills with what our Camps have to offer! Our aim is for every child to have the best time at our award winning holiday camps. We now have INDOORS too! We are here to ensure your child has a great time, whilst learning new skills & being in a safe environment.

Menace Sports Camps are ideal for parents to feel relaxed that their child/children are looked after by qualified staff. Due to the current circumstances bubbles will be put in place for each day, children will be using hand sanitiser regularly, masks can be worn but aren't compulsory. Children's temperatures will be checked on arrival, if your child has a high temperature they will not be allowed to stay.

PLEASE NOTE: We are now both INSIDE & OUTSIDE! Children will need to wear appropriate clothing. We want the children to be happy and the most important thing is that they enjoy themselves. Children are able to use the excellent toilet facilities in the NEW SPORTS HALL area. We will be doing our best to ensure social distancing. More details will be sent when your child's place is confirmed.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- If Packed Lunch - NO NUTS (Inc Nutella & Peanut Butter)
- Suitable Sports Wear - NO DENIM (Trackie, T-Shirt, Shorts, Cap etc.)
- NON MARKING Trainers
- Sun Cream and/or Rain Jacket*
- 2 x Named Water Bottles

*Weather Permitting



OPTIONS AVAILABLE

All 4 Days Available
£35.00 per day
10.00am - 3.00pm

Hot Lunch Available
£4.50 per day
Includes Hot Lunch, Dessert & Bottle of Water

You can pay by ONLINE BANKING or CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!
Please see email for details!

07983-727-360

info@menacesports.com

www.menacesports.com

Menace Sports has a NEW payment system please follow details below.

PAYMENTS

You will be able to pay by card or opt to pay by Childcare Vouchers, which we then check manually through our childcare vouchers systems & bank.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

You will need to go online on a DESKTOP by using the website address:

<https://menacesports.clubsbuddy.net> or [click here](#)

1) Please register your child/children. If you have more than one child there is an option to 'add child' so all children can be linked to your one account. This will need to be done before downloading the App.

2) Upon registering your child/children, please make sure you put all relevant medical information to your fullest knowledge. This is really important. You cannot amend this after, only we can amend from our end. If there are any changes to medical conditions that occur during a term please inform us by email.

3) Download the App 'CLUBS BUDDY' (It is blue with a CB) (which you will need to download from Apple/Android & enable notifications from this App).

4) If you are unsure of what group your child will be in due to their age or ability, please just reply to this text before booking onto a group.

5) You can then Log In to your account from the app or by desktop, whichever is easiest for you & SIGN UP!

Creative Spark - YCH Services for Young people



Creative Spark is a project that is for young people with SEN to come and meet other young people, to improve their communication skills and a place to have a good time.

They have all sorts of different activities for example cooking, arts and crafts, playing board games and sports.

The sessions run every Tuesday from 4.30pm until 6.30pm at the Harpenden Young People's Centre.

For more information call 01442 454060

Families First

Families First have a number of parenting courses available. [Click here](#) for more information.

BeeZee Bodies

BeeZee Bodies are offering a free masterclass training session via zoom which is

designed to help families learn all about changing habits. [Click here](#) to book a session



DO YOU STRUGGLE TO MAKE CHANGE AS A FAMILY? ARE YOUR CHANGES SHORT LIVED? CANT GET YOUR KIDS ON BOARD? THEN JOIN OUR

CHANGING HABITS MASTERCLASS

AND GAIN THE SKILLS YOU NEED TO MAKE HEALTHY HABITS FOR YOUR FAMILY!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
It's freeeee!

18:30 - 19:30 • Monday 24th May

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