



Katherine
Warington
School

Heads Up

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The big news is that we have finally got a decent broadband connection which means teachers can incorporate the use of Chromebooks into lessons. Students have responded very well and were patient as we waited for the connections.

We have been hosting a lot of tours for prospective parents as we move towards the deadline for applications for September 2020. All of them seem impressed with the quality of our current build and excited by the prospect of the finished main school which remains on track to be handed over in July 2020.

Hopefully some of you are considering applying to become a parent governor at the school. It is a very important position and crucial to the development of KWS. On that note, I'm delighted to announce that we have a parents' association, **KWAF** – Katherine Warington Association of Friends! A meeting this week elected a chair and vice chair and the association decided to make their first event the student Halloween Disco on Thursday 24th October; hopefully the first of many social and fundraising events. Any student who qualifies for Pupil Premium has been offered a free ticket.

Finally, I continue to push for a satisfactory response from The Bushcraft Company regarding our aborted camping trip.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

A warm welcome to KWS from the Governing Board

Now that you have met and started to build relationships with all of the fabulous staff, we'd like to start to introduce you to your school's governors. We are a committed group of volunteers who work with Mr Smith and the wider school community to provide support and challenge to ensure we are all working towards the same strategic goal. As you are aware, we are currently looking to recruit two parents to join our team of governors so please do have a chat with Mr Smith or contact us via our Clerk to the Board, John Kitchen (j.kitchen@kwschool.co.uk), if you'd like some more information about the role. In the meantime, meet Philip Waters our Chair of Governors.....

Philip has been involved in the management and administration of educational organisations for over 40 years. He joined the University of Hertfordshire in 1989, eventually becoming the Secretary and Registrar in 2001. During that time he served as a Director of various national Higher Education bodies before he retired as Registrar of the University in 2013. He continues his involvement with the University chairing the society comprising retired staff and the legacy society. He served as the founding Chairman of the Harpenden Secondary Schools Trust, the trust which promotes co-operation between the secondary schools in Harpenden and became the first Chairman of the Harpenden Secondary Education Trust when it was founded in 2014 to make the application for the new school.



Philip and his family have lived in Harpenden for over 20 years and all four children attended primary and secondary schools in Harpenden. He is Secretary and a Trustee of Harpenden Cricket Club and still plays cricket at vets level.

Student lunch accounts

iPayimpact is now up and running and most parents have signed in and registered their account. If you still need to register please refer to the email that was sent out on 27th September 2019 which gives you your unique reference number and instructions on how to set up your account. Going forward, we will also use iPayimpact for school trips and other activities so please do register to ensure your child doesn't miss out as some of our trips will be first come, first served.

Daily spend limit

To help manage spending, all students have automatically been set up with a daily spending limit of £5 per day. If you require a different daily spend limit please email finance@kwschool.co.uk with the amount you require. For your information Herts Catering Ltd menus, with their prices, are attached.

Please bear in mind that students are able to use the canteen at break and lunch time and spending can quickly add up.

Autopay

Please be aware that iPayimpact allows you to set up regular payments if you would like to ensure your child's account always has sufficient funds.

Chromebooks in action

With our broadband connection finally in place this week we have completed our Chromebook roll out and are very proud to announce that every student at Katherine Warington has a Chromebook to use in lessons and at home.

The flexibility and educational opportunities that come with having Chromebooks in the classroom (which power on in 10 seconds, 2 seconds if in sleep mode) for every lesson are immense. In some lessons Chromebooks have been used for a quick five minutes recall task, in others for ten minutes of research or a twenty minutes exercise to draft a piece of writing. We can use them where they really add value to learning, providing support, differentiation and challenge.

Just one week in and our Chromebook tasks have ranged from silent debates in RE through to creating storyboards for practicals in drama and using online platforms in maths. In computing all students have created a series of Chrome bookmarks which form their online planner and they have accessed our Student Google Site which is packed full of useful day-to-day school information.

Watch out for a post on our website next week with more detail on how we are using Chromebooks across different subjects and the positive impact they are having on learning.



We have asked students to bring a pair of headphones with them to school from next week, so they can use them when completing tasks on their Chromebooks that require sound. For those students with a newer iPhone you may need to dig out an older pair of headphones (with a normal audio jack) so they can be used with a Chromebook. Students could even test them out whilst they complete their Hegarty Maths homework over the weekend! *Mrs Coomber*

Sports Notices

Next Tuesday, 22nd October we have a netball fixture at Loreto College and there is girls' football planned for next Thursday, 24th October at Roundwood Park School.

KWAF



Latest notices to parents/carers:

Halloween Disco

Hegarty Maths

NLP4Kids Anxiety Management Kit

Travel Plan Group

Parent Governor

Young Farmers Leaflet (attached)

Keep up to date with the latest information via the newsletter, website and our social media platforms: **Facebook @KatherineWaringtonSchool** and **Twitter @KWSHarpden**. If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us.

Education Programme for Parent Carers of secondary school aged young people who are using a CAMHS* Clinic, Step2 or Counselling Service.

* Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

This free course, held over six weeks, will provide you as parents/carers with skills and support to help your child and improve your health and wellbeing.

Learn more about young people's mental health and recovery, effective communication skills, family culture, problem-solving and looking after yourself.

Where: Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4LW

When: Every Wednesday from Wednesday 6th November 2019 – Wednesday 11th December 2019, 7.00 – 9.00pm.

Who is it for: Parents/carers of secondary aged children.

To book a place please email: admin@dspl7.org.uk stating your name, contact details, the name of your child's school and which service your child is using - a CAMHS Clinic, Step2 or Counselling.

The course is for parents/carers of young people who are experiencing a mental health condition. Please state at time of booking which service your child is using - a CAMHS Clinic, Step2 or Counselling. We have found the course content is not helpful for parent/carers of young people with an autistic spectrum condition.

About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a leading charity that supports unpaid carers throughout Hertfordshire.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we provide services to carers to help them with their caring role, improve their health and wellbeing, give them a break from caring and have a voice in shaping services for them.

We support carers of all ages, including children, and our services are free of charge.

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Our support for parents and carers.

We have Involvement and Development Workers supporting carers of someone with a mental health condition or who misuses drugs or alcohol, who can provide information relevant to your caring role and can help you to speak up to those providing or planning local services.

We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand;
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) in Hertfordshire;
- Provide training and learning opportunities;
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)





- Are you a parent with a child who struggles with anxiety?
- Are you a professional who works with a child with anxiety?
- Would you like some more resources, tips, tricks and advice?
- Good news - we've got you covered!

NLP4Kids is excited to announce our **BRAND NEW** Anxiety Management Kit!

Perfect for **both parents and professionals** to help the young people in their lives to manage their anxiety, overcome their hurdles and flourish as happy and confident individuals with their own emotional tool kit!

We're also running a **LIVE** training webinar on **Thursday 14th November** from **7:30pm - 9:00pm**.

For **just £10.00** we will teach you the best, **most effective ways** to use this kit to help the children and young people in your life.

Those who attend the webinar live will receive a £10.00 discount code for the NLP4Kids Anxiety Management Kit!

Included in the **NLP4Kids Anxiety Management Kit** you will get:

- NLP4Kids Stop Anxiety and Grow Confidence Book
- NLP4Kids Introductory CD
- NLP4Kids Anxiety Management E-book
- Laminated Progress Chart
- A4 Sheet of NLP4Kids Stickers
- An NLP4Kids Progress Diary
- Your Missing Puzzle Piece
- 'That Was Easy!' Button
- Stress Ball

To sign up to our Anxiety Management webinar: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you'd still like to hear from us, but don't want to hear more about this offer: [CLICK HERE](#)