



Katherine Warrington School

HEADS UP

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I thought I'd be returning from a night under canvas with 180 year 8 students today. Sadly, the trip was once again thwarted by circumstances. There will be several opportunities for extra curricular trips as we go forward but I think best put the idea of a bonding Year 7 trip for our soon to be Year 9 students to bed and move on.

Thank you to everyone who has bought a brick for our wall. The first batch has been delivered and put up. Fantastic reaction from students to the wall and it looks great. Wonderful job from KWAF, especially Mrs Renshaw. There is still an opportunity to purchase a brick if you haven't already. They are available to purchase on iPayImpact for £30.

Again, thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent survey and thank you for your comments. The survey was overwhelmingly positive but also included some constructive suggestions. My Deputy Head and I will be sending out a general invite shortly to parents to join us to discuss any ideas you have on how we can get even better.

This week we have celebrated Pride and also Windrush Day with assemblies, a special food menu offered at lunch and stripy sock wearing. We also received the news that our new Year 7 students will have their transition day remotely due to Covid restrictions. We are putting the finishing touches to this day which will be on Thursday 8th July. Other dates of note include our sports day which is on Friday 9th July (unfortunately no parents allowed) and end of year reports will be available from Thursday 8th July.

Covid is still very much in the local community with cases rising in Hertfordshire, especially amongst young people. We are asking students to continue to wash their hands frequently or use sanitiser and clean down desks/chairs as they leave a classroom. Please play your part and ensure your child is testing twice a week and alert the school immediately if a test is positive. Further testing kits have been distributed to students today.

Finally, just to remind everyone of our rules regarding mobile phones. Students must not have them visible or audible at any time during the school day when on school grounds, in other words phones should be in their bags/pockets and not taken out for any reason. If a student wishes to contact home then they go to reception and explain

the need. Reception will then contact home. There have been a few recent examples when parents have tried to contact their child directly on their phone during the school day. The same applies to school emails - please do not email your child while they are at school; it encourages them to shift their focus away from their learning. Unfortunately this could lead to a detention for the student.

Good luck to England, Wales and my new favourite Austria (still in the school sweepstake!).

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

The house points have been amalgamated for the two years for the remainder of the summer term.

Keller are in the lead, but it's all still to play for!

We still have sports day, and end of year events where more points will be available to be won - more details to follow!

Form	Totals Points - Year 7 and Year 8
Ali	16155
Armstrong	16102
Franklin	16223
Keller	17024
Nightingale	15982
Tesla	15565

Miss Jones

COVID-19 Testing

In line with Government and Public Health guidance, we provide rapid tests (also known as tests using Lateral Flow Devices/LFTs) for your child to take at home and/or complete at school and, if taken regularly, these can help reduce the risk of us spreading Covid-19 to one another and keep children in school.

Our staff are also taking regular tests and we're encouraging all parents and carers to do the same - order online, collect from a pharmacy or visit a mobile testing site, view your options at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest. Please do not test children below Year 7, these tests are not recommended or made for use on younger children.

If you test positive using a rapid test you must book a confirmatory PCR test at: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. Your whole household, including any children, must begin self-isolating immediately.

These are challenging times for us all, please do not send children in if:

- They have any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell, a temperature) – in this instance you must book a PCR test
- If they are generally unwell, especially with colds, headache and runny noses – it's better to be safe than sorry
- They have been identified as a close contact and/or asked to self-isolate

Sports Notices

Cricket



Wednesday saw the turn of Year 8 for a cricket match against St George's. It was a competitive game, with KWS ultimately just coming up short when trying to chase down St George's score of 91 - largely due to very disciplined and accurate bowling from our opponents. Callum S was the pick of the batsmen with 23 not out, including some excellent shots. We look forward to more fixtures next year.

Athletics

Well done to all those that took part in athletics last week - a number of personal bests got smashed! Particular mention to the following athletes for coming 2nd in their respective events: Jessica H (1500m), Ben R (200m), Nathan T (300m and triple jump), Kevin O, Joe L, Ben R and Nathan T (the 4x100m boys relay team). We look forward to our final athletics event of the school year on Friday 2nd July.



Mr Alexander

Netball



Our local Superleague Netball team, Saracens Mavericks, run a range of Netball Clubs during the summer holiday.

These are fun and the coaching is excellent.

If you are interested, [click here](#).

Mrs McPartlin

Maths



The Maths department would like to say a huge well done to everyone who took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge back in May. Well done to the following students who received either a bronze or silver certificate for their fantastic score.

A special mention to Louisa T who was the highest performing student in Year 7 and to Fahtima A who was the highest performing student in the school. Congratulations to them both!

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>
Louisa T	Fahtima A
Marco R	Freddie C
Salahdheen K	Ruairi A
Sam C	Ben W
Dylan T	Alex C
Alex M	Raheem K
Dominic K	Malakhai A
Jayden A	Connor N
Lucas C	Maanasee N
Maryaam H	Evan W
	Becky D
	Umar-Farooq S
	Rayan H
	Nishaan P

Mrs Coomber, Miss Anderson & Mrs Wall

Trust Board

We are currently recruiting for two trustee positions on the board. These positions are for a HR and for a Finance Trustee. The positions are ideally a role for non-parents but parents will be considered if they hold the correct skills.

Finance Trustee

A successful Finance Trustee is likely to possess a blend of the following skills and experience:

- Relevant and demonstrable personal success in the field of finance supported by sound business experience gained in a leadership/managerial role
- Commercial aptitude with a sound understanding of strategic and operational business finance
- Relevant professional qualifications such as accountancy, financial management, risk/investment analysis, etc
- An eye for detail and a good understanding of budgetary planning and monitoring during the annual financial cycle
- A listening approach, offering sound judgement with the ability to probe and challenge in a constructive way
- Excellent interpersonal skills, capable of positively engaging with a wide range of people, and possessing the art of knowing when to get involved and when to hold back
- The ambition to see a new school grow and develop and provide an excellent educational experience for local young people

HR Trustee

A successful Finance Trustee is likely to possess a blend of the following skills and experience:

Essential:

- HR / people management experience including recruitment and selection processes
- Time to commit to the role
- Critical listening and the ability to ask effective questions
- Strategic thinking alongside excellent communication
- Problem solving and analysis
- A good team player

Desirable:

- Understanding of data
- Finance and/or accounting knowledge
- Leadership and management experience
- Risk management skills
- Understanding of current education system
- Legal knowledge, especially charity and company law

The closing date for both positions is Friday, 16th July.

Details and applications can be found by [clicking here](#).

Charlotte Zacharia – Finance Trustee

Upcoming Events

Thursday 8th July - End of Year Reports

Friday 9th July - Sports Day

Thursday 15th July - Summer Showcase - More details to follow

Friday 16th July - Non-uniform Day and School Closes at 12.05pm

Saturday 11th September - KWS Open Day for prospective and current parents

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th September - Newly joining Year 7's Bushcraft Trip

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th September - Current Year 7 (Moving into Year 8) Bushcraft Trip

This week's notices to parents /carers:

- Consent for Holocaust Survivors Talk

Katherine Warrington Association of Friends (KWAF)

KWAF Founders Wall

The first order of bricks has arrived and these have been installed this week. They look fantastic and students keep stopping, trying to locate their name. The wall has so far raised nearly £4,500 to go towards equipment for the D&T department and this has helped to kit out the D&T workshops and the Food Tech room with much needed essential equipment. You can see a picture below of the boxes that were delivered for Food Tech, which has since been neatly tidied away for use during Period 7.

It's not too late to get involved and purchase a brick; the deadline for the next order is Friday 2nd July. They are available to purchase on iPayImpact for £30.





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 - To be advertised early next week

Learning Support Assistant (Working one to one with a student)

Administrative Assistant (Full-time)

Science Technician (Part-time)

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 @KatherineWarringtonSchool](#)

[Facebook @KWSchoolSport](#)

[Twitter @KWSHarpden](#)

[Instagram @kwschoolharpden](#)

[Instagram @kwschoolsport](#)



High Street
Players
present an amateur
production of

A comedy by
Alan Ayckbourn

Directed by Margaret Cox and Mike Lees

Confusions



9th July, 7.30pm

10th July, 2.30pm, 7.30pm

11th July, 2.30pm

at Katherine Warington School,
Lower Luton Road,
Harpenden, AL5 5FH

Tickets £10 from 01582 766096 or online from

www.hsplayers.org.uk

See our website for our Covid guidelines

This amateur production of Confusions is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd
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