



# Katherine Warrington School

## TITLE

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Leave the school half term and return to find a delightful selection of trees and shrubs have been planted along the entrance and pathways, the five way traffic lights on the Lower Luton Road have gone and the students' Period 7 options have begun; lots of positive changes! As I wandered through classrooms during Period 7 seeing French conversation, oracy, media, photoshop, yoga, wellbeing, relaxing crafts and outdoor hockey to name a few, there was a real enthusiasm throughout each group. I think it has something to do with students selecting the options themselves and an excellent opportunity to extend learning beyond specific subjects.

We began our chess club on Tuesday lunchtime. It was good to see a strong number of students playing and a good few who had come along as beginners. Please encourage your child to give it a go and come along on Tuesday lunchtimes. If they don't fancy the chess club, then other clubs include debate club, choir, boys'/girls' football, netball; homelearning, reflection and quiet reading are also on the menu at lunchtimes throughout the week.



I would like to congratulate and thank our two new parent governors for volunteering for this important role. They are Donna Witter and Neal Tobin. I would also like to thank two parents who have volunteered to sit on the Travel Committee, and a final thank you to all our KWAFF (Katherine Warrington Association of Friends) parents for the very successful Halloween Disco.

We will be holding a Remembrance Day assembly on Monday led by Mr Church, followed by Mrs Bailey playing the Last Post then a minute's silence. Our student leadership team is currently selling poppies in school on behalf of the British Legion.

We have our first rugby fixture this year, playing in a local schools' tournament at Nicholas Breakspear school on Saturday (9th) with SJL, RPS, Sandringham etc. As we have only had two training sessions focusing on 'contact' rugby, the team is made up of students with previous experience of contact rugby at club level. Our training will

resume next Saturday at HRC and students who attend will be considered for future fixtures.

Finally, here is the latest drone footage of the main school build. It proceeds at pace and is currently ahead of schedule - to view the video, please click on the link <https://kwschool.co.uk/kier-drone-video-october-2019/>

Tony Smith  
**Headteacher**

### Student Achievements

At the end of last half term, there was a lot to celebrate in our last assembly!

Based on the results of the inter form competition, our Year 7 poetry competition and our current Big Purple Challenge totals, here are the current house point totals:

House	Tesla	Armstrong	Franklin	Ali	Nightingale	Keller
Total Points	5	20	70	10	10	85

### Special Mentions:

- Well done to Armstrong form for finishing the term with 98.9% attendance.
- Congratulations to Tom E for winning our whole school Poetry Competition with his poem 'In My Country.'
- Franklin are currently in the lead of our Year 7 reading competition having read 43 books as part of the Big Purple Challenge.
- Congratulations to Year 7 for breaking their recognition record by achieving 864 recognitions in one week alone in the last week of half term.

### Student Leadership Appointments:

Congratulations to the following students who were voted in as Student Form Representatives. I hope they are looking forward to their first student leadership meeting.

Tesla	Armstrong	Franklin	Ali	Nightingale	Keller
Max O & Toluwani S	Jasmine D & Cuan P	Rayan P & Tiffany P	Annabel S & Ryan M.	Rhys E & Freddie C	Ibrahim A & Leigha K

Our students were also asked to write an application in order to become Anti - Bullying Ambassadors. The following students were successful and will meet soon to put in place a strategy to support all students in school.

Congratulations to: Jahleel M, Lilly H, Bailey J, Joshua E, Smaran B, Maanasee N, Elise S, Kaelan WB, Malakhai A and Georgia-May H.

## **Reminder of Attendance Procedures**

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the 24hr school absence line on 01582 314800 or email [absence@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@kwschool.co.uk) by 8.30am on the first day of absence and every subsequent day thereafter, giving your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence.

Please also send a note in or email [absence@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@kwschool.co.uk) on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence.

Where possible, please give plenty of notice for any planned absence, for example, hospital appointments and provide a copy of any medical / dental appointment letters to the school. Please try to ensure scheduled appointments are made outside of school hours.

If you have any further queries regarding attendance please don't hesitate to contact Mr Smith or Mrs Aikman.

## **Trust Board**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will use this opportunity to keep you up to date with happenings in the Governing Board. Since last time, it has been agreed that as we are actually Trustees of the school, we will be using language to reflect that moving forwards. So, from now on, look out for information regarding the 'Trust Board' and 'Trustees' rather than governors.

We will be coming to school events whenever possible and will begin visiting the school in the next few weeks to see the children and staff in action. It's a very exciting time for many of us who have been working hard behind the scenes, some for over five years, and will finally get to see the school community in action. Hope to meet some of you very soon; do say hi if you see someone with a Trustee badge on, we'd be delighted to meet you.

## **Student lunch accounts**

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](mailto:finance@kwschool.co.uk) with the amount you require.

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.

## Upcoming Events

We are running an evening on Chromebooks for parents on Tuesday 19th November between 6pm - 8pm which will consist of a beginners' session, a Chromebook session and an e-safety session. To reserve your place(s), if you haven't already, please email [admin@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@kwschool.co.uk) by Thursday 14th November.

Mr Church is running a "Winter Showcase" event for students and their families on 17th December between 6pm – 8pm. More details will follow shortly.

### This week's notices to parents / carers:

- Chromebooks for parents' sessions
- KWS Choir Event - Batford Christmas Light switch on
- Principles for Home Learning

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