



Katherine
Warrington
School

HEADS UP Newsletter no. 8

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Happy New Year!

The new term started with a delightful evening watching some of our students and others from the area in the Harpenden Gang Show. I can highly recommend it (if you can get a ticket).

New Year, New Beginning - All last term's Consequence counts have been reset to zero. Students have been informed of this. Recognition points will be amalgamated across the school year to celebrate our students' efforts and achievements. Our aim is to receive more recognitions and less consequences as a whole student body and as individuals so students compare themselves to who they were yesterday not to who someone else is today.

Please remind your child that they are allowed to fill up their water bottles from the water fountain and dispenser in the corridor and to take their bottles into the dining room with them at morning break and lunch. Please therefore ensure that your child has their water bottle with them each day.

We are holding a parent forum on Wednesday 5th February. This is to feedback the results of our parent survey and give parents the opportunity to voice further thoughts about the school. It will be held in school, beginning at 7.00pm and ending at 8.30pm. It will be facilitated by our Vice-Chair of Governors and the school's senior leaders will attend.

Finally, please be mindful of where you are stopping to drop off your child - I have received a report of one parent dropping off actually on the roundabout on the Lower Luton Road on Wednesday morning! Please also respect our previous requests not to collect/drop off in the immediate vicinity of the school - students should be collected/dropped off at least 5 minutes walk away from the school. Also, please do not use the school entrance or Common Lane for making U turns in your vehicles.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

Sports Notices

We have a boys' away football fixture for both our A and B team against SJJ next Saturday 18th January. We will be starting at 9.00am and will be finished no later than 10.30am. If your son would like to be a part of this fixture then please click on the link below to fill in the attached form with their availability. A team list will be sent out next week confirming who is playing and pick up arrangements.

This fixture is at the same time as rugby training which will still be going ahead as normal, 9.00am - 10.00am. Please be reminded that rugby training is for both girls and boys.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbkHaJky4jaCwOXl5UNZGYeFZbs-6oqRh_DvuXhxbyvmt17A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Miss Anderson

Student Google Site

Did you know that our students have a google site available to them with lots of useful school information? It forms part of an online planner, together with Arbor, Show My Homework, Google Mail, Classroom and Drive.

They can use it to reference things eg the lunch rota, fixtures calendar, remind themselves of our behaviour policy, decide which book to pick next for the big purple challenge and more.

We introduced them to the site in their Computing lessons back in October.

They access it using the following URL (which they should have saved as a bookmark) which will only work when they are logged into their KWS Google Account: <https://sites.google.com/kwschool.co.uk/kws-students> Why not ask them to show you it on their Chromebook? (You won't be able to access it directly as parents).



Trust Board

The Trustees would like to wish everyone a happy new year - we are sure it will be another busy and exciting one for the Katherine Warrington school community!

Looking back to last term, we would like to say a big thank you to all those who responded to the 2019 KWS questionnaire. We read all your comments with interest; it was excellent to see so many positive reactions to the first term. It is evident from the questionnaire and from our visits to school that KWS students are happy, engaged and learning lots! We will take all your thoughts on board as we move forward and build on the fantastic start.

Upcoming Events

16th January - Invite only Parents Consultation Evening

5th February - Parents' Forum – 7.00pm until 8.30 pm

This week's notices to parents /carers:

Please could you remind your child and check that they are wearing their house badge on their blazer. If it has been mislaid or lost please ask your child to report to Student Services to purchase a new one (£1).

Social Media

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.

Non KWS Events / Publicity

Skate Gym in Roller City, Welwyn Garden City is beginning two 5-week courses: Junior Skate Gym (9-15 years) and an Adult Skate Gym (16+ years) starting this Monday 13th January until Monday 10th February or Monday 24th February to Monday 23rd March.

Classes are led by a qualified fitness instructor Emily Rose aka 'Dolly Spartan' – an experienced competitive Roller Derby skater. For more information [click here](#).