



Katherine Warrington School

HEADS UP

Newsletter no. 33

Friday 16th July 2021

As we wave goodbye to students for the summer holidays, it's a time for us to reflect on the year that none of us could have predicted. I thought planning, then building, then staffing were challenges but I think Covid has stretched us all the most. It has impacted on the wellbeing of our entire KWS community; it has heightened anxieties and reduced opportunities amongst us all. I hope that September sees a different picture for us all but we will only know that as August fades away.

We said goodbye to students after an Achievement Assembly that marked many excellent and varied achievements. Students were acknowledged for: top 3 based on the number of recognitions received; not receiving a single consequence; most effort in each of the subjects; most improved student in each subject; student attainment award in each subject. The Head's award went to Enoch (Year 7) for the work he has done to support the KWS community. The Assembly began with an acknowledgement that all of our students have achieved so much in the face of the challenges this year has brought.

It was good to see so many students receiving an award for not getting any consequences. We aim to 'catch students being good' and one statistic we look at closely is the ratio of recognitions to consequences throughout the school. It can be slightly misleading as consequence points are often given in multiples when recognition points are often single awards. Our aim is to achieve a 7: 1 ratio in favour of positive incidents. As of the end of Friday last week, the average positive incidents for the whole school this academic year was 235 and the average negative incidents for the whole school this academic year was 20, nearly a 12: 1 ratio.

Thank you to those parents who managed to make our meeting to discuss items raised in our parent survey. I felt it was a very supportive and constructive meeting. The main issues seemed to be around aspects of the uniform and catering. Mr Inns, our School Business Manager, is setting up a working group which will include both parents/carers and students. If you are interested and have the time, please email a.jones@kwschool.co.uk with 'Uniform' or 'Food' in the title. The full results of the parent survey will be on our website in September.

Sports Day was a great success as indeed was the KWAF sponsored walk. The weather was kind and students enjoyed their free ice lollies at the end of the walk. The walk itself has raised a staggering amount for KWAF to help purchase D&T equipment. Thank you all for your generosity. As some students could not participate in Sports Day as they were isolating, we are looking at trying to hold a sports-based day in September.

Congratulations to everyone who passed the Bikeability training. There is another course running over the summer break. Also, many congratulations to Ms Chilvers who recently joined our SEN team. She not only graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Early Childhood Studies, but also achieved the highest mark for her dissertation in her year and it's so good, it's getting published.

We have two summer schools running over the break, one for our existing students and one for our new students joining this September. If your child has been invited and you have accepted a place, please make sure they attend. Staffing has been organised based on expected numbers attending.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you to parents who have been kind enough to send messages and cards and indeed a variety of gifts over the past week. They are very much appreciated.

Have a great summer. See you at the Open Day afternoon on Saturday 11th September.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

Student Achievements



Congratulations to Matthew in Year 7 whose cricket team Shenley has won the under 13s tournament against Tring. This is such a great achievement as eight out of the team are under 12 and they have been unbeaten for the last 3 years .

The team have now qualified for the Regional finals at the end of the month.

Well done to them all!

House Points

With sports day, the sponsored walk and our new Year 7's joining us in September earning two house points each by writing poems during their virtual transition day, as well as other events, the final house points have been calculated for the year. Next year with an extra year group it will be all to play for!

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

Form	Grand Total
Ali	18377
Armstrong	17502
Franklin	17705
Keller	19247
Nightingale	18316
Tesla	17401



A selection of the poems written by our incoming Year 7's are below. Particular congratulations to:

Daisie, Oliver P, Billy, Ellie, Oscar, Sam K, Thomas P, Tom D, Lizzie, Kaii, Savannah, Tabitha, Barney, James T, Tim, Charlie S, Harrison, Lauren, Jess and Bobby.

Overcoming a challenge

Courage can sometimes be a little whisper
That yells from within
Making pride a unique choice
But all you need to do is have faith in yourself.
In your mind, A whole is filling with confidence
And the angel on your shoulder, Murmurs in your ear... "You can do it..."
The challenge chases you,
Like a hungry lion, But!
Never run, Never hide, Just overcome it!

The Mountain You Must Climb

Everyone must climb their mountain.
The mountain for you has arrived.
You will start to walk up.
It is fairly easy for a while.

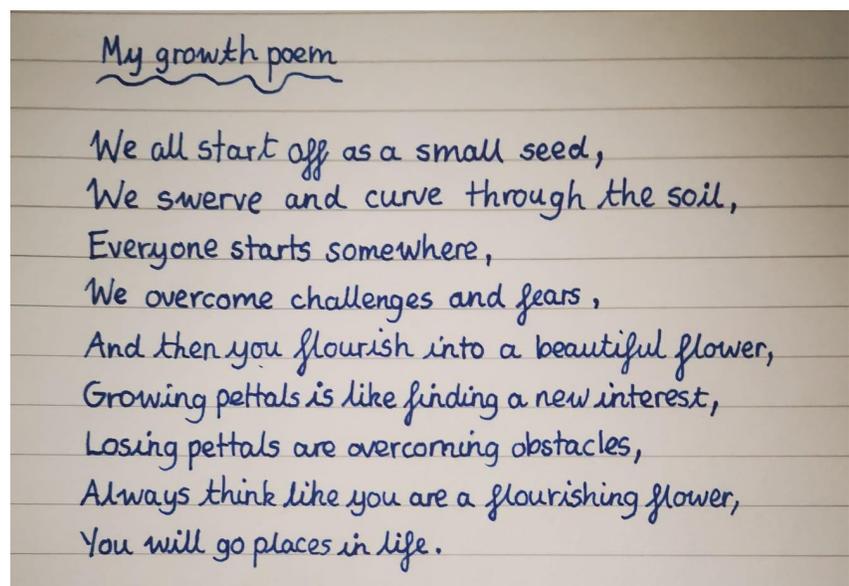
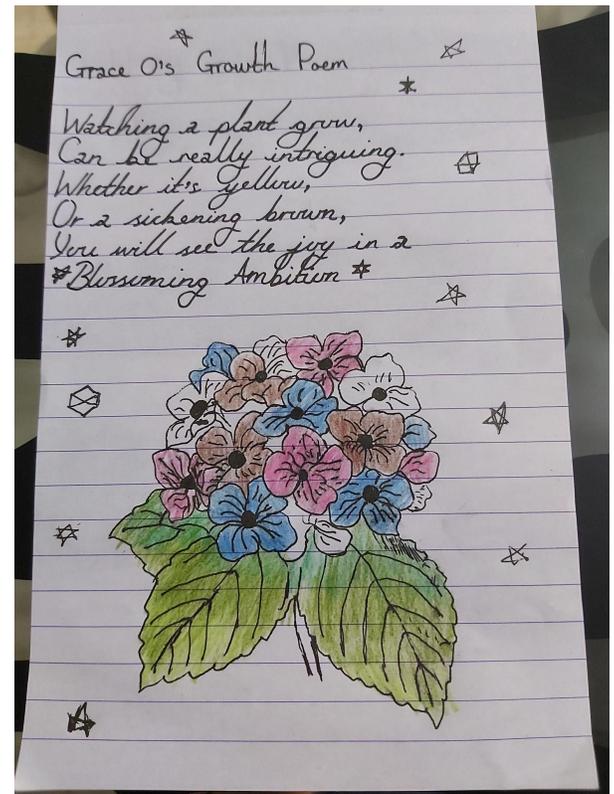
Then it starts to steepen.
Then it starts to get hard.
But you have to push on.
You must reach the summit.

You're doing well; you're almost there.
But there's something up ahead.
The final obstacle: a blanket of cloud.
You must push on through it.

The cloud envelopes you.
You stumble upwards, hoping you'll pass the final
hurdle.

You can't see ahead of you to know if
your there.
You can't see behind you to know how
to turn back; you just have to keep
moving forwards.

You finally emerge from the cloud.
And you have reached the summit.
Standing proud, you are greeted with
an expanded horizon.
And a beautiful view.



Sports Notices

Friday 9th July marked the first ever KWS Sports Day. I was hugely pleased and proud of how well all students applied themselves throughout the whole day, with the combination of both inclusion and also real competition for those that sought it! It was also great to have the whole school together on the main field supporting each other with the afternoon races and celebrating the value of sport within school.

Congratulations to all race winners and also to the following students who finished in the top 3 for their year group in the Sports Day 10 events challenge:

Year 7 Winners			
Girls		Boys	
1	Emily B	1	Hayden L
2	Isobel J	2	Callum S
3	Belle W	3	Luca D
Year 8 Winners			
Girls		Boys	
1	Poppy B	1	Nathan T
2	Thea O	2	Ben R
3	Ingrid S	3	Josh H

The KWS Sports Day House Cup was won by Nightingale!

Well done to all involved and I hope it inspires as many of you as possible to watch the Olympics this summer.

Sports Day was then followed by a visit from a Commonwealth gold medal gymnast, Steve Frew. He talked to a group of students about his route to elite sport and how he dealt with challenges along the way. He then did some team building activities with the students, which were greatly received.

We have also been running female self-defence classes for both Years 7 & 8. Students have learnt about different punching and kicking techniques and appeared to really enjoy the sessions. They will be continuing these in September.





Mr Alexander

Maths Exam Reviews

It has been fantastic over the last three weeks to see all our students so maturely reflecting on their recent exams and reviewing these in detail to move forward. Students have individualised task lists to work on independently to improve their understanding of key areas. We have also been really impressed at how receptive students have been to reviewing the exam papers in class. This is helping them to better understand mark schemes and identify how to increase their marks with those all important workings. Well done to both Year 7 and Year 8.

This week will see us finishing off our last units and applying our construction work to some impossible Esher-inspired artwork. We wish you all a wonderful summer and remember, a little MemRi each week will be great to keep up your maths recall! We look forward to welcoming you back to your new classes in September, along with our new Head of Maths, Miss Caplin - who you may have already met as she has been popping into school over the last few weeks.

Mrs Coomber, Mrs Wall & Miss Anderson

Computing

As the summer term comes to a close, Year 7 finished their Python coding unit. Please do ask them about how they have been 'Going Loopy' with their code in the last few weeks. We also got to do our much anticipated lesson of taking a computer apart, as per the photos below. This relates back to a unit on how computers work that we did remotely just after Christmas. Students found it lots of fun and very informative, but we definitely have a few screws that didn't make it back in place! Huge thanks to Mrs Wall for all her hard work procuring the machines for us and to Mr Cain for supporting the lessons and showing us the computer he made himself. We have made it clear that they should not be taking apart any computers at home!



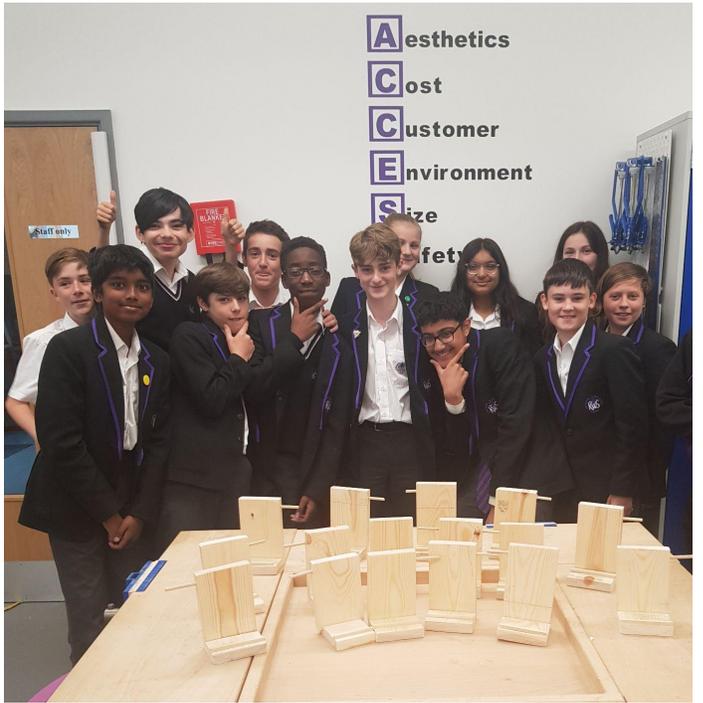
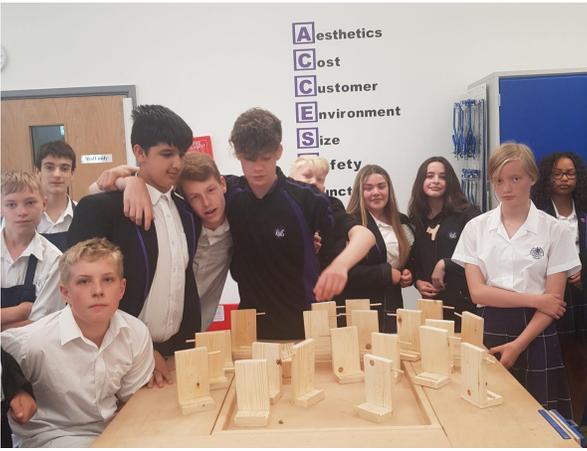
Year 8 meanwhile have been making use of one of our computing classrooms to learn some Excel skills. Feel free to put them to use over the summer on any spreadsheets you may need sorted, ordered or colour coded! We look forward to welcoming Mrs Akhter to KWS in September who joins us to teach computing to all year groups, including our three GCSE classes for Year 9. Mrs Wall and I will be reverting back to just teaching Maths but have really enjoyed our time teaching Computing.

Mrs Coomber and Mrs Wall

3D Design



In 3D Design lessons this term we have been making mobile phone holders. In the process we have used over 300 pieces of wood, more than 600 wood screws, lots of wooden dowel and some PVA glue. In turn the students have been learning how to use some basic hand tools and had some great enjoyment along the way. Some of the completed work has already gone home as Father's day gifts. All remaining pieces of work have been sent home this week.

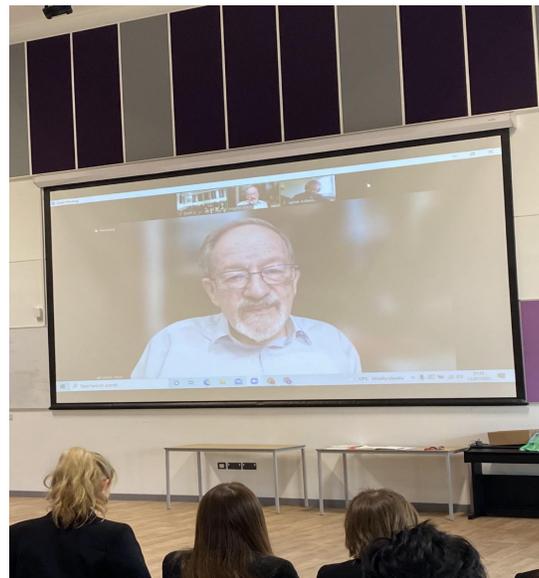


Mr Scivyer

History

This term Year 8 have been studying the Holocaust in their History lessons and on Tuesday we were lucky enough to hear from a Holocaust survivor. Dr Martin Stern MBE was a child living in Holland throughout the war and lost everyone but his sister in the tragedy. With his parents gone Martin was looked after by a Dutch couple and managed to avoid capture until 1944. He was taken to Terezín, Czechoslovakia, a Nazi Prison town. Due to a number of people helping him, and a lot of good luck, Martin survived and returned to Holland. Moving to Manchester in the 1950s to be with his grandmother.

Students found the whole experience very interesting and here is some of the feedback I have received.



Why is learning about the Holocaust still relevant today?

'So that history cannot repeat itself'

'Learning about the Holocaust is still relevant today because we as children need to know how people were treated.'

'Because it teaches us and educates us not to make the wrong decisions and how bad things were in society back then. When someone said one negative word about Jews and then the whole country hated them.'

How has the experience of hearing from a survivor helped you to learn more about the Holocaust?

'It helped me learn more about it as you can visualise what it's like through his description as well as seeing the differences between holocaust survivors such as Freddie and Martin.'

'We learnt what struggles he went through and what he had to do to survive. We also learnt that some Germans risked their lives for him which shows not all of them were against Jews.'

I am so proud of the mature attitude our students had towards such an important topic like the Holocaust and hope will be able to repeat this next year.

Mrs Stockwell

Finance

Bushcraft Trip Payments

Thank you to everyone who has already paid both instalments for the Bushcraft trips taking place in September. These trips are for Year 7 (new joiners) and Year 8 (current Year 7s). The payment deadlines were:

- £55 - by Monday 14th June
- £58 - by Friday 9th July

Please make any final payments via [iPayimpact](#) by the end of July at the very latest to ensure your child has a place on the trip. Further information can be found in the respective trip letters on the school's website.

Lunch accounts

If your son/daughter's lunch account is overdrawn, please ensure you [add funds](#) to their account before the end of term. Daily emails are sent from iPayimpact entitled **'iPayimpact School Meals - Payment Reminder'** when their account becomes overdrawn. Please ensure these are paid as soon as possible.

Mrs Reid

Trust Board

This is the trustees' final contribution to this academic year's newsletters and we just wanted to thank all the teachers, staff, children, and parents/carers for being so resilient, adaptive and supportive through what has been a very difficult year for us all. The pandemic has seen us learn via the remote school, had us all back in the building but with strict covid restrictions in place, then back home again during the Christmas and New Year period, to then having a few affected bubbles returning home, once again, to isolate. With all the turmoil, you have all managed to adjust and continue to educate, be educated, and most importantly stay upbeat. We have and continue to see happy faces in and around the school.

We wish you the happiest of summer holidays, to recharge, have fun, and prepare to come back to school in September, with a new year group in our midst, and in conditions we hope are as true to "normal" as possible.

To all the staff, we cannot thank you enough for keeping the education as well as the wellbeing of both students and colleagues going during the most challenging of times.

Charlotte Zacharia, Trustee

Eco Garden

We have certainly been benefitting from the fruits of our labour in the Eco garden. Students taking part in lunch club and Period 7 have made a wigwam, a scarecrow and have had great fun caring for and cultivating our home grown produce; carrots, beetroot, turnips and new potatoes. Staff have been able to offer a voluntary donation in exchange for some five a day. All proceeds from donations will be used to purchase new seeds for next season.



Ms Brandon

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 1st - Thursday 2nd September - Inset Day Training for staff - No students in school

Friday 3rd September – Year 7 students only

Monday 6th September – Years 8 and 9 return

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:

- Lost property
- KWS Open Day - September 11th September
- Year 7 and year 8 Students' reports

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (Kwaf)

Kwaf have now published their very own newsletter. [Click here](#) to read all the exciting upcoming events they have planned.

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

Learning Support Assistants (part time)

Learning Support Assistant – full time (working 1:1 with a student)

Lettings Assistants

More information can be found on the Teach in Herts website

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](#)



Rothamsted Park Play Area GRAND RE-OPENING!

24 July ★ 11am-2pm

★ Fantastic Faces
face painting

★ Food stalls

★ Mini Professors

★ Disco Kids

★ Showtime
Circus

★ Bouncy castle

★ Soft play

★ ArtVenturers



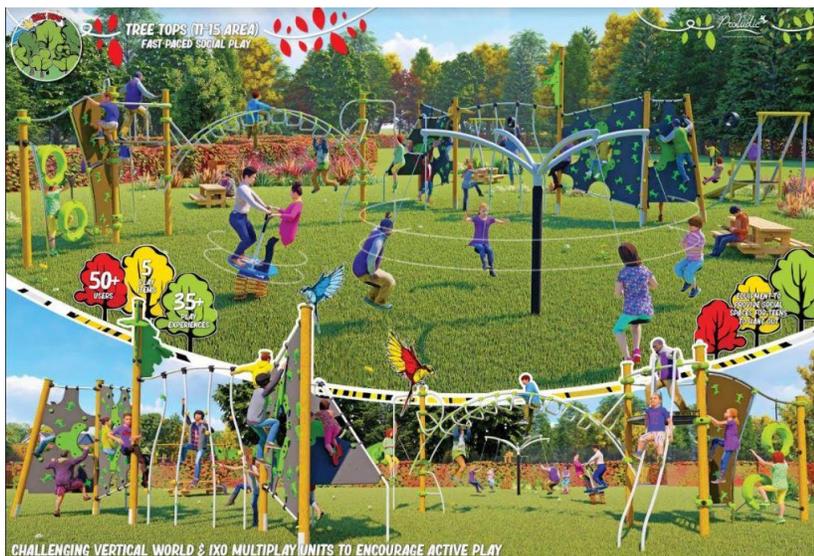
Harpenden Town Council will follow all current Government guidance and the Play Area opening will only go ahead if this allows.

We have taken measures to avoid overcrowding and further assist with safety, these include:

Activities will be spread over a large area of Rothamsted Park, not just in the playground. The volume of people will be monitored by marshals who will use a clearly displayed traffic light system. The traffic light system will indicate whether the play area is available for additional use, it is busy and people may need to wait before entering, or the area is full and visitors will need to come back at a later time.

On Saturday 24th July, children and their families are cordially invited to experience the exciting new play area in Rothamsted Park. The event is not only a chance to enjoy the new equipment, but also join the fun with additional activities for younger children, entertainment and refreshments stalls organised for the day.

This amazing new space for local children and families has many fantastic features including: an area for 11 to 15 year olds; a fenced toddler zone; swings and other play equipment accessible to those with disabilities; imaginative, sensory and educational play in a Fantastic Forest; a variety of swings, slides and climbing equipment to challenge all ages and abilities; picnic benches and additional seating to encourage friends and family to come together and enjoy a longer stay.



HARPENDEN

Sustainable Market

Sunday 18th July

11am - 3pm

Harpenden Common



Bring your friends and family
Shop more sustainably
Support local businesses



HARPENDEN
TOWN COUNCIL
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SUSTAINABLE
St Albans



Junior Saints Rugby Club



JUNIOR SAINTS
(GIRLS RUGBY from ages 9-18)



**COME BE PART OF THE
BEST GIRLS RUGBY CLUB**
IN HERTFORDSHIRE

TRAINING | WEDNESDAY'S
U11-U18's 18:30-20:00

at William Bird Playing Fields,
Toulmin Drive, St Albans, Herts. AL3 6DX



EXISTING PLAYERS AND ANY NEW MEMBERS
LOOKING TO LEARN THE GAME ARE VERY WELCOME!
PLEASE INVITE AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG!

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact:
Lead Coach: Craig Ihlenfeldt or
E: craig.ihlenfeldt@oarugby.com M: 07943 274 534

Harpenden Town Football Club

*Students that are 16 and under go free





**SEASON TICKETS
2021/2022**

£40 TO BE PART OF HISTORY



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Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Ampthill, who are urgently seeking full time and respite foster carers throughout the area.

The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Luton and the surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk

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- We're a fostering agency like no other, keeping our foster carers and young people our top priority!
- Nexus Fostering has been making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in care throughout England since 2002.
- Our ethos is centred around unrivalled support for our foster carers, extensive training and fostering excellence.

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Supporting Links

Supporting Links are again offering Parenting Support Groups countywide and online for the Autumn term of 2021.

Nine courses are available. Each course runs over 6 weekly sessions and is offered FREE of charge to parents thanks to funding from Herts County Council:

Talking Additional Needs (3 courses)

Talking Families (3 courses)

Talking Teens (1 course)

Talking Dads (2 courses)

[Click here](#) for course dates, booking and more information.

Parent and Carer Support Online Courses Autumn Term 2021



TALKING FAMILIES

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 will cover

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm
14th Sept – 19th Oct
Course 451

Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am
15th Sept – 20th Oct
Course 450

Mondays 8.00-9.30pm
1st Nov – 6th Dec
Course 452

TALKING TEENS

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 will cover

- The Teen Brain: the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Thursdays 7.45-9.15pm
16th Sept – 21st Oct
Course 453

**We are running a further
Talking Teens programme
in person, in Welwyn.
Call or email for details!**

Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact

Supporting Links on

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Quoting the Course ID

TALKING DADS

Dads play an important role in a child's life. This FREE course will help you be the Dad you want to be. Over 6 weekly sessions, fathers and male carers of children aged 0-19 will be supported to:



Dads,
Step-Dads,
Stay at
home Dads,
Working
Dads...

- Increase confidence in your parenting.
- Develop your dad/child relationship, now and for the future.
- Improve listening and communication skills.
- Develop strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- Learn how to enforce boundaries.

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm

15th Sept – 20th Oct

Course 455

Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm

2nd Nov – 7th Dec

Course 456

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

(previously Understanding Behaviour in your child with Additional Needs)



Diagnosis
not
essential

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict: why it happens and how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.
- Manage different needs within your family.

Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am

14th Sept – 19th Oct

Course 447

Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm

2nd Nov – 7th Dec

Course 448

Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am

3rd Nov – 8th Dec

Course 449



Sessions will be run over Zoom so you will need access to a device such as a phone, tablet or computer with a webcam and microphone. We will help you get set up if you haven't used Zoom before. No special skills are needed.

Courses are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact

Supporting Links on:

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These courses are provided free to parents by
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Zoom Webinars to support Harpenden Plus Partnership families

If your child attends any of the schools listed below you and you would like to attend any of our virtual events please email us using the email address next to each event. We will need your name, child's age and the school they attend.

*£20 fee if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school
List of partnership schools: Beech Hyde, Crabtree schools, Grave schools, Harpenden Academy, High Beeches, Kimpton, Lea, Manland, Redbourn Schools, Roundwood Park, Roundwood Primary, Sauncey Wood, Sir John Lawes, St Dominic, St George's, St Helen's, St Luke's, St Nicholas, Wood End, Katherine Warrington, St Hilda's

- 29th September 9.30 - 11.30 **Parenting Tweenagers webinar** - for parents and carers of children in year 6 or 7. Including; strategies to support your developing child, Independence, transitions, communication and problem solving.
Email dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk to register your interest.
- 13th October 9.30 - 11.30 **Developing Resilience webinar** - For parents and carers of children ages 5 - 19 we will cover what is resilience and tools to develop resilience in our family.
Email dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk to register your interest
- 20th October 9.30 - 11.30 **How to influence your child's behaviour webinar** - For parents and carers of children from Reception to year 8. We will cover boundaries, Family rules, handling anger, rewards, choices and consequences
Email dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk to register your interest