



Katherine Warington School

HEADS UP

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I was in Manchester this week for a Department for Education Q&A session on newly built schools at the Central Exhibition Centre. It's been a while since I was in Manchester but the amount of building in and around the centre was staggering (as was the roads blocked because of the building!). Happily though I was back at school to witness the superb Shakespeare Festival yesterday evening. The hall was transformed into a theatre and students from Year 8 and Year 9 performed with vigour and confidence in front of a sell-out parent audience. Well done to all those involved, including Mr Church (drama) and Mr Bullock (music). More details and pictures below.

As well as being able to perform music and drama performances, we have hit the sports fixture list hard to make up for lost time. We fielded rugby (boys) teams from all years against Roundwood last Saturday; football (girls and boys) in the week and gymnastics and trampetting mid-week as well. For more about the results, please see below.

I attended a series of strong assemblies on Black History Month structured around excellent contributions from students. They focused their pieces on highlighting some known and unknown achievements and successes from people of colour. This followed Poetry Week last week, which gave students the opportunity to explore the theme of choice. This also ran into period 7, marrying poetry with Black History Month. We look forward to students' contributions to our Black History Month "Proud To Be" campaign.

With Covid-19 still prevalent in the area, it is finally our turn for KWS to be used as a venue next week to vaccinate our students who wish to receive it. I will write to parents on Monday explaining how the NHS will approach the task, but feedback from other schools is that in terms of education, it can be quite a disruptive day as the number of nursing staff available seems to vary markedly. To that extent time, lost queuing and waiting to be vaccinated will unfortunately be a feature of the day.

Our Catering Manager, Sam Ou, has been nominated as Catering Manager of the Year and will find out if he has won at an awards ceremony in November. Good luck Mr Ou and congratulations on the nomination.

Finally, Mr Church is stepping aside as Head of Year 7, having completed all the summer transition work and settling the new students into KWS. I would like to thank him for carrying out the task with energy and humour. We hold interviews for our new Head of Year 7 early next week. Mr Church will focus on moving forward our Character Development, Inclusion and Diversity curriculum. I am delighted to announce the appointment of Tara Patterson to the post of Head of House Development. Her past experience as a teacher of performing arts and a choreographer should make for some exciting inter-house challenges this academic year.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

The house points winners for this week are **Nightingale** congratulations

Form	Overall
Ali	3591
Armstrong	3591
Franklin	3694
Keller	3672
Nightingale	3720
Tesla	3504

Sports

Rugby

During period 7 all years groups have been able to enjoy some rugby. This week's focus was carrying the ball into contact, looking at support play and rucking when contact has been made. Miss Jones led the sessions and was complementary of how hard everyone worked.

Teams from all age groups travelled to Roundwood School to play their first fixtures of the season. There were lots of new players taking part in their first contact matches. Ethan W and Henry H set the tone in defence with some big hits, whilst Nathan T scored both tries for the year 9's. The Year 7 & 8 squads also had valuable learning experience and will only develop further from it.



Gymnastics

Seven students participated in the Trampette and Tumble competition at St Albans High School for Girls last week, competing against other schools in the district. Uzair won gold in both his trampette and tumble categories, Nissi achieved 3rd on tumble and 1st on trampette and Lexi F was 2nd in trampette in the same category. Sophie C, Sophie K, Jude and Will E also competed, completing some great routines. Well done!



Football



Our Year 7 & 8 girls' football squads put in really dominant performances this week against both Roundwood Park and Townsend School. There is a great deal of potential within both year groups and we look forward to developing them further. Special mention to Olivia W and Isobel J for scoring 6 and 7 goals respectively over the 2 games - very impressive!

Our Year 9 boys football team were unfortunate to lose narrowly 3-2 after extra time in the county cup against a strong Longdean side. Having twice gone behind, the boys showed character and quality to get back into the game. They should be proud of their efforts and had we had better luck with a late strike against the crossbar, we could have pinched it ourselves. Plenty of positives to build on.

Mr Alexander & Miss Moxham

Maths

The Year 7 students have now joined our Year 8 and 9 students on the Times Table Rockstars leaderboard (TTRS).

TTRS is an online platform where students are given a ‘rock band or singer’ name such as “Jacoby B. Hendrix”. They compete against other students in the whole school to top the leaderboard by completing the most number of correct multiplication and division questions in one minute!

The list below shows the current leader board showing all of our Rock Heroes.

Rank	Name	Rockname	Initial Studio Speed	Current Studio Speed	Rock Status
1	Lewis A	Moo Mas	1.66	0.51	Rock Hero
2	George Z	Dennis Bond	0.63	0.63	Rock Hero
3	Hayden L	Mickey Meek	1.05	0.64	Rock Hero
4	Marco R	Virgil Butcher	0.93	0.64	Rock Hero
5	Tom Murr	Lo-Fi Pigpen	0.78	0.75	Rock Hero
6	Tendai M	Richard Milton	1.05	0.84	Rock Hero
7	Callum S	Travis Old Man O'Rock	0.94	0.85	Rock Hero
8	Jayden A	Jordyn Stardust	1.15	0.90	Rock Hero
9	Ben R	Flo Frost	0.97	0.92	Rock Hero
10	Ace J	Rocco Setzer	1.40	0.96	Rock Hero
11	Oscar Q	Thunder Gossard	1.42	0.97	Rock Hero
12	Isobel J	Blayne Chico	2.40	0.98	Rock Hero

Being a ‘Rock Hero’ means that you can answer every question correctly in under one second continually for a minute - which is very impressive!

We look forward to seeing how this changes over the year and how students fair in the upcoming competitions.

Maths anxiety - Free webinars for parents and carers

I = Eedi is a company providing free webinars to give practical advice on ways parents can help their children with their maths, whether they are struggling with maths anxiety or stuck on their homework.

[Click here](#) to book a place on the free webinar entitled Helping your Maths Anxious Child.

[Click here](#) to access a short online course entitled Helping with Homework: For Maths-Anxious Parents

The Maths Department (Mrs Caplin, Miss Anderson, Mrs Coomber, Mrs Wall)

English - National Poetry Day

It was National Poetry Day on Thursday 7th of October. Katherine Warington students were keen to celebrate. The theme this year was 'Choice' and students explored this in form time on Thursday through Caleb Femi's poem 'Thirteen.' Students were quick to discuss choice and it led to some interesting discussions about fate and free will.

We also held a Read Aloud Poetry Competition which encouraged students to perform a poem to their peers. We had a number of entries yet Sofia D and Liana N stole the show and won the competition! Well done to both of these students for writing their own poetry and engaging an audience with their voice and ideas.



The English Department would like to draw your attention to our annual Haunting Story Competition for Halloween. Students can submit their entry to their English Teacher on Google Classroom, or by email for the chance to win book vouchers and mega-house points. The spookier the better! [Here](#) is an amazing creepy story to get you in the mood from Neomi Yearwood, in Year 9.



Mrs Aikman

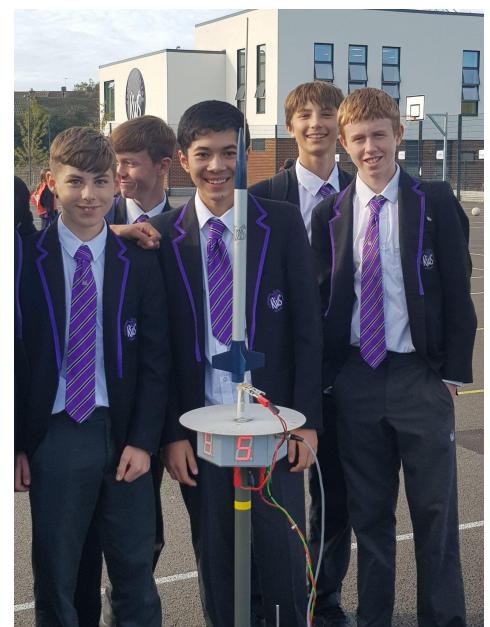
Period 7 - Rockets

New Digital Launch System.

Students attending the new period 7 rocket lessons have been introduced to a new digital launch system. The launch procedure now includes a visual countdown by making use of a seven segment digital display.

This new system has been given top marks by all attending student

Mr Scivyer



Drama - Celebrating the 34th Black History Month at KWS

In our continued recognition and celebration of Black History Month at KWS, we will be participating in the nationwide celebrations of the “Proud To Be” campaign.

The campaign is now in its 34th year. Black History Month UK announced that this year’s theme would be “Proud To Be” with the intention of showcasing the vast richness of diversity that Black and Brown people bring to the UK.

We will be creating a display for Black History Month “Proud To Be” at KWS with the work of our students of African and Afro-Caribbean descent who wish to inspire, celebrate and share the pride they have in their heritage and culture with the rest of the KWS community.

For more information about the BHM “Proud To Be” campaign, please follow these links: [Black History Month UK](#) and [Proud To Be](#)

Herts Catering Limited are also celebrating Black History Month with a special menu in the dining room.



Shakespeare Festival



Last night saw the Shakespeare Festival, our inaugural performing arts event, take place in our transformed auditorium theatre space. It was a momentous evening, as after two years our students were finally able to perform in front of a live audience. The Shakespeare Festival will be an annual event in which our KS3 students tread the boards taking on the characters from Shakespeare's most famous scenes. Last night our students performed extracts from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Romeo & Juliet* and *Macbeth*; our Year 9 students showcased their Physical Theatre performances from their GCSE Drama classes, while our Musicians shared their extraordinary talents.

It is very exciting to see the talent we have here at KWS and we cannot wait to get started on our next Performing Arts show!



Trust Board

Last week we had our first Trustee meeting of the academic year. We appointed to the Chair (Jenny Howarth) and Vice Chair roles (Dimple Mistry and Charlotte Zacharia), and welcomed Simon Laird and Sonia Wall to the Board. The Education Committee reviewed the data from the summer exams and were pleased to see continuing progress despite the challenges of remote learning and lockdown, well done everyone.

The Resources Committee considered priorities and plans for the upcoming year. We received feedback from the Open Day and Family Afternoon which we all agreed was a fantastic event showcasing our students, staff and facilities. It was so lovely to spend time together as a growing KWS community; we look forward to many more events over the next year.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 20th October - Student COVID vaccinations

Wednesday 20th October - Parents Chromebook Evening - 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Friday 22nd October - Half term - Finish at 2.30pm

Thursday 4th November - Year 7 disco

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAF)

KWAF PRESENTS

Winter Wreath Workshops

Friday 3rd Dec 19:00-21:30
Sat 4th Dec 14:30-17:00
Workshop price £45

(Includes mulled wine, mince pies and your very own handmade wreath to take home)

To book, please contact Joanna Day on 07779 251469



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!

This week's notices to parents /carers:

- Student COVID vaccinations
- Year 7 disco
- Herts Mind Network

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 @KWSHarpden](#)
[Instagram @kwschoolharpden](#)

[Instagram @kwschoolsport](#)

Non KWS Events / Publicity

Parenting Support



Are you a parent of a child with
Speech, Language, Communication &
Autism needs?

1:1 Advice Sessions via MS Teams 19th November and 3rd December 2021

9.30am – 9.50am
9.55am – 10.15am
10.20am – 10.40am
10.45am – 11.05am
11.10am – 11.30am
11.35am – 11.55am

Louise Howe and Louisa Smyth, Specialist Advisory Teachers for Speech, Language, Communication & Autism will be holding free 20 minute 1:1 advice sessions for Harpenden, Kimpton, Redbourn & Wheathampstead parents with children and young people who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnosis or suspected ASD and associated challenges.

Sessions will be held on MS Teams

This is a reminder that the Online Education Programme for Parents/Carers of secondary school aged young people who are using a CAMHS Clinic, Step 2 or Counselling Service begins next week. [Click here](#) for more information.

KWS Cleaning Supervisor



Experienced Cleaning Supervisor required at KATHERINE WARINGTON SCHOOL

4pm to 7pm - Monday to Friday.

You will be responsible for supervising a team of 3 cleaners to deliver a high standard of cleaning, have good communication skills and be a team player.

£10.00 per hour paid monthly an annualized pay basis

For more information, please contact me on the details below.

Diane on 07789 933081 or e-mail d.lawson-wells@mayharris.co.uk

Harpenden Lions Club and Harpenden Books



Win prizes!!



Creative Writing Competition

Demonstrate
your skill!

Idea!



Topics

- Ages 6-10: Write a description or poem of your favourite holiday
- Ages 11-14: What does it mean to be a hero today?
- Ages 15-18: Is pollution inevitable?

Prizes (in each category) 1st Prize: £50 voucher plus a bundle of books

2nd Prize: a bundle of books

All entries will be independently judged. The competition will run from 1 October to 30 November 2021. Entries should be not more than 1500 words and sent to competition@harpenden-lions.co.uk

Visit www.harpenden-lions.co.uk after 1 October to see further details and the competition rules



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7TH NOVEMBER

HARPENDEN RUGBY CLUB

THE CLUBHOUSE, REDBOURN LANE, HARPENDEN, AL5 2BA

GATES OPEN: 4.00PM
DISPLAY STARTS: 6.00PM

FAMILY TICKET £25.00* | ADULT TICKET £10.00

CHILD TICKET £5.00**

* 2 ADULTS AND UP TO 4 CHILDREN UP TO 16 YEARS OLD

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