



School Newsletter



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HEADS UP

Today we go live with a new style newsletter. Using the technology that is available on our new website, news articles will be uploaded for you to read throughout the week. Just click on the news page of the website regularly to see new articles as they are uploaded. Every two weeks, the articles will be collated together to create a newsletter. As ever my 'Heads Up' summary will introduce the newsletter and house points, diary dates, and notices to parents/carers will detail all the important information that you will need to know. I hope you enjoy reading it!

As I write a group of students are in London on a drama/music trip, visiting a theatre and talking to members of the cast and production team. School trips, in general, have been hindered by the stop/start nature of schools' response to Covid over the past 18 months. We are very keen to try to rectify this as much as possible. Trips are a great way to extend a student's experience and cultural awareness. It is also an excellent opportunity for staff to get to know students better and build stronger relationships with them as a result. There is a list of forthcoming trips we intend to run on our website. Please have a look and encourage your child to participate. There is a late trip entry for students in Year 8 to visit the cinema in St Albans to watch A Christmas Carol on Monday 13th December, further details to follow.

On a Christmas theme, due to overwhelming demand, we are bringing back the House Christmas

joke competition. Admittedly overwhelming demand is currently that I really enjoyed it so when I suggested it again, I was in complete agreement with myself that we should do it. Can you top last year's winning joke (remember How did Scrooge score a goal)? More details are below, but a call to all Dad's Christmas cracker jokes has to be our area of expertise.

As well as trips in general falling foul of Covid, it has hampered opportunities to put on drama and music events ourselves. Again, we are eager to catch up on this and look forward to our Winter Showcase event. The demand to participate from students has been fantastic, so much so that the event, originally planned for one evening, has been extended to two evenings. More details can be found on the music/drama site.

We are happy and eager to celebrate the achievements of our students both in school and out of school. If your child has a particular achievement you would like us to recognise then please let me or their form tutor know. On this note, congratulations to Mia K in year 7. Mia competes in ADFP disco (freestyle and lyrical) and has been dancing and competing for nearly 5 years. She trains every week and has moved up from beginner to starter, and last weekend qualified for and competed in the next level- intermediate. Well done Mia. I'm hoping to get a few tips from her in advance of the staff Christmas party!

Finally, after a very positive performance from our Year 7 boys in a 9 a side rugby tournament at Nicholas Breakspear School a couple of weekends ago, we are back there tomorrow represented by teams from all our year groups for full side rugby matches. I'll be there on the touchline cheering on the Warrington Warriors. Good luck boys.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

This week's house points winners are **Tesla** congratulations!



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Christmas Joke Competition

To Brighten up December and celebrate the countdown to Christmas we are hosting a Christmas joke competition for the last 10 days of school. This is a chance for families and staff to win house points for their student's houses. The competition starts on Monday 6th December. We want each household to send in up to a maximum of 10 ...

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Success at the Harpenden Inter-school Geography quiz!



Well done to all who participated in the Harpenden inter-school Geography quiz; a coming together of the brightest Geography minds in Harpenden. After a few tough rounds of questions, we are congratulating Sophie, Lina and James who won 3rd place for the year 8 category! It was great to see students in their element, and absolutely rocking the show (puns ...

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Science Update

Milestone Tests Milestone Tests are coming up in Science over the next few weeks for all year groups. These are written assessments on everything covered so far in their current year of study. The topics are listed below: Year 7 (w/c 6th Dec) Year 8 (w/c 22nd Nov and 29th Nov) Year 9 (w/c 6th Dec) 7A: Cells to Organisms ...

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Football fixtures

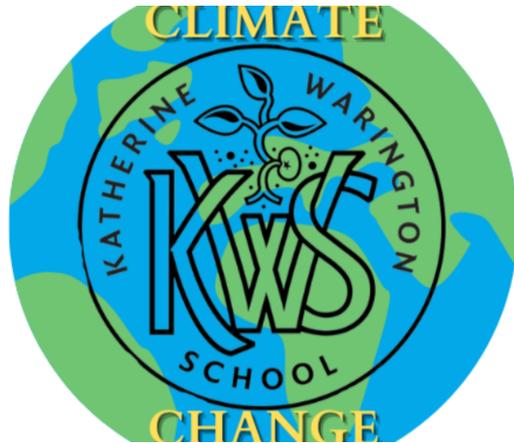


One of our Year 7 boys football teams put in an excellent second-half performance to progress to the next round of the County Cup. Many impressive performances, with Tim B scoring a hat trick and Harry W and James B both being excellent in defense. We look forward to the next round. Our Year 7 girls football team were also ...

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KWS Climate Change Awareness Week is a roaring success

KWS has just marked Climate Change Awareness Week, from 8th - 12th November, with highlights taking place across the school. Well done to Mabel, Ruairi, Rayan and Jacob who performed a professional debate to answer the statement "This house believes that school should encourage students to strike for climate change." Each pair argued back and forth before it was put ...



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A Haunting Story Competition for Halloween



A few weeks ago, the English team launched the 'Haunting Story' competition for Halloween. Our students had to write a description or story that is ghastly, ghoulish and ghostly and at least 300 words long, to be in with a chance of winning vicious vouchers and horrendous horror books! We received fantastic pieces of work. Over 60 students in Y7 ...

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Upcoming Events

Monday 13th December - Year 8 St Albans Cinema Trip - More details to follow

Thursday 2nd December - Invite only parents evening - More details to follow

Tuesday 7th December - Youth speaks competition

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas lunch

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th - Winter Showcase - A Night in the West End

Friday 17th December - School closes at 12:05 pm - Non-uniform/Christmas jumper day

Notices to Parents / Carers

Student Reports - Year 8 and Year 9 Sent Home

Unifrog Parent Logins

Lost Property

Christmas Lunch

Performing Arts Newsletter

Young Peoples Health And Wellbeing Survey

Eco Garden Volunteer Morning

KWS Vacancies

We do not currently have any vacancies, however, we continue to look for volunteers - please contact recruitment@kwschool.co.uk

Katherine Warrington Association of Friends (KWAF)

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!



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