



# School Newsletter



## KWS Newsletter - Issue 40 - 17.12.21

### Heads up

We come to the end of a long, challenging but very productive term. Unfortunately the demands of living with Covid have impinged on school life yet again but we have navigated the challenges without too much compromise on a 'normal' school experience.

Our PE department have thrown themselves into arranging fixtures: netball, rugby and more. I managed to get along to our three boys' rugby teams playing against Samuel Ryder School in St Albans. Our Year 7s came back from a half time deficit to run the opposition close at the end. Our Year 9s had a fine lead at half time, equal to the deficit our Year 8 team had at the same point, it was around then that someone realised that our Year 9 team was playing Sam Ryder's Year 8s (thankfully we were winning!) and their Year 9s were towering above our Year 8 team. Best laid plans etc! It all got sorted out for the second half. Staying with rugby, we took the challenge of playing St George's yesterday. Teamwork and resilience were the order of the day.

60 of our Year 8 students enjoyed a trip to the cinema in St Albans to see a new version of 'A Christmas Carol' last Monday. I was extremely proud of them as they behaved impeccably and represented the school with enthusiasm and dignity, as indeed did our debating team in the regional Youth Speaks heat at Aldwickbury Park Golf Club. Our students did themselves and the school proud with a faultless presentation. A big thank you to the team and Mrs Aikman for making it happen.

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for the KWAFF Christmas raffle and an even bigger thank you to KWAFF and all those who were kind enough to donate raffle prizes. The raffle itself has raised £3040 for the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas lunch was a great success. Students and staff tucked into a fine plate of food, lovingly prepared by our canteen staff, led by chief Chef Sam. I've had a few school Christmas lunches in my time and this was by far the best.

After much belly rubbing, guffawing and chortling, we have a winner of our Christmas cracker joke competition. Thank you to everyone who entered. The students have been voting each day and the top ten, including this year's star joke is revealed below. Ho Ho Ho!

And what about the superb sell out Night in the West End across two evenings this week including a live streaming into your living room. What a performance, what a superb display of talent and infectious joy, what a feat of sheer passion and energy. A cast of hundreds and a production team of many were coordinated and led superbly by Mr Bullock and Mr Church. If that is the standard set on our very first production in our newly equipped hall/theatre under the leads of music and drama, I can't wait for the Spring show - when tickets go on sale, make sure you grab one very quickly indeed.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has sent in gifts and kind words for staff this Christmas. They are greatly appreciated and a real indication of the kindness and support of our parent and student towards the KWS community.

Wishing you all a healthy, restful and Happy Christmas.

**Tony Smith**  
**Headteacher**

## House Points

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



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## KW-Arts Winter Showcase 'A Night In The

## West End'



The curtain has come down on two truly magnificent performances of 'A Night in the West End' from our talented young performers. With songs, dances and scenes from some of the West End's favourites: Blood Brothers, Matilda, School of Rock, Six the Musical, 9 to 5 just to name a few! We may be slightly biased as the KW Arts ...

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## Christmas Joke Competition

What a success this has been again this year! Thank you to all parents/ carers / households and staff who entered some outstanding jokes into this year's Christmas Joke Competition, it was a challenge to whittle it down to the top 10 best jokes. It's been a close vote each day, but here are the students Top 10: Why are ...

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## House news

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As the house system grows, we want to provide students with further opportunities to get involved behind the scenes with our House development. This term we have introduced a new strand within our Student Leadership and our current Year 9 and some Year 8 students were able to apply for the new role of House Captain. The aim of this ...

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## Live webinar and Q&A with an Architect

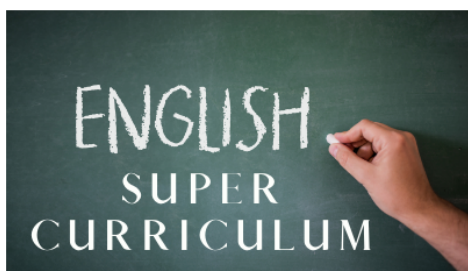
On Thursday 9th December, we were lucky enough to host a live presentation and Q & A session with architect, Nicola Rutt. We had 92 students sign up to this event and they listened beautifully while Nicola spoke about her creative background, how she got into the profession and all the different aspects of being an architect. At the end ...

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## English Super Curriculum



Our Super Curricular activities are there to take our students beyond what they have studied in the classroom and provide them with a challenge. The English Super Curriculum provides our students with the opportunity to enhance their learning, with lots of suggestions of activities that they can try outside of their lessons. There are a range of activities to choose ...

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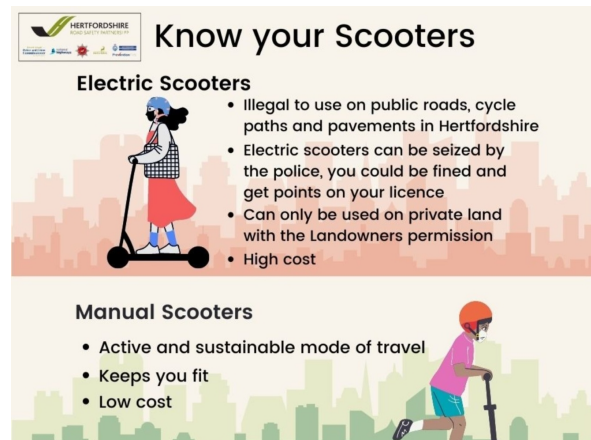
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## E-Scooters



Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership want to bring to your attention their concerns over the illegal use of privately owned e-scooters. E-Scooters are readily available to purchase and sales are expected to increase over the festive period. However, it is currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter on a public road, cycle path or pavement. Private e-scooters can ...

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## Youth Speaks Competition



On Tuesday 7th December, six Year 9 students competed in the 2021/2022 Annual Rotary Youth Speaks Competition. We are so very proud to have been able to take two teams of such a high calibre to a competition. Students were invited to audition early in the autumn term if they wanted to be part of this exciting competition. Based on ...

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## Trustee News

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to wish all our staff and families a very happy and healthy Christmas holiday.

As the autumn term and 2021 draws to a close, we would like to recognise and thank all Katherine Warrington staff for their dedication and hard work through an extremely challenging year. It is very much appreciated. We hope that the holiday period allows for some well earned rest, personal and family time.

We would also like to cheer our students who have had a great start to the academic year. It is brilliant to hear of their efforts and achievements in the classroom, on the sports pitches, on the stage, in the eco-garden, in the art room...the list goes on!

We look forward to seeing what 2022 brings for our fantastic school community. We are proud to be your Trustees.

## KWS Vacancies

Assistant Headteacher

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## Forthcoming Vacancies

Head of English

Head of Computing

## 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](mailto: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!

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 5th January - INSET Day - No Students In School

Thursday 6th January - Students Return

Wednesday 12th January - Year 7 Parents Evening (Surnames A to M) 4.30-7.30pm

Tuesday 18th January - Year 8 Careers Workshop

Tuesday 18th January - Year 7 Parents Evening (N-Z)

Tuesday 25th January - Year 8 Options Evening

Tuesday 25th January - Year 7 and 8 Maths Challenge

## Notices

BeeZee Bodies - New Groups Beginning in January

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