



School Newsletter



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Heads up

This is a short term so time is flying. Covid cases are still amongst us but masks are no longer required in classrooms or communal areas. If students and staff wish to continue wearing face coverings, we will support their decision. Covid cases amongst students and staff are currently at a manageable level.

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Assistant Head to join us in September and also a new Head of Computing. Our recruitment drive continues.

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students entered the 25th anniversary Maths Challenge this week. We have a number of students representing KWS in this national maths event. Good luck to all involved, we eagerly await to hear of your success. Our Year 9 students participate in the intermediate level challenge next week.

Our Options for Year 8 GCSE went live on Tuesday. The process was explained to parents and students by Mr Martin. A video of the presentation and details regarding the option subjects is available on the website if you [click here](#).

Our first foreign trip was announced last week. It's the ski trip to France in 2023. The response from students who would like to book a place has been fantastic. More news to follow. Next week a

small group of students are heading off to Jesus College, Cambridge to look around the university. What a fantastic opportunity to see the facilities and meet lecturers and students. I trust they will enjoy the experience.

We have had a good week on the sports front with our Year 9 girls netball team beating STAGS and our Year 8 boys rugby beating several London teams in a tournament at Saracens. As a result, several have been invited to join the Saracens Academy. We look forward to the Year 9 rugby tournament under floodlight at Saracens next week.

We launched our Homework Club this week. Starting with invited students, it is aimed at those who find it hard to complete work at home due to distractions, lack of space, a quiet area to concentrate on the work, technology challenges or just need some support and guidance with tasks.

It is facilitated by Year 12 A Level students from Sir John Lawes School who have all concluded a variety of relevant GCSE courses in the summer. It runs Monday through to Thursday from 4pm-5pm and it's free to parents.

If you think your child would benefit from being included in the club, please email **G.Aikman@kwschool.co.uk**. If your child has already been signed up, please ensure they take up their place as we anticipate demand will outnumber spaces available.

Finally, we will be explaining to students next week what our lockdown procedure is. This is something all schools need to have in place and it is a requirement that a run through practice occurs every couple of years. Ours is due before the end of the Spring term. It is worth talking it through with your child as sometimes the need to practice this increases anxieties. It is a practice and it is routine, nothing more than that.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

PE - Rugby tops

In PE, Students are welcome to wear their rugby tops, if they have them, during the winter months and when lessons are outside. rugby tops are not exclusive to just rugby lessons and students can wear them as and when they feel it is appropriate to do so.

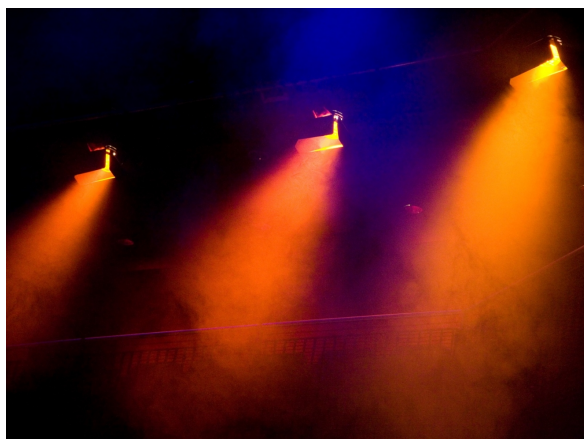
Mr Alexander

House Points

This weeks house points winners are **Keller** Congratulations!



School Musical



Over the last two weeks, over 100 students auditioned for our school production and rehearsals begin this week! To avoid the Bank Holiday, we are also moving the production to Thursday 19th May - Saturday 21st May with four performances over three days. For more information, please see our dedicated Performing Arts Website at www.kw-arts.co.uk or follow us on twitter ...

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Sports Update

It's been a busy few weeks in the PE department. We have seen some excellent work produced in recent Year 8 girls gymnastic lessons. Our Year 9 netball team also put in a very positive performance against STAGS on Tuesday. Well done to all those involved. Wednesday saw our Year 8 rugby boys team travel to the home of Saracens, ...

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Science Update



British Science Week and Careers Month
Request British Science Week 2022 is coming up fast (11th-20th March) and we are lining up plenty of activities for our students to engage with in the Science Faculty. As part of this, and with March being our careers month at KWS, we wanted to reach out to the KWS community to see if ...

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KWS Celebrates Chinese New Year!

At KWS we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year next week with a special themed menu on Wednesday 2nd February. Students will also have the opportunity to make dumplings during their MFL lessons.

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KWS Vacancies

Current Vacancies:

Teacher of Maths - ECT - [Click here](#) for more details

Teacher of Computing - ECT - [Click here](#) for more details

Teacher of English - ECT - [Click here](#) for more details

Learning Support Assistant - [Click here](#) for more details

Teacher of English - [Click here](#) for more details

Upcoming Vacancies:

Deputy Head of Science
Teacher of Science - ECT

Katherine Warington 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!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 8th February - Year 8 Careers Workshop (1 lesson per teaching group)
Wednesday 9th February - Year 9 Parents Evening (2/2) - 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 10th February - Year 7 Disco - 6.30pm - 8.00pm
W/C 14th February - HALF TERM - No students in school
Wednesday 23rd February - Year 8 Theatre trip and Workshop
Tuesday 1st March - Year 7 - Midsummer Nights Dream - 9.20am - 10.50am
Thursday 3rd March - Year 8 Parents Evening (1/2) - 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Notices

Year 9 Parents Evening
Year 9 Spring Reports
Year 8 Key stage 4 option choices
Super Curriculum

Non KWS Events/Publicity

DSPL7

DSPL7 spring term 2022 parenting booklet can be found by clicking [here](#).



Stemettes IWP Hack @ MI5, MI6 and GCHQ

A great opportunity for females and non-binary students interested in pursuing a career in STEM!

Stemettes IWD hack @ MI5, MI6 and GCHQ is an online one day event that will tap into your creativity and equip you with the skills to imagine a better future. Please click this [link](#) for further details and information on how to sign up.

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