



School Newsletter



KWS Newsletter - Issue 45 - 18.03.22

Heads up

A busy couple of weeks had by all but they have been rather successful on several fronts. KWS got its first silverware courtesy of the girls under 13, 6 a side football team who became district champions. Two students featured in the prizes for the Harpenden Society Short Story competition including an overall age group winner. Two teams progressed into the next rounds of the district and national maths competitions and our musicians performed successfully at the Harpenden Spring Concert this week.

It's been Science Week across the school this week, led by Ms Creamer. Lots of science driven events including documentaries at lunch, rockets and lots of in class experiments as well as a competition for the Best Science related joke. The winning joke is revealed below. Thank you to students and staff for taking such an active part in the range of events and assemblies.

We saw the concluding presentations of the Toastmasters Leadership Programme this week. Volunteers have been working with students to develop their public speaking skills. This has complemented the work we do with students in our oracy assemblies.

Thank you to the St Georges Year 12 students who came over to talk to our Year 9 students last week about GCSE preparation, how they selected their A level choices and top tips to getting

ahead. Our student feedback was incredibly positive and hopefully we will extend the invite again before the end of the academic year.

Other notable visitors we the Ollie Foundation who ran a workshop entitled 'Keeping Safe and Carrying On'. Students across all the year groups participated and it focused on friendships and wellbeing. The Ollie Foundation do some exceptional work and they are our local KWS nominated charity this year.

There are several KWAF related events to flag up. Tonight is the first Comedy Night. Several up and coming stand up comedians will perform and food is provided. Tickets are sold out. If you missed the chance, rumour has it that a Quiz Night is in the planning stages for later this year. Also tomorrow is the Spring Fayre at KWS. Everyone is welcome from 10am until 4pm. Stalls include lots of local traders showing off their wares as well as a BBQ and a bar from midday. Entry is £2. Some of our Year 9 budding business studies entrepreneurs will be there with some special offers including a hand car wash for a fiver. Bring cash!

Rehearsals are coming along nicely for our productions of Bugsy Malone in the summer term. The enthusiasm from students is fantastic. I can't wait. Also really looking forward to the Spring Concert on the 31st March. Tickets will sell fast, don't miss out. Click the link for more information.

<https://kw-arts.co.uk/box-office>

It's been Pi Week in school. On Monday the canteen prepared several varieties of Pi(e) to kick start events - it being 14/3 or in the USA 3.14! Year 7's have been doing a Pi dingbat challenge and the winning House was 7 Nightingale. That allowed Lizzie, Ellie, Billy and Oscar to Pi(e) the maths teachers! Here's the photo to prove it.

Tony Smith
Head Teacher

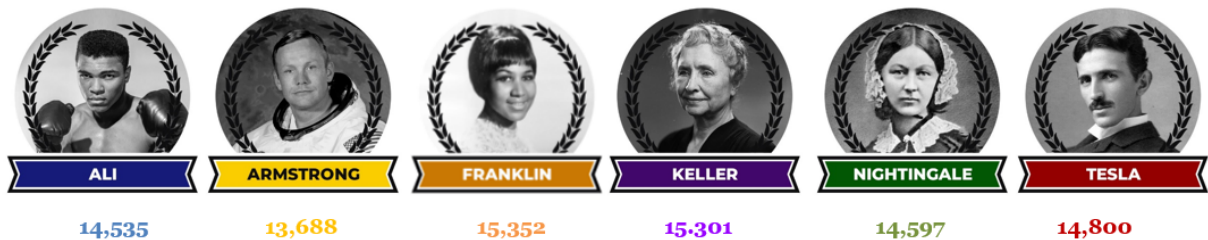


Year 8 Options

Just a reminder that the deadline for the Year 8 options are coming up. The deadline for inputting option choices online is Thursday 24th March. Login details were sent out on Monday.

House Points

This week's house points winners are **Franklin** Congratulations!



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Science Week

Science Week Finally at KWS we have had a British Science Week that has not landed in lockdown! The Science department have been very busy planning for what has been a hugely enjoyable and informative week for everyone involved: from our first science joke competition to our interactive careers in science session; from learning about scientists as 'risk takers' in ...

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Toastmasters Leadership Programme



Well done to all of those involved in the recent Toastmasters Leadership Programme. Students have worked hard with our volunteers to develop their public speaking and communication skills. Thank you to our volunteers, Liz Burnett and Fiky Wilkinson for their time and care throughout this process. We hope to give you some more information about the event in our next ...

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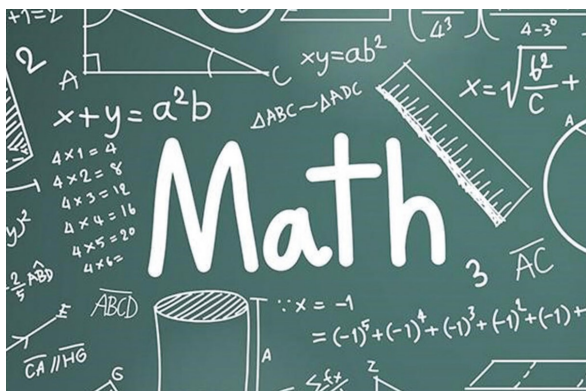
Reading Challenge Success

Well done to all students who are maintaining their 3x15 minutes per week of reading at home. We are beginning to see some real progress with some classes clocking up well over 100 books read already this year! Well done to 7K, 8S and 9B who are currently in the lead with 166, 131 and 97 books read respectively! We ...

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Maths Update



Well done to eight Year 7s who competed in the Hertfordshire Maths Challenge last week. Both teams worked extremely hard and we are pleased to say that Team A (Mia K, Arabella D, Henry G & Bertie R) came 4th in their heat and will be competing against schools all across Hertfordshire at the finals in Stevenage in May. ...

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Geography Update

Year 9 geographers successfully curb global warming to 1.2 degrees celsius. Well done to the Year 9 geographers, who took part in a mock UN climate conference recently. We used an online simulator used by government and organisations across the world and negotiated decisions about how to cut carbon emissions. Students did fantastically articulating their reasoning, with some classic ideas ...



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Hair and Beauty - Period 7 at KWS



As a new option for Period 7, Year 9's will now be able to experience a taster of Hairdressing and Beauty. Students will learn basic skills & understanding of the industry lead by Miss Bifolco. We are making an appeal to parents/carers for support with this new option. To increase our resources, if anyone has any unwanted hairdressing or beauty equipment ...

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Period 7: Trying out Sign Language, Architecture, Politics, Orienteering, Warhammer, Hair and Beauty and so much more!

We are now well into our third block of period 7. This sees us setting a new record for the most period 7 we have ever been able to run in an academic year, COVID having scuppered our previous plans. The second half of the academic year sees lots of new sessions on offer across all three of our Period ...

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Ukraine Appeal



This message is being sent on behalf of Dave Salmon, Humanitarian Assistance Lead Officer at Hertfordshire County Council. We have been asked to share the following advice by Hertfordshire County Council for parents and students who may wish to support those fleeing war torn Ukraine. Financial donations to organisations that have a presence on the borders is the most effective ...

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World Book Day at KWS

We had a whole week of World Book Day celebrations in the library this week, including a different activity for the students each day. We played Wordle, tried to guess which KWS staff members were the masked readers, had a scavenger hunt, and a big book quiz with videos from lots of authors. Students had a lot of fun doing ...

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KWS Vacancies

Our Vacancies are always advertised on our website, if you want to take a look, then please [click here](#)

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

Saturday 19th March - KwAF Spring Fair - 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 23rd March - Maths Magic Workshops

Thursday 31st March - Spring Concert 7pm - 9pm

Friday 1st April - End of Spring Term - School closes at 12:05pm

Tuesday 19th April - Summer Term begins for Staff and Students

Thursday 21st April - Year 9 Drama Trip

Friday 22nd April - Year 8 Romeo and Juliet Speaker - 9.20am - 11am.

Notices

Year 7 Spring Reports

Lost Property

Year 9 Careers Week

Year 7 Cultural day

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Parental Awareness of Self harm course - [Click here](#) to find out more information



Parental Awareness of Self-Harm

Self-harm is really not discussed enough within our society and it affects more young people than we might think. It can be anything from nail-biting to hair pulling right through to some more serious actions. Within this session, we will take a look at some of the triggers, some of the signs to look for and have an open conversation about ways to support young people to break the cycle of self-harm.

Spotting and Supporting Anxiety course - [Click here](#) to find out more information

Spot and Support: Anxiety

This course will enable you to gain a deeper understanding about how anxiety may present in young people. We will look at how to spot the signs as well as what can be done to support young people who may have anxiety.

War and Conflict Webinar - **Click here** to find out more and to book a place

Talking about War and Conflict with Your Child

Monday 28th of March, 4 pm

Safer Schools Newsletter - March 2022 from Hertfordshire Constabulary

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#STOPKNIFECRIME

Welcome to our newsletter from the Herts Police Gangs & Schools Team. We are a dedicated team that work with local Officers and partners to prevent youth related crime. We conduct a range of prevention and engagement work to raise awareness of knife crime, gang & criminal exploitation to keep you safe.

What are 'county lines' and Child Criminal Exploitation?

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks who bring drugs into an area and sell them using dedicated mobile phone lines. The perpetrators are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons. Children as young as 12 years old can be exploited or used by gangs to courier drugs in and out of their local area. 15-16 years is the most common age range. Both males and females are at risk of being exploited. Social media is often used to make initial contact with children and young people. Criminal exploitation can be broader than just county lines and can include children forced to commit theft or take part in sexual activity. The victim may have been criminally exploited even if they appear to be taking part consensually.

Hertfordshire is a very safe place. Overall, crime in our area is down from last year.

Possession of drugs

You may be charged with possessing an illegal substance if you're caught with drugs, whether they're yours or not. If you're under 18, the police are allowed to tell your parent, guardian or carer that you've been caught with drugs.

Cannabis

Police can issue a warning or an on-the-spot fine of £90 if you're found with cannabis.

Khat

Police can issue a warning or an on-the-spot fine of £60 on the first 2 times that you're found with khat. If you're found with khat more than twice, you could get a maximum penalty of up to 2 years in prison, an unlimited fine, or both. [Talk to FRANK](#) has help, information and advice about drugs.



For more information about the work that we do go to [@HertsCYP](#)

LIVES NOT KNIVES

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event brought to you by
Hertfordshire Constabulary CYP Gangs & Schools Team

An opportunity to listen live to a variety of inspirational speakers with real life experience of serious violence and gang affiliation.

Are you ready to hear the TRUTH behind the headlines, think it's about excitement, money and status?

Think again... tune in to our inspirational speakers with experience of narcotics and serious violence and have the unique opportunity to hear their stories & ask them questions about their experiences.

Wednesday 23rd March 2022 | 6pm - 7.30pm

To watch the event live - @hertspolice

There will be the opportunity to ask the speakers questions at the end of the event.



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fearless.org

Young people can report crime 100% anonymously at www.fearless.org

If you need to contact the Police please call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency. You can also speak to us online and find more info at www.herts.police.uk.

HAPpy Camps are back!
this Easter, all over Hertfordshire!

From 4th to 14th April, school aged children eligible for benefits related free school meals, can enjoy **free food, free sports and free craft activities!**

Get your **HAPpy Booking Code** from your child's school now, to access all this and more!

Bookings open on **Monday 14th March**

Book your child's place at: sportinherts.org.uk/booking

St Albans & District Household Support Grant

Communities 1st is working with St Albans and District Council to distribute Household Support Grants to people in need living in St Albans and surrounding districts.

If you are in need, or are aware of families or individuals in need, who would benefit from a one off grant to help with the cost of food and/or fuel, please encourage them to contact Communities 1st on 020 8207 5115 or email help@communities1st.org.uk and ask for the Household Support Grant.

Alternatively, they can apply directly here [St Albans Household Support Grant Application](#).





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