



School Newsletter



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Heads up

We welcomed back students and staff for the summer term this week, with many looking tanned and rested as the sun actually shone in the UK when we were on a school holiday! The warmer weather has continued as students return with the option of wearing summer uniform. The idea of this is to ensure students can concentrate on their studies and remain comfortable in a classroom when temperatures increase. However, it remains a principle that uniform is always worn smartly and with pride. Some clarification seems necessary. If students choose to wear a long sleeved shirt, it must always be tucked in and worn with a tie, with the top button done up. If students are wearing a blazer or jumper, any shirt must be tucked in, regardless of sleeve length. A short sleeved shirt can be worn untucked only when it is worn on its own (no jumper or blazer). Hopefully this will assist students to always look smart whatever summer uniform choice they make. As the temperatures increase, please don't forget to include sun cream in your child's equipment list.

I was privileged to attend a fantastic assembly given by some of our Muslim students just before we broke for the holiday to explain to others the rules for fasting for Ramadan, the beliefs that underpin the month and the challenges it presents to young people. We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to our expectations of students during fasting eg. being considerate of how much they physically exert themselves during P.E. However, students are still expected to bring in their PE kit and take part in the lesson the best that they can. Our student faith group had

requested and we have identified an inter-faith prayer room for students and staff to use throughout the school year.

We began our summer term trips this week with a Year 9 drama trip to the West End to see the Life of Pi. As always students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and were a credit to the school. Many of the students on the trip are due to perform in Bugsy (tickets selling incredibly well) or the Spring Concert (date rearranged for next Wednesday 27th April). We are also planning to do two additional performances of Bugsy to entertain some local junior school students after they finish their SATS. If you wish to buy tickets, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

We welcomed some outside speakers this week. Our Year 9 students heard a talk from Chris Gentle, an entrepreneur heavily involved in supporting environment research. Our Year 8 students also enjoyed Anthony Glenn's interpretation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Our array of lunchtime sports clubs began again this week. Excluding football and athletics, students wishing to participate can do so in modified school uniform (no blazer or tie) but wearing trainers. So that's opportunities to participate in cricket; netball; volleyball; table tennis; tennis; yoga/Pilates; rounders and badminton. Our Period 7 cycle starts again with previously selected choices from Tuesday 3rd May.

Finally, summer term is the term when students sit exams in each subject they study. Our exams week starts on 20th June. It is never too early for students to begin to plan their revision timetable and begin looking at topics they have covered to date. Students will be given guidance in how to revise and prepare as the term progresses. Please encourage and support your child to prepare well for the exams.

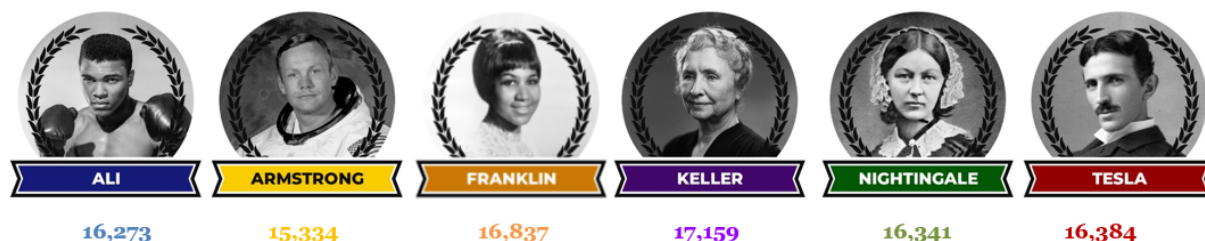
Tony Smith
Head Teacher

Water Bottles

Please remind your child to bring water bottles to school as they will be needing them more due to the weather becoming warmer and it is very important they keep hydrated.

House Points

This week's house point winners are **Keller** Congratulations!



Speakers for Schools - Chris Gentle

On Thursday morning of this week we had the pleasure of welcoming our latest 'Speakers for Schools' presenter Mr Chris Gentle. Chris spoke to our Year 9 students as part of Green Skills Week 2022. Chris talked about his role as an advisor for the World Energy Council and how he is hoping to help improve students' literacy on energy ...

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Child Safety



Child Safety: This week Year 7 and Year 8 received some important reminders about how to keep themselves safe in assembly. We discussed how important it is that students understand how EVERYONE is responsible for keeping them safe. We talked a bit about how teachers, parents and students all have different roles to play in this. Following feedback from students in ...

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Amazing Apprenticeships

'Amazing Apprenticeships' have released a series of podcasts to help parents to talk to their children about careers. Series 2 (8 episodes) will be launching shortly and all podcasts from series 1 can be found here: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>

[Read more](#)



Romeo and Juliet - Anthony Glenn Performance



This morning we were lucky enough to welcome Anthony Glenn back! He visited Year 8 this time to help them get to grips with their study of Romeo and Juliet. We hope to provide more detail of the performance in our next newsletter but for now enjoy these pictures of Year 8 getting stuck in...

Mrs Aikman

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Renewable Energy Certificate

We have been awarded a certificate from TotalEnergies to celebrate the fact we are using electricity that is 100% generated from renewable sources.

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Renewable Power Supply Certificate

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Supply Period: 01/12/2021 - 30/11/2023

Signed *Mark Rose*

Mark Rose, Director, Sales & Marketing on behalf of **TotalEnergies Gas & Power**

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Bugsy Malone - Tickets on Sale



Tickets for our first school production Bugsy Malone tickets are on sale now via the KW-Arts Box Office - <https://kw-arts.co.uk/box-office> The Year 7 and 8 (Cast B) will be performing at the Friday Evening and Saturday Matinee shows and the Year 9 (Cast A) at the Thursday Evening and Saturday Evening shows.

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KWS Vacancies

Here are the vacancies that are currently being advertised:

School Counsellor

Caretaker

Attendance Manager - 20hrs per week

Here are the vacancies that are to be advertised next week:

D&T Technician (including Food Tech) - 3 days per week (9am-3pm)

Art Technician - 3 days per week (9am-3pm)

Assistant School Business Manager

Achievement Mentor

Forthcoming vacancies:

LSA

IT Apprentice

Finance Assistant - part time

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 26th April - Year 8 Team Maths Challenge - 4-5.30 pm

Wednesday 27th April - Neuro Diverse Speaker - Period 7

Wednesday 27th April - Spring Concert - 7-9 pm

Thursday 28th April - HPV Vaccination

Wednesday 4th May - Year 7 Maths Team at Finals - 1.15 - 4.30 pm

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May - Bugsy Rehearsals

Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st - Bugsy Performance

Notices

Celebrating Eid Al- Fitr with KWS

Supporting your child when revising science

Book-ish Issue 2

Non KWS Events/Publicity

INVESTIN - Summer careers experiences

If you would like more information, feel free to **click here** to take a look at the website.



Update: Summer Career Experiences

15 industries | Ages 12-18



Over the Easter period, we were busy putting the finishing touches to our immersive summer career experiences in London. **We are now more than 80% full across the board and expect to close registration soon.**


Some of the life-changing opportunities on offer: Debate in a 'Model UN' session at **Amnesty International**; experience sports psychology at a **Premier League club**; display your artwork in a private gallery at the **Tate Modern**; piece together a supercar engine with **F1 engineers**; direct scenes on a **Hollywood film set**; and many other **incredible professional experiences** that students simply cannot find anywhere else.

[View & Register: Ages 15-18](#)
[View & Register: Ages 12-14](#)

15 World-Class Experiences


"IT'S WORTH EVERY SINGLE SECOND OF YOUR TIME"

Sanya, Student ★★★★★




"I NOW KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE"

Melisa, Student ★★★★★



"I'VE GOT MORE OUT OF THIS EXPERIENCE THAN I EVER THOUGHT I WOULD!"

Ashleigh, Student ★★★★★



- **Architecture:** complete design projects in a real studio
- **Art:** present your portfolio to a panel of top artists
- **Dentistry:** drill teeth on phantom heads
- **Engineering:** explore a private jet with BA engineers
- **Entrepreneurship:** pitch a business plan to top CEOs
- **Filmmaking:** direct a movie scene on a real film set
- **Forensic Science:** analyse fingerprint and blood splatter evidence
- **Investment Banking:** trade the markets live in a London skyscraper
- **Law:** argue a case before a judge in the Supreme Court
- **Medicine:** shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital
- **Politics:** 'Model UN' with real UN staff
- **Psychology:** work with psychologists on a mental health ward
- **Software Engineering:** create your own healthcare app
- **Veterinary Medicine:** practise vet surgery on dummy animals
- **Video Game Design:** design a game and pitch it to professionals





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