



School Newsletter



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Heads up

It's all go as we try to pack lots into the last half term. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate and thank students and parents for their approach to whole school exam week. Changes to the school day can deregulate students and there are several changes in exam week; the timetables changes, the regular rooms change, the staff in a room change. Everyone has experienced a large exam setting in the hall or a small room setting and overall the conduct and focus of students throughout the week was exemplary. Results and reports will be issued in the forthcoming weeks before we break for summer holidays.

We move swiftly on from exam week to activities week, well actually three days of activities. We see Year 7 students going to Thorpe Park and participating in a geography field trip, Year 8 to Whitby on a gothic adventure and Year 9 are doing water sports, with inter-house sports weaved in for all the year groups. Should be a fantastic week and a nice reward for students after exams. All this is followed by our Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh activity over the weekend of 1st July.

Thank you to parents who responded to our survey. We would like to invite parents/carers to attend an evening with myself and the senior leadership team to discuss the results. It will be on Tuesday 12th July from 6.30pm-7.30pm (RSVP required - please see our email sent yesterday). As a new

and developing school, parental feedback is very important to us, both acknowledging where we are getting things right and where we could put extra effort going forward. If you can spare the time, it would be appreciated. The results of the survey will be published on our website over the summer.

I was out and about this week. I was the guest speaker at the Harpenden Business Club on Tuesday. Delivering a speech covering our journey to date just reminded me of some of the challenges we have met on our journey so far. We are in a strong position as we move towards GCSE public exams, Ofsted and opening our 6th form. Financially, we have enough reserves to finance our contribution to a new 3G pitch, subject to planning permission being granted. The pitch will replace the existing grass pitch adjacent to the sports centre and the development is being supported by the Football Foundation and Wheathampstead Wanderers. The intention is to begin work in early 2023 and the work will take approximately 3 months. If you would like to make a comment of support, here is the link

<https://planningapplications.stalbans.gov.uk/planning/search-applications?civica.query.FullTextSearch=a15%205fh#VIEW?RefType=PBDC&KeyNo=123649>

I also attended the 300 year anniversary celebrations of the James Marshall Foundation at St Helen's Church in Wheathampstead on Thursday. Our choir, along with others from local schools, participated and performed. The James Marshall Foundation has been a great friend and aid to the school and families where lack of money has threatened to limit the opportunities of some children. The criteria to access support is that families must live in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Redbourn, Kimpton, Markyate; or Flamstead. Further information about financial support for parents of students at KWS can be found on our website at **<https://kwschool.co.uk/financial-assistance/>**. If you do not qualify for any of the supporting charities, please contact the school directly. Going forward, in reaction to the cost of living developments governors and I have increased the Headteacher's Hardship Fund for the next academic year. While the fund is small, it could make a difference to your child accessing an opportunity they will cherish. We will be writing to all parents next week regarding how to apply for Free School Meals and how increased parental uptake is of benefit to the school. Please watch out for that communication.

Sport centres around track and field at this time of year, with some cricket and tennis as well. We have had a number of successes in a variety of age groups in recent weeks. For more information see the PE results section below.

Finally, a date for your diary. Last year we combined our Open Day for prospective students with an afternoon 'open school' event for our existing parents/carers and their families. The afternoon event was driven by the lack of ability for our existing parents/carers to interact with the school during Covid restrictions and the feedback from parents, students and staff was very positive. So, we've decided to do a very similar thing again. This year our Open Day is on Saturday 17th September and from 2.30pm our existing parents/carers and students in all year groups are invited to join us for music and performances, BBQ, bar, go carts, inflatables and a selection of small (and slightly bigger) animals to pet. If we are lucky enough to enjoy the weather we had last year, it will be a glorious day.

Tony Smith

Head Teacher

Last Sunday Uzair competed in the Gymnastic Pipers Vale Cup as the youngest member of the U16 Competition, (he would usually compete in the U14 group but was classified in a higher group by his coach). He smashed it! All round he came 2nd. He won two gold medals on high bar and parallel bar. He also carried his team and won bronze.

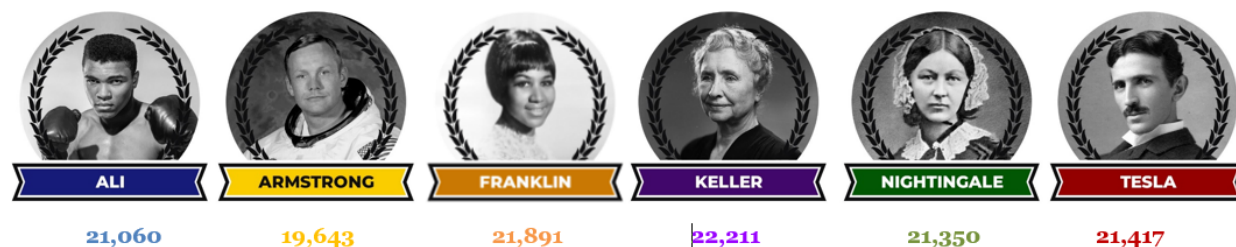
In addition to this, he has been shortlisted for the Dacorum sport award 2022 which he will be attending.



Mr Church

House Points

This week's house point winner are **Keller**. Congratulations!



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Sports Update

There have been numerous sporting events over the last few weeks. We had an enjoyable and insightful day with our Year 9 GCSE PE group at The University of Hertfordshire. We got to use their sports science lab, as well as some testing equipment typically used by professional athletes. It hopefully also gave students an insight into studying a sport ...

[Read more](#)



KWS Vacancies

All Vacancies are available on our Website and Teach in Herts.

Current Vacancies:

Science Technician

Teacher Of Science (Physics)

Cover Supervisor

Learning Support Assistant

Upcoming Vacancies:

Peripatetic Teacher

Learning Support Assistant - Apprentice

IT - Apprentice

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!

Upcoming Events

Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June - All years activities week

Thursday 30th June - Chelsea's story production (Year 9)

Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July - Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Tuesday 5th July - Holocaust speaker (Year 8)

Tuesday 5th July- New Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 7th July- Single Joiners afternoon 2-4pm

Monday 11th July - INSET day - No Students in School

Tuesday 12th July - Patient Journey trip (Year 9)

Wednesday 13th July - Toastmasters Showcase Year 8 - Selected Students 2.30-3.30pm

Friday 15th July - Sports day

Notices

Non KWs Events/Publicity

Harpenden Plus - Family Links



Understanding your teenager

A Free 4 week course for parents and carers of children in years 7,8,9,10
attending Katherine Warington School

The course will give you the opportunity to learn about:

- Being the parent of a teenager - the role of the parent and how to respond to difficult feelings
- Understanding your teenager - development, parenting styles, praise and criticism
- Communicating with your teenager - talking and listening, handling difficult situations
- Managing conflict with your teenager - rules and boundaries, problem solving

Wednesdays 16th, 23rd and 30th of November, 14th of December
9.30 - 12 at Katherine Warington School

[To register your interest please email dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk) you will
be sent a booking form which needs to be completed and returned to confirm your
[place on the course](#)

Supporting Links

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS



WEDNESDAYS
14th September - 19th October 2022
9.30-11.30am

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. Diagnosis is not essential. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict : why it happens and how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.
- Manage the different needs within your family.

'I have been on a few courses to help me with my son, this was by far the most helpful.'

Fleetville Family Centre

**Off Woodstock Rd South
ST ALBANS AL1 4QJ**
Parking available in Morrisons supermarket.

'I was in a lot of distress as I had no idea how to deal with my daughter's anger and frustration, now I have harmony in my home and I feel more in control and less

Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, please call Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

QUOTING REFERENCE SL526



This course is provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council

TALKING



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Because parents don't get training for the toughest job on earth!



TUESDAYS

1st November - 6th December 2022

7.00 - 9.00pm

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 will help you to:

- Understand and respond to challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- Set and maintain boundaries
- Respond to outbursts and difficult feelings in children
- Feel good about your parenting and more positive in your relationship with your children

'It was a brilliant course and has made a huge difference already, I can't thank you enough'

**Stevenage Family Centre
Herts**

(Exact venue to be confirmed)

'It has taught me new skills to deal with family life, and the group were really non-judgemental'

Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

QUOTING REFERENCE SL380

www.supportinglinks.co.uk



This course is provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council

OLLIE Foundation

THE SCIENCE OF GOAL SETTING

OLLIE's big mission is to offer hope to overcome life's obstacles.

No young person should feel that the challenges they face are simply too big for them to handle.

If you are supporting a child who may be struggling through a transition period: from primary to secondary school, starting their A levels/GCSEs, or heading off to university, come along to our online

Transition Goal Setting Workshops.

ONLINE

JUNE 22ND
19.00 -
20.00

For Parents/Carers:

Summary talk ahead of July's session for young people to learn the same process and strategies they will so you can support them plan both their BIG aspirational goals as well as how to overcome their biggest obstacles and challenges. [Find out more and book here.](#)



GOALSETTING TRAINING



ONLINE

JULY 4TH
17.00 -
18.00

For Young People:

Discover how to reach your goals as well as reduce stress and the overwhelming feelings we can all experience when we are facing a new beginning or transition.

[Find out more and book here.](#)



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SUMMER CAREERS CHALLENGE

FREE CAREERS CONTENT FOR STUDENTS [CLICK TO DOWNLOAD](#)

We are delighted to share an inspirational piece of careers content to help you improve your employability skills this summer.

Our Summer Careers Challenge encourages students to gain valuable experience and skills as they work through a series of tasks, reflecting on their progress at each stage.

The school with the most submissions will receive a free-of-charge masterclass in a career of their choice.

Students who send us their completed journal will be in with a chance of winning Amazon vouchers and free membership to our state-of-the-art careers platform, AmbitionX.

SUMMER EXPERIENCE UPDATE

Looking for the ultimate, immersive career experience this summer? Some of our summer experiences are already full; register now to avoid disappointment!

VIEW & REGISTER: AGES 15-18

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www.investin.org info@investin.org +44 (0)203 488 5089

Createch - Digital Film Making

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Age: 7 - 18

Ever wanted to make a really cool film?

Digital film making

Learn how to use drone footage, use preproduction apps, animation software, act a small part in the film, learn a really important production role...and Loads more!
Make the main film, a behind the scenes reality film, some trailers, produce animation sequences...

For school years 7-13:

July 25th - 29th at Katherine Warrington School, 9 am to 4 pm

August 1st - 5th at St Albans Girls' School, 9am-4pm

For school years 3-6:

August 1st - 5th at Katherine Warrington School, 9am-4pm

Next running: Summer 2022

Contact this business:

www.createch.org.uk

createchacademies@outlook.com

Location:

Katherine Warrington School, Lower Luton Road, Harpenden, AL5 5FH
St Albans Girls' School (STAGs), Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, AL3 6DB

Rothampstead Skate Park

Rothamsted Park
SKATE PARK

Playpark Action Rothamsted Committee
HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL



Have your say

Help us to develop a vision of the new Rothamsted Skatepark!

The PARC charity and Harpenden Town Council are working in partnership to redevelop the Skatepark so that it becomes a great community asset. To help us do this, we need your views.



This is the current Skatepark which is near to the end of its life.

Please scan this QR code to read about our vision for the Skatepark and complete a short survey.



Further information is available on the Harpenden Town Council website and social media channels. www.harpenden.gov.uk/rothamsted-skatepark

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PROUDLY FOR THE NORTH WILTS

Army Careers

My name is Corporal Carl Starkey and I am a member of the British Army Recruiting Team based out of Luton Army Careers Centre.

I just want to make you aware of an event going on inside Luton Mall between 1-5 August! I understand this is during the school holidays but if you could make students aware of the opportunity it would be really helpful for everyone involved.

We are trying to create a greater awareness in an open forum where there are no silly questions and a lot of people to answer them. If I could just ask that you could display the attached flyers as to give everyone maximum opportunity to utilize the soldiers we will have on site to answer any questions or query's or even just get some advice

There will be lots to see in and around the mall due to multiple units attending this event we are expecting a lot of interesting kit and equipment to get eyes on!

We are holding a mass awareness event in which they will be able to meet members of the:

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CORPS - <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/adjutant-generals-corps/>

THE ROYAL LOGISTIC CORPS - <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-logistic-corps/>

THE INFANTRY - <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/infantry/>

THE ROYAL ARTILLERY – <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-artillery/>

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS - <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-corps-of-signals/>

THE ROYAL ARMoured CORPS - <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-armoured-corps/>

ARMY AIR CORPS - <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/army-air-corps/>

Even if people are seeking further education or are interested but want more time to prep we will have a representative from Military Preparation College (MPCT) <https://mpct.co.uk/>

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