



# School Newsletter



## KWS Newsletter - Issue 54 - 16.9.22

### Heads up

First and foremost is a very warm welcome back to KWS after the summer break. We welcomed our students in assemblies across the year groups and ended the first week with an achievement assembly. This allowed us to address the students about the death of our Queen and we held a minute's silence for reflection.

We have now set up our counselling 'drop in' service (held three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Led by our mental health team, there is an opportunity for students to drop in for a chat regarding anxiety, bereavement or any other concerns that they have. We have also moved our prayer room for students this year. It is now situated in a room off of the ground floor corridor.

We have kicked off the year with our sports trails for KWS teams. Selection is not final. Opportunities remain open for all students who attend training regularly. Team selection to represent the school is also conditional on good behaviour. We took a group of Year 7 students to the inter-school 'mob run' this week and we did ourselves proud.

We welcomed Services for Young People into the school this week. They will be weekly visitors and offer support in a variety of ways from one to one work with individual students to group work giving help and guidance on a range of issues, including healthy eating, resilience and student leadership.

Our new edition of Inside KWS has been published. It will be available at tomorrow's Open Day and afternoon events. It condenses the array of pursuits and activities available for students to engage with here at KWS. Please come to the afternoon event tomorrow and pick up a copy. Tomorrow afternoon is a celebration of the school community with music, food, a beer tent, stalls and much, much more. My staff and I hope to see you and your families from 2.30 pm tomorrow.

**Tony Smith**  
Headteacher

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### House Points

This weeks house point winners are **Tesla**. **Congratulations!**



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### KWS Uniform Bank

As a school community we are aware of the current Cost of Living Crisis and are conscious that this may be affecting members of our school community. One of the biggest costs to families around the beginning of the school year is new school uniform.

As a school community we are pleased to inform you that we are starting a KWS uniform bank. This is for any family who may need assistance with purchasing school uniform throughout the whole

school year. However, to start this uniform bank we need donations from families who have uniform that students may have grown out of but is still in good condition. We are looking for absolutely every part of the KWS uniform; blazers, shirts, jumpers, skirts, trousers, school shoes, PE kit and trainers/football boots.

If you have any uniform which is no longer of use to you and your family then we would be exceptionally grateful for you to pass this uniform along to us. All uniform can be dropped off at reception - please label the bag/box of uniform with FAO Zoe Anderson.

We will start our collection of uniform as soon as possible so if you are joining us at our open day tomorrow please feel free to leave the uniform with the front of house staff. Alternatively, please email [z.anderson@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:z.anderson@kwschool.co.uk) to arrange a drop off of uniform tomorrow or any other time throughout the school week.

Please note that this uniform bank will not be replacing the KWAU Uniform Shop and uniform will still be able to be purchased from the KWAU Uniform Shop throughout the school year.

We are very grateful for any donations and support that you can give our KWS community and please look out for more information about how you can get uniform from our KWS Uniform Bank in the coming weeks.

**Miss Anderson**

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## Attendance Review and Absence Reporting



As a school, we place great importance on attendance and expect that all our students will achieve an attendance level of at least 96% each academic year. It is through good attendance that students maximise their full potential, enhancing their life chances for the future. Missing school means missing out on learning and this can have an impact on a ...

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## Sports Update

Trials for netball, football and basketball continue next week for all year groups during Period 7 and finish at 4pm, apart from Year 8 on Tuesday who will finish at 3.30 due to a fixture. Year 7 - Monday Year 8 - Tuesday Year 9 - Wednesday Year 10 - Thursday Rugby training will be taking place for all year ...

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## Rugby Season Update



The rugby season kicks off on Saturday 24th September, therefore we will be using lunchtimes next week to decide squads etc, more information will follow so students are well informed. This is just a request for any parents that would be willing to support with the running of rugby in school. Moving forward, training and matches will be on Saturday ...

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## Celebrating Success

At KWS, we have a weekly whole school celebration assembly where student achievement is recognised. We, of course, have ample reasons to celebrate our students' achievements within school, but we would also love to be able to recognise where students have accomplished success outside of school, whether this be sporting, artistic or within any other sector. Therefore, if your child ...



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## Spanish GCSE



Top marks at GCSE! We are very proud of Annabel S and Samuel J- B who both achieved Grade 9 in their Spanish GCSE this year. The students who were in year 9 and year 8 respectively did extremely well to achieve the top grade at such a young age. Mrs Kelly Head of Spanish

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## Trustee News

We hope everyone had a fun summer and the first fortnight has gone well. To our new families, welcome to Katherine Warington School. We would also like to say hello to all the staff who have joined us this term.

For those who are new to KWS, you can find out more about the Trust Board on the school website. We call ourselves Trustees rather than Governors but have the same responsibilities. We communicate Trustee news and updates monthly via the Newsletter.

We have our first meeting of the year in early October when we will welcome our newest Trustees, Sally Pearson and Gerry Brady, who bring experience in education and business respectively. Sally will be joining the Education Committee and Gerry the Resources Committee.

We have a busy agenda and many plans for the year as we move forward on the KWS journey.

We look forward to meeting everyone at the open day tomorrow.

**Jenny Howarth**  
**Chair of Trustees**

## KWS Vacancies

Here are our current vacancies on Teach in Herts. for more information please click the links below:

**Apprentice - Office Assistant**  
**Teacher of Science - Maternity**

## 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](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

Saturday 17th September - Open Day  
Thursday 22nd September - KWS Hosting Cross Country - 3:00pm  
Wednesday 28th September - Year 10 Spanish Trip Information Evening  
Thursday 29th September - Year 7 Parents Evening with Tutors  
Friday 30th September - INSET DAY - No Students in School

## Notices

Year 10 Information Evening Slides  
Year 10 Spanish Trip Information  
STEM Events  
Career Opportunities  
KWAF Newsletter  
Homework Club

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## Non KWS Events/Publicity

### Food bank Update

Home deliveries are done on a Tuesday and Friday, and are only available for those that have mobility issues or unable to get to a foodbank due to sickness, no access to transport (and live too far) or live at a distance where public transport is poor.

If a client needs a home delivery please tick the home delivery button on the e-voucher and then assign to home delivery.



**St Albans & District Foodbank Summer 2022 Update**

**Our locations**

**Distribution Centres:**

Day	Time	Address
Mon	14:00-15:30	Redbourn Methodist Church
Tue	Closed	North Common
Wed	Closed	Redbourn AL3 7BU
Thu	Closed	
Fri	Closed	

Day	Time	Address
Mon	Closed	Cottonhill Community and Cycling Centre
Tue	Closed	11 Oak Dale
Wed	13:00-15:00	Cottonhill Lane
Thu	Closed	18 Albany
Fri	Closed	AL3 2EP

Day	Time	Address
Mon	Closed	Hillside Community Centre
Tue	Closed	17 Hillside Road
Wed	Closed	Wharfedale
Thu	12:30-14:30	AL4 8TU
Fri	Closed	

Day	Time	Address
Mon	Closed	Clabber Church
Tue	Closed	138 Clabber Lane
Wed	Closed	AL3 5AD
Thu	Closed	
Fri	13:00-15:00	

Day	Time	Address
Mon	Closed	Christ Church - New Green
Tue	13:00-15:00	3 High Dale
Wed	Closed	AL3 5DU
Thu	Closed	
Fri	Closed	

Day	Time	Address
Mon	Closed	London Colney Parish
Tue	Closed	London Colney Community Centre
Wed	Closed	Centre
Thu	Closed	London Road
Fri	10:00-12:00	London Colney AL3 5PL

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO FOOD COLLECTION AVAILABLE AT OUR WAREHOUSE**

Day	Time	Address
Mon	10:00-12:00	The Vineyard Church
Tue	Closed	7 Bank Hall Park
Wed	Closed	St Albans
Thu	Closed	AL1 5UG
Fri	Closed	

### DSPL7 Booklet

Please find attached an electronic link of the DSPL7 Autumn 2022 Parenting booklet on the DSPL7 website here: <http://dspl7.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Autumn-parenting-booklet-2022.pdf>



### Free Parent's and Carers guides

We are delighted to announce that our brand new 2022/23 Parents guides to university and apprenticeships will be released digitally on the week commencing 12th September. Both guides will be available for parents and carers to access for *FREE* and will be sent directly to your inbox along with a free bonus STEM careers guide.

**Get Your Downloadable 2022/23 Parents' Careers Guides (successatschool.org)**

### SAS Youth Group



**SAS** youth group

for anyone in year 6 - 9  
friends, games, pizza, and a chance to talk about the big things in life

we have table tennis, pool table, nintendo switch, arts and crafts, music

every sunday 5-7pm  
all saints' church hall,  
129 station road AL5 4UU

Parish of Harpenden

### Breachwood Green JMI School

## Breachwood Green JMI School needs new school Governors

We are looking for members of our local and wider community from a range of cultural and professional backgrounds to join our Governing Board

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest in wanting the best possible education for the children in our village school.

Our governors support the Headteacher with strategic planning and are the champions of the school experience for pupils, their families and the staff, working with the Headteacher to do all they can to ensure that our school is a great place to be.

Please come along to our information evening on Tuesday 6th September at 7.00pm in the school hall or contact the Chair of Governors, Tim Starkey: [tstarkey@breachwoodgreen.herts.sch.uk](mailto:tstarkey@breachwoodgreen.herts.sch.uk)

### Carers in Hertfordshire

## Could you join us as a Volunteer and help in Making Carers Count?



Whatever time you can give would mean so much to us and the carers we support who look after someone close to them due to a disability, illness, addiction or they are elderly. We have many roles available some home-based and others in the community or our offices in Hertford or Borehamwood.



Learn more at our Volunteer Recruitment Fair on Zoom on Thursday 10th November, 9.30am - 11am.

As a volunteer you can:  
Share your skills or learn new ones.  
Boost your confidence and wellbeing.  
Meet new people and make friends.

Training and ongoing support provided!

To book a place, express an interest in volunteering, or for more details:  
Call 01992 58 69 69

Email [volunteer@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@carersinherts.org.uk)

[www.carersinherts.org.uk/help-us-help-carers/volunteer](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/help-us-help-carers/volunteer)

### The Chapel Gym - Community Gym

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This is it – the waiting is finally over for everyone to join the village's own not-for-profit Gym. In the old church on Brewhouse Hill (opposite Wick Avenue) we are a gym for everyone, of all ages, abilities and fitness levels. Already love working out and want somewhere super close to home? Or less confident and want support to get fitter? We are for you. If you've never been to a gym before, no worries. Pop in to have a look around.

Our new website: [www.chapelhub.co.uk](http://www.chapelhub.co.uk) has opening times (to be extended very soon), prices and the Glofox App link to join online.



Get Started.  
Join The Chapel Gym  
Come See Us Today!



Membership covers FREE classes – Spin, core, tabata, HIIT, circuits and more to be added. Classes for non-members coming SOON.

Drop in or contact Stuart:  
07547 247 876 [stuart.grey@chapelgym.co.uk](mailto:stuart.grey@chapelgym.co.uk)

Thank you to so many people in the village who have supported this project over the last 2 and a half years.

We could not have done it without you. Keep following us as the project grows.





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