



School Newsletter



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Heads up

As we approach the final week of half-term, the sports season is well underway. As well as cross country, we've had rugby and football fixtures in the last week. For results and details, please see the PE section below.

Not only are sports events underway, trips have kicked in. Following the trip to Milton Keynes to see An Inspector Calls, we had the 'Patient Journey' trip looking at careers in the health industry. Our visit to hear Timothy Armoo, a successful local entrepreneur, speak was both careers focused and part of our Black History Month celebrations (more details below). Finally on trips, I am cheating a little here as I'm pretending to be at school when in fact, if everything has run to schedule, I've just arrived in Spain on our very first KWS foreign trip with our Spanish GCSE Year 10 students.

In school, we welcomed visitors to KWS for a friendly debate competition. Our team performed exceptionally well, and we look forward to participating in lots of other competitions this academic year. For more details, see below.

It was World Mental Health Day on Monday. Our students were invited to add their comments to a montage board focusing on what they are grateful for. KWS FM, our lunchtime radio station, is back up and running, adding a musical soundtrack to our lunchtimes and some excellent student DJing.

All our year groups received a Cyberchoices talk last week from the Cyber Unit of the police. The focus was on safe use of cyberspace and social media. Students in year 10 underwent a study session delivered by Elevate to support their understanding of good study skills and techniques. Further details below.

Finally, as we welcome the visits from prospective parents to join us in September 2023, a reminder that the application deadline is 31st October.

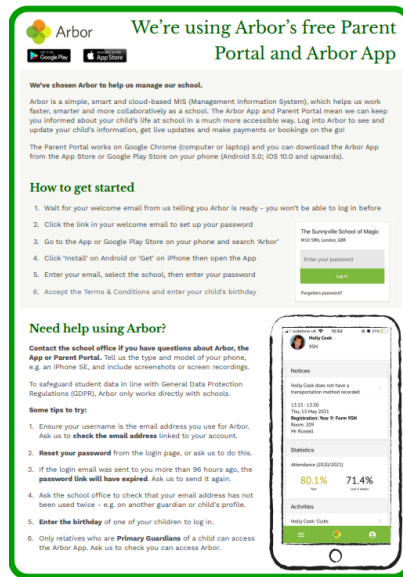
Tony Smith
Headteacher



Academic detentions

This academic year we have introduced academic detentions (A3 lunchtime, A4 after school). They have been introduced from a restorative point of view, providing the teacher and the student with an opportunity to resolve particular issues which have occurred in class, if a student's behaviour or work ethic has fallen below expectations. They have proved to be extremely successful as they give

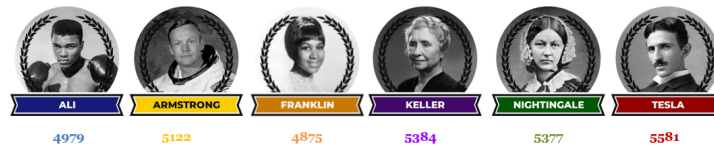
the teacher and student the opportunity to talk through particular behaviour concerns and gives the opportunity for the student to catch up on work they may have missed or be behind on. The academic detentions are underpinned by the KWS behaviour policy which is built upon strong student teacher relationships and not just about the teacher issuing sanctions and punishments for behaviour or work issues. Parents can keep a track of these and all consequences and rewards using Arbor's Parent Portal as shown below.



Mr Laing

House Points

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

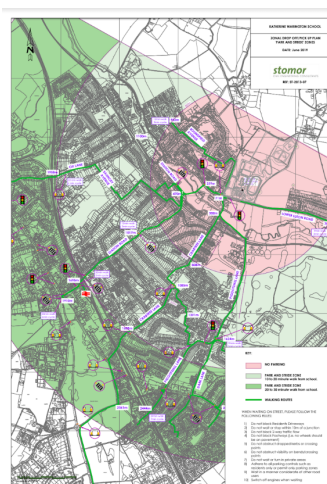


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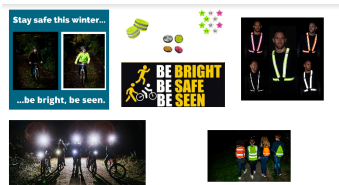
Park and Stride

Thank you for your continued support in not parking in the roads close to the school, we have included our park and stride map to remind everyone of the areas where you can park which are within 10-20 minutes and 20-30 minutes walk from school. The map also shows the walking routes to and from school.

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Be Bright and Be Seen



Now that winter is coming and it is getting darker in the evenings, we ask that you remind your children about the importance of wearing bright clothing and making themselves visible to others, especially vehicles. If they ride a bike to and from school, it is a legal requirement for them to have a front and rear light on their ...

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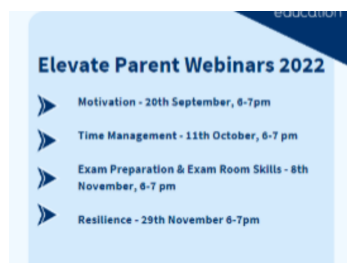
Online safety talks

Last week Hertfordshire Police Cyber Fraud team visited KWS to deliver some important messages regarding cyber choices and online safety. The assembly included reminders for students on how to protect themselves. Students were shown the importance of having secure login credentials, they were given some examples of legal and illegal hacking and legislations relating to the misuse of computers. If ...

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Elevate Education Session For Year 10's



The Year 10's participated in an Elevate Education Study Skills session on Friday 7 th October, which has been a roaring success. Students were visited by representatives from Elevate to discuss their experiences of GCSE exam and pass their wisdom on to our current Year 10's. All Year 10's were provided with booklets and comprehensive notes on when, how, and ...

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Sports Update

It's been a very busy week of sport... A number of students have been involved in a range of different sports this week: Well done to the Year 7 netball teams in their matches against SJL, including an excellent win. Lots of improvements from all shown Our Year 8 netball team also had an excellent 18-12 win too. The joint ...

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A Quick note from Science



We're hoping to open our Science Hub (room 071) to students as an area for them to use at lunchtime to come and read about / research their own scientific areas of interest. We therefore wanted to appeal to the KWS community to see if they have any science books or magazines that they no longer want / need that ...

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KWS Food Bank

Students should drop donations off to room 003 between 8.15-8.30am from 13th-18th October. The poster attached outlines everything you can send in. Miss Phillips

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 Katherine Warrington School is collecting for St Albans & District Foodbank

Bring items to your form rooms.
Suggested items to donate:

Baked Beans	Tinned meats	Cooking Sauces
Pasta	Tinned fish	Cooking Oil (1 litre max)
Rice	Tinned tomatoes	Noodles

Languages Cooking Competition Winners



Following our languages 'Cook off' competition, the winners were: 1st Place – Rebecca R (Keller) 2nd – James O (Franklin) 3rd – Isla W (Armstrong), Harriet V (Franklin) and Georgie L - T (Armstrong) Miss Fatima

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Year 7 Big Purple Challenge Launch

Last week the Library was packed out with Year 7 students attending the launch of our annual Big Purple Challenge - a reading challenge which aims to get students reading whilst gathering recognitions, house points and prizes throughout the year. Students got to meet our wonderful Librarian, the author Yasmin Rahman, and her wonderful assistant Paula Ferris, to explore the ...



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Patient Journey Trip



On Tuesday 4th October, fourteen students from Year 9 and Year 10, who are interested in a career in medicine, attended Aylesbury College to participate in the 'Patient Journey' experience run by Health Tec. The students were given the opportunity to gain lots of hands on experience with medical equipment, as well as learn lifesaving techniques. Students were also provided ...

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Eco - Committee Campaign

The Eco-committee are campaigning to stop car idling and reduce air pollution. Idling is a very pressing issue in the county of Hertfordshire, and it contributes heavily and negatively to the 'ozone layer'. Exhaust fumes emitted contain CO₂ - a greenhouse gas which are gases that go into the atmosphere and decay the ozone layer - the invisible barrier between ...



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Inter-School Debate Competition



For a long time, schools in the local area have lacked opportunities to get together for the purpose of debate. This Monday evening, Katherine Warington School was proud to host the first inter-school debate competition we have seen in a long time! We invited Roundwood, St George's and Sir John Lawes to come and compete with us. Well done to ...

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Period 7 Oct 2022

A quick trip to Rome? just one of our Period 7 Opportunities! All our students are now four weeks into enjoying their first block of period 7 choices for the year. We are really pleased to have been able to offer even more of our students their first choices this year, across all year groups. In their first week our ...

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Herts Voices 5th October



On the 5th October 16 of our Year 9 and 10 students, joined other Secondary Schools from Hertfordshire at Marriotts School in Stevenage to attend the launch Herts Voices Event. Our students were an audience for Timothy Armoo: founder of Fanbytes and Forbes 2021 30 under 30 and Entrepreneur of the Year 2020 at the Tech Achievement Awards, who provided ...

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KWS Vacancies

Here are our current vacancies on my new term:

Teacher of Science (Physics) <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2022-KWS-19487>

Office Assistant: <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2022-KWS-32356>

Finance Assistant: <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2022-KWS-39223>

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](https://www.facebook.com/kwafkws). If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us!

Upcoming Events

Thursday 13th October - Monday 17th October - Year 10 Spanish Trip
Thursday 20th October - Year 7 Reports issued
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - HALF TERM
Monday 31st October - Friday 4th November - Climate Change Week
Monday 31st October - A Career in Veterinary Nursing Talk
Friday 4th November - KwAF Fireworks Night
Tuesday 8th November - Performing Arts Masterclass
Wednesday 9th November - Friday 11th November - Year 7 Manor Adventure Trip
Thursday 10th November - Year 9 Reports issued
Thursday 17th November - Year 8 Reports issued
Thursday 15th December - Year 10 Reports issued

Notices

Winter Showcase
Shrek the Musical
Diwali Celebrations at KWS
Borrowed Clothing from Reception
Parents Perspective Podcast
Collection for Food Bank
KWAF Fireworks night
Lost Property
STEM Club
Careers Events

Non KWS Events and Publicity

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Minecraft Python Coding and VEQ IQ Robotic courses

The coding courses will run 27th October 2022 Minecraft Python coding and 28th October 2022 VEX IQ Robotic from 9 am to 1 pm

CODING IN MINECRAFT

Course Overview

<p>Python Programming Course Year Groups: Years 7-9 Max Class Size: 15 pupils Price: £60.00 per 4 hour session Registration Form: https://forms.gle/QzotkxwtdSp27Y0ngf</p>	<p>Session Date: 27 October 2022 Session Time: 9am - 1pm Venue: Katherine Warrington School Email: computingclub@kws-consulting.co.uk</p>
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This coding course aims to teach learners the essential skills of game programming using Minecraft, which is a 3D visual game development environment. Using Minecraft, learners will develop a range of key skills which include the following skills:

- Drawing and sculpting a world adding characters and objects
- Use of sequence of instructions such as conditional statements (When, do, otherwise) to control characters and objects
- Computational Thinking: decomposition, abstraction, pattern recognition and algorithms

Once learners have built their skills they are expected to design, create, test and evaluate their own game.

<h4>Relevant Prior Knowledge</h4> <p>Basic skills of using a computer / laptop</p> <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Run ➤ Loop ➤ Objects ➤ Class ➤ When ➤ if Then ➤ Debugging ➤ Sequence of instruction ➤ Variable ➤ Operators ➤ Settings ➤ Analysis ➤ Design ➤ Testing <p>Cross-Curricular Links</p> <p>Literacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Plan the storyline for the game ➤ Evaluate the game environment <p>Numeracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Logic and sequencing ➤ Use of timers and scores to track values 	<h4>Learning Objectives & Outcomes</h4> <p>Programming & Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Create programs that implement algorithms to achieve given goals ➤ Break down complex problems into smaller manageable parts ➤ Use loop and sequence of selection statements ➤ Use a variable and relational operator within a loop ➤ Analyse, design, create, test and evaluate game
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VEX IQ Robotics

Target Year Group: Years 7-9 **Session Date:** 28 October 2022 **Venue:** Katherine Warington School
Price: £60.00 per 4 hour session **Session Time:** 9am - 1pm **Email:** computingclub@bita-consulting.co.uk
Maximum Class Size: 15 Pupils

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/wPazi23zMs5eblD06>

VEX IQ is a snap-together robotics system, making it fast and easy to build an endless variety of robots. Watch code come alive on a physical robot and apply key STEM skills. Pupils build, code, and manipulate their own technological designs to apply innovative ideas that improve existing process. Once pupils have built and programmed the VEX IQ Robot, they will use the Robot to compete on the playing field.

Relevant Previous Experience:
 Basic computer / laptop skills

Skills To Develop:

- 1) Python programming language
- 2) Computational Thinking
- 3) Engineering
- 4) Science
- 5) Math
- 6) Teamwork
- 7) Communication

Learning Objective & Outcomes:

- 1) Build and program a VEX IQ Robot
- 2) Break down complex problems into smaller manageable parts
- 3) Analyse, design, create, test & evaluate technical designs and algorithms
- 4) Use the Robot to compete on the playing field



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