



# School Newsletter



## **KWS Newsletter - Issue 58 - 18.11.22**

Our Eco team deserve some real praise for reaching the threshold to achieve the Green Flag Award for the Eco Programme at KWS. Please take a look at what they have achieved (below) and spot the Green Flag as it flutters at the top of our new flagpole when you next visit the school.

A big 'congratulations' to our Learning Support Assistant, Ella Saunders, who graduated this week after studying for three years at the University of Bedfordshire. Ella was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Child and Adolescent studies. To complete her degree, Emma wrote a 10,000 word essay on children living in poverty. During her studies she completed placements at various different schools. It was there she discovered her passion for working with children, which led her to working at KWS.

While our Year 7's were away on a trip, we took the opportunity to organise a drop down timetable day with our Year 8, 9 and 10 students. Year 8 worked on a sustainable city project, year 9 participated in a careers day, including a guest speaker from an international retail chain and a Dragon's Den project; our Year 10 students immersed themselves in a STEM day.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 students enjoyed a wide variety of activities on their Manor Adventure trip. Activities ranged from rifle shooting to fencing and paddle boarding to wall climbing. Staying with trips, a selection of Year 10 students went to visit the University of Hertfordshire to get a feel of

what university life is like while others are looking forward to forthcoming trips to London to see Frozen and participate in a poetry event.

Anti-Bullying week began with a very well supported Odd Sock Day on Monday. The array of foot fashion on display was mesmerizing.

The fantastically well supported low bang firework display organised by KWAFF to support our school raised over £6000. A big thank you to everyone who attended and to parents and staff who helped to put on the event.

Finally, rehearsals have started in earnest for our Guys and Dolls Winter showcase. Tickets are moving quickly so don't miss out. We also have a series of cinema mornings during December and also our first Live Music evening on Friday 9th December with India Arkin, a local Harpenden musician. Tickets for all events are available from <https://kw-arts.co.uk/events>



**Tony Smith**  
**Headteacher**

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### **KWS Sixth Form**

I am delighted to inform you that planning is underway for our brand new sixth form which is due to open in September 2024. Katherine Warrington School has been built with a classroom capacity

for a 250 strong Sixth form, with 125 students in Year 12 and 125 in Year 13. Our vision is for our sixth form to be aspirational, offering all students a pathway to further education at universities (including Oxbridge and Russell Group), as well as access to the most competitive apprenticeships across the country. Our current year 9 and 10 students are in the very privileged position of forming our first two cohorts of sixth formers.

Launch assemblies to year 9 and 10 students will run in the last week of term and we will be sending home a student and parent survey to year 9 and 10 students and parents, whose views will be used to shape the future of Katherine Warington School.

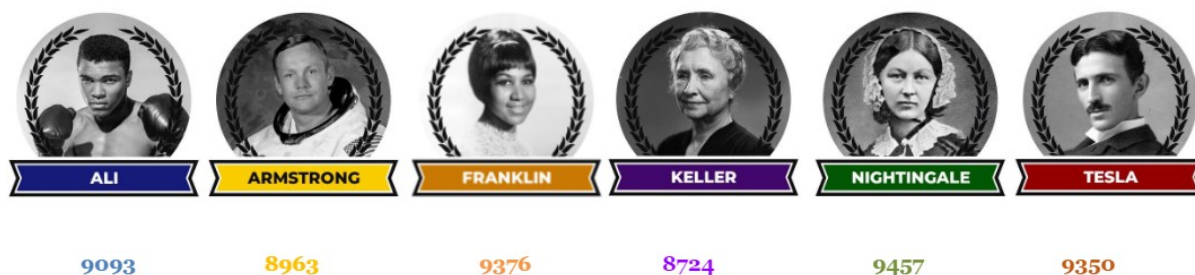
I look forward to communicating with you future developments and progress of our sixth form plans. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [c.laing@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:c.laing@kwschool.co.uk).

**Mr Laing**

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## House Points

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



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## PE Uniform Update



As the weather starts to get colder and the need for students to keep warm we thought we would take this opportunity to remind you of the rules surrounding the KWS PE Kit. Students should wear KWS Branded PE Kit at all times and we have a variety of optional items to provide additional warmth available from both Beats School ...

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## Spanish Trip

In October 2022, the Spanish students in year 10 went on a trip to Girona in Spain. We stayed at Mas Pages for 5 days and 4 nights and got to do many activities during our stay. On day one, we were introduced to the Spanish staff who worked there and played games to get to know each other. On ...

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## Geography and Eco Committee update



We have exciting news this week. We have been awarded the Green Flag Award for our expansive eco-programme throughout the school, and have now proudly displayed this on our new flag pole near the entrance to the school. Thank you to all of the students in the eco-committee who worked tirelessly to help achieve this award! One campaign led by ...

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## Year 9 Careers Update

On Friday 11th November, all Year 9 students were involved in a Careers themed drop-down day. Most of the morning involved students working through a "Dragons' Den" activity, where they decided what object / service / website / app they were going to invent as a group, before creating a logo for it and gathering market research. Students then prepared ...



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## Performing Arts



Guys & Dolls in Concert On December 14th and 15th at 7pm, our Performing Arts students will be performing a concert version of the classic musical Guys and Dolls. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, Guys And Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler Nathan Detroit tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town ...

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## Diwali Celebrations

It may have been a couple of weeks ago, however, we wanted to share with you all how our students participated in our belated celebrations of Diwali! Our wonderful Catering team put on a delicious Diwali inspired menu for our staff and students to enjoy; Rayan (Year 10) and Syan (Year 9) volunteered to lead an assembly to each year ...



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## Year 10 University Visit - Careers Update



A group of Year 10 students recently visited the University of Hertfordshire to get an insight into university life and the courses that the University offers. Students participated in workshops about why going to university is a good option (but not the only option) and had the chance to ask their own questions to university staff and ambassadors. Students also experienced ...

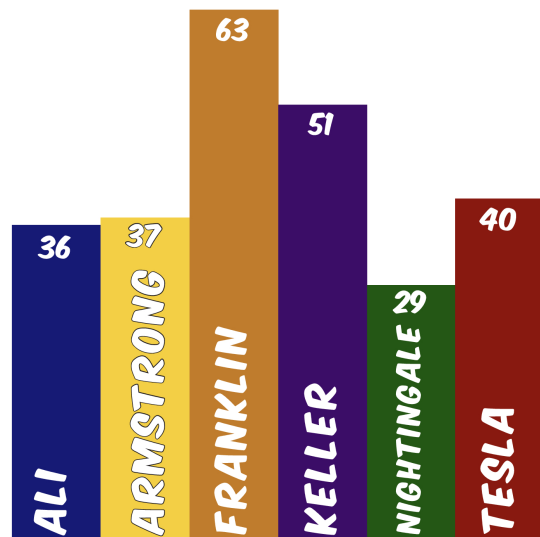
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## Purple Reading Challenge

Year 7's are set a challenge to read 10 books in the academic year - with recognitions and house points up for grabs. This is how the competition is looking so far - can Franklin be overtaken? Extra house points awarded to whoever is in lead by Christmas break!

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### YEAR 7 BIG PURPLE CHALLENGE **LEADERBOARD** READ BOOKS TO EARN HOUSE POINTS



## KWAF Festive Events



**WREATH WORKSHOPS** Following our very successful wreath workshops last year, we're bringing them back to you for 2022! Due to their popularity, this time we'll be running 3 sessions Friday 2nd Dec @ 7.30pm till 9pm Saturday 3rd Dec @ 2.30pm -5pm Saturday 3rd Dec @ 7.30pm till 9pm Tickets are £45 including all the support, materials, a glass of ...

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## KWAF Fireworks Night

The event took place on Friday November 4, and featured pyrotechnics designed to produce the visual effects of everyday fireworks with less noise. The evening was a great success with over 1,800 people in attendance and helped towards this year's fundraising target for the school's science and music departments. A massive thank you to all the Parental Volunteers who helped ...



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## Trustee News

This term seems to be racing towards Christmas already and school life feels as busy as ever, with some exciting events still to come before the end of term. As Trustees, we visit the school on a regular basis to meet with members of staff to discuss strategic development and how the school is supporting the students' education. It is always great to see how much is going on!

One of our responsibilities is to monitor how the school implements the curriculum for each subject. Each of the subjects within the school has a Link Trustee who visits the relevant head of department each term to discuss the plans for the year ahead. I have the pleasure of being the Link Trustee for the English department and have enjoyed visiting the department this term to see all the work that has been put into the teaching provision for those students who are starting their GCSE years. The department has grown a lot this year and its commitment to providing the best possible education for each student is wonderful to see.

Another item on the Trustee agenda this term has been thinking about the shape of KWS' new Sixth Form. Starting a new Sixth Form is an extremely exciting opportunity and there are many decisions

that need to be taken. We know the pupils are being consulted about their thoughts on the new Sixth Form as well and we're sure they will have a lot to say on the matter!

Finally, some members of the Trustee board also had the great pleasure of attending the first KWS fireworks which were such a wonderful success and a real credit to everyone who organised them.

***Suzy Lawrence - KWS Trustee***

## **KWS Vacancies**

Our current vacancies are:

Data Manager

Exam Manager

Learning Support Assistant

Learning Support Assistant 1:1

Please apply via MyNewTerm

Upcoming Vacancies:

Data and Exam Manager

Office Assistant

## **Katherine Warrington Association of Friends (Kwaf)**

All our latest news is detailed in the news posts.

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!

If you have any requests regarding the Kwaf second-hand uniform, please email [uniform.kwaf@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:uniform.kwaf@kwschool.co.uk) and not the main Kwaf email.

## **Upcoming Events**

Thursday 24th November - Year 7 Performing Arts Trip

Friday 25th November - Year 10 English GCSE Poetry Live

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December - Winter Showcase - 6.00pm

Thursday 15th December - Year 10 Reports Issued

Thursday 15th December - Flu Vaccinations (Years 7 - 9)

Wednesday 21st December - Term Ends - School closes at 12.05pm for Christmas break.

## **Notices**

Christmas Lunch



- PE Uniform
- Lost Property
- HOP Careers Webinars
- Parent Perspective Podcast

## Non KWS Events/Publicity

Harpenden Trust - Christmas Appeal

**Harpenden TRUST**  
Supporting Our Community

## Can you help?

The Harpenden Trust's single annual fund-raising project - The Christmas Appeal - is just around the corner!

Last year the annual appeal envelopes raised £65,000 to help support those in our town who are struggling to make ends meet for all sorts of reasons.

The Appeal envelopes are delivered and collected back by an army of more than 200 volunteers.

But we need a few more people in some areas to join the team. Please think about whether YOU can help.

If you can, then every house in every road will have the familiar purple envelope drop onto the doormat.

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- The Cedars
- Yardley Court
- Elliswick Rd
- Amberley Close
- Kinsbourne Close
- Derwent Road
- Fairway Close
- Moreton Ave.

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Your donation makes a difference.

Donations will help us to reach those most in need in our community.

Parish of Harpenden - Christmas Service



**St. Nicholas, Church Green, Harpenden, AL5 2TP**

*[www.parishofharpenden.org](http://www.parishofharpenden.org)*

Christmas is such a special time of year. We'd be delighted to welcome you, your family and friends at any of our services at any time, and particularly at Christmas with so much familiar music and our church beautifully decorated. It is the perfect opportunity to return or attend for the first time. Whatever your age, whether you prefer a traditional service or something more informal, there will be something to suit you.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022**

### **Sunday 27th November**

6:30pm - Advent Carol Service

### **Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd December**

1:00pm - Soup & Carols

### **Sunday 4th December**

4:30pm - Christingle\*

### **Sunday 18th December**

11:30am - Six Lessons & Carols\*

6:30pm - Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols

### **Christmas Eve**

10:00am till noon - Crib walk through and outside café\*

3:00pm - Christmas Crib Service\*

5:00pm - Christmas Crib Service\*

11:00pm - Midnight Holy Communion

### **Christmas Day**

8:00am - Holy Communion with Carols

9:30am - Holy Communion with Carols

11:30am - Morning Praise with Carols\*

***\*Everyone is welcome, however these events are particularly suitable for those with small children***

**Connect, Belong, Share, Grow**

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Harpenden Christmas Carnival

A snow globe graphic with a dark green background and falling snow. The globe contains a colorful winter scene with three houses (teal, pink, and yellow), a Christmas tree, a street lamp, and a sign that says 'HARPENDEN'. The text 'Harpenden Christmas Carnival' is arched across the top of the globe. The base of the globe is white and contains the text 'SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022 with SA LAW'.

Harpenden  
Christmas Carnival

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Winter Markets



# WINTER MARKETS



## **Potten End Village Hall**

Saturday 19th November - 10am - 4pm

## **The Eric Morecambe Centre**

Sunday 27th November - 10-4pm

Join us at The Hospice of St Francis Winter Markets to start your  
Christmas Shopping

Get presents for your loved ones whilst supporting local business

There will be beautiful gifts, good food, warm drinks and fun for everyone

**£2 suggested donation on entry**



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In partnership with Better Housing Better Health.

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We will seek out any energy efficiency grants, funding or benefits you may be eligible for. We will also refer you to other organisations who can support you if you are having trouble paying your bills.

## Finding your extra help

We're here to help and know that home energy might not be the only cause for concern. If someone in the home is struggling with their mental health, debt or has further needs – we're part of a network and will direct you to other charities and local services.



## Energy bill advice and switching



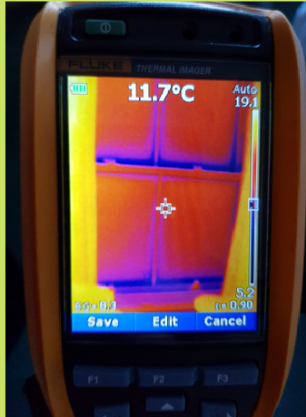
We can look at your bills and make sure you are on the best tariff and receiving the support you are entitled to from your energy supplier.



**St Albans**  
City & District Council

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