



# School Newsletter



## KWS Newsletter - Issue 59 - 2.12.22

### Heads up

Trips galore over the past couple of weeks. Our Year 7 students had a great time at Frozen, Year 10s went to a poetry day in London and some of our students went to visit the University of Hertfordshire. The opportunities presented by the variety of trips we offer for students is an important part of their overall wider education. Their importance, especially following Covid, cannot be underestimated. I appreciate that trips place an additional financial burden on families, however we are happy to work with you and, with the support of school and local charities, we strive to remove finances as a barrier to all students attending a variety of education based trips.

We celebrated our Head of Science, Ms Creamer, as she left on maternity leave. Ms Zoodin will step up to lead the department from her deputy position and congratulations to Mr Lambert as he moves up to deputy for the duration of the maternity leave. We have a new, experienced science teacher, Ms Humphries, joining us in January.

Our 6th form development team attended their first meeting with the consortium. This is made up of the 6th form heads from St George's, SJL and RPS. We will be the fourth member as we develop our 6th form timetable and subject offering. It is a privilege to be welcomed into a consortium that is well established and cooperative. We look forward to their advice and support.

Our Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal was very well supported. The boxes were collected this week and will shortly be on their way to help and support families and children around the world and specifically in the Ukraine this Christmas. More information and photos below.

Our Artificial Intelligence workshop for Year 8 students supported and enthused them to consider future opportunities in the AI field as they progress beyond school. Lots of coding and algorithms. For more information see below.

Even if one or two of our home nations rugby teams are struggling, there is hope in the form of some of our KWS rugby players. Over the last few weeks their fixtures, win or lose, have shown how they work together and grow as a team. As an England rugby fan I'm feeling rather sensitive about that united spirit amongst a team currently. Let's hope the England football team show it in their remaining World Cup matches. For more of KWS results across all our sports teams, please see below.

A final reminder to get your Winter Showcase tickets, there aren't many left so be quick if you want to experience the show.

**Tony Smith**  
**Headteacher**

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### House Points

The house point winners this week are **Tesla**. Congratulations!



### KWS Vacancies

We have no current vacancies but keen an eye out on mynewterm as that is where we will advertise any new vacancies.

### 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](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

Tuesday 6th December - Youth Speaks Competition

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December - Winter Showcase

Thursday 15th December - Flu Vaccinations (Year 7 to Year 9 only)

Thursday 15th December - Year 10 Reports Issued

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

## Notices

HOP Webinars

Christmas Lunch

KWS Student Voice

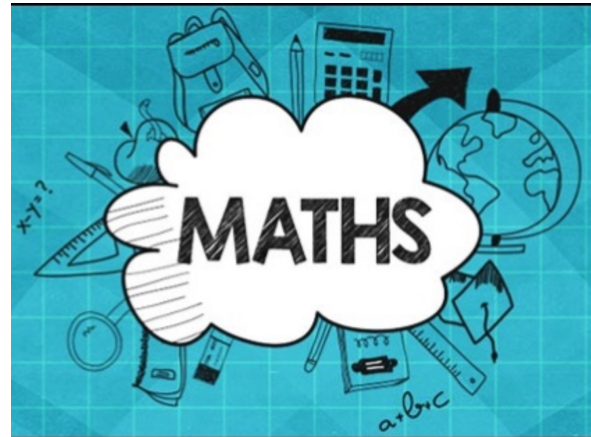
KWAf Wreath Workshops

KWAf Festive raffle

Performing Arts Newsletter

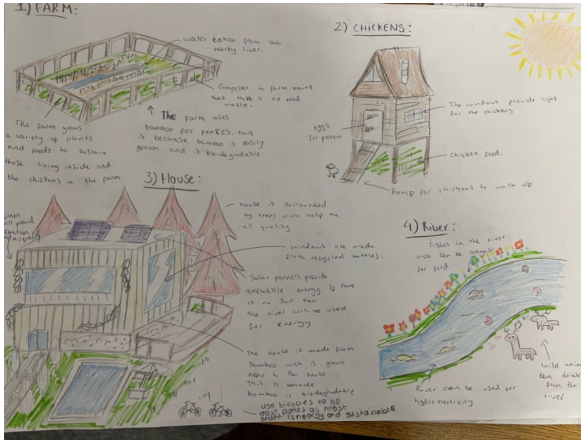
# Maths Masterclasses

Katherine Warrington School were given the exciting opportunity to nominate two exceptional Year 9 students to attend five Maths Masterclasses, run by The Royal Institute (RI) at the University of Hertfordshire on Saturdays throughout October, November and December. The RI Maths Masterclasses, nurture students' curiosity - inspiring them to continue their STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) engagement into the ...



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# Year 10 STEM Day



On Friday 11th November, Year 10 students were involved in a STEM day with the theme 'sustainability'. During the morning session students learnt about Women in STEM and spoke to a few women who had various STEM roles. They were involved in a workshop run by EDT where they learnt about the linear economy and the circular economy. They looked ...

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## Sports Update

We've had a variety of different fixtures over the last few weeks. Our Year 8 netball team have had a couple of excellent performances, firstly against a Beaumont side and then against a Sir John Lawes side, with great commitment and team work shown in both games. The player of the match for the Beaumont game was Ali C and ...

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## The Rotary Shoebox Scheme

This term students have been collecting items for the Rotary boxes. The Rotary Shoebox Scheme enables the boxes to be given as gifts and helps to bring some happiness to disadvantaged people in Eastern Europe. All forms were given a box to fill with content and collect £2 to cover the transport costs. Each form chose who their box was ...

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## AI for Youth Workshop



On Wednesday 23rd November, Simon from Tablet Academy came to KWS to deliver a workshop "AI for Youth". This was aimed at Year 8 students and a morning session and an afternoon session were delivered. The aim of the workshop was to introduce students to AI and get them to think about technology and its uses. They looked at deepfakes, ...

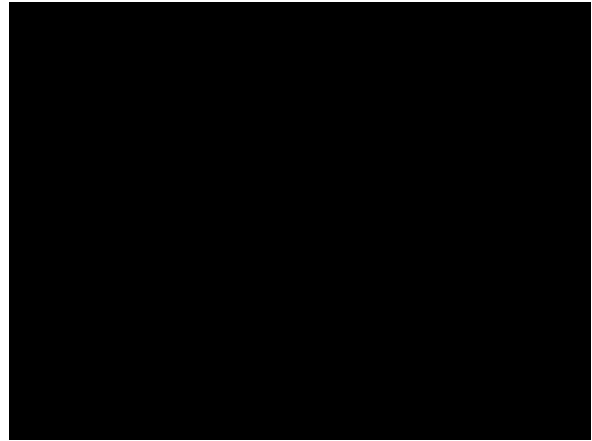
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## Trampolining Update

Well done to the trampoline squad who took part in a practice trampoline competition at Roundwood Park School on Monday. It was enjoyed by all and gave the students a great opportunity to practice for the first round of the Schools' Trampoline competition on Sunday! Good luck! Miss Moxham

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## Non KWS Events/Publicity

PARC - Design your own skateboard to celebrate the redevelopment of the Rothampsted Skatepark



**DESIGN YOUR OWN SKATEBOARD**

To help celebrate the redevelopment of the Rothamsted Skatepark, PARC is inviting you to design a skateboard. The winning entry in each category (7 and under, 8 to 11, 12 to 16 and 17 and over) will win a skateboard with their design.

For terms and conditions, including how to enter please visit our website <https://parc.charity>

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Dacorum & St Albans  
Quarterly Schools Newsletter



# Welcome! Winter 2022

To our Winter edition of the Schools Stay Safe Newsletter.  
Read on for advice on ways to stay safe for you and your family.

## Lithium Batteries and E-Scooters

You may be thinking about buying an E-Scooter for your child this Christmas, but **did you know** that private e-scooters are currently illegal for use on public roads and cycleways, even though they are widely available for sale? There is currently a **lack of regulation** of these vehicles, meaning there are no minimum vehicle standards or battery specification.

Most modern mobile devices such as mobile phones use lithium-ion batteries. Lithium-ion is the most common form of battery because it can store the most energy in the smallest space.

**Because of their tendency to catch fire, lithium-ion batteries must be looked after.**

- Only buy batteries from a reputable manufacturer.
- Unplug devices when they are fully charged to avoid overheating.
- Store batteries in a cool dry place.
- It is recommended that you do not charge items such as mobile phones or tablets under pillows or on beds.
- Avoid charging devices overnight when anyone is asleep.
- You should not charge anything in a corridor or room that provides your only way out of your home.
- Ensure there is a working smoke alarm in every room where charging takes place and charge in a location where you can close a door to prevent smoke spread.
- In the event of a fire, leave immediately and do not attempt to extinguish the fire yourself.

[E-bikes and e-scooters fire safety guidance \(nationalfirechiefs.org.uk\)](https://nationalfirechiefs.org.uk)



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