



School Newsletter



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Heads up

We have had several notable successes recently: our Year 9 debate team came away with first and second place at the recent Youth Speaks debating event; our sports teams playing hard but fair, including our Year 10 girls' netball team beating STAGS. Our transport and environment team have now submitted all the evidence required and we are hopeful that we will be awarded the Gold standard in Modeshift Stars for environmentally considerate transport plans and implementation. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting sustainable methods of transport and not dropping/collecting in adjacent roads. For more about these items in greater detail, see below.

We kicked off our own Yuletide celebrations with our Christmas lunch last week. Over 600 students and 75 staff meals were prepared and consumed. The crackers with the paper hats and poor dad jokes went down a storm (but not as well as the pigs in blankets, which were excellent). Our choir performed superbly at the Mayor's Charity Christmas Carol Concert at St Nicholas' church. This was the inaugural event and I am sure it will become a firm favourite in people's December calendar in the future. Following in our series of careers talks for students, our guest last Friday was The Army who presented to our Year 10 students. This followed the presentation by TKMaxx to Year 9 students a couple of weeks ago.

I had the pleasure of attending our Winter Showcase last night, Guys and Dolls. I'm old enough to have seen the film version with Sinatra, Brando, Jean Simmons et al which I loved as a child. To see it come to life again with our exceptionally talented students and the work/effort put into their roles, supported by our Performing Arts staff, was a sheer joy. For those of you lucky enough to have obtained a ticket, I'm sure you will agree that it was a memorable way to end the year.

We have a brand new wellbeing centre gym, full of state of the art fitness equipment. Harpenden Trust donated a large amount to the project to supplement KWAF's fundraising efforts. The wellbeing centre gym will be fully open in January to all students. They will be inducted during their PE lessons. Thank you to all the parent helpers who donated their time and effort, especially Paul Crowson whose energy and drive made it all possible.

A big thank you to students for their superb behaviour around the school site over the last few days. With freezing temperatures, there were many accidents waiting to happen. However, I am happy to report no trips to A&E have been required!

The last day of this term is Wednesday 21st December and students leave just after 12 noon. It is a non-uniform day/Christmas jumper day. A recommended donation of £2 will be split between the Ollie Foundation, Cancer Research and KWAF. School will reopen again for students on Monday 9th January.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, myself and the Senior Leadership Team at KWS would like to take the opportunity to wish all our students, families and staff a joyous, restful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Tony Smith
Headteacher

A message from Katherine Warington, Roundwood Park, Sir John Lawes and St George's Schools:

Do you know, or are you, an Educational Psychologist?

As part of our collaborative working, we are looking to engage a motivated and enthusiastic Educational Psychologist to work with us on a contractual basis. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Alan Henshall, Headteacher of Roundwood Park School, on **head@roundwoodpark.co.uk**.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

Alan Henshall
Headteacher

Phil Newbery
Headteacher

Helen Barton
Headmistress

Katherine Warington School Roundwood Park School Sir John Lawes School St George's School

House Points

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



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Keeping Safe - Christmas Edition

Dear Families, We are wishing you a fabulous Christmas break and we are sure that having some time to spend together as a family is very much welcomed by both parents and students. Although a joyous time of year, the Christmas period can also be difficult for some children and their families. We have been speaking to students about this ...

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Careers Army Talk

As part of our ongoing careers education, Year 10 students were visited by Corporal Starkey who delivered a talk and Q&A session about the wide range of Army careers that are available. He also informed students of all the different possible routes into the Army, including apprenticeships. The talk was both inspiring and informative. There were certainly lots of students ...

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Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

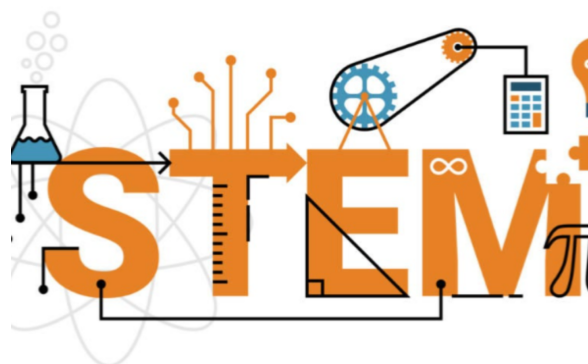


On Tuesday 6th December, Katherine Warington School took two teams to the local Senior, Rotary Youth Speaks Competition. Youth Speaks is a public speaking competition in which a team need to prepare a debate and develop a 15 minute presentation for their audience. Rayan P, Fahtima A and Becky D formed a team that chose to debate whether it is ...

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STEM Update

STEM update It has been a busy first term across the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) subjects. Students from all 4 year groups attended 3 STEM ambassador career talks online. A STEM ambassador is a volunteer from industry and academia who work, study or research in a STEM field. They talked about what they do, told students about the opportunities ...



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Trustee News

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to wish all our staff and families a very happy and healthy Christmas holiday. We hope everyone has time to rest, relax and recharge after such a busy term.

We recently held the AGM for our Trust Board and welcomed our Members into school for a review of the past year and a glimpse into future plans. This is always a great opportunity to pause and reflect on our school's journey to date. We thank our Members for their continued support.

In our last Trustee meeting, we also had the pleasure of finding out more information about the Performing Arts department at the school. It is so wonderful to hear about all the hard work that has been going on in the department, from both students and staff, and to learn about all the

exciting trips, workshops and events that have happened or are planned to take place. As an example of just such an event, it was wonderful to see the Guys and Dolls concert this week. With quite a few last-minute cast changes due to illness, it was wonderful to see how much the cast supported each other with so many great performances from students all across the school.

As the year comes to a close, we would also like to thank all the Katherine Warington staff and students for all their hard work this year. With so many fabulous events for 2022, from skiing trips to shows, we look forward to seeing what 2023 brings for our fabulous school community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Trustees

KWS Vacancies

Here are our current vacancies on TeachinHerts:
Please click on any of the below to see the adverts.

Teacher of Maths

SENCO

Head of KS5 Mathematics

Learning Support Assistant (working 1:1)

Learning Support Assistant

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!

If you have any requests regarding the KWAF second-hand uniform, please email uniform.kwaf@kwschool.co.uk and not the main KWAF email.

Upcoming Events

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

Friday 6th January - INSET DAY

Monday 9th January - Students return to school

Thursday 12th January - DTP/MenACWYVaccinations - Year 9 ONLY

Thursday 26th January - Year 7 reports issued

Notices

Winter Safety

Non - Uniform Day - Wednesday 21st December

Non KWS Events/Publicity

St Nicholas Carol Trail

We have a trail of Christmas carols around the churchyard of St Nicholas Church. There are 25 carols to find, using a smartphone camera. You can do the trail just for fun, although donations are appreciated. The answer sheet is attached.

Merry Christmas!

Marie Price
Director of Music

Christmas Music Trail

by the Choirs of St Nicholas Harpenden

Title of carol	Trail number
Adam lay y bounden	
Angels from the realms of glory	
Away in a manger	
Away in a manger (sung by the children)	
Balulalow: O my dere herte	
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel (Benedictus)	
Child in a manger	
Good King Wenceslas	
God rest ye merry, gentlemen	
Hark the herald angels sing	
In the bleak midwinter	
Make me a light to lighten the world	
O come all ye faithful	
O come, O come Emanuel	
O little town of Bethlehem	
Once in royal David's city	
Rocking: little Jesus sweetly sleep	
See amid the winter's snow	
Silent Night	
As I sat on a sunny bank	
The angel Gabriel from heaven came	
This is the truth sent from above	
This little babe	
Unto us is born a son	
Zion hears the watchmen's voices	



Harpenden Warm Spaces

Residents are warmly invited to spend time at some of Harpenden's welcoming halls and spaces over the cold weather period. Refreshments will be available, some venues have organised activities, and all offer good company!

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When	Where	What
Monday	9am-6pm	Harpenden Library
	10am-12pm	High Street Methodist Church
	2pm-3.30pm	The Salvation Army Building; Harpenden Memory Lane Cafe
Tuesday	10am-11am	Harpenden Trust Centre
	10am-11.30am	Little Acorns, St John's Church
	10am-12pm	High Street Methodist Church
	1pm-6pm	Harpenden Library
Wednesday	10am-12pm	High Street Methodist Church
	10am-12pm	United Reformed Church
	10am-12pm	St Nicholas's, Cornelia's Cafe
	12pm-1pm	St John's Church Hall
Thursday	9am-7pm	Harpenden Library
	10am-11am	The Salvation Army Building
	10am-12pm	High Street Methodist Church
	2pm-4.30pm	All Saints Church
Friday	10am-12pm	High Street Methodist Church
	10am-12pm	St Nicholas's, Cornelia's Cafe
	1pm-6pm	Harpenden Library
Saturday	9am-5pm	Harpenden Library
	10am-12pm	High Street Methodist Cafe

For further information and updates please visit:
www.harpenden.gov.uk or call 01582 463548 /
 email: sarah.brimley@harpenden.gov.uk



Harpenden Cares
 A COMMUNITY RESPONSE
 TO THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

NSPCC

If you would like more information. Please [click here](#) to view their website

The young people must be:

- Between 13 and 16 years old
- Committed to being a member of the Young People's Board for Change for 2 years
- Want to change the lives of other children and young people that might be having a hard time
- Committed to attending all online and in-person sessions and other events
- Willing to share their ideas and opinions to the board to the best of their ability
- Prepared to listen to others and respect their views

You can find a recruitment pack with an A5 flyer, information sheets, application form and parent/carer consent form [on the NSPCC website](#).

Please share the opportunity with your school community. If you have a school website, weekly newsletter or social platforms, we would welcome you to use these channels. We would also welcome your support in nominating young people to join the Young People's Board for Change.

Recruitment is open from **5th December – 23 January** and interviews will be held during **February and March 2023**.

Young people can apply by filling out an application form and sending this to us, or completing one online at nspcc.org.uk/boardforchange

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops (January – March 2023)

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16)</p> <p>A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.</p>	<p>Wed, 18th January 18:00 Wed, 15th March 18:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem</p> <p>A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.</p>	<p>Thu, 26th January 18:00 Thu, 23rd March 18:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem</p> <p>A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem.</p>	<p>Thu, 12th January 10:00 Thu, 9th February 18:00 Thu, 9th March 10:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting Adolescent with Sleep Difficulties</p> <p>A workshop focused on adolescents managing and improving their sleep difficulties and how parents/carers can help.</p>	<p>Wed, 15th Feb 12:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting your Child with Sleep Difficulties</p> <p>A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child with sleep difficulties.</p>	<p>Tue, 17th January 10:00 Thu, 16th February 18:00 Tue, 14th March 10:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy</p> <p>A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.</p>	<p>Tue, 10th January 10:00 Tue, 7th February 18:00 Tue, 7th March 10:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents</p> <p>A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation.</p>	<p>Tue, 24th January 18:00 Thu, 23rd February 10:00 Tue, 21st March 18:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Exam Stress</p> <p>A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing exam stress.</p>	<p>Wed, 4th January 10:00 Wed, 25th January 18:00 Tue, 14th February 10:00 Wed, 22nd March 18:00</p>

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services-and-referral-information/our-services-a-z/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-service/>





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