



School Newsletter



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Heads up

Happy New Year!

We began this term with a series of assemblies to all year groups to explain changes in our behaviour system to our students. We have noticed a slight increase in some students arriving unprepared for school in terms of the correct equipment and the correct uniform. This results in a poor start to lessons for students as they are picked up on this and begin the day negatively. We have launched an equipment shop where pens, pencils etc can be bought (at cost) or loaned so students have no reason to be unprepared for the day ahead and are ready to learn without any negatives if they have lost or forgotten equipment. This then means there is no reason for any student to be late to any of their lessons.

We also focused on KWS being more active to ensure we respect the nine protected characteristics referenced in the Equality Act 2010. Shortly, every family will be receiving a letter explaining our campaign and asking that every student signs a pledge card saying that when they see or hear anything that is negative about a protected characteristic, they report it to a staff member. We can then act swiftly to support the victim and further educate the culprit. We have also noticed that a growing culture of bystander passivity is creeping in under the guise of 'not snitching'. Put simply this means that the bystander agrees and condones the negative comments or behaviour. When

you receive the letter, please take the time to discuss the contents with your child and you will agree that our values at KWS align completely with the belief that WHEN YOU SEE IT, YOU REPORT IT.

I joined other secondary school Headteachers earlier this week watching the Harpenden Gang Show at the Eric Morcambe Centre. It is always an enjoyable evening but this year seemed in my mind to top the others. The engagement, joy and energy the young people from all our schools demonstrated throughout the show should be commended. If you have a ticket, you will thoroughly enjoy yourself. Well done to all the KWS students who participated.

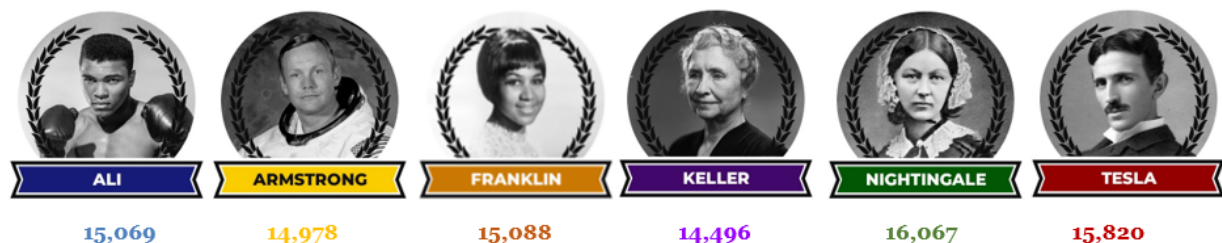
Next week we will be sending out the Period 7 options for your child to select. We have a very good track record of being able to assign the majority of first or second choices for students. Again, please take the time to discuss the vast range of options with your child so that they can make an informed decision.

Finally, There will be a SEND coffee morning from 9-10.30am on Wednesday 25th January. This will take place in the Hall at KWS. You will receive an invitation early next week via email. Please confirm your attendance. We will be talking about Read & Write, access arrangements and the new behaviour policy in relation to SEN students. There will also be time for a coffee and a chance to meet and talk with other parents with children with SEND at KWS. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

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



Attendance

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 child's development and attainment.

There is a strong statistical link between attendance and attainment. Studies show that students who have patterns of poor school attendance could fail to achieve their full potential and this can have a detrimental impact on their GCSE results.

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually. We review attendance regularly and have an attendance procedure we follow based on each student's attendance percentage. The process begins once a student reaches less than 96% attendance.

We strongly urge parents/carers to avoid booking holidays during term time. We appreciate there may be exceptional circumstances behind a request for leave. If this is the case, you should give a detailed explanation as to why it is necessary for you to take your child out of school by completing this form and sending it to **absence@kwschool.co.uk** where it will be forwarded to Mr Smith for his consideration.

We also like to recognise students who have excellent attendance as well as those that have strived to increase their attendance by sending letters of congratulations to students and parents. Each week in assembly, an award is given to the form group who has the best attendance.

Students who attain 100% attendance every half term have their name entered into a prize draw which takes place at the end of the year. First prize in the summer of 2022 was a pair of Apple AirPods, with the runners up receiving Love to Shop vouchers for £100 and £50 respectively.

If you feel you would like support with your child's attendance or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Since opening in September 2019, we have supported a number of students whose circumstances, special educational needs or mental health have impacted their attendance. We like to work with children and families on an individualised basis and have had success in supporting a number of students to improve their attendance in challenging circumstances.

By working together we can help students reach their full potential and make the most of the opportunities school has to offer.

Absence Reporting Reminder

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, urgent appointments or other reasons please telephone the 24hr school absence line on 01582 314800 or email absence@kwschool.co.uk by 8.30am at the latest, on the first day of absence and every subsequent day thereafter

- Please provide your child's name and tutor group
- Please give as much detail as possible for the reason of absence avoiding using terms such as 'unwell' or 'under the weather'

- If you fail to contact the school to inform us of your child's absence, this may be referred to our safeguarding team

Where possible, please give plenty of notice for any planned absence, for example hospital appointments, and provide a copy of any medical/dental appointment letters/cards to the school. We would appreciate all dental and non-urgent doctor appointments being made out of school hours.

[Click here](#) for more information

Grace Aikman
Assistant Headteacher

Request for cardboard boxes

If anyone has any large cardboard boxes, please could they bring them into school for our sponsored sleep out.

Mrs Freeman

KWS Vacancies

These are our current vacancies available on mynewterm:

Learning Support assistant - Click **[here](#)** for more information.

Teacher of Computing - Click **[here](#)** for more information.

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** 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** and not the main KWAF email.

Upcoming Events

Monday 16th January - Visit to Houses of Parliament - Selected Year 9 and 10 Students

Thursday 19th January - Year 8 Mandarin Trip

Thursday 19th January - Performing Arts Masterclass

Thursday 26th January - Year 7 Reports Issued

Thursday 2nd February - Year 7 Parents Evening (1/2)


Wednesday 8th February - Year 7 Parents Evening (2/2)
Thursday 9th February - Spring Concert
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February - HALF TERM

Notices

KWS Travel Reminders
KWS Sixth Form Information
Student Expectations

Non KWS Events/Publicity

HCC - Winter Health Leaflet



1	Stay home if unwell Infections can spread quickly in schools and other childcare settings. If your child is unwell and has a fever they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and their fever has gone. Adults should try to stay home when unwell and consider wearing a face covering to protect others if you do have to go out. Don't visit people in hospitals or care homes if you have a fever, a cold or symptoms of a stomach upset.
2	Keep hands clean It is important to help children understand that keeping hands clean can stop bugs from spreading. Help your child wash their hands regularly at home with soap and warm water. More information here .
3	Catch coughs and sneezes Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is a simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Keeping rooms well ventilated will also help prevent the spread of winter illness.
4	Get vaccinated if you're eligible Now is a good time to check your you and your family's vaccinations are all up to date. If you are unsure your child has had all their routine vaccinations, you can check their personal health record (Red Book) or ask your GP. You can also check the childhood immunisation schedule online. And it's not too late to get the free NHS flu jab or nasal spray this year if anyone in your family is eligible. The NHS will be contacting parents of children who have not yet had their flu immunisation. Flu nasal spray clinics are still taking place in some schools this month, or for children aged 2-3, please contact your GP to arrange an appointment.
5	Be scarlet fever aware Call your GP for advice if you think your child has scarlet fever. More information about scarlet fever can be found on the NHS website . If you are concerned about a rash that your child has, advice is available here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/rashes-babies-and-children/

www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk
www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever
www.e-bug.eu
www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-childcare-settings

Mental Health First aid training

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

**1 DAY CHAMPION COURSE
FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF
8 TO 18-YEAR-OLDS
FREE TRAINING
09:30AM - 16:00PM**



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- AN UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND HOW THEY CAN AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE
- ABILITY TO SPOT SIGNS OF MENTAL ILL HEALTH IN YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUIDE THEM TO A PLACE OF SUPPORT
- KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE TO ADVOCATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
- SKILLS TO SUPPORT POSITIVE WELLBEING

COURSE STRUCTURE

- SESSION 1- ABOUT, WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL ILL HEALTH, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION, DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE.
- SESSION 2 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS: ANXIETY, SELF-HARM, EATING DISORDERS, PSYCHOSIS, RECOVERY, RESILIENCE

BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE

For further information please contact:
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The Marlborough Science Academy
invites you to attend our
**Apprenticeship, Careers &
Higher Education Fair**
Wednesday 8th February 2023

4.30pm – 7.30pm

Da Vinci Hall & LRC

*This is an opportunity to find out more about
apprenticeships and what training providers and
companies have on offer.*



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Saracens V Harlequins Rugby Match

Showdown 3 Saracens v Harlequins / 26th March 2023 / 15.00 KO / Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

KWS rugby fans, we're pleased to announce that we have the opportunity to purchase group tickets to see **SARACENS** return to the epic Tottenham Hotspur Stadium this season for **THE SHOWDOWN 3!**

KWS have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to sit together in the South Stand (The Family Party Stand) priced at Adults @ £31.50 / U16s @ £15.75 / U24 or 65+ @ £22.50

If you joined us for this awesome event last season, we expect that this time we're going **BIGGER** and **BETTER** than ever before.

It promises to be a great day out on and off the pitch and a great way to celebrate a successful season of rugby at KWS.

[Ticket purchasing instructions:](#)

1. Please use this specific link to take you to Saracens ticket website:

Katherine Warrington School <http://bit.ly/3OnAb2g>

2. This specific club/school link will take you to the Saracens Online Ticket Shop login page where you log in if you already have an account. Alternatively, you must "Register for a Saracens Account" on the same page if you do not already hold an account. Please note previous accounts held on our old system are no longer valid. We only moved to a new Sales platform this season.

3. Once logged in, navigate to Match Tickets and select [The Showdown 3](#) match tickets page

4. Select **Buy Now** in the Showdown 3 ticket box:

SEE ON SCREEN DEMONSTRATION - <https://www.loom.com/share/e194c9be7054df48af7639332236c87>

5. At the top of LHS of the screen SELECT THE QTY OF TICKETS YOU REQUIRE

6. Either select Katherine Warrington from the Filter By Price Band drop down box or Scroll down the list of groups and select Katherine Warrington

7. This will take you to the block where your seats are allocated and will pre-select your seats on a "best available" basis.

8. Then choose the "Price Class" for each ticket (this is the category of person it is for (Over 65/Adult/U24/U16 etc.)) by scrolling down the list of seats on the left of the page.

9. Once you have selected all the seats for your party, click "Add to Basket"

10. Click on the basket icon at the top of the screen and proceed through the checkout steps

11. Your tickets will be available in your account from approximately 10 days before the game.

"To change the "best available seats" to new specific seats

1. Click on the pre-selected best available seats (highlighted with a thick black circle) in order to release them.

2. Choose "yes" from the warning pop-up box. This will release your seats and allow you to pick new seats in the same area.

NB Please ensure that the pop-up box on any newly selected seats displays your club's name under the title "Price Band" at the top—otherwise you will be seated in the wrong club allocation



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