



# School Newsletter



## **KWS Newsletter - Issue 62 - 27.1.23**

### **Heads up**

I just want to provide an update on the start to a new term following some refinements to our behaviour systems here at Katherine Warrington school. We have addressed this after feedback from our student body and our teaching staff, both who felt that low level disruption was hindering their teaching and students' learning.

Our aim is to establish the highest possible standards of behaviour. Our motto has always been that students should be respectful, be ready and take responsibility. If our students value the culture of hard work and good behaviour, they will learn more and go on to have improved life opportunities. Unsurprisingly, research has shown that students who practise, put effort into tasks, are motivated and have good attitudes, make better progress than those who do not. Equally, the converse is true.

Where there is a culture of failure or of opting out, this needs to be turned around, so that becoming more intelligent is seen as desirable.

We chose to use the start of the new year to re-establish our expectations. Students' behaviour around the school should be impeccable; every lesson should be characterised by a relentless focus on learning, free from distractions. I am pleased to say that the overwhelming majority of students are meeting these expectations. They are attending school ready with the right equipment, taking

responsibility to be on time to lessons, and respectful of the learning environment. Over the last couple of weeks we have seen a school record for the number of recognitions being awarded. I want to take this opportunity to thank our students and yourselves for supporting the school with its aims and vision.

We have very high expectations of our students and a belief that every student is capable of meeting them. The rules are only there because we need them to help us make sure learning can happen in the best possible conditions. Everyone has to follow the rules so that the systems work and everyone benefits. It is based on the principle that, once students know the rules and the consequences, they can make the right choices for themselves and for others. We are also providing opportunities for students to address issues before they become a consequence with the introduction of the morning stationery shop. We want students to make the right choices, to get things right the first time. When children thrive at school and at home, it is usually because the boundaries are very clear and there are clear consequences if they stray beyond them.

Full details of the behaviour policy and the home school agreement can be found on our website and I would encourage all parents/carers to familiarise themselves with it as this will ensure that all parties are well informed about our expectations in regards to rewards and behaviour.

The vast majority of parents, carers and other visitors to our school are supportive of the school, its teachers, other members of staff, its students and their parents, and act in a reasonable way, ensuring that the school is a safe, orderly environment in which students can learn. We are, after all, only trying in our professional capacity to do what is right for our students. Occasionally, however, a negative attitude is expressed. Our school policy will always be not to read or respond to social media posts. We welcome the opportunity to receive dialogue directly from parents/carers by contacting the school and are happy for parents/carers with concerns to book meetings with staff or, if they so wish, to book a time to look around the school during the school day.

It has been a pleasure to walk the school site during lesson time and to see the fruit of the labours both our staff and students are applying. It has been a very successful start to 2023 and one we aim to continue with.

**Tony Smith**  
**Headteacher**

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### **James Marshall Foundation**

We would like to thank the James Marshall Foundation for their generous grants during 2022 - They have provided a total of 172 grants to KWS Students & Families totalling £36,000.

The financial support ranges from uniform and equipment to financial support with school trips.

You can find out more information about James Marshall and the grants they offer on the KWS Website - <https://kwschool.co.uk/financial-assistance/>

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## **Interact Club - Sponsored Sleepout**

On Friday 3rd February we are holding a sponsored sleepout where 70 students and 15 staff will be braving the cold to raise money for Shelterbox. Students are collecting their own sponsorship, but we have set up a justgiving page for anyone who would like to sponsor the whole event.

[www.justgiving.com/page/kwssleepout2023](http://www.justgiving.com/page/kwssleepout2023)

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Dear Year 9 and 10 parents,

Thank you to those year 9 and 10 students and parents who have completed the sixth form surveys sent out at the beginning of the term. We really appreciate your prompt response.

This is a reminder for those who have not completed to do so before the deadline at the end of January.

I have attached the link to the parent survey below:

<https://forms.gle/mDhWaTFWMf2yevQX8>

The links to the sixth form student surveys have been sent out to student emails via Arbor again this week. Please encourage your child to complete them if they have not already done so.

Many thanks for all your support!

**Mr. Laing**

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## **Year 10 Work Experience: 12th - 16th June 2023**

A huge thank you and well done to all students who have organised private placements and handed their own placement forms. We strongly advise that students organise their own placements where possible, as placements that are organised through the Services for Young People database will be limited in variety and allocated randomly, thus students may not be placed in their first choice establishments.

Should you require a new form, please email [c.careers@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:c.careers@kwschool.co.uk) to request one.

The deadline to submit own placement forms is **28th February 2023**.

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Mr Cain is taking on the challenge in learning how to ski and snowboard recently for the upcoming Ski Trip. Mr Cain hopes that everyone is excited for the first ever KWS ski trip to Alpe d'Huez and will have fun.

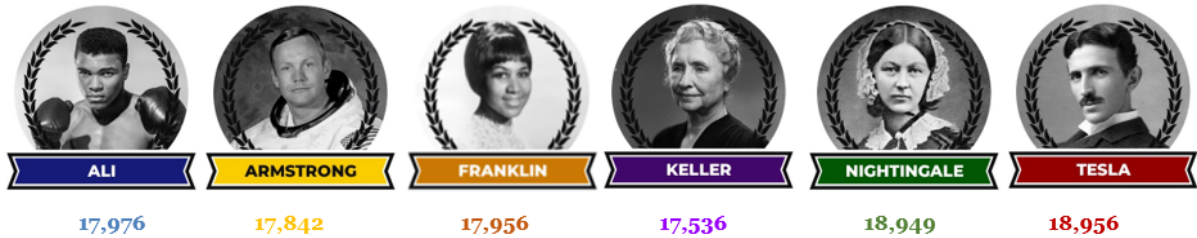
More information will follow soon regarding the trip closer to the time. If you have any questions please email: [d.cain@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:d.cain@kwschool.co.uk)



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## House Points

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



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## Learning at KWS



Our students have had an excellent week of learning at KWS. The commitment of our students to being ready, responsible and respectful has resulted in another huge total of recognitions being awarded. In fact, we have seen an average increase of over 3000 recognitions given per week at KWS since the start of January. We want to say a huge ...

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## Radio Club

The radio hosts have done a great job so far by entertaining the students in the lunch hall at lunch time with great song suggestions and interaction with the students. Keep up the good work and if you are a student that would like to run the radio station at lunch times then please email: [d.cain@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:d.cain@kwschool.co.uk)

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## MESME Maths Circles



At the beginning of January, a selected group of Year 7 students formed KWS' first MESME Maths Circle. MESME is a charity which aims to support high-attaining students to achieve mathematical excellence and a MESME Maths Circle is a small group of students who come together regularly to grapple with intriguing questions, to discover and explore exciting ideas, and to ...

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## Houses of Parliament and the Palace of Westminster Trip

On Monday 16th January, 17 students in Years 9 and 10, who do Politics as part of their Period 7, went to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Palace of Westminster. The trip to Parliament included a workshop where students came up with their own bills to pass through as laws and students learnt how this process works. We ...

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## KWS Vacancies

Here are the vacancies that are currently available on MynewTerm Website

Head of KS5 Maths  
ECT - Maths Teacher  
ECT - Teacher of Computing  
LSA

Here are the upcoming vacancies that will be available on MynewTerm Website

Teacher of PRE - full time  
Teacher of PE - full time  
Teacher of Art - part time  
Teacher of Science - full time

## 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

Thursday 2nd February - Year 7 Parents Evening (1/2)  
Friday 3rd February - Interact Club - Sponsored Sleep Out  
Tuesday 7th February - Year 8 Key Stage 4 Options Launch  
Wednesday 8th February - Year 7 Parents Evening (2/2)  
Thursday 9th February - Spring Concert  
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February - February Half Term

## Notices to Parents/Carers

## Non KWS Events/Publicity

### Courses for caring for a loved one with an Eating Disorder

#### Support for Parents/Carers caring for a loved one with an Eating Disorder

Skills for Parent & Carers of Children with Eating Disorders

First Steps ED are offering 4 week 'Skills for Carers' workshops, they are full of practical tips, scenarios and case studies.

This series is designed to help carers develop self-reflective, care-giving skills to role model confidence, compassion and courage. The aim is to offer attendees the knowledge and ability to be an important part of supporting a loved one.

Sessions are delivered online (via Zoom) over 4 weeks and following the first session, the team will close the group to ensure that the parents and carers in attendance can develop a positive peer group through the entire four-week programme.

These courses are Free of Charge.

To self-refer, visit <https://form.jotform.com/220964041104343> or contact [info@firststepsed.co.uk](mailto:info@firststepsed.co.uk) for more information

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### Now and Beyond practical sessions - 8th February 2023 at 8pm



#### **Digital Dependency : 8th February 2023 | 8pm**

We are delighted to invite you to join Ian Russell from the [Molly Rose Foundation](#) virtually as he hosts a thought provoking and practical session addressing the tough subject of how to navigate conversations between you and your family about their relationships with tech.

As part of the Now and Beyond live broadcast lineup, this event aims to equip parents/carers/grown-ups with practical advice and knowledge to empower their children to enjoy healthy relationships with tech and social media. It will help us understand that social media was created using dangerous algorithms and design but that knowledge is power and we can help the next generation to navigate it safely.

#### **Speakers include:**

[Carrie Longton - Co-founder of Mumsnet](#)

[Kai Leighton - 16 year old Beyond youth board member and founder of The Mental Shift](#)

[Ukaoma Uche - Papyrus](#)

[Manjit Sareen - co-founder Natternut](#)

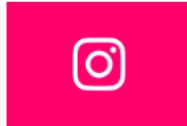
Sign up below and submit your questions for our panellists in advance.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch with us by replying to this email.  
We love speaking to you!

In the meantime, from all of us at Now and Beyond,

#LetsGoBeyond!

### Follow us on socials...



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**Twitter**

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**TikTok**


[@beyondyouthboard](https://www.tiktok.com/@beyondyouthboard)

INVESTIN courses:

STEM and Medicine Career Opportunities and an invitation for parents: Success Beyond School

**INVESTIN**

**STEM & Medicine Career Opportunities**  
For Ages 12-18  
*At UCL or Live Online*



**STEM & MEDICINE WEEKEND CAREER EXPERIENCES**  
Available at UCL or Live Online  
This Spring Term for Ages 12-18

[Architecture](#) | [Dentistry](#) | [Engineering](#) | [Forensic Science](#) | [Investment Banking](#) | [Medicine](#) | [Psychology](#) | [Software Engineering](#) | [Vet](#) | [Video Game Design](#)

We are delighted to offer your students opportunities in 10 STEM & Medicine-related industries this term. The programmes are an excellent opportunity for students to test-drive a career before committing to it. Highlights include:

- Practise stitching up a wound
- Design the engineering to take humans to Mars
- Observe a clinical psychology assessment
- Design your own video game

Plus, Q&A time with all the professionals and guidance on university choices, interviews and applications.

Please forward this email to relevant students and parents so they can register their places now.


[VIEW & REGISTER: AGES 15-18](#)

[VIEW & REGISTER: AGES 12-14](#)

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**STEM Summer Experiences in London**



**STEM & MEDICINE SUMMER EXPERIENCES 2023**  
Life-changing Career Experiences For Ages 12-18  
London, July & August 2023



## Invitation For Parents: Success Beyond School

*How to turn teenagers into successful young professionals*



We are delighted to announce the first events in our *Success Beyond School* series for 2023. **These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.** The events are for parents and are free to attend.

1st February: Communicating With Confidence  
How to develop children to become strong communicators

15th March: Engineer Your Future  
How to help your child launch a career in Engineering

Please forward this email to parents so they can register their places now.

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## Beezee Bodies

**THE NEW PARENT MAIL**

**B beezee bodies**

HELLO, PARENTS & GUARDIANS! WE ARE BEEZEE BODIES, AND WE WORK WITH HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FREE (AND FUN!) HEALTHY LIFESTYLES SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES.

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FAMILY TO BE HEALTHIER?**  
GOOD NEWS! WE HAVE NEW GROUPS STARTING NEAR YOU IN JANUARY. CLICK BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE!

**CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>BORHAMWOOD</b> 4000 WALK 17:00 - 18:00	<b>STEVENAGE</b> RAYWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL 17:30 - 18:30	<b>HODDESDON</b> ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH 17:30 - 18:30	<b>HEWELL</b> HAWTHORNDEN 17:30 - 18:30
<b>WELWYN</b> GARDEN CITY 17:00 - 18:00	<b>WATFORD</b> ST. MARK'S PRIMARY 17:30 - 18:30	<b>WALTHAM CROSS</b> WILSON DRIVE PRIMARY 17:30 - 18:30	<b>LETCHEWORTH</b> JACKHALL COMMUNITY CENTRE 17:30 - 18:30

\*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Hertfordshire and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.

**HAPPY VEGAN-YARY!**

The New Year is a great time to switch it up and try something different. Why not give these Crispy Cauliflower Nuggets a go as a healthy alternative to traditional chicken nuggets or turkey dinosaurs - ah, and did we mention they're veggie?

**CRISPY CAULIFLOWER NUGGETS**

**What to do:**

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Line baking sheet with parchment paper or foil and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, toss the cauliflower florets with the mayonnaise until completely coated and set aside.
3. In a small bowl, combine breadcrumbs, onion powder, garlic powder, paprika and mix well.
4. Coat the cauliflower florets in the breadcrumb mixture and place on a baking sheet.
5. Bake for 30 minutes, turning halfway.
6. For the dipping sauce, combine ketchup, mayonnaise and sriracha in a small bowl.
7. Serve with a side of your favourite veggies and enjoy!

**TOP TIP**  
Feel free to swap out the spices for whatever you already have in the cupboard or a different combo you might like!

**Ingredients:**

- 450g cauliflower florets (one medium head)
- 4 tablespoons vegan mayonnaise (or regular/light mayo- it just won't be vegan then!)
- 60g breadcrumbs
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground paprika
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 2 tablespoons vegan mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon sriracha (optional)

## FizzBug - Half term at the Grove School

**HALF TERM**  
GROVE SCHOOL, HARPENDEN

CHOOSE FROM OUR  
COOKERY SCHOOL,  
FIZZBUG, FOOTBALL &  
ART CLUB

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Family Fun Run

**FAMILY FUN RUN**

SUNDAY  
**14**  
MAY

**BUBBLE RUSH**

NEW LOCATION FOR 2023  
Drift Limits Racetrack  
**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD**

The **FUN** run through coloured bubbles!

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