



School Newsletter



KWS Newsletter - Issue 63 - 10.2.23

Heads up

Spring came a little early yesterday evening with the KWS Spring Concert. 30 individual performances from our very talented musical students kept the sell-out audience captivated. From popular covers to self-composed pieces, the quality and focus shone through. Thank you to all the students and staff that put together a very enjoyable evening.

Last Friday students and staff braved the elements in the sponsored 'sleep out'. Staff reported that the students were fantastic, a real credit to themselves and KWS. The response from sponsors has been breath taking. The initial fundraising target of £1000 has been blown out of the water. At the last check it had raised over £8500. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

On Tuesday evening we held a parents' meeting to launch the Year 8 GCSE options process. Mr Martin, our head students and Miss Philips, our Careers lead, talked parents through the timeline to choose subjects, with the main focus on selecting subjects students enjoy. The message also urged the students to research the subject thoroughly via our website and talk to students in Years 9 and 10 who currently study those subjects to find out what it is really like.

As part of our focus on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, there is a parent meeting on the 6th

March. Please see further details below. On the evening we will discuss the initiative to ask students to report incidents when they see micro aggressions or hear racial and sexual slurs.

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week, a topic very close to everyone's hearts post Covid. I am proud to say that our own in-house counselling service has 8 days of mental health support across 4 counsellors, that is 2 days per year group. Unfortunately, that still isn't enough to prevent waiting lists - such is the need for support. However, the average wait time is significantly less than support via other external agencies and our 'drop in' service can be used by any student needing support urgently.

Staying with aspects of the legacy of Covid, school attendance nationally has dropped significantly in the last two years. To help support families who are living with or anticipating their children developing school attendance issues, we are holding an Attendance Clinic over half-term.

Our inaugural in school chess competition looks likely to be a mammoth event. With over 70 students already signed up to participate, we have had to invest in more boards and clocks. If they have not signed up already, please encourage your child to give it a go. It is linked to getting house points just for signing up regardless of how far they progress through the rounds.

With all this good news, it is sad to have to write about some parental challenges to how we view vaping. When a student is caught vaping, it will be punished with a C5 (internal or external suspension depending on the frequency of the behaviour). Should you anticipate vaping may be attractive to your child, please as a parent speak to them as suspensions can be distressing and poor choices are best dealt with before they are made. I thank you for the trust you put in us as education professionals but we do our job best with the support of parents at home.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

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



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EDI Newsletter

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Update Since September, Katherine Warrington School has taken a proactive step to start our journey to make our community a space in which all of us can feel seen, heard and that we belong. As part of our journey (as outlined in the email sent to our families before the winter break) we have taken the ...

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Year 8 KS4 Options Choices.

We hope that students and parents/carers have been utilising the detailed resources available via the KS4 options web pages following the launch of the process to students and parents/carers. If you were unable to attend the launch, on the evening of Tuesday 7th Feb, all the information and a video can be found at <https://kwschool.co.uk/ks4-options/> Year 8 Consultation Evening will be taking ...

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Sports Update

There were a number of positives in PE this week. Starting with our Year 10 boys football squad who had a good 5-2 win in the first round of the district cup. Some excellent goals scored by Jordan, Krrish, Fin and Joe x2. We look forward to the next round. Similarly, well done to our U13 girls football team who ...

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Zonal Trampoline Competition



Massive congratulations to the students who competed in the Zonal Trampoline competition in Leicester on Sunday 29th January. The Year 7 boys elite team of Riley W, Matthew P and Joshua P performed excellently and were crowned Zonal champions qualifying for National Finals in March. The Year 9 boys novice team of Ollie T, Will E and Jude D'S held ...

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Gold Modeshift Travel Plan Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Gold Level Modeshift award for our commitment to Sustainable Travel and our robust travel plan and implementation. Thank you to Students and Parents for their support in our efforts to move towards Sustainable means of travel and following our Zonal Map and picking up a 5-10 minute walk away from ...



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Trustee News

It seems just five minutes since we wished each other a Happy New Year - time flies when you're having fun! As Trustees we have been busy working with school as we plan out the vision for the KWS Sixth Form. Thank you to years 9 and 10 and their parents & carers for completing the survey; all your input is invaluable. This exciting stage of the journey is another big step for KWS. It builds on the foundations of the strong KWS values and ethos which all in our school community share. We hope all our staff, students and families have a enjoyable half term break.

KWS Vacancies

Here are our current vacancies:

Teacher of Science (ECT - ideally Chemistry or Physics)

Teacher of Science (ideally with ability to teach Chemistry or Physics to KS5)

Teacher of PE (applications from ECTs also welcome) - closing tomorrow

Here are our upcoming vacancies:

Teacher of PRE

Teacher of Art (part -time)

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**. 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 13th - Friday 17th February - HALF TERM

Monday 20th February - Year 10 Study Skills Session

Thursday 23rd February - Year 8 Reports Issued

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Friday 3rd March - KwAF Year 7 Disco

Monday 6th March - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion meeting

Notices to Parents/Carers

Year 10 activities week (26th - 30th June)

Year 9 activities week (26th - 30th June)

Year 7 activities week (26th - 30th June)

Year 9 and Year 10 - Virtual Taster Day

Attendance Clinic - 15th February

Digital Apprenticeship Information

NON KWS Events/Publicity

Make the future yours magazine

It can be viewed for free at www.makethefutureyours.uk/latest-issue along with our previous issues.

Issue 6 of our careers magazine, *Make the Future Yours!* is now available.

In this issue we look at Access to HE Courses, Environmentally Conscious Construction and Marketing careers.

It also includes case studies on what it's like being a Engineering Apprentice, Lab Technician Apprentice and having a Career in the Landscape.

Free relationship support courses

Online resources link: <https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents>

For more information [click here](#)

Free Relationship Support Courses

OnePlusOne offer free online relationship support courses for Hertfordshire residents.

There are three digital resources available for parents:

1. Me You and Baby Too – To help new and expectant parents adapt to the changes that parenthood can have on their relationship, raise awareness of the impact of stress and conflict on their baby and develop skills to manage conflict constructively.
2. Arguing Better – To support parents experiencing high levels of stress and couple conflict to raise awareness of the impact on children, increase capacity to cope with stress together and develop skills to manage conflict.
3. Getting it Right for Children – To support separating or separated parents experiencing high levels of conflict understand the impact on the child, develop positive communications skills, and co-operate in working out solutions.

All three of the above courses are online and parents who wish to access them can work their way through them at their own pace, they do not need to complete all in one go, they can save and come back to it later. Parents can do any one of the courses or all three, depending on their circumstances and needs.

Parents will need a smart device such as a mobile phone and an internet connection to access the online resources <https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents>

For more relationship advice and support you can visit <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/childcare-and-advice-for-parents/parents-and-family-support/relationships/relationship-support-for-parents.aspx?searchInput=&page=1&resultsPerPage=10&view=card>

James Marshall Foundation

DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP FOR EDUCATION OR CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

JMF
JAMES MARSHALL
FOUNDATION
EST. 1722

JMF can support under 25s living in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate.



The journey through education and into work can be an expensive time. We may be able to help with:

- Equipment and travel for work/ apprenticeships
- Further education courses
- College/University costs
- Extra-Curricular activities: sport, music, creative arts
- Scouts/Guides and DofE
- Laptops and printers
- Residential school trips
- School uniform

LAST
YEAR WE
AWARDED
OVER 1000
GRANTS

Grants are quick and easy to apply for using our online application form.

T : 01582 760735 | E : grants@jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk
www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk | Charity No: 1181004

Help for households - Cheaper tickets to London or Whipsnade Zoo

Tickets from as little as £3 per person

Help for Households

We know how hard things are for many families on low incomes right now, and we want to do what we can to help.

As part of our Community Access Scheme, you can now buy reduced price tickets for London Zoo or Whipsnade Zoo 'at the gate' from as little as £3 per person if you are receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance.

The £3 tickets are available for the whole family (under 3's go free), from 11am every day of the week, and the current offer runs until the end of March 2023.

You'll need to bring your proof of benefit letter with you to the zoo when you buy your tickets(s) from our friendly staff at the admissions gate (this can be an electronic copy if you prefer). Unfortunately, we won't be able to issue discounted tickets unless you are able to show one of the above documents (per household) as proof of eligibility.

Important notes:

These tickets are available 7 days a week to buy from 11am onwards

Tickets can only be purchased from our admissions kiosks at the time of your visit – they are not available online or in advance.

Regular admissions tickets, including those for anyone coming along with you, must still be booked online and in advance.

We're operating a cashless system on our sites and we ask that you pay with credit or debit cards, or contactless payment methods only.

Due to the popularity of this scheme, there may be queues at 11am and on busy weekends, so we suggest arriving later or visiting weekdays to minimise waiting times at our ticket booths.

Talking Additional Needs - Online Course

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS



NOW ONLINE



WEDNESDAYS
22nd Feb - 29th Mar 2023
9.45 -11.15am

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. Diagnosis is not essential. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict: why it happens and how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.
- Manage the different needs within your family.

'I have been on a few courses to help me with my son, this was by far the most helpful.'



**PARENTING COURSES
DELIVERED TO YOUR
HOME VIA ZOOM**

For parents and carers in Herts

'I was in a lot of distress as I had no idea how to deal with my daughter's anger and frustration, now I have harmony in my home and I feel more in control and less of a failure.'

Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, please call Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

www.supportinglinks.co.uk

QUOTING REFERENCE SL 550



These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund

Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

Cascade Camps - Multi Activity Camp

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Shrove Tuesday at Crabtree Church



crabtree church

Shrove Tuesday

Drop by & enjoy a
free pancake



Everyone Welcome

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Tuesday 21st February
Parking Available

139 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden, AL5 5RD

<https://crabtreechurch.org.uk/>



Money Saving Surgery - Chapel Halls

MONEY SAVING SURGERY

Want to fix your finances in 2023?

If that's on your goals or objectives for the year Karen, Liz and Alex have got your back

Come to our money saving surgery on either date and have a chat.



KAREN POTTON

Karen can help you reduce your utility bills (energy, broadband, mobiles and home insurance) and give you energy saving tips and money saving tips.



LIZ KING

Liz can help you sort out your mortgages and protection, and can do a gap analysis and see where the gaps and duplications are.



ALEX THOMAS

Alex can help you in reviewing your pensions, savings and investments to ensure they are working for you, and also make sure you are using your tax allowances before they are lost!



CHAPEL HALLS, WHEATHAMPSTEAD
WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 09.30AM-11.30AM
TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Pancakes at All Saints Hall



Pancakes!!!

Come and join us for pancake eating and fun games!

Sunday 19th February 2023

5.30 – 6.30 pm

All Saints Hall

129 Station Road, Harpenden AL5 4UU

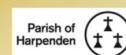
Cost: £2 per person / £5 per family

To buy your tickets, contact Cath

07961564385 /

assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org

This event is brought to you by the SAS Youth Club. Funds raised will go towards the youth work within Harpenden Parish.



Skate Park Survey



Rothamsted Park

SKATE PARK

**New design
tell us what you think!**

Come along to the existing Rothamsted Park Skate Park on Monday 13th February, 3 - 6pm and let us know what you think.



You can also scan QR code for more details and take the online survey.

**Survey Deadline
19th February 2023**



Saracens Showdown Game in March - Discounted tickets

Please see below details on Saracens Showdown game in March and how you are able to purchase discounted tickets

Come and cheer on our Saracens Men Rugby team as they take on their biggest rivals. We are offering you 10% discount on all ticket purchases as a supporter of the Saracens Foundation.

Saracens Mens Rugby will be playing Harlequins Mens Rugby on Saturday 25th March at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

For anyone that hasn't attended one of our Showdown Games before - it is way more than 80 minutes of world class rugby; the show before, during and after the game will be fantastic fun and a great experience to share. Check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkUk5xum8AU>

To buy tickets go to: <https://www.saracens.com/theshowdown3/>

Don't forget to add in the Saracens Foundation discount code when you reach your basket - SD10PC7GHZ

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible on the big day!



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