

KWS Newsletter - Issue 64 - 3.3.23

Heads up

This week was allocation day where prospective students find out which secondary school they will be joining. Again for this September, due to demand we have responded positively to the request

from County for KWS to take more students than our published allocation. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7's to our Summer School in August.

The second strike day was on Wednesday. I would like to thank staff, students and parents for their approach to these unusual circumstances. Another two strike days are planned for mid March. I will write to parents to inform you of how we intend to approach these nearer the time.

We are holding a meeting for interested parents around our equality, diversity and inclusion work with the KWS pledge. It is on Monday evening. Everyone is welcome but we would appreciate you letting us know if you intend to come along so we can cater for anticipated numbers.

Our school travel plan and commitment to sustainable travel has seen us achieve gold status on Mode Shift Stars. Thank you to everyone who choses a sustainable travel method to get to and from school and for not parking or collecting on site without prior permission. A map of the local area with highlighted bands for 5 and 10 minutes walk away from the school gates has again been emailed out to all families.

March is Careers Month. We will be focusing on career pathways in every subject lesson and highlighting the skills required in such roles. More information below.

World Book day on Thursday was a great success. We had over 30 staff members wearing name tags of characters from popular novels. Students had to find the staff and identify which book the character featured in. If they did not know the character, they were tasked with researching it with a prize of a book token for the most titles correctly identified.

Tonight is the Year 7 disco organised by KWAF to raise funds for the school. Always a very well attended event. I trust everyone will enjoy themselves as they head into the weekend.

Tony Smith Headteacher

House Points

This weeks house point winners are Armstrong. Congratulations!

1st - Armstrong - 24492 2nd - Nightingale - 24375

3rd - Tesla - 23988

4th - Franklin - 23323

5th - Ali - 23043

6th - Keller - 22599

KWS Party Package



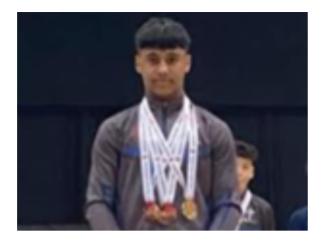
PE Update

There has been lots going on in PE over the last few weeks: Year 7s did themselves proud at sports hall athletics, gaining valuable experience ready for the athletics season starting in the summer term. The boys Year 7 / 8 basketball squad claimed their first win of the season with a promising 25-7 win in their second league fixture ...



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England Gymnastics Championships - Great Achievement



A huge congratulations to Uzair in Year 8 who competed at the English Gymnastics Championships last Sunday in Telford. Uzair had an amazing competition placing 2nd overall in his age category. He was crowned English High Bar champion and also received bronze medals on Vault and Pommel. We wish him good luck for his training leading up to the British Championships ...

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UK Mathematics Trust Maths Challenge

Well done to all 72 Year 9 and Year 10 students who competed in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge on Thursday 2nd February. This challenge is designed to test student's mathematical ability through problem solving and the challenge is taken by some of KWS's top mathematicians. We would like to congratulate the following students who achieved a bronze award ...



United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

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Elevate Education Seminar: Time Management



On the first day back from the half term break, the Year 10's were visited by Elevate Education as part of a Time Management seminar. The presenter discussed their GCSE experiences and passed their wisdom on to our current Year 10's in preparations for the upcoming mock examinations. All Year 10's were provided with a helpful Time Management booklet outlining ...

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Children's Mental Health Week 6th Feb - 10th Feb During Children's Mental Health Week (Monday 6th to the 10th of February), we celebrated the theme of "Let's Connect." Throughout the week we ran various activities designed to encourage our students and staff to explore the ways we can make meaningful connections in support of our mental health. All students explored these ideas in both form time and PSHE lessons ...



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Year 7 Shaking Up Shakespeare Performance on Thursday



Katherine Warington School English Department welcomed Anthony Glenn's Shaking Up Shakespeare on Thursday morning this week to perform his one man show of A Midsummer Night's Dream to Year 7. A Midsummer Night's Dream is a 16th century romantic comedy that is all about how "the course of true love never did run smooth". We had a couple of lessons ...

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Careers Month

At KWS, we have rebranded the month of March as "Careers Month", during which every student will receive at least one lesson per subject that has some form of careers focus. It is hoped that this will provide students with knowledge about where each of their academic subjects could take them, in terms of their future pathways. We have lots ...



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KWS Vacancies

EXAMS INVIGILATORS

Closing date – Monday, 13th March at 5pm

£10.65 per hour including holiday pay, term time only, on a flexible, variable hours basis.

We are looking to form our first ever invigilation team for our upcoming exam period.

You will be required to invigilate exams, collect papers and work with our Exams Officer to ensure regulations are adhered to. We are looking for reliable, flexible and enthusiastic individuals, with an eye for detail.

The hours are varied and there will be opportunities to work on an ad hoc basis during the year, as well as during the exam period April to June.

There will be appropriate training for successful candidates and invigilators will be required to attend regular refresher sessions.

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

Friday 3rd March - KWAF School Disco Monday 6th March - EDI Parent Voice Tuesday 7th March - GSCE Mathis In Action Trip - Year 10 Wednesday 8th March - Year 7 STEM Discovery Centre Trip (1/2) Wednesday 8th March - Year 7 Team Maths Challenge Heat Thursday 9th March - Year 7 STEM Discovery Centre Tip (2/2) Thursday 9th March - Primary Netball Match - KWS Hosting Friday 10th March - Artist Workshop - Year 9 Fine Art Students Monday 13th March - Friday 17th March - Year 8 options Selections Monday 13th March - Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip Tuesday 16th March - Year 9 Reports Issued Thursday 16th March - KWAF Comedy Night

Notices to parents/carers

Year 7 KWA Disco Lost Property Year 7 STEM Trip

TWILIGHT TASTERS

Feel the thrill of learning!

Wednesday 1 March - 4:30pm - 6pm

St Albans Campus Tasters

- Art & Design Introduction to Studio Photography
- Bricklaying Introduction to Brickwork
- Business Designing a brand
- Introduction to Motor Vehicle Engineering
- Public Service Calculating risks of Crime
- Sport Taster on Fitness Testing
- Animal Care Bug handling and biology tasks
- Carpentry- Introduction to Carpentry-Bench Joinery
- Catering Introduction to bread making/Pizza
- Plumbing Introduction to Plumbing

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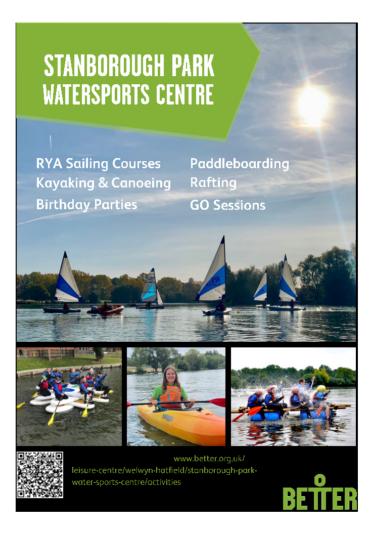
Welwyn Garden City Campus Tasters

- Applied Science Taster on DNA extraction
- Hair & Beauty Hair plaiting & hand/arm massage
- Childcare & Early Years- Make a young child's book
- Computing & IT Building a website using HTML
- Engineering
- Construction
- Forensic Science Taster on Offender Profiling
- Health & Social Care Career paths

And more...

Get a taste of the subject you're interested in. Book now! www.oaklands.ac.uk/event/twilight-taster





Cascade Camps - Multi Activity Camps



St Albans District Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan



Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are a new approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at a local level. We are proposing improvements across St Albans District, with a focus on changes that are most likely to help more people to walk and cycle, to improve safety, and to provide better connections. These include segregated cycleways and footway improvements, redesigning junctions, upgrading crossing points, and measures to slow vehicle speeds.

Scan the QR code or visit the website to find out more and respond to the consultation:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/lcwip-stalbans





Interested in volunteering?

Hall Bookings Assistant

A volunteer is being sought to join our Bookings team. The team use a computerised system and work partly from home/ partly from the Trust office. The time commitment varies but averages 3-4 hours week.

The work is varied and includes meeting and speaking to hirers, taking and organising hall bookings and other associated tasks.

> Please get in touch if you are interested in learning more about how you can help support your local community

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