



School Newsletter



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Heads up

I'm eagerly anticipating the whole school production of Shrek and particularly enjoying the announcements at briefing such as 'Would all the mythical creatures report to the hall for Period 7 please'. The hall has been rigged out for a fantastic (and tech enhanced) show which sees the first dress rehearsal next week with some local junior school students as the audience. A few tickets to the main shows are still available. Don't miss out.

Despite the weather, lots of our students have been put through their Bikeability certificates this week. Lots of soggy children due to the rain but glad to report lots of success and no injuries. It's good to see the bike racks at school filling up as the weather gets warmer.

We 'hosted' the Herts Athletics League event this week in Stevenage. Congratulations to all of our students who participated. For the results and more, please see the PE section below.

A trio of trips occurred in the last week involving a variety of students. The Brilliant Club visited Kings College in London and were presented with their graduation certificates for successfully completing the course; our GCSE computing students went on a History of Computing trip to Bletchley where they attended workshops on the history of computers, A.I. and the impact of the enigma machines in the Second World War. Our Year 9 life-skills students were welcomed and put

through their paces backstage at the giant Tesco in Hatfield where they had a mock job interview, talked to the section managers and got a tour of the storage and distribution centre. We also look forward to welcoming Jason Tarry, CEO of Tesco in the UK who is coming in to address all of our Year 10 students as part of our careers programme shortly after half term. Our Year 10 students then go out on their first work experience placements to get a real feel of what work entails. Finally, it was the Duke of Edinburgh silver level practice in Chesham last weekend. Again, lots of rain but lots of determination and resilience on display. For more on these trips, please see below.

Our Year 10 students have been receiving their mock results this week and reports will be issued shortly leading up to an in-person parents evening before half term. As much as on-line parent evenings hit the mark for convenience, we intend to move to more face-to-face parent meetings going forward for all year groups. On-line was identified by both parents and staff as one 'keep' coming out of the pandemic. However, it does not help to build effective relationships between teachers and parents as much as face-to-face contact does. We will still try to facilitate feedback if a parent cannot attend for valid reasons such as family illness.

We concluded our annual student survey this afternoon. All students across the four-year groups had the opportunity to answer questions about their time and experience at KWS and comment further on aspects that they enjoy or concern them. We have routinely completed a parent survey each year and then invited parents into KWS to share the results. The survey questions have been based around the questions that Ofsted ask parents when they inspect a school. As we are anticipating an Ofsted visit at some stage in the next 12 months and as part of that we would ask parents to complete the survey, it feels like we would be duplicating the process to do our own survey this term. Hence, we have set up an email address for parents/carers to give the school any feedback that they wish. This would not replace or supersede any direct email contact with individual staff members such as your child's form teacher.

The email address is feedback@kwschool.co.uk and they will be delivered to the Senior Leadership Team.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

Sixth Form Consultation Evening

I am writing to inform you of the sixth form consultation evening which will be taking place on Tuesday 20th June for year 9 and 10 parents/carers. This is an important evening, through which you will be given some key information regarding sixth form courses and opportunities as we look forward to opening the sixth form in September 2024. Our parents are key stakeholders and as well as gaining important information you will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the sixth form opening and to discuss the plans with our senior leaders.

The event will start at 7pm in the main school hall and run until 8:30pm.

Please confirm your attendance so we have an estimate of numbers (Students will have assemblies to provide them with information and are not expected to attend).

Many thanks

Mr Laing

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Last weekend, 31 Year 10 students took part in their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition in the Chiltern Hills. Arriving on Friday evening the students pitched their tents, cooked dinner and enjoyed a warm, sunny evening before settling down for the night.

On Saturday students took part in a short training navigation practice and were then expected to be self sufficient for the rest of the day in order to prepare for their expedition in July.

On Sunday it was down to the students to navigate back from the campsite to Chesham train station following a given route by the instructors.

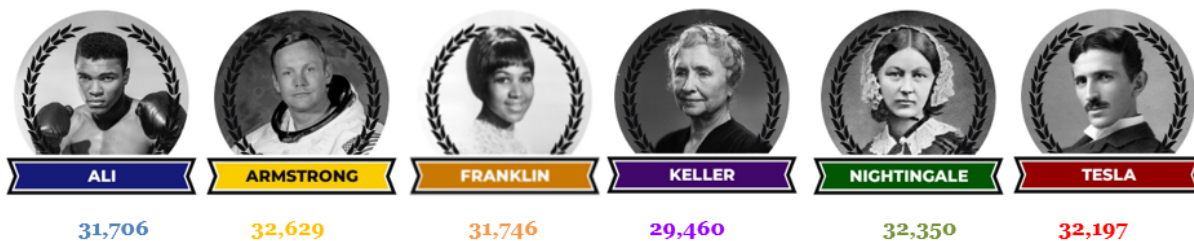
Despite the very wet weather on the Saturday all students worked extremely well together, kept morale high, had a great time and are looking forward to the assessed expedition 7th-9th July.

Well done to all.

Mrs Freeman

House Points

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



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KWS Vacancies

There are no current vacancies but all new vacancies are posted on mynewterm so keep on checking there.

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 15th May - Friday 19th May - Performing Arts Production Week

Thursday 18th May - Year 10 Reports Issued

Monday 22nd May - Year 8 Romeo and Juliet Performance

Tuesday 23rd May - Onatti Spanish Play (Year 9 and Year 10 Spanish Students)

Thursday 25th May - Year 10 Parents Evening

Notices

Work Experience - Medical

Production Week - Shrek Students

Non KWS Events/Publicity

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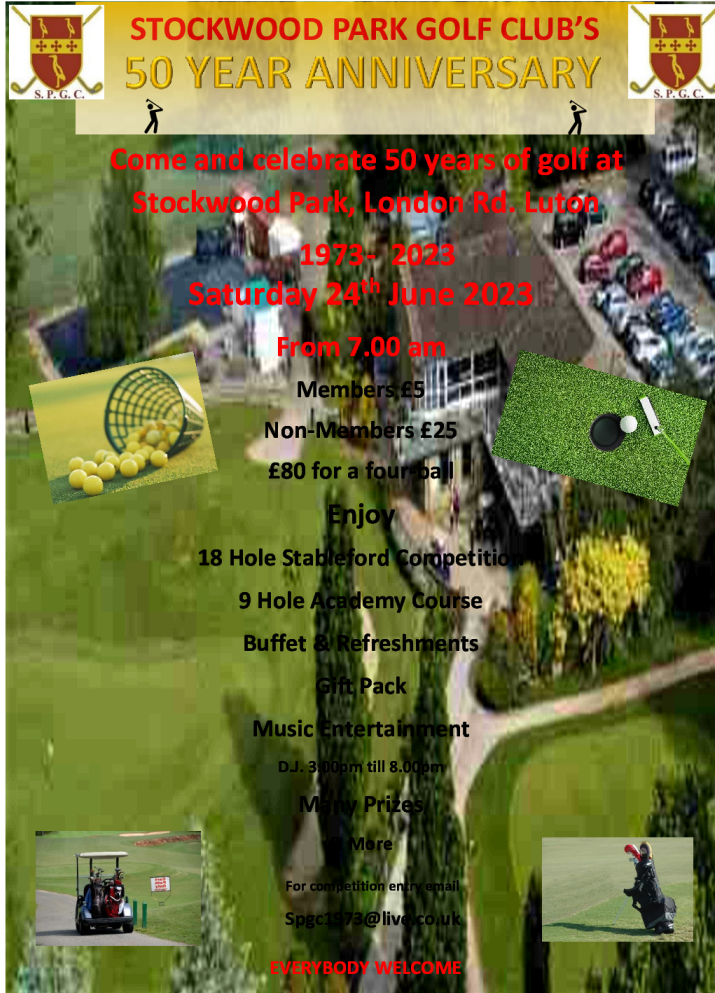
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Summer Career Experiences

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Free webinar for students & parents on making the most of the summer holidays

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The summer holidays are a great chance for students to unwind but can also be a very useful time for them to upskill and prepare for their future careers.

Both **parents and students** can join us for an **evening webinar** as we provide advice and guidance on **how to succeed over the summer holidays**, including:

- What the job market looks like today and the key skills employers are looking for
- Practical tips on what students can be doing over summer to get ahead in their career development
- How InvestIN can support students in their careers over the summer holidays

This event will take place via **Zoom** at **18:00 UK time on Tuesday 16th May**.

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- Shadow doctors in a London hospital
- Trade the stock market in a London skyscraper
- Explore supercars with Formula 1 engineers
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AGES 15-18

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Public Health Nursing 5-19 Team Newsletter

Ways to contact us:

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(Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)
www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing

Free workshops available for parents and young people to attend, regarding emotional health, returning to school and more:
<http://ow.ly/U01750KHVQk>

HEALTH & TEENS

www.healthforteens.co.uk

Your child may be exposed to lots of different influences outside of home; their peers, friends, online activities and also in the community.

In most cases, these influences are positive and bring them opportunities to socialise, learn and thrive. However, in some situations, some young people may become involved in activities in their community that put them at risk of danger.

Try and create a safe space for your child to talk to you about their experiences and how they feel. Conversations with your child can help to tip the balance towards your child being safer.

Please see link below for further information

<http://ow.ly/hF2Q50NWtTX>



Chat Health is a text messaging service for young people aged 11-19 years that runs between 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday and gives the opportunity to contact a School Nurse for support and advice.

Young people can ask for help and advice on a range of issues such as:

- Weight and exercise
- Healthy eating
- Stress and anxiety
- Relationships and sexual health

If a young person contacts Chat Health after 5pm or on weekends and bank holidays, they will receive a bounce back message explaining where they can access support.



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