



School Newsletter



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Message from Chair of Trustees

For those few of you who may have missed my letter sent earlier this week, please find below a copy of my communication from the 14th June 2023.

Dear parents/carers

I write to outline some changes to our Katherine Warrington School Senior Leadership Team for the next school year.

Tony Smith will be taking up a new role as Executive Director with a focus on the next phase of our journey - the KWS Sixth Form. Tony will be using his expertise and experience of school leadership to create our new, ambitious, forward thinking learning environment for 16-18 year old students in Harpenden in conjunction with Assistant Head Chris Laing. On behalf of the entire KWS community, I would like to thank Tony for the nine years he has been associated with establishing KWS and for his unwavering commitment and dedication to KWS as our founding Headteacher.

I am pleased to announce that David Martin has accepted the role of Acting Headteacher with responsibility for years 7-11. David has been with KWS since September 2020. In his role as Deputy Headteacher he has been a key part of the school's success to date. David is looking forward to leading the school with the full support of Tony, the KWS Senior Leadership Team, our staff, students, families and Trustees.

Tony is planning to retire when we have opened our Sixth Form; the Trust Board will fill the position of Headteacher permanently with an open Headteacher recruitment process, to take place in the next academic year.

Please join me in congratulating both David and Tony on their new roles which will take effect from September 2023.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Howarth
Chair of Trustees

I am sure there will be lots of opportunities to reflect on and celebrate Tony's career at KWS and what he has achieved, before he winds down to retirement at the end of next year.

Heads up

The fine weather continued as we began exam week for Years 7-9 this week. As a hay fever sufferer, it is a reminder that all my exams were sat with me trying not to rub my eyes or constantly sneeze. It's not the best look and certainly adds another level of challenge. However, I have to report that all our students seem to be handling the circumstances and the pressures that come with exams. If you are well prepared then they tend to go well. The adage 'fail to prepare then prepare to fail' is never too far away from teachers' thoughts at this time of year.

As the students in school have faced exam week, our Year 10 students have participated in their first work experience week (there will be another opportunity in Year 12). Staff have either visited the workplaces or contacted them by phone and the general picture is that many of the students are throwing themselves into the opportunities. These opportunities are rather varied and there was a vast range for students to select, from graphic design to car repairs, banking to equestrian work. I would like to thank Gosling Creative, Porsche, Bank of America and Sandridgebury Equestrian Riding School and all the companies and businesses that have offered our students the opportunity to taste the experience of earning a living.

Just before the Year 10s went on work experience week, they had the opportunity to sit through a talk and fire questions to Jason Tarry the CEO of Tesco UK. It was an enlightening hour and some of our students questions showed real thought and depth as they asked Mr Tarry about Tesco's approach to the environment and ethical trading as well as the equity rationale behind Tesco's Club Card and price discounts. It isn't every day that young people are given the opportunity to question the head of the largest commercial employer in the UK. Well done to everyone involved.

While the good weather can be enjoyable, if you are carrying a heavy backpack and walking for a minimum of 3 hours for your Duke of Edinburgh bronze award, as 70 of our Year 9 students did at

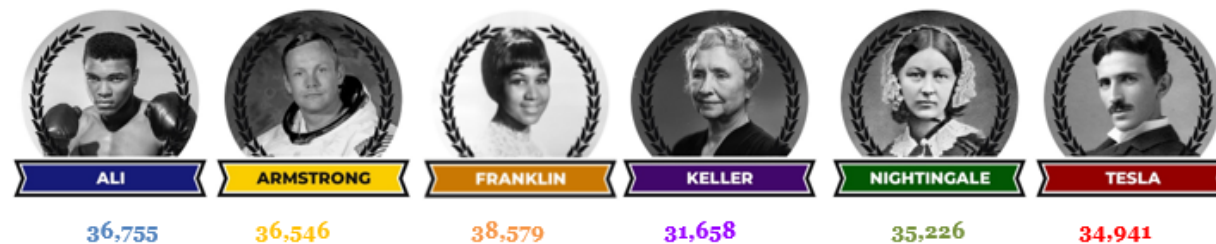
the weekend, the hot weather is not the ideal. All of them survived the ordeal and many of them actually enjoyed the challenge and the experience. Good luck to our Year 10 silver participants in a couple of weeks time.

A couple of achievements of note. Our PE department received the Schools Games Gold Mark which reflects the range and frequency of sports competitions and events that the PE department facilitate for our students to participate in during lessons and as extra curriculum opportunities. Our six students who attended the local inter school debate competition with the other Harpenden secondary schools did exceptionally well as they debated such issues as 'Is the internet making us stupid', 'Should we have a manned mission to Mars' and the acceleration of students based on academic success to move up in years faster than their calendar birthday so 'Stage not Age' . Congratulations to Flo and Sophie in Year 8 who won their debate. It has been such a great experience to participate in the vibrant debates with the other schools. Thank you SJL for hosting this round.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

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



PE Update

Wednesday concluded the athletics season with our final County meet at Stevenage. In a similar vein to previous meets, all students conducted themselves fantastically well. Miss Mountford and Mr Alexander are very proud of all students who have committed and improved week after week. Lots of the students have tried new events and run, jumped and thrown some impressive times ...

[Read more](#)



KWS Sixth Form Parents Consultation Evening



KWS Sixth form parents consultation evening is being held on Tuesday 20th June at 7pm in the main school hall. All parents of Year 9 and 10 students are welcome to attend to gain information about the establishment of our KWS sixth form as well as the opportunity to speak to school leaders about the plans. Please confirm your attendance, ...

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CEO of Tesco Talk with Year 10s

We were fortunate to be visited by Jason Tarry, CEO for Tesco UK Operations to talk about his career path and the variety of opportunities at Tesco. All Year 10 students attended this event, which was fantastically run as a Q&A by our Head students. Students heard about Tesco apprenticeships, work ethic, sustainability at Tesco, and diversity, amongst many other things. The ...



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KWS Fantasy Premier League

Congratulations to Alex C of 10 Franklin who has been crowned the KWS Fantasy Premier League Champion for 2022-23! Jack S of 7 Franklin came second. In the KWS Fantasy Premier League Champion Cup, Tapiwa M took the trophy and the House points. There were also House points awarded to each Manager of the Month, so congratulations to Oli T ...

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KWS Vacancies

Science Technician

School trips coordinator

Lettings Assistants

Teacher of Science

Learning Support Assistant

Governance Professional

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 19th June - Year 10 Macbeth Performance

Tuesday 20th June - Year 9 and 10 Parents - Initial Sixth Form Information Evening

Monday 26th June - Friday 30th June - Activities Week

Monday 3rd July - INSET DAY

Friday 7th July - Sunday 9th July - DofE Silver Expedition

Notices to Parents/Carers

Year7 Girls Only Sports Camps

Year 8 Whitby Trip

Important announcement

Lost Property

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Family Support Worker - Job advert

Families First Services to Families Team of the Year 2023

Family Support Worker

Salary: £24,496-£25,878 (pro rata)

Hours: 15-18 hours per week term time only including inset/occasional days

The Harpenden Plus Partnership of Schools is looking for a friendly and approachable Family Support Worker to join our team. The team works alongside 23 schools to provide support for local families in Harpenden, Kimpton, Redbourn and Wheathampstead. The post will be based at Sauncey Wood Primary school.

This position offers diversity and challenge and we are proud to have been awarded the Families First Services to Families Team of the Year 2023. To join us you will need excellent interpersonal skills and a genuine desire to help others as you will work with children and young people, parents/carers and professionals from partner agencies. As part of a team, you will focus on enabling children and families to access support and on promoting the engagement of parents/carers in their children's learning, development and wellbeing. Above all you will need enthusiasm, creativity, perseverance and initiative.

The role involves family assessments, 1:1 parenting support, facilitating group parenting delivery, facilitating group delivery to children, report writing, researching opportunities and information sharing. A key aspect of the role is supporting local schools with the Families First Assessment process including the writing the assessment, setting up the Team Around the Family and drawing together the action plan.

The successful candidate will need to be IT literate and have excellent record keeping skills. You will need to have a Level 3 qualification and ideally experience in parenting support work, facilitating parenting courses and Families First Assessments.

It is envisaged that the post holder will work 15-18 core hours per week across 3 or 4 days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and commit to flexible working when necessary to attend training etc). The position is term time only so the successful candidate will have the school holidays off. Hours are open to negotiation and days can be discussed. Use of own car is essential.

If you think that you have the skills, energy and experience to contribute to our team please apply via Teach in Herts www.teachinherts.com. Should you wish to discuss the post in more detail, please phone Helen Fitzakerly, Partnership Manager, on 01582 623676 or 07908 459450.

Applications must be made on the HCC forms available to download from Teach in Herts – CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date for Applications: 3rd July 2023 at midnight

Interview date: 6th July 2023

Start date: September 2023

Listening to you

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Welcome to the Community and School Aged Immunisation Service (CSAIS) newsletter.

The purpose of this newsletter is

- To provide you with what's new in the world of vaccinations
- To advise you what the plans are for CSAIS within schools for the upcoming term
- To update you on our community clinics

VACCINATION PLANS

Our Schedule for the Summer Term 23:

HPV dose 2 —Year 8 and year 9

We'll be delivering dose 2 of HPV to all Year 8's and 9's, as well as catching up on outstanding vaccines for older year groups who have missed out on this vaccine owing to the COVID19 pandemic. These will be discussed with you as a school to see how best we can schedule these for you. This vaccine significantly protects pupils against HPV so we look forward to working on this with you.

DTP/Men ACWY

In some areas, the DTP/Men ACWY programme will continue to the end of the school year (either by the CSAIS team or Vaccination UK), due to increased numbers of additional students in year 10 and above who are still missing these crucial vaccines.

We would like to thank you for your patience and time working with the teams to ensure we have as many students vaccinated prior to the end of the school year.

Our Team Contact Details:

0300 555 5055

Option 1 Hertfordshire Team

Option 2 Norfolk Team

Option 3 Suffolk Team

Option 4 Cambs and Peterborough Team

Useful Links.

[UKHSA and NHS Publications](#) a provision for you to be able to download and order useful information for your students and their families.

VACCINATION NEWS

UPDATE

HPV—Gardasil 9.

In September 2022 the trust started using a new Gardasil vaccination as directed by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), Gardasil 9. This vaccine protects against 9 strains of HPV. The vaccine used previous (Gardasil 4) as the name suggests protected against 4 strains of HPV.

The most up to date guidance from the JCVI, is that from September 2023, students in year 8 and up will only require ONE dose of HPV vaccine.

Therefore the team will endeavour to get as many students who still require and have consented to dose 2 vaccinated prior to 31st August.

Catch Up sessions and clinics

For all students who are missing their vaccinations the teams shall be holding catch up sessions in schools, bookable and walk in clinics between now and the end of August. Keep an eye out for details of these for you to share with your students and families.

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BETTER

Baking Buddies



I am an experienced and fully vetted, qualified teacher with a passion for baking.

Baking Buddies Holiday Camp Easter Special

Make some yummy Easter breakfast bakes with my easy croissant and jam making master class on Thursday and special brioche making workshop including a surprise dish on Friday.

It will be an immersive, fun and inspiring baking experience for young minds aged 11+.



WHERE : KWS (Katharine Warrington School), Harpenden

WHEN: Thursday 6th April* & Friday 14th April

TIME: 9am-1.30pm or 9am-3pm

PRICE: £50 half day, £65 full day

*Days offered depending on numbers signing up



"Thank you for teaching us how to make delicious food!"



Contact me now
to book a session or to find out more

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