



School Newsletter



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Heads up

As we conclude an ambitious and very successful Activities Week, Sports Day(s) and PSHE day, we can happily reflect on the massive amount of inclusive participation across our student body. There is lots to read further down this newsletter about the individual trips but the key point is the range offered - Gothic trip to Whitby; Escape Room; Golden Hind; Legoland; Performing Arts trip to the

West End across 4 days incorporating Phantom of the Opera, Comedy of Errors, The Lion King and Mrs Doubtfire and a range of workshops with industry professionals; Stanborough Lake; Thorpe Park and the list goes on. The feedback from students and staff has been tremendous. It takes a lot of planning and allocation of resources and people to make the trips work and I'm delighted that staff are more than willing to support our students having opportunities to engage with such a range of experiences.

Then it was Sports Day(s), spread across two days this year as we have grown as a school. It isn't just an opportunity for our elite athletic students to show us how good they are, this is a fully inclusive sports day with the element of equitable competition built in. As well as the expected events such as long jump, 100 metres etc there are points available for participation in the Reach test; Press Ups; Sit Ups; Illinois Agility test; Standing Stork test, Beat the Goalie and much more. KWS Sports Day is the blueprint for how an inclusive and competitive sports day should be organised and staff and students are very proud of that and I can't thank our PE department enough for their work.

A note went to all parents this week asking for any volunteers to help with our Period 7 next term. Please do consider this if you have an expertise, skill or passion to pass on to the next generation. A staff member will always be present with you, so you can focus on enthusing and engaging. Please reply to Z.Coomber@kwschool.co.uk

The calendar for next year will be on our school website shortly. Though events may well be added as we go, the calendar gives a good picture of term times and events throughout the next academic year.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

Strike day information - Sent by email

I am writing to inform you about the plans Katherine Warrington School has put in place for the two days of strike action by the NEU, on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. Please be advised that the plans outlined below will apply to these dates only and we will address each subsequent day of strike action individually. As I mentioned in my previous communication, there will be some disruption to learning on these days and the plans we have at KWS will be different to those in other schools. The reason for this is that a school's plans will be dictated by the number of NEU members amongst their staff. I would also reiterate that staff who are striking can't be directed to set work for their classes nor can colleagues in any professional association or union be asked to cover striking colleagues. I fully support a colleague's right to participate in legal industrial action and to follow the guidance issued to them if they are not striking. As a Headteacher I have tried to provide the best solution I can for students in these challenging circumstances.

KWS will be open on both of the strike days. We will be open for:

- Year 10 and Year 9 on both strike days. We will not be open to Years 7 and 8 on either strike day.

As we will not know exactly who is striking until the morning of the strike days, I cannot give you an individual breakdown of what the day will look like for your child. However, if a teacher is in and teaching then students will be in that lesson, in accordance with their normal timetable. If their teacher is striking and a particular lesson(s) is impacted then for that period, they will be supervised in a communal area. They will be directed to an allocated space where they will be supervised and access work on their chromebooks. The work available will be Bedrock (English), Sparx Maths, SENECA (Science), Skills Builder (Careers), Drama National Theatre productions, our online library, Cognito, and super curricular activities in each subject. In addition, for students who wish to participate in additional sports, there will be opportunities throughout the day.

Students can come into school in PE kit if they wish. All students will need a fully charged chromebook and headphones. Breakfast, break and lunch with food available to purchase will run as normal. The timings of the school day will not change.

I hope these arrangements are clear and we will ensure that we get through these days with minimum disruption. Thankfully our Activities Week and Sports Day were unaffected. However,

these strike days do fall next week when Monday is an Inset Day, so the week will be quite fractured for some students I'm afraid. I thank you all in advance for your support.

Safeguarding: Vaping

The number of 11-17-year-olds using vapes in Great Britain has seen an increase, reaching 7% in 2022 compared to 4% in 2020. While this trend is worrying, it's important to note that most vaping among young people is experimental. Regular vaping is primarily limited to children who currently smoke or have a history of smoking. The surge in youth vaping coincides with the introduction of inexpensive and appealing disposable vapes. These products have gained popularity among children and young adults, largely due to extensive promotion on social media. National and local efforts are underway to tackle the issues.

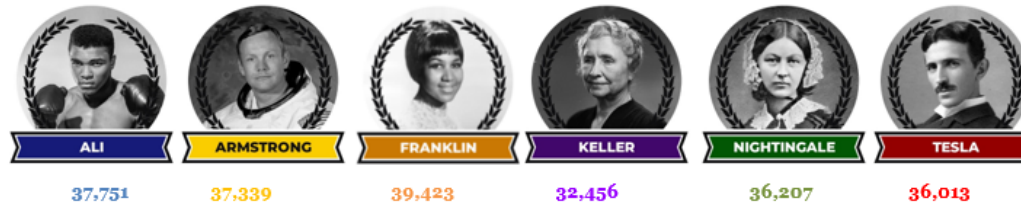
Hertfordshire County Council have developed this leaflet for parents/carers which includes a section on how to have conversations with your child about vaping. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the pastoral team for more support and advice.

Mrs Aikman

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/public-health/health/vaping-leaflet-hertfordshire-a5.pdf>

House Points

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



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Year 10 Macbeth Performance

On Monday we welcomed our wonderful Year 10 students back from Work Experience with a one-man performance of Macbeth. This is a key GCSE text that we will be studying early in Year 11 and as Shakespeare is famously complex we thought it would be good to get an idea of the play in a fun and engaging way. Anthony ...



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Work Experience Report

Students in Year 10 participated in a week's work experience from 12th-16th June, with the majority of students organising their own placements, and the remainder being allocated placements from a database of workplaces. The week was a huge success, with positive feedback coming from the students, employers and staff visiting the students on the placements. Some quotes from the employers ...

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KWS Vacancies

Teacher of Science
Governance Professional
Science Technician
School Trip Coordinator

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 3rd July - INSET DAY - Staff Training Day - No students in school
Thursday 6th July - Year 10 Maths Enrichment Day - Selected Students
Saturday 8th July to Monday 10th July - DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition
Thursday 13th July - Transition Day
Thursday 13th July - Year 7, 8 and 9 Reports Issued

Saturday 15th July - Harpenden Live - Summer Festival

Friday 21st July - Term ends at 12.05 - Non Uniform Day

Notices

Parent Volunteers for Period 7 and Clubs 23/24

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Harpenden Live



The poster for Harpenden Live is set against a background of a field with sheep. At the top, it says 'Harpenden' in a simple font, with 'Saturday 15th July 2023' in a blue circular graphic to the right. The word 'LIVE' is written in large, colorful, block letters (L: blue, I: pink, V: yellow, E: green). To the left of 'LIVE' is a pink circular badge that says 'Tickets from £12'. Below 'LIVE' is the tagline 'New festival for NEW music'. The main acts are listed in various fonts: 'INDIA ARKIN' in purple, 'Barbara' in red script, 'DARLIN' in red, 'THE GREAT LESLIE' in blue, 'EAR CANDY' in green, and 'Will Matthew' in black script. Below these is '+ SPECIAL GUESTS' followed by 'The Hanging Bandits - Baby Eleanor', 'Owen Kennedy - LEO - Abbie Gathard', and 'Sam Clift - Jahleel (DJ Set)'. There is a QR code and a social media link 'tricks.prone.urban' on the left. At the bottom, a red banner lists 'Craft Beer · Gin Bar · Food Festival · Family Entertainment'. Below that, it says 'Proud sponsors of the festival' followed by 'AMTHAL FIRE & SECURITY' and 'www.harpenden-live.com'. The bottom right corner states 'Gates open 12pm · Warrington Fields Lower Luton Road AL5 5FH'.

Tickets from £12

Harpenden

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Baking Buddies - Kids Summer Baking Camp

Baking BUDDIES

KIDS

summer BAKING CAMP

JULY AND AUGUST 2023

Sessions available for all ages ranging from 5-11+.

We create 3 bakes each day – savoury and sweet biscuits, cakes or desserts.

Sessions run on dates throughout July and August at High Beeches Primary School and KWS.

Cost: Half days £33-£53 and Full days £43-£68

For more details and registration visit:
<https://baking-buddies.class4kids.co.uk>
or email bakingbuddiesfun@gmail.com

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The Big Sleepout

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Fri 6th Oct 2023
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Summer Sound Fest



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DUDSWELL EVENTS FIELD, HP4 3TA

3 PM – 9 PM \ DOORS OPEN AT 2PM

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