



School Newsletter



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Heads up

The school has been full of action in the past two weeks. Our open day event was a huge success, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from prospective parents. The student ambassadors did an amazing job and I'd like to thank each and every one of them for demonstrating the values of the school so well.

Our period 7 super-curriculum has begun and walking the school at this time is an absolute pleasure. It's also been great to see our new Year 7s getting involved. We have also seen the year

group sign up to a number of clubs and it is clear that they are taking advantage of the opportunities the school offers.

I had the pleasure of attending the Mayor's Civil Service on Sunday, where our school choir performed a wonderful rendition of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. It was a moment of personal pride to see our students behave and sing so elegantly.

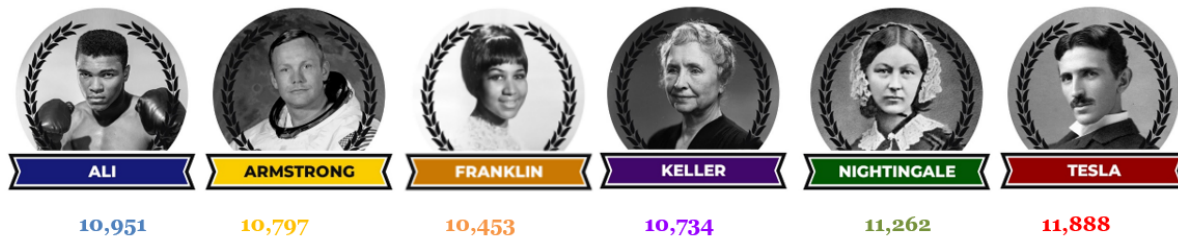
Elsewhere we have seen the start of the work on our 3G pitch gather progress, our Year 11 geographers attended a field trip to Epping Forest, sports teams have been involved in a number of fixtures and we held our Year 7 meet the tutors evening.

Time flies when you are having fun so it is worth noting, for our Year 11 students, parents and carers, that mock exams are not far way. With four weeks until the start of exams, the independent study that students complete now will not only support students for these exams but are invaluable in preparation for the summer exam season. Please do take the time to sit down with them and help map out a structured revision schedule.

David Martin
Headteacher

House Points

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



Any one for a game of (frisbee) golf?

Our students are now two weeks into their first block of period 7 choices for the year and enjoying a wide range of opportunities offered by our staff team who go above and beyond to make Period 7 a truly enriching experience. New opportunities this year include Architecture, Cubing, Pokemon, Music Appreciation, Chinese Karaoke, EconoME, MakeCode Arcade, Image Editing, Stage ...



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English Entry Level Certificate



This week, Mr Martin welcomed a group of students and parents to his office to celebrate their passing of an external English qualification called the Level 3 Entry Level Certificate. Students studied for this alongside their normal English curriculum and worked hard to improve their fiction and non-fiction reading and their creative and transactional writing skills. Huge congratulations to all ...

[Read more](#)

KWS Library Update

Thank you so much to everyone who entered our KWS Library Something Summer Reading Challenge. We loved reading all the reviews and seeing which old, new, borrowed and blue books our students were reading during the holidays! We have now drawn the winners and Ellie B (year 8) will be receiving a £25 Waterstones voucher, with Lucy H and Riley ...

[Read more](#)



KWS Vacancies

Letting assistants

Upcoming vacancies within next few weeks:

Spanish Teacher maternity cover: 12 months from January

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 2nd October to Friday 6th October - Year 10 Spanish Trip

Monday 9th October - Year 7 Reports (Effort only)

Monday 9th October - World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October - Flu Vaccinations (Year 7 - !1)

Thursday 12th October to Sunday 15th October - Year 10/11 Iceland Trip

Thursday 19th October - Year 7 Reports Issued

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October - HALF TERM

Monday 30th October to 3rd November - Year 11 Mock Exams

Notices to Parents/Carers

Work Experience Week Opportunity

Careers - NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme

European Day of Languages Quiz

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Make the Future Yours! Issue 8 is now available.

Features include the Fire Service, 'What would you tell your 15-year-old self', Eight unusual courses to study, and Engineering - a great career. There is also an article on Studying Esports, where there are now a lot of opportunities for young people.

It can be viewed at www.makethefutureyours.uk/latest-issue

If you missed Issue 7 or any of the previous issues, you can find them at

www.makethefutureyours.uk/mtfy-archive

Supporting Links - Talking Additional Needs Course

Talking Additional Needs

For parents of 2-19's



Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30am
St Albans Fire Station
153 London Road, St Albans, AL1 1TQ
31st October, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November
& 5th December 2023
ID:596

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Services for Young People

Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People is also looking for young people's views on their service priorities. Please fill out the survey by clicking the link below.

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/haveyoursaySfYP/>



The Parent Perspective Podcast.

Episode 3 is out now, [click here](#) to listen.



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We are running programmes in 10 STEM and medical science careers this term, available in-person in London or live online. Students can expect to participate in interactive simulations and masterclasses led by industry professionals working in the field, with highlights including:

Medicine ——— Practise stitching up a wound

Engineering ——— Design the lift-off, journey and arrival to take humans to Mars

Psychology ——— Carry out a clinical psychology assessment

Computer Science ——— Design your own web application

WEEKEND PROGRAMME DATES

5th November 2023	Medicine Architecture Entrepreneurship	21st January 2024	Engineering Medicine
12th November 2023	Dentistry Engineering Computer Science	28th January 2024	Computer Science Law Investment Banking
19th November 2023	Investment Banking Psychology		
26th November 2023	Veterinary Science Forensic Science		
3rd December 2023	Art		

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NESSie - Free online Workshops



Upcoming Free Online Parent/Carer Workshops in Hertfordshire

Tuesday 26th Sep	Self Harming Behaviours	9:30am - 11:00am
Wednesday 11th Oct	Anxiety	6:30pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 8th Nov	Anxiety	9:30am - 11:00am
Wednesday 22nd Nov	Self Harming Behaviours	9:30am - 11:00am
Wednesday 6th Dec	When Children and Young People Struggle to Attend School	9:30am to 11:00am

To book, please click on the workshop title above or visit [nessieined.com](https://www.nessieined.com)

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Parent/Carer Chat and Connect Session - Hertfordshire



OVERVIEW:

This monthly, regular online drop in offers an informal space to share and connect with other parents/carers who have similar experiences supporting their child's mental health.

These sessions are facilitated by Specialist Family Support Workers who can offer advice and support.

Each month we will cover a different topic, please follow our social media posts for updates.

DATES & VENUE

Tuesdays:
14th Nov
12th Dec

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Online via Microsoft Teams

Cost: Free (funded by Hertfordshire County Council)

TO BOOK A PLACE: Please [CLICK HERE](#)
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