



School Newsletter



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Heads up

One of our key areas of focus, at the beginning of the year, was ensuring students were aware of the high expectations the school has regarding being Ready, Responsible and Respectful. Our motto, as staff, is to 'catch them being good'. I have been so impressed with how the overwhelming majority of our students have risen to our high expectations and meet them on a daily basis.

At the point of going to press, staff have awarded over 140,000 recognitions since the start of the academic year. Recognitions are awarded for student effort, being ready to learn, taking responsibility and being respectful. In comparison we have issued 13,000 negative consequences. A ratio of over 10 positive interactions to every negative one. We will continue to acknowledge and praise students who get it right time and time again.

As always lots has happened in the space of a couple of weeks at school. I was extremely jealous to see the amazing geographical landscapes and the beautiful photos of the northern lights taken on our recent KS4 Geography excursion to Iceland. Memories that will stay with the students for a lifetime. Thank you to Mr Inman for organising and all the staff who gave up time with their families to accomodate a wonderful trip.

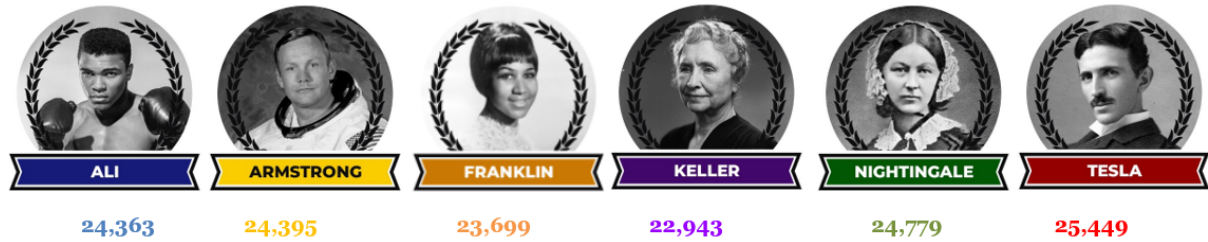
I have been impressed this week with the Year 11 cohort who are rising to the challenge of their mock exams. Speaking to individuals it is clear that the sessions before half term, run by Elevate Education, have helped create the right work ethic and provided key insights in how to prepare for exams. This is a valuable opportunity for the cohort, to learn from the experience, ensuring they are as prepared as can be for the real exams in 6 months time.

We look forward to welcoming families and the community to our wonderful KWAF Fireworks display tonight and wish a happy Diwali to those celebrating the festival next weekend.

David Martin
Acting Headteacher.

House Points

This weeks house points winners are **Tesla Congratulations!**

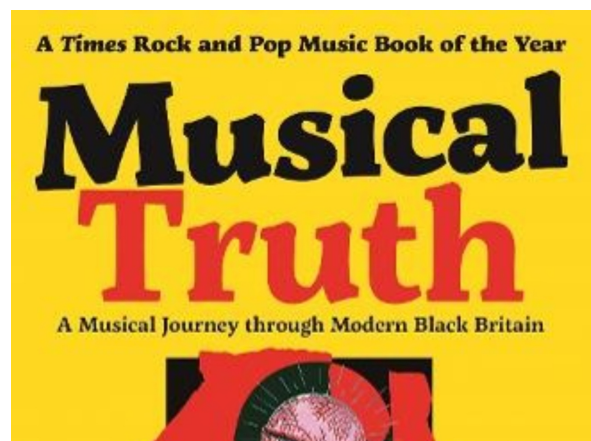


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Library Update

We have had a busy time as usual in the library! In the week before half term, we held a lunchtime listening party based on Jeffrey Boakye's book *Musical Truth: A Musical Journey through Modern Black Britain*. From songs sung as people landed in England on HMT Empire Windrush, through the R&B inspired pop of the 1960s and ending with ...

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Anti-Bullying Week

MONDAY 13TH TO FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

LYING WEEK

MONDAY
ODD SOCKS/ TIE DAY
Come to school in odd socks and an odd tie

TUESDAY
POSTER COMPETITION
Create a poster around the theme "Make a noise about bullying", these must be handed in/emailed by 4:00PM

WEDNESDAY
BAKE SALE

MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING

We are excited to inform you about our upcoming Anti-Bullying Week events, which will be taking place at KWS from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. This event is part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students. Theme: This year's theme is "Make a noise about bullying". The theme has been chosen to highlight ...

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Halloween Writing Competition

A huge 'Well done!' to all who took part in our Half-Term Haunting Halloween Writing Competition. All the entries were freaky and frightening and we really enjoyed reading them. We have chosen our first, second and third place stories. Congratulations to the following students: 1st place - Leah Burke 2nd place - Amelia Fillmore and Isla Webb ...



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Black History Month at KWS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT KWS **B:M 2023**

Join us to celebrate Black History Month at KWS by participating in a range of engaging and thought-provoking events, projects and activities this October.

SALUTING SISTERS

Introduction to Black History Month
Assemblies led by Miss Annie and Miss Robertshaw with a focus on enriching our history knowledge.

Art
Join Miss Alexis and Miss Annie to help paint African beaded puppets as an artistic display on the seating under the canopy in the courtyard. Details of the date to be announced via the bulletin on a dry sunny day.

Maths
Learn about Black Maths Heroes during your lessons and their contributions to our current maths knowledge.

The last few weeks have seen our students and staff take part in a variety of activities around the school to absorb the stories of Black women in particular during Black History Month. As well as assemblies for each year group discussing the theme of 'Saluting our Sisters', our students were invited to taste foods from the African-Caribbean cuisine while ...

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Performing Arts Update

Beauty and The Beast The performing arts team are delighted to announce that tickets are on sale for our production of Disney's Beauty and The Beast. Our cast of over 80 students, alongside our show orchestra will perform in this dazzling production featuring some of the most well known songs in Musical Theatre. Tickets can be purchased via our performing ...



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Spanish Trip

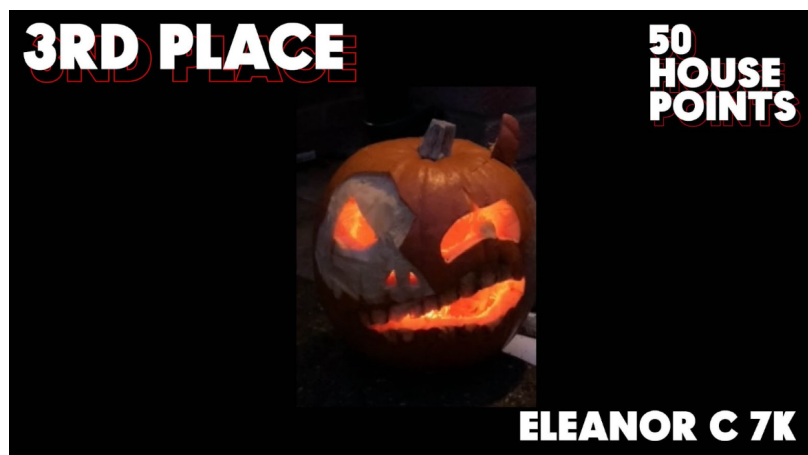


¡Hola! In Spain, we took part in a series of activities to help improve and add to our Spanish vocabulary set. On the first day, we arrived in Águilas very late at night, had dinner and went to our dorm rooms. On the second and third day, we took part in watersports, including paddle boarding, big surf, scuba diving and ...

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Below are the winners of the pumpkin carving competition





Trustee News

We have been busy this half term coming into school for visits and speaking to staff about all the different aspects of school life. We have two main committees - the education committee and the resources committee - and all of the trustees are a member of one of those committees as well as part of the overall trust board. Together, we monitor every aspect of the school, acting as a critical friend who both supports and advises the school as we move forward together.

We also have two parent trustees who join the board for four years. Our first parent trustees have just come to the end of their term and we are very grateful for all their work in helping to make the school the fantastic place that it is. We are currently looking for two new parent trustees and would love people to come forward to join the board!

In terms of the next big moment for the school, we are very excited to see how the KWSixth is developing, with its focus on being a supportive and academically enriching environment. With the

website launching soon and the open day in the new year, we look forward to seeing how it continues to grow.

The Trustees

KWS Vacancies

We are currently advertising for the following vacancies:

Library Manager

Performing Arts Technician

Assistant SENDCo: Access Arrangements and Assessments

Head of Chemistry

Teacher of Science

If you are interested in applying for any of these roles, please email

recruitment@kwschool.co.uk

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 30th October to Friday 10th November - Year 11 Mock Exams

Friday 3rd November - Kwaf Fireworks Night

Wednesday 8th November to Friday 10th November - Year 7 Manor Adventure Trip

Thursday 9th November - Year 9 Reports Issued

Friday 10th November - Year 11 Beyond Drop Down Day

Friday 10th November - Year 10 PSHE Drop Down Day

Friday 10th November - Year 9 Careers Drop Down Day

Friday 10th November - Year 8 Sustainable City Day

Thursday 16th November - Year 8 Reports Issued

Tuesday 21st November - Year 9 Drama Theatre Trip

Friday 24th November - Year 11 GCSE Art Tate Modern Trip

Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December - Performing Arts Show Week

Thursday 30th November - Year 11 Mock Results Day

Notices

Roller Skating Club

Non KWS Events/Publicity Events

School Admissions Consultation

School Admissions Consultation 2025/26

The consultation on Hertfordshire County Council's school admission arrangements for 2025/26 is open until 11 December 2023.

The county council proposes to:

- Reduce the published admission number (PAN) at 4 community or voluntary controlled primary schools for 2025/26.
- Amend the admission arrangements at Pirton Primary school if the proposal to close Hexton Primary School is approved.
- Amend the schemes of coordination to increase clarity about timescales and increased certainty for school place planning.
- Retain the remainder of the County Council's existing admission arrangements, including PANs, Relevant Areas and schemes of coordination.

Go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2025 for more information about the consultation and to respond online.

***Have
your
say***



Consultations are also taking place on the admission arrangements for some schools and academies that are responsible for their own admissions.

You can also view the proposals for these schools at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2025



Harpenden Trust fundraising project

Can you help?

The Harpenden Trust's single annual fund-raising project - The Christmas Appeal - is just around the corner!

Last year the annual appeal envelopes raised £60,000 to help those in our town who are in need of support in one way or another.

The Appeal envelopes are delivered and collected back by an army of more than 200 volunteers.

But we need a few more people in some areas to join the team. Please think about whether YOU can help.

If you can, then every house in every road will have the familiar purple envelope drop onto the doormat. Thank you.

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Moorland Rd Rye Close Breadcroft Lane
Croft Ct. Station Rd (part) The Cedars Yardley Ct.
Poets Corner Poets Ct. Haddon Ct. Dalkeith Rd area
Aldwickbury Crescent St James Rd Giplin Green



HOP - Virtual Careers Fair for Parents and Carers

Click here for more information on how to sign up

HOP INTO APPRENTICESHIPS & T LEVELS:

THE HERTFORDSHIRE VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Taking into account feedback from last year we have decided to host the event on [Zoom](#).

Sign up for FREE [here](#).

Wednesday 24th January from 17:30 - 19:00 online, this free of charge event is designed specifically for parents and carers who would like to explore the apprenticeship and T Level options available to their child.

This event will be interesting for all parents and carers, but will be particularly useful for those supporting children in year groups 10, 11, 12 and 13.

We are really pleased to announce **Anna Morrison CBE Founder of Amazing Apprenticeships** will be doing a keynote speech on apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and T levels.

Rotary Young Photographer Competition

[Click here](#) for more information

Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland's National Young Photographer Competition 2023/24 Harpenden Heat



- Improve your photography skills
- compete in the local, district, and national age competitions
- local heat prize: a £25 gift voucher, 1 per age group
- age groups from 7 to 17 (*)

You'll need to produce one digital photograph on the **theme of "rebuilding"**. You can let your imagination run wild, if you want, with interpreting that theme, but make sure the judge is not left wondering how your photo is an interpretation of the theme "rebuilding". You'll be able to help the judge to understand your interpretation with an accompanying sentence.

These are a few of the [entries for previous years' competitions](#).

The deadline for entries is 18th February 2024.

(*) **Competition Age Ranges**

Junior: Up to and including 10 years old

Intermediate: 11 to 13 years old

Senior: 14 to 17 years old

Download a full information pack

Young-Photographer-Information-Pack

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Careermag for Parents - This gives advice on how to support your child with career aspirations. Please click on the link below if you would like some more information.

<https://careermag.co.uk/career-advice/careermag/for-parents-guardians>



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