



# School Newsletter



## **KWS Newsletter - Issue 80 - 1.12.23**

### **Heads up**

Dear parents and carers,

I write this the day after a day of school events that filled me with such joy. I was fortunate enough to attend the debate competition, between the Harpenden secondary schools, where we entered three teams. Our students presented their arguments using exceptional vocabulary, showing bravery and confidence to hold an audience's attention. They represented the school so immaculately. I'd like to publicly thank them for being such superstars.

I then had the pleasure to attend the opening night of our school show, 'Beauty and the Beast'. Students and staff have put so much time and energy into rehearsals and it was evident in the fantastic performances we saw on the amazing stage. Again, I was overwhelmed by the bravery of our students able to perform to an audience. I'd like to thank all staff and parent volunteers who have made this show possible.

As a school we try to offer as many opportunities as possible and seeing how students are grabbing these chances and flourishing is a privilege.

Finally, from yesterday, we had our Year 11 mock results day. The students were taken to our sports hall where they received their results in an envelope. Practice for the experience of doing this for real in the forthcoming summer. It was all conducted in a supportive environment, led by Mr Jones and Mr Alexander and supported by all form tutors. The day is an opportunity to learn about what has gone well and what could be improved on. Students took this in their stride. Some have realised there is hope for great achievement, some have realised there is work to be done. We will ensure we continue to support and guide each student every step of the way.

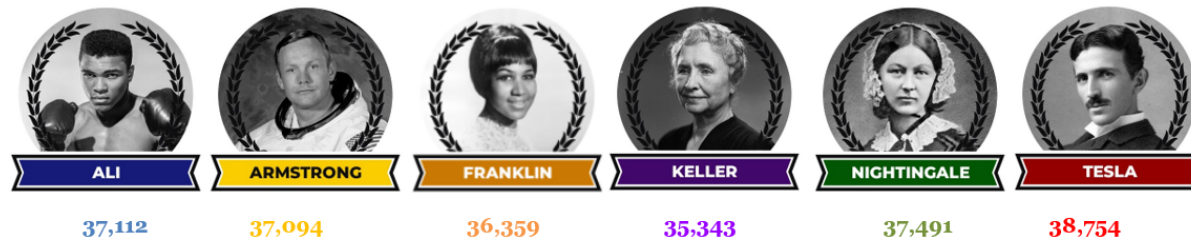
Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

David Martin  
Headteacher

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## House Points

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



## Trustee News

It's been wonderful to see everything that has been going on in the school again this half term. We've come in for visits to meet curriculum leaders and to see the progress of such projects as the new 3G pitch and have loved seeing all the photos from the many sporting activities and the very successful Year 7 trip to Manor as well. We are also looking forward to coming to watch the whole school production of Beauty and the Beast - the costumes and set look wonderful and with all the hard work that has been put in by the students, we are sure it will be a huge success.

We are also looking forward to the KWSixth Taster day on 12 December. We are confident that the Year 11s will enjoy the chance to experience the opportunities that would be available through studying at KWSixth.

And finally, we look forward to welcoming two new members of the board as Trustee parent elections have now closed. The new board members will be announced shortly.

The Trustees

## KWS Vacancies

Here are our current vacancies:

Teacher of Science - closing date 9am 18th December

Performing Arts Technician - closing date 9am 18th December

Medical officer - closing date 9am 4th December

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:uniform.kwaf@kwschool.co.uk) and not the main KWAF email.

## **Festive Raffle**

The Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAF) is thrilled to present our Festive Raffle.

We've got a sleigh full of amazing prizes with prizes such as a £100 shopping voucher of your choice, an Amazon tablet (worth £100), Godfrey's regular cod and chips once a month for a year (worth over £100), £100 Wine and dine package for two at The Wicked Lady, Tapas for two at The Marquis pub, Lunch for two at Dylan's in St Albans, £100 voucher for NuYU and over 25 more exciting vouchers and gifts to be won. To see the full list and buy your tickets please visit <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/kwaf-festive-raffle-2023>

Share the news with family and friends! The more, the merrier!

Not only do you stand a chance to win fabulous prizes, but your contribution goes directly to supporting our school. It's a win-win for everyone! Tickets are just £2 each and the draw will take place on the 16th December.

Thank you to all our amazing sponsors who have donated so generously to our raffle.

Wishing you a joyful and lucky festive season!

The KWAF team.

## **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday 5th December - Year 11 Synagogue Trip (1/2 year group)

Wednesday 6th December - Year 11 Synagogue Trip (1/2 year group)

Thursday 7th December - Year 11 Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th December - Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day

Tuesday 12th December - Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 12th December - Choir Performing at Mayor's Christmas Concert

Thursday 14th December - Year 10 Reports Issued

Monday 18th December - Christmas Lunch



Wednesday 20th December - Early Finish for Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December to Thursday 4th January - Christmas Holidays

Friday 5th January - INSET DAY - NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

## **Notices**

Careers - Unifrog

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## **Non KWS Events/Publicity**

The Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert

THE MAYOR OF HARPENDEN'S CHARITY

# CAROL CONCERT

Followed by mulled wine  
& mince pies

12th December, 6pm  
St Nicholas' Church, Harpenden

A traditional sing-along Christmas concert  
including performances by St Nicholas' Church  
Choir, Sir John Lawes School, Harpenden  
Academy & Katherine Warington School.

Tickets £6 per adult, children free. all money raised  
will be donated to the Mayor's charities.

For tickets please contact [jane.juby@harpenden.gov.uk](mailto:jane.juby@harpenden.gov.uk) or tel: 01582 463 662  
Tickets will also be sold on the door on the evening.



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**Parent Network**

Wednesday 10am-11.30  
29th November  
20th December  
24th January  
28th February  
27th March

St Albans Cycle Hub  
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Centre  
Old Oak, Cottonmill Lane St Albans  
Herts, AL1 2EF

### **About Us**

Parent Networks are a mixture of free in-person and online support groups for parents of children and young people with SEND, where it is safe to share tips, stories, advice, or have a chat with others who truly understand how challenging family life can be.

Lottery-funded and therefore free support and information for parents caring for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities and inclusive of those on assessment pathways and with or without diagnosis.

Our Parent Network community is warm, welcoming, and friendly. As parents ourselves, we recognise how isolating it can be living with daily challenges and we simply want you to feel comfortable and connect with other parents who live in families similar to yours.

Our Parent Network community support groups are open to all parents whose children may have a diagnosis or are on assessment pathways.

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**St Albans Symphony Orchestra New Year Concert**

MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 2024, 7:00PM

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Cathedral box office 01727 890290,  
<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org>



## Press Release for 01JAN24 New Year Concert

St Albans Symphony Orchestra (SASO) will return to St Albans Cathedral for the traditional New Year Celebration concert on Monday January 1st 2024.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m. start. There will be a 20-minute interval.



SASO will be led by their new Artistic Director, Bill Carslake.

We will perform a packed programme including traditional joyful waltzes, polkas and Hungarian dances. We will also play Shostakovich's Jazz Suite No. 2, which is no less exuberant, and features an extended orchestra, with saxophones, accordion, guitar, piano, harp, xylophone, and glockenspiel.

We will play -

Johann Strauss II: Die Fledermaus Overture

Josef Strauss: Moulinet Polka, Plappermälchen-Polka schnell

Johann Strauss I: Loreley-Rheinklänge, Radetzky March

Brahms: Hungarian Dances: Nos 5, 6 & 7

Delibes: Coppelia – Waltz from Act I & Mazurka

Rota: The Godfather – 'Love Theme' and Waltz (with mandolins)

Shostakovich: Jazz Suite No. 2

Mascagni: Cavalleria Rusticana, Intermezzo

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Tickets are on sale, priced at £30, £24, £18, £5 for children under 18 and students. Online: [www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/st-albans-symphony-orchestra-new-year-concert-2024](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/st-albans-symphony-orchestra-new-year-concert-2024), Call 01727 890290, or visit the Box Office located in the Cathedral Shop.

For further information, please email [publicity@saso.org.uk](mailto:publicity@saso.org.uk)



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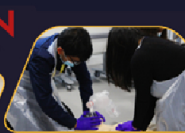
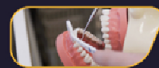
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