



School Newsletter



KWS Newsletter - Issue 81 - 15.12.23

Heads up

As we come to the end of the calendar year it provides opportunities to be reflective. At KWS our vision and goals focus around Knowledge, Well-being and Success. With these in mind we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our staff. I am lucky to lead a school with so many dedicated and hard working teaching and support staff. They enable us to provide an education of the highest quality to students each day. A surprising statistic is that taking all the minutes and

hours in a full week, students are in lessons for only 14% of this time. Ensuring this time can be maximised is therefore vital to the success of all students. Our high expectations of being Ready, Respectful and taking Responsibility are designed so that time is not wasted. As we enter the new year we will again reset these expectations with students and ask that you continue to support the school by ensuring students have Chromebooks charged, equipment packed, correct uniform on and they are ready to be as productive in school as they can be.

I have had some school experiences in the latter part of this long term that have energised and invigorated me. I again was fortunate to hear our wonderful choir perform at the Mayor's Christmas Concert at St Nicholas' Church. They performed wonderfully and were a highlight of the evening. We celebrated Hanukkah with cakes and games on Thursday and there was a buzz with students playing Dreidel. This week also saw our Year 11 having their sixth form taster day. Seeing students embrace the day, engaging in lessons and enjoying the responsibility of being more independent gave an insight into the next amazing chapter of our school's journey together. We are excited and very much looking forward to inviting students and parents, from the local community, to our sixth form open evening that will take place on Monday 15th January 2024.

All in all it has been a hugely successful year. One we will look to build further on as we enter 2024.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Admissions Consultation 2025/26

Following a change to administrative parish boundaries across Hertfordshire, Katherine Warington School is consulting to amend its admission arrangements for 2025/26 to ensure our admissions Priority Area accurately reflects these changes.

Currently the parish of Ridge sits within the St Albans/Harpden Priority Area and the parish of South Mimms sits within the Priority Area for WGC/Hatfield and Potters Bar. These parishes have now been amalgamated to form a new single parish of "South Mimms-Ridge". For 2025/26, the governing board are proposing to remove the existing parish of Ridge from the admissions Priority Area for Katherine Warington School. The newly amalgamated parish will be fully incorporated into the Priority Area for WGC/Hatfield & Potters Bar.

This change will only impact upon students applying from the parish of Ridge.

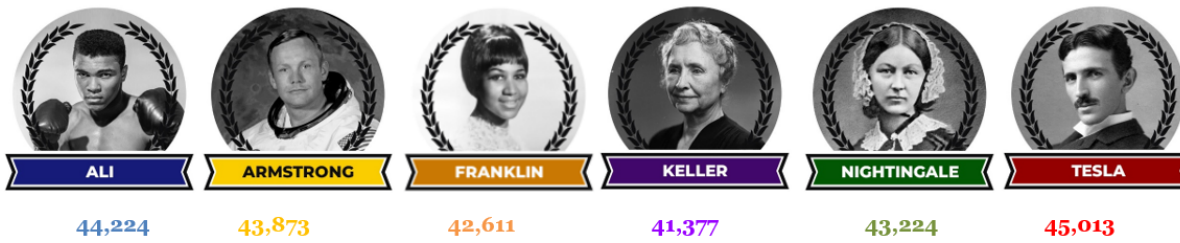
The proposed admission arrangements can be found on the website

- <https://kwschool.co.uk/admissions/>

The consultation is open between 10 December 2023 and 20 January 2024. To respond, please email admissions.consultation@hertfordshire.gov.uk

House Points

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



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PE Update



In PE, we have had a series of fixtures to conclude the fixture calendar for this academic term. Our Year 8 boys have progressed to the quarter finals of the county cup after a dominant 6-1 win. Goals from Ethan H x2, Ed J, Thomas C, Ayaan and Juan J-B saw us secure our place in the next round in ...

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Year 11 Trip to Radlett Reform Synagogue

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December, 104 pupils in Yr11 visited the Radlett Reform Synagogue as part of their Jewish Practices module within GCSE Religious Studies. It was a great opportunity to experience some of the things that have been and will be studied, and will hopefully aid pupils in their very first GCSE exam in May. Pupils used the visit to ask questions about Judaism in ...



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Creative Careers Day with Sky Studios



On Wednesday 6th December, we were joined for the day by Lauren from Sky Studios. Lauren led Creative Careers workshops throughout the day with all students in Year 9. Students were given an insight into the vast array of roles available in film, television and gaming, while also being made aware of the potential routes that people wishing to embark ...

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Library Update

Firstly, a reminder that the students always have access to their eLibrary and that all books in the library are also available to be borrowed for the holidays. If they take them out now, they won't be due back until January and we have some really wonderful new books available. If they are in Year 7 and 8, they can

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KWS Vacancies

All of the vacancies below will be live by the Christmas holidays:

- Teacher of Mathematics (ideally with ability or desire to teach KS5 Maths/Further Maths)
- Teacher of Economics (with ability to teach Business and potential for leadership role)
- Teacher of Sociology (ideally with ability to teach History)
- Teacher of Geography
- Assistant Head
- Teacher of Science
- Access Arrangements and Assessments 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 18th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December - Early Finish for Christmas Holidays (12.05pm)

Wednesday 20th December - KWAF Non - Uniform Day

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

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

Notices

GCSE Entires

KWAF Non Uniform Day

3G Astroturf Footwear Requirements from January 2024

Non KWS Events/Publicity

National Institute of teaching Train to Teach Information

TRAIN TO TEACH Information Event

Sir John Lawes School, Harpenden
Monday 15th January 2024 9:15am

Register here to attend our ITT
recruitment event: bit.ly/47yEwkj

- Meet representatives from local schools.
- Learn more about our flexible routes into Initial Teacher Training.



St Albans and District Food bank



www.stalbansdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

St Albans & District Foodbank

We are open for food collection at
the following times and locations:

St Albans

Vineyard Church, 7 Brick Knoll Park, AL1 5UG Monday 10:00-12:00
Christ Church, 3 High Oaks, AL3 6DJ - Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00
Cottonmill Community Centre, Old Oak, Cottonmill Lane, AL1 2EF - Wednesday 1.00 - 3.00
Caledon Community Centre, Caledon Road, London Colney, AL2 1PU - Friday 10:00 - 12:00
Dagnall St Baptist Church, Dagnall Street, AL3 5EE - Saturday 1:30 to 3:30 - (from 15th April 2023)

Wheathampstead

Hillydye Community Centre, 17 Hillydye Road, AL4 8TU - Thursday 12.30 - 2.30

Harpenden

Crabtree Church, 139 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden, AL5 5RD - Friday 1.00 - 3.00

Redbourn

Redbourn Methodist Church, North Common, AL3 7BU - Monday 2:00 - 3:30

To donate food to us please visit our website:
www.stalbansdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

Please call 01727 613019 - option 1 or email
info@stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk
for more information

Charity Number: 1158917



Python Programming and Robotics

Python Programming & Robotics

Target Year Group: Years 7-11

During School Terms

Venue: Katherine Warrington, Harpenden

Price: £17 per 1 hour session

Day: Every Sunday

Email: info@bita-consulting.co.uk

Class Size: 5-15 pupils

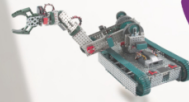
Session Time: 11am - 12 noon

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/jmT1nbJMNfULGSsJ9>

The aim of the Python programming lessons is to support & prepare pupils for Computer Science GCSE.
Lessons & courses are the same as those delivered at several independent and state schools.
Includes software licenses & access to robotics

Advantages of Python Programming:

- 1) Taught in Secondary schools, years 7-13
- 2) Used widely throughout industries, such as:
 - a) Robotics
 - b) Data analysis
 - c) Software Development
 - d) Website
 - e) Web Application Development
 - f) Artificial Intelligence
 - ...and many more

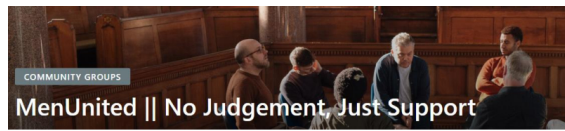


Pupils will learn:

- a) Python programming language
- b) Algorithms unit from Computer Science GCSE
- c) Problem solving skills
- d) Build & program Robotics



MenUnited Course



“We are Men, who are there for Men, about matters relating to Men”.

Course Information

Current Course Date: The 10th of January 2024 until the 28th of February 2024.

Duration: 8 Weeks.

When: Wednesday Evenings between 6:00pm and 8:00pm

How often: Courses will be running between January-February 2024, May- June 2024, September-October 2024, and December 2024-January 2025.

Location: IFST DARC 2, Greenhills Day Service, Tenzing Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4HS.

Referral Form: If you are interested, please fill in the referral form via this link: <https://forms.gle/p1kbuTsBgoGw5LFR8>.



Men’s Drop-In Group: We will also be running a Men’s Drop In Group on the first Monday of every month where all are welcome at Greenhills. You do not have to be part of the course to attend. If you are interested, please contact us via the contact information below.

Goals of the Course

The aim of this course is to empower men to take hold of not only their lives, but the lives of their children as well. Spanning 8 weeks, our interactive course hopes to enrich attendees with knowledge of various important topics ranging from mental health, specialist education needs, relationships and exploring ideas and concepts of what a man is, especially in an ever-changing society. In addition, we hope to give men a voice about various issues that can often be sensitive to talk about, challenge each other in healthy and constructive debate, and initiate insightful discussion in the context of the topics we will be covering. We hope that collaborating with external agencies and guest speakers, as well as using our own expertise, will enhance learning, and provide increased opportunities for men to access or be informed of professional and community support available.



If you have questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact us via our contact details below:

Henry Lee-Brenchley: Henry.Lee-Brenchley@hertfordshire.gov.uk || 07815 483069

Kingsley Davis: Kingsley.Davis@hertfordshire.gov.uk || 07866 225086



Netball4Fun



Netball4Fun
N4F Netters



Are you in Y8, 9 or 10?

We would love to hear from you!

**We have some places available on our Saturday
super supportive coaching and friendly match
play sessions**



**Optional opportunity to also play for N4F
Netters in The Welwyn Garden Junior League**

Saturdays
KWS School (indoor)
Y8 2.30pm to 4pm
Y8/9 4pm to 5.30pm



Thursdays
STAHS School (indoor)
Y9/10 /11
6.00pm to 7.30pm

Interested or would like more information?

Netball4funcontact@gmail.com

www.netball4fun.co.uk



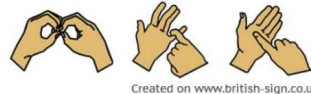


Know anyone who wants to start learning Sign language?

At the BSL Centre we have Level 1 courses starting January 2024.

All our courses are accredited qualifications.

Please contact bsl@heathlands.herts.sch.uk for more information.
Website: www.heathlands.herts.co.uk



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HOP - Careers Fair

Please click the link [here](#) for more info

The Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal (HOP) are running th 'Generation Welwyn and Hatfield' event at the Fielder Centre, Hatfield on the 9th February 2024. This huge careers fair will highlight different job sectors and opportunities open to young people in Welwyn and Hatfield areas now and in the near future: and give young people an opportunity to meet employers.

This event operates a Twilight session from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and any local school or Oaklands college students are welcome to attend to meet with local employers and learn about the many career opportunities available.

Parents/Carers are also more than welcome to accompany their child. Attending this event will:

- Help young people gain meaningful encounters with employers
- Highlight to young people about a variety of local jobs and industries
- Inform students about the varied routes into work

For more information and to register your interest, please use the link below:

<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/generation-careers-fair-hub/generation-welwyn-hatfield-2024/>



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