



School Newsletter



KWS Newsletter - Issue 82 - 12.1.24

Heads up

Happy New Year. I hope all our families got to enjoy the break over the holiday period.

The new year at KWS is in full swing and we have some big events already taking place. Today we officially opened up our 3G pitch, with some special guests to mark the occasion. Next we will turn our attention to welcoming current and potential students to our KWSixth post-16 open evening on Monday 15th January at 6pm.

I spoke to all students this week, during each year group assembly, about how January is a great month to look back but also to plan going forward. We reflected on the school's expectations and outlined how each expectation was for the students' benefit, to maximise progress and to ensure we are all safe and happy. I also shared the amazing statistic that staff have awarded over 262,000 positive recognitions in the first term. I congratulated students for such an amazing achievement. I reminded them that our motto is to 'catch them being good' and we will continue to give our attention and praise to those who meet our high expectations.

I was delighted to attend the Gangshow this week. This was the 74th Harpenden and Wheathampstead Gangshow, a highly impressive achievement. I am absolutely sure it is one of the best of its kind in the country (if not the best!). All four secondary school Headteachers watched the show together and we all enjoyed watching students from all our schools, plus some from junior schools, performing to such a high level and, more importantly, having such fun while doing it. I would like to thank the whole Gangshow team for another fantastic evening.

Have a great weekend.

As a school, we place great importance on attendance and expect that all our students will achieve an attendance level of at least 96% each academic year.

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually. Any student with an attendance figure below 90% is defined nationally as a persistent absentee. This equates to just over 3 days of absence per half term and applies if the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

If a student were to get a score of 90% on a maths test this would be very good. If, however, a student's attendance is 90% over their five years of compulsory school age, from Year 7 to 11, this equates to missing half a year of school, which is detrimental to any individual, regardless of their academic ability.

There is a strong statistical link between attendance and attainment. Studies show that students with the highest attainment in their GCSE exams, at the end of Year 11, have higher rates of attendance over Years 10 and 11, compared to those with the lowest attainment.

We review attendance regularly and have an attendance procedure we follow based on each student's attendance percentage. The attached attendance leaflet provides important information regarding our attendance procedures.

We strongly advise parents/carers to avoid booking holidays during term time. We appreciate there may be exceptional circumstances behind a request for leave. If this is the case, you should give a detailed explanation as to why it is necessary for you to take your child out of school by completing **this form** and sending it to absence@kwschool.co.uk where it will be forwarded to Mr Martin for his consideration.

Rewarding Excellent Attendance

We also like to recognise students who have excellent attendance as well as those that have strived to increase their attendance by sending letters of congratulations to students and parents. Each week in assembly, we celebrate the form group with the best attendance.

Students who attain 100% attendance every half term have their name entered into a prize draw which takes place at the end of the year. The more half terms that a student attends without absence, the more entries they have in the draw which increases their chances in the draw.

Previous prizes have included Apple AirPods and Love to Shop vouchers.

By working together, we can help students reach their full potential and make the most of the opportunities school has to offer.

If you feel you would like support with your child's attendance or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Absence Reporting

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, urgent appointments or other reasons please telephone the 24hr school absence line on 01582 314800 or email absence@kwschool.co.uk **by 8.30am at the latest, on the first day of absence and every subsequent day thereafter.**

- Please provide your child's name and tutor group
- Please give as much detail as possible for the reason of absence avoiding using terms such as 'unwell' or 'under the weather'

- If you fail to contact the school to inform us of your child's absence, this will be referred to our safeguarding team who may consider it is appropriate to complete a safe and well check

This is a reminder to all parents/carers that informing the school is a key responsibility of yours. When staff from both the attendance and safeguarding team take time out of their day to chase families, it detracts from the support we can offer to students in school. Therefore, please ensure all reports are made by 8.30am.

Where possible, please give plenty of notice for any planned absence, for example hospital appointments, and provide a copy of any medical/dental appointment letters/cards to the school. We would appreciate all dental and non-urgent doctor appointments being made out of school hours.

The attached attendance leaflet provides further information.

Please [Click here](#) to view our attendance page on the school website.

Grace Aikman, Assistant Headteacher & Chrissy Dicks, Attendance Manager

House Points

This week's house point winner are **Tesla. Congratulations!**



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Katherine Warington School Parkrun Junior

We are pleased to announce that there is now a Parkrun Junior event hosted at Katherine Warington School each Sunday morning at 9:00am. It's free to enter you just need to enter on the Parkrun website to get a barcode to scan and track your times.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/katherinewaringtonschool-juniors/> There are also volunteering opportunities for those parents/students who are interested in volunteering. ...

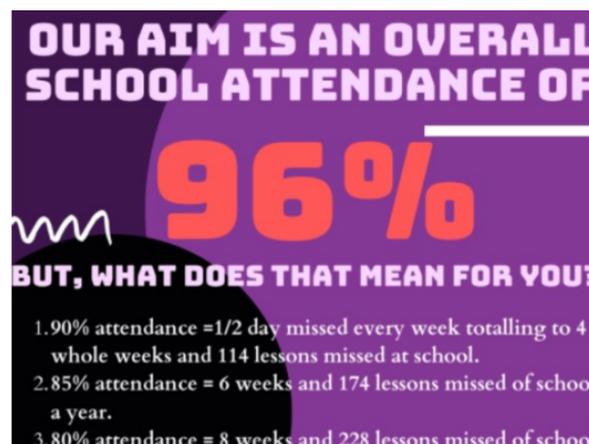


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Attendance Review, Rewards & Absence

Reporting Procedures

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KWSixth taster day 12th December



In the penultimate week before the Christmas holiday, our year 11's came into school to experience a day as a KWS sixth former. Students arrived in their smart, casual sixth form dress and participated in a full timetable of sixth form lessons. Some highlights included the dissection of a heart in an A level biology lesson, a practical session of ...

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KWS Vacancies

Closing date of 9am on Monday 15th January:

Assistant Head - DSL (full-time)

Access Arrangements and Assessments Coordinator (full-time/part-time)

Teacher of Sociology - preferably with ability to teach KS3 History (full-time/part-time)

Teacher of Geography (full-time/part-time)

Teacher of Science (full-time)

Closing date of 9am on Monday 22nd January:

HR Assistant (full-time/part-time)

Learning Support Assistant (full-time/part-time)

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](https://www.facebook.com/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 January - Post 16 Options Evening
Thursday 18th January - Year 7 Reports Issued
Wednesday 24th January - Year 8 STEM Careers Workshop
Thursday 25th January - Year 7 Reports Issued
Friday 26th January - P16 Options Deadline
Tuesday 30th January - Year 8 Options Evening
Wednesday 31st - UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge (Selected students)
Friday 2nd February - Year 10 talk by Tesco CEO
Tuesday 6th February - Year 10 Devising Masterclass (Drama)
Thursday 8th February - Year 8 Reports Issued
Thursday 8th February - Year 7 Performing Arts Theatre Trip
Monday 12th February - Theatre Trip Year 10 and 11 Drama Students
Monday 12th February - Elevate Sessions Year 10
Tuesday 13th February - GCSE Computing Trip - Computing History Museum
Thursday 15th February - Spring Concert
Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd - HALF TERM

Notices

GCSE Exam dates
Careers in healthcare and medicine
AstroTurf footwear

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Watford Development - Football Skills Centre

WatfordFC development 

Football Skills Centre

Weekly evening sessions during term time.

Additional skills session for local grassroots football players. Entry level on our Player Development Pathway, with opportunities to progress up the pathway.

Who? Ages: 6-14	Where? Hertfordshire & Harrow	When? Evenings (5pm onwards)
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Book now: bookings.watfordfcsetrust.com and search 'Skills Centre'




For more information, please contact: skillscentre@watfordfc.com

Family lives - Parenting SEN children

Parenting SEN children when separated online programme



A 6-session programme, specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.

Who should attend?

- Separated parents raising children with SEND.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and strategies for co-parenting SEN children more consistently.
- Parents wanting to create a positive and supportive environment for their child's development.

Three courses will be delivered by MS Teams, from 7pm to 9pm, over 6 sessions, on the following dates:

- Wednesdays 10, 17, 24, 31 January and 7, 14 February 2024
- Thursdays: 11, 18 & 25 January and 1, 8 & 15 February 2024
- Mondays: 29 January, 5, 12 & 26 February and 4 & 11 March 2024

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699



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Who we are
 DSPL7 supports parents and carers, staff in early years settings, schools and further education colleges by ensuring there is a range of provision and support services within the St Albans and Harpenden areas for children and young people with additional needs.

Contact Us
DSPL7
 The Hub
 228 Hatfield Rd
 St Albans
 AL1 1EW
 Phone: 01727 519229
 Email: admin@dspl7.org.uk
 Web: www.dspl7.org.uk

**Parenting Support
 Spring term 2024**



DSPL7
 St Albans District, Harpenden and Villages
 Redbourn, Wheatthorpe and Kippax

DSPL7
 Delivering Special Provision Locally
 228 Hatfield Rd
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 AL1 1EW

Cascade Camps



For Children Aged 3-14 years old

Multi Activity Camps
KATHERINE WARINGTON SCHOOL
 (Harpenden)
Where the FUN never stops!

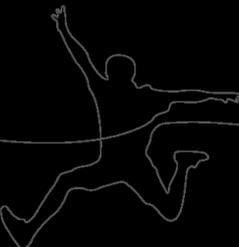
Performing Arts **Zorbs** **Giant Inflatables**
Swimming **Assault Course** **Football** **Cascade Cubs**
 3-4 year olds
Slip N Slide **Dance** **Theatre Workshop** **Archery Tag**
Multi Activity **NEW YEAR OFFER!** **Artists Studio**
20% Discount
 On all bookings made before 15th February
 (Enter Discount Code: NEWYEAR24 when booking!) **Bushcraft**
Go Karts

Tax Free Childcare & Childcare Vouchers accepted!
Wrap Around Care Options from 8am to 6pm.

www.cascadecamps.com **07395 087250** **info@cascadecamps.com**

B*You(th)

 **YOUth**



Hey you!

Want to invest in your health and wellbeing?

Sign up to B•YOU(th) - a free programme to help you achieve your health goals.

Our 10-week programme starts on:

Date: 15th January 2024

Time: Starts at 17:30 and finishes 18:30

Venue: Cottonmill Community and Cycling Centre, St. Albans, AL1 2EF

 <<< Or start your journey today with online support!

Open to 13-17-year-olds only, check our website for details.
For alternative formats, email marketing@maximusuk.co.uk quoting X22-2027



BeeZee Families

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Ready for your family to feel healthier and happier?

Sign up for our FREE and fun healthy lifestyle programmes in-person or online. Our programmes start on:

Date:	W/c 15th January 2024 for 12 weeks
Time:	Tuesdays from 17:30 til 19:30
Venue:	Camp Primary School, St Albans, AL1 5PE



OR you can join our 12-week online programmes!

Eligibility criteria applies, check the website for details.
For alternative formats, email marketing@maximusuk.co.uk quoting X22-2012



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Get the right help at the right time



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Need advice and support for your family?

-  Relationship support
-  Parenting Advice & Courses
-  Emotional & Mental Health
-  Staying healthy
-  School attendance/anxiety
-  Money advice
-  Services for Young People
-  SEND Local Offer
-  Search local services
-  and much more



Visit Hertfordshire's Families First website:-
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

Playing out in St Albans and Harpenden



in St Albans, Harpenden and the villages



You can apply to close your road up to 8 times a year to let residents gather and children play together.

- Give children the freedom to be outdoors & active and make friends on the street.
- Give neighbours a space to meet and build a supportive community.



Find out more on our website or a book one of our

Free Information Sessions

Mon 22nd Jan 8pm online + further dates

Book via <http://playingoutsta.eventbrite.com>



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