

# School Newsletter



### KWS Newsletter - Issue 87 - 19.4.24

### Heads up

Dear parents and carers,

The new term has started really well and we are back in the swing of things. The Year 10s have started their mock examinations and the staff have all been really impressed by their level of maturity and readiness in terms of their equipment and attitude. Mock exams are a great opportunity; to get into productive study habits; to experience exams in a formal setting; to ascertain strengths in subject knowledge and areas for development. Year 10s are making the most of this opportunity and we encourage them to continue with this approach as they enter their second week.

As we start the new term we welcome some new staff to the KWS team.

- Sarah Hobson Assistant Head (Safeguarding Lead)
- Peter Bedwell Head of Physics
- Stephan Eck Teacher of Science
- Jack Bowsher Head of History
- Jack Frost School Trips Coordinator
- Catherine Hulatt Access Arrangements and Assessments Co-Ordinator (SEN)

It was with sadness that at the end of last term we said goodbye to a wonderful colleague, leader and teacher, Mrs Aikman. A member of staff who has been with us since the very beginning. She has so enjoyed playing a part in KWS's journey but sadly has had to take the decision to leave. She has taken on some part time work in order to spend more time with her family. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and thank her for her dedication and commitment to KWS.

The Easter holidays saw our first ever school trip to China. The social media posts looked fantastic and the feedback about the students' conduct was extremely positive. Well done to all those students and thanks go to the staff who gave up their holidays to go on the trip.

Have a great weekend.

David Martin Headteacher

### **House Points**

This weeks house point winners are Franklin. Congratulations!





# Year 11 County Cup Plate Final

In preparation for our Year 11 boys playing in the county cup plate final on Thursday 25th April, the HSFA are looking for sponsors for the final. Please see the flyer attached if you are interested. The game is being played at Colney Heath FC in St Albans with a 7pm ko. It's £6 entry for adults and £3 for ...

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# Staff Book Club



At KWS, all staff are invited to join our book club and we have meetings at the end of each half term. Staff agree on a book to read and meet up in our school library during home learning club to discuss it; this allows students to see us as reading role models and it benefits our wellbeing too! Everyone ...

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# Sports News

We firstly wanted to share with you some hugely pleasing news from before the Easter holiday. Both our Years 7&8 boys football teams won their respective district cup finals on Tuesday 26th March, which were played at Woollam Playing Fields. The Year 7 team had only won their semi final against Nicholas Breakspear the night before. In pouring rain, the ...



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# China Trip



We returned from our Inaugural China Trip over Easter taking a group of 20 Year 10 and 11 GCSE Mandarin Students. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and below you will find accounts from two of our students who attended the trip. We visited both Beijing and Xi'an and visits included The Great Wall of China, Summer Palace, The Bird's Nest ...

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# KWS Ramadan dinner (iftar)

Friday 22nd March saw KWS open it's doors to host our first ever Ramadan dinner (iftar) as a collaborative effort with Harpenden Community Circle. As the first Harpenden school to host an iftar, we invited people from the local area as well as a number of KWS families which resulted in us hosting 14 different local community organisations including schools ...



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## Magical Maths



Atomic physicist and member of the Magic Circle, Dr Matt Pritchard, gave an inspiring maths presentation to year 7 and 8 students on Tuesday 19th March. The highlights included anamorphic illusions, where normal objects turn out to be anything but, when the viewpoint is changed and changing the area of two 'identical' shapes by re-arranging them; before proving they were ...

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## Year 8 Romeo and Juliet Performance

On Tuesday 19th March KWS welcomed Anthony Glenn, from Shaking Up Shakespeare to perform his fast-paced and fully interactive one man show of Romeo and Juliet to Year 8. Having studied the play earlier in the year, this was a great opportunity to see it as it was meant to be - performed, live, on a stage. As usual, the ...



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# Library update



The summer term is shaping up to be a busy and exciting time in the KWS library as it will be for the whole school! We will be running library lessons and students will be completing their reading challenges. There will be celebrations throughout the term which we'll report on in Book-ish magazine and on social media. We also have ...

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### **KWS Vacancies**

Here are our current vacancies available on mynewterm:

Head of Economics (Part time/Full time) - Closing date: 22nd April 2024 at 9am

Cover Supervisor - Closing date: 22nd April 2024 at 9am

Learning Support Assistant (Working 1:1) - Closing date: 22nd April 2024 at 9am

Teacher of Mathematics - Closing date: 22nd April 2024 at 9am

Deputy Director of Performing Arts - Closing Date: 29th April 2024 at 9am.

#### Coming soon:

Student Support Officer (Pastoral) Office Administrator Apprenticeship

### 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 22nd April to Friday 26th April - Year 10 Mocks Thursday 25th April - Junior Maths Challenge (Selected students) Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April - DofE and Silver Training Weekend Monday 29th April - Year 7 A Midsummer Night's Dream - Anthony Glenn performance Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April - GCSE DT Exam (Year 11 Students) Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May - GCSE Art Exam (year 11 Students) Monday 6th May - BANK HOLIDAY Tuesday 7th May - Year 11's Last day -Thursday 9th May to Friday 21st June - Year 11 Exams - Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May - DofE Silver Practice Expedition Wednesday 15th May - Year 10 Computing Museum Trip Thursday 16th May - Year 10 Reports Issued Thursday 16th May - Year 8 HPV1 Immunisations Friday 17th to Saturday 18th May - Bronze DofE Expedition Monday 27th to Friday 31st May - HALF TERM

### Notices

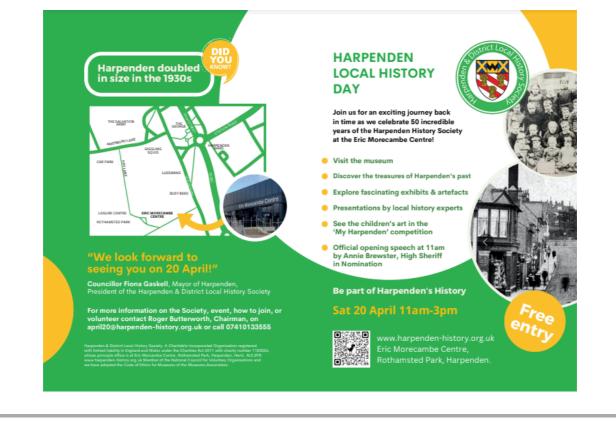
DofE Training Days and Expedition - Bronze Lost Property

### **Non KWS Events/Publicity**

#### **BeeZee Families**



Harpenden Local History Day



#### Hornbeam Wood Hedgehog Sanctuary

We are in desperate need of new Intensive Care Units for Orphaned Wild Baby Hoglets at Hornbeam Wood Hedgehog Sanctuary.

To donate please head over to:

https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/baby-wild-orphaned-hoglet-intensive-care



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