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Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we continue through what has been another very busy and productive period at KWS.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff and students who contributed to the **outstanding success** of our recent Open Day. The atmosphere was truly special, and the feedback we received from prospective families was overwhelmingly positive. Our students, in particular, were brilliant ambassadors for the school, showcasing their work and speaking eloquently about their experiences here. It is this collective effort and pride that makes Katherine Warington School such a wonderful place to learn and work.

I am absolutely delighted to share the fantastic news that our Trust Board has received national recognition, winning the **"Highly Commended Award"** in the outstanding governance in a single school category at the **National Governance Association (NGA) Awards 2025**. The prestigious ceremony was held on **September 17th at the Houses of Parliament**. As a school that is just six years old, this award is a powerful testament to the impact of our wonderful Trustees and what they have achieved in a short space of time..

Looking ahead, we know that planning for the future is essential. We have now published the full term dates for the **2026/2027** academic year. Please take note of these for your long-term planning. You can find the detailed calendar, including INSET days, directly on our school website by following this link: <https://kwschool.co.uk/term-dates-2/>

Finally, I would like to wish our Year 10 students and accompanying staff a wonderful and enriching trip to Spain this weekend. This is a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourselves in the language and culture you have been studying so diligently. I hope you have a safe journey and enjoy every moment. **iBuen Viaje!**

As always, thank you for your continued support of Katherine Warington School.

David Martin

KWAF Fireworks Night

Following the success of last year's event we will be holding our fourth KWAF Fireworks night on Friday 7th November 2025. Gates will open at 6pm and the 20 minute 'Low Bang/Noise' display will start at 7pm run by Fantastic Fireworks! It's set to be a great evening!

Tickets now on sale - 10% off until 8th October -

www.tickettailor.com/events/katherinewaringtonschool/1833809



House Points

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



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Student Council 25/26



Over the last few weeks we have been busy establishing this year's KWS Student Council. Year group assemblies marked the launch of the Student Council for the new academic year. We received over one hundred applications for the positions and this week, tutors and students have been selecting their form group reps. A massive thank you to all students who ...

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KWS enter the Dragon's Apprentice 25-26

Exciting news from KWSixth as we enter three teams into this year's Dragon's Apprentice Challenge. Here are some images of the launch event held this week at JFK school in Hemel. Good luck to all three teams! The Challenge pairs teams of Year 12 students with local business people (a Dragon) and each team is then matched with a local ...



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Period 7 now in full swing - from Year 7 to 13



This week saw Period 7 in full swing across the school, running Monday to Thursday from 3pm to 3.30pm. All our students get to select their Period 7 options each term - from Year 7 right the way through to Year 13. So what do they get up to in this time? Year 7, 8 and 9 participate in one ...

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Katherine Warrington, A Golden Thread School

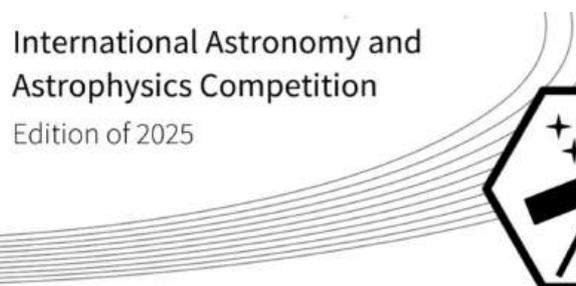
Inspire the Next Generation – Train to Teach at Katherine Warrington School Have you ever thought about a career in teaching? Katherine Warrington School has recently been recognised as a 'Golden Thread School' by Alban Teaching School Hub, for the high quality teacher training and development that we provide. Katherine Warrington School demonstrates outstanding provision for teachers and leaders through ...

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Astrophysics Exam Success

Congratulations to Kayla F (Y12) for participating in the Final Round of the International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition 2025. Kaylee passed the qualification and pre-final stages before joining us at KWS and successfully completed the Final Round at school last week, scoring in the top 25% of participants internationally. A huge well done to her for showing such great subject ...

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FINALIST CERTIFICATE

Katherine Warrington School Receives Certificate of Merit from the Harpenden Society for its All-Weather Pitc



Katherine Warington School (KWS) is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Harpenden Society for its outstanding All-Weather Pitch. The award recognises the significant contribution the facility has made to both the school and the wider community since its opening in early 2024. The state-of-the-art pitch, which provides a high-quality playing surface in ...

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NGA Awards 2025

We are thrilled to announce that the Katherine Warington School Trust Board won the Highly Commended Award in the Outstanding Governance in a Single School category at the NGA Awards 2025! 🏆 🇬🇧 The KWS Trustees celebrated this incredible achievement at the awards ceremony on 17 September at the Houses of Parliament. This national recognition reflects their unwavering commitment to continuous ...



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Trip to the University of Cambridge Open Day



Last Friday, we had the opportunity to attend the University of Cambridge's Open Day. It gave us an insight into the daily lives of Cambridge students and their surroundings. During our day, current students led us on guided tours around their colleges, showing us what life at Cambridge is really like. We were also able to speak with student representatives ...

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Reading Challenges

Reading challenges are a great way to encourage students to read widely and often. Every year the Hertfordshire Library Service organises a Summer Reading Challenge over the six week summer holiday to encourage engagement with the local library, and to keep young people reading whilst they're not in school. We know lots of our students took part this year, and ...

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**YEAR 8
NATIONAL YEAR OF
READING**

Year 8!
Your challenge is to read widely and to finish at least one book each month from the genre of the month.

September	Dystopian/Science Fiction
October	Multi-cultural
November	Non-fiction
December	Christmas/Winter
January	Crime
February	Romance
March	War
April	Humour
May	Mystery/Horror/Thriller

Interact Club Games Night



The Interact Club hosted a very professionally run quiz and games night on Friday 19th September for members of the school and local community, and to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. A fish and chip supper, supplied by Godfrey's of Harpenden was enjoyed half way through and the school bar was open for liquid refreshments too. The quiz was ...

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Meeting with Delegates from the Chinese Embassy

On Friday 19th September, Mrs Hobson took two KWS Students who are studying A-Level Chinese, to St George's School to meet with delegates from the Chinese Embassy. They had very kindly donated a selection of Chinese books to the school, and we were greeted by the Mayor of Harpenden and the team from The Harpenden History Society to receive them. ...



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UPCOMING TRIPS

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure! KWS is your gateway to incredible trips that will ignite your sense of wonder and leave you with lasting memories. Whether you're seeking a thrilling escape into nature, a deep dive into cultural heritage, or a relaxing journey to a picturesque destination, we have the perfect itinerary for you. Our meticulously crafted trips offer a seamless blend of excitement, discovery, and comfort, ensuring every moment is a highlight. Join us and experience the world in a whole new way – the KWS way. Book your next adventure today!

All trips are now booked through the Evolve platform.

Knife Angel - Y9 Drama, Y9 Dance, Y10 Drama, Y10 P.Arts, Y11 Dance and Y12 P.Arts

Date: 14/10/25 - Booking closes 30/9/25

Woman in Black - Y10 Drama and Y11 Drama

Date: 14/10/25 - Booking closes 30/9/25

Born with Teeth - Y12 English, Y12 P.Arts, Y13 English and Y13 P.Arts

Date: 8/10/25 - Booking closes 30/9/25

Munich Residential - Year 11

Date: 12/2/25 - Booking closes 30/9/25

Twelfth Night - Y12 English, Y13 Enlightenment and Y13 P.Arts

Date: 17/10/25 - Booking closes 3/10/25

Trustee News

As we settle into the new school year, it's been a wonderfully busy start to the term and it has been fantastic to see the school come alive again with the enthusiasm of both students and staff.

One of the real highlights so far has been the recent Open Day. It was a pleasure to attend and to see KWS showcased so brilliantly. We were incredibly proud of how the students and staff represented the school - welcoming visitors, sharing their experiences, and demonstrating just what makes KWS such a special place to learn and grow. The passion and pride in the school were clear to see, and it was a wonderful reminder of the strength of the KWS community.

We were also very excited to attend the National Governance Awards at the Houses of Parliament and were absolutely thrilled to win the **Highly Commended Award** in the *Outstanding Governance in a Single School* category. It was an honour to win this prestigious award and we had a truly special afternoon at the Houses of Parliament to celebrate. We are also very grateful to the amazing students and supportive staff who make our roles such a pleasure. We are committed to achieving high standards of governance to drive improvement and success for all.

KWS Vacancies

Here are our current vacancies:

Head of Design and Technology: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2025-KWS-31990>

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

Saturday 27th to Wednesday 1st October - Year 10 Spanish Trip

Monday 29th September - Flu Jabs 1 of 2

Tuesday 30th September - Year 12 Parents Information Evening

Thursday 2nd October - Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Monday 6th October - Senior Maths Challenge

Wednesday 8th October - Year 12 Born With Teeth Theatre Trip

Thursday 9th October - Year 13 Reports Issued

Tuesday 14th October - The Woman In Black Theatre Trip

Wednesday 15th October - Flu Jabs 2 of 2

Thursday 16th October - Year 7 Reports Issued

Thursday 16th October - Year 11 Parents Evening

Monday 20th to Friday 24th October - Year 7 Bikeability

Thursday 23rd October - DofE Bronze Training Twilight

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October - HALF TERM

Notices

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Wheathampstead Wanderers

**CALLING
ALL
GIRLS
STARTING YEAR 7**

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WANDERERS F.C.**
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GROWING
WHEATHAMPSTEAD
WANDERERS
GIRLS
FOOTBALL SQUAD
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.**

**GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD
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LEE@COOMBER.ORG**

Restart a heart



CPR, is an essential life skill that can **double** the chance of survival for someone experiencing an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. 70% will happen in the **home** so it's essential that everyone in the family knows what to do.

Teachers - give your pupils lifesaving CPR skills - in just 20 minutes.

Join Restart a Heart Live for a **FREE, live** streamed event on YouTube.

**Wednesday
1st
October**

- Primary schools: morning sessions
Secondary schools: afternoon sessions
- Sessions take 20 minutes - all you need is a cushion, teddy, bag or rolled-up coat.
- Welsh language sessions available - check on registration.

Register here today:
www.restartaheart.live



PARENT THERAPY GROUP FOR ANXIOUS CHILDREN

SUPPORTIVE PARENTING FOR ANXIOUS CHILDHOOD
EMOTIONS (SPACE)

Recognise any of the below?

'We are already late'

'I dont know how to help them'

'Yes I checked the doors'

'They won't be coming in today'

'They didn't want to go to the party, again'

'You will be ok'

'They always need me by their side'

***Get the tools & guidance you need to
confidently manage your child's anxiety.***

Website: www.lhtherapeuticservices.co.uk
Contact: luisa@lhtherapeuticservices.co.uk



The Mud Pack Challenge



The Mud Pack Challenge

time to sign up and jump in

Sunday 12th October
at Ashridge House

British Gas
Special thanks to our headline sponsor

Get filthy for The Hospice of St Francis this October in the wonderful surrounding of the Ashridge Estate.

7km or 14km packed with our renowned obstacles... May the mud be with you!

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AUTUMN 2025 AQA GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WRITING MASTERCLASSES.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S REVISION WITH LIVE ONLINE REVISION SESSIONS DESIGNED TO MOTIVATE AND CHALLENGE STUDENTS IN AN ENGAGING, FOCUSED, AND ACTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Led by our secondary English advisers, these autumn term workshops will support students determined to get ahead with their revision for the Year 11 mock examinations.

The two masterclasses will focus on the writing sections of AQA Language Paper 1 and Language Paper 2 that make up half of the English Language grade. As an untiered examination, these sessions will be suitable for all students including those aiming for the top grades.

Students learn how to approach exam questions confidently and have access to high-quality model answers for effective revision. Each sessions will focus on:

- generating ideas
- planning content and structure
- crafting writing
- editing to improve

Delivered over a 90 minute session, students will be able to interact using a private question function with the subject teachers delivering the session.

All workshops will be recorded so students who miss part or all of a session can catch up later. The recordings can be instantly accessed using the original joining link sent to everyone who has booked a place.

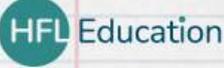


REVISION FOCUS 2025 THURSDAY SESSIONS:

AQA GCSE English Language: Creative Writing Masterclass	Thursday, 13th November 2025 4:30-6:00pm
AQA GCSE English Language: Persuasive Writing Masterclass	Thursday, 20 November 2025 4:30-6:00pm

£15
per student per 90 minutes session or £25 for both sessions (inc. VAT)

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