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Heads up

It has been an incredibly vibrant fortnight here at Katherine Warrington School, filled with academic milestones and a truly spectacular showcase of our students' creative talents.

I had the absolute pleasure of attending the opening night of our whole school production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, this past Wednesday. To see just under 100 of our students involved, whether on stage or behind the scenes, was a proud moment for the entire school community. We already knew our students were superstars, but watching them shine under the lights was something else entirely. The standard of acting, singing, and dancing was exceptionally high. It was wonderful to overhear the audience's reactions as they left; many were blown away by the professional quality of the performance. A massive thank you goes out to every student involved and the dedicated staff who worked tirelessly to bring this production to life.

Thank you to all the Year 8 parents and carers who attended our Options Evening. The turnout was fantastic, and it was great to see so many families engaging with the next steps of our students' educational journeys. To further support your research, please visit the school website, where you will find comprehensive details on all subjects. Don't forget that our upcoming Parents' Consultation Evening will provide another vital opportunity to discuss these choices and ensure our students feel confident in their decisions.

I would like to issue a respectful reminder regarding safety on-site. At the end of the school day we have over 1000 students exiting the building. To ensure our students can access their buses safely, to cross roads around the school safely and to reduce congestion, please only drive onto the school site if you hold a valid permit. We ask that parents also collect students a short walk away from the school and not on Common Lane. Minimising traffic during peak pick-up times is essential for the wellbeing of our school community. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our site a safe environment for everyone.

There has been much news this week about the Government's stance on ensuring schools are phone free zones. At KWS no child requires a phone during the school day and if the phone is seen or heard then a consequence is issued. This approach is fully compliant with current government guidance.

Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education, has voiced her clear backing for this direction:

"You have my full support in taking this forward. Clear boundaries, applied with consistency and fairness, give pupils the best chance to learn and thrive, and schools should feel confident in setting and enforcing them."

We want our students to be fully present in their learning and social interactions. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain an environment where every pupil can thrive without distraction.

Have a great weekend.

David Martin
Headteacher

House Points

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



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Period 7: Enabling the Leaders of Tomorrow

This term, we have many Period 7 sessions running which are driven by the vision and leadership of our students themselves. From global diplomacy to high-level engineering, students are no longer just participants: they are the architects of their own enrichment. The diversity of the sessions is a testament to student ambition. Model United Nations has seen such a surge in popularity that it now convenes twice weekly, while an Engineering program is ...



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KWS Sports News



Inclusive Sports It was great to get our inclusive table cricket lunchtime club up and running last Friday. We were delighted to see so many students attend and participate so well! We look forward to participating in a table cricket festival on the 11th February. **Netball** Well done to the U15B netball team on a 16-13 win against Beaumont. ...

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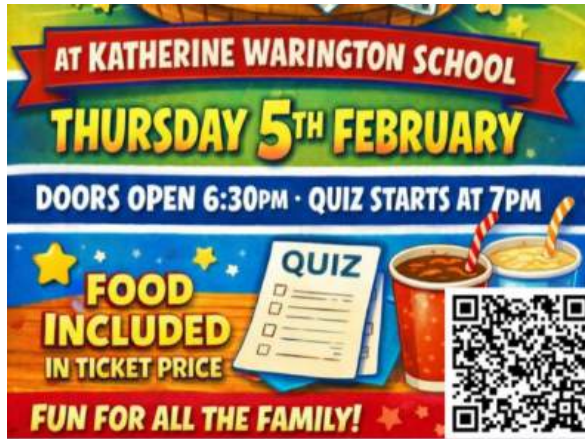
Intermediate maths challenge

On Wednesday the 28th of January nearly 100 students from years 9-11 took part in the intermediate maths challenge. This was a 60 minute challenge testing the students' mathematical thinking and problem solving skills. Well done to all who participated. We are looking forward to seeing the results next month.



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Quiz Night!



Looking for a fun night that the whole family can enjoy? We are hosting a family-style Quiz night, bringing together children, parents, friends and family for a relaxed evening of laughs and friendly competition. Enjoy complementary fish and chips included with your ticket (other options available upon request), as well as a bar offering drinks to quench your thirst! We ...

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Axiom Maths - Period 7 Enrichment

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Period Health and Wellbeing

Please see the information about heavy periods from Brook (an amazing health and wellbeing charity), and share with your teenager if needed. This is a topic we cover in PSHE here at KWS, and is something that should be discussed rather than avoided, in order to ensure our pupils get the support they may need.

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HEAVY PERIODS For more information about heavy periods go to: brook.org.uk/heavy-periods

Heavy periods can affect school, sports and social life, but there are ways to manage them.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS? Just one of these can be a sign of a heavy period and is worth seeing a doctor about:

- Periods last over 7 days
- Bleeding through pads/tampons every 5-2 hours
- Blood clots larger than 2.5cm
- Tring and leaks onto underwear, clothes or bed
- Tiredness, dizziness, gummy low iron
- Very painful periods
- Periods stop normal activities

WHAT ARE THE CAUSES? Sometimes there isn't a clear reason, but heavy periods can be linked to issues such as:

- ANOVULATION** (Common in early years of periods). Ovaries don't release an egg each month making periods irregular, heavier and longer.
- BLEEDING DISORDERS** Bleeding more than others from wounds, cuts and periods.
- PCOS** (Polycystic ovary syndrome) A hormonal imbalance that can affect ovulation (when an egg is released from the ovaries).
- ENDOMETRIOSIS** Cells that travel to the lining of the uterus, grow outside of the body.

PRODUCTS FOR HEAVY FLOW

- MENSTRUAL CUPS AND PERIOD PANTS** These hold more blood than pads and tampons, are reusable and cheaper in the long run.
- HIGH ABSORBENCY PRODUCTS** Check the absorbency level on the packaging. The higher, the more blood it will hold.
- NIGHT-TIME PADS** Extra-long pads with wings can help reduce leaks in the night.

Virtual Apprenticeship Fair

As part of National Apprenticeships Week, Unifrog is holding a virtual Apprenticeship Fair on Wednesday 11th February 4pm-6pm. From understanding apprenticeships to learning what it's like to work in different industries and acing your application, this fair is a great opportunity to explore your options and get your questions answered by the experts. Join live sessions with employers from across ...

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KS5 Work Experience

Our Year 12 students are currently in the process of organising their work experience placements for the summer term. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to develop key work-related skills; increase their communication skills and confidence and take another step on their journey to their future career. The work experience will take place during the week of 22nd - ...

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National Apprenticeships Week

National Apprenticeships Week is 9-15 February. There are lots of events happening to highlight the many opportunities available. Some events are happening both before and after the week so here is the link to the official National Apprenticeships Week Events Map:

<https://naw.appawards.co.uk/events/map>. Many of the events are virtual, and are taking place after school so are easily accessible for students ...

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EDI Parent Forum invitation reminder

Dear parents/carers, As part of the KWS Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) vision, you are invited to our EDI Parent Forum, with myself and members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). This platform allows parents/carers to share their experiences at KWS and provide feedback on our EDI delivery. We ask for your input in making KWS more inclusive and equitable ...

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Library: Holocaust Memorial Day



In the library this week we are displaying both nonfiction and fiction books linked to the Holocaust, in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day, which this year fell on the 27th January. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust has a theme of "Bridging Generations" this year, with the aim to remind us all that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the ...

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Invitation to "Dark Side of the Internet" workshop

Dear families, I have been asked to send out an invitation on behalf of Hertfordshire Council related to a fantastic workshop taking place based on "Extremism Thrives On Misunderstanding; a briefing about the 'Dark Side of the Internet'" as below. At a time where the internet can be a source of radicalisation for young people, this is an empowering opportunity ...

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KWS Vacancies

We have no current vacancies, please keep an eye on mynewterm for anything new.

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 2nd February - 6th Form Application Deadline

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th February - Year 12 Mocks

Wednesday 4th February - Year 7 Cisco Workshops

Wednesday 4th February - DofE Bronze Twilight Training 3/3

Thursday 5th February - Year 8 Reports Home

Thursday 5th February - Year 12 Oxbridge Information Evening

Tuesday 10th February - Year 8 Parents Evening

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - HALF TERM

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th February - Year 11 Core Mocks

Tuesday 24th February - Year 12 HE Evening

Thursday 26th February - Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Notices

Upcoming Trips

Please keep an eye out on evolve for any upcoming trips.

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Free February half term outdoor activities for students with SEND - booking up fast!

14. FREE FEBRUARY HALF TERM OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH SEND - BOOKING UP FAST!

INFORMATION

MAINTAINED SCHOOLS/ ACADEMIES/ MULTI ACADEMY TRUSTS

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During the February 2026 half term holidays (16-18 Feb), HCC Services for Young People is offering free adventurous outdoor activities to young people aged 13-19 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), including those with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs.

The activities will be taking place at Hudnall Park, Services for Young People's outdoor activity centre set in 85 acres of beautiful parkland, private woodland and meadows, five miles from Hemel Hempstead in the west of Hertfordshire.

All activities are designed to inspire and empower young people while developing their social, emotional and physical skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Young people can:

- Learn archery and compete in fun games
- Zip across the valley on the high-level zip line
- Navigate the challenge course as part of a team
- Discover and explore nature in the beautiful woodlands
- Enjoy balancing and climbing on the low ropes course

The activities are funded by Short Breaks and young people are eligible up to the year they turn 19 if they are in full time education.

Families do not need to register for Short Breaks to attend. Places are booking up fast so please share this with eligible families and signpost them to the Services for Young People website where they can get full details and sign up:

<https://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org/hudnall-park/free-february-half-term-activities-for-young-people-with-send/free-february-half-term-activities-for-young-people-with-send-1/>



All disabilities welcome

free of charge inclusive cricket sessions

have fun, be Active and make new friends



Harpenden Hub
 Thursdays 5-6pm
 Katherine Warrington School
 Harpenden AL5 5fh

Watford Hub
 Saturdays 9-10am
 Parmiters School
 Watford WD25 0uu

Hatfield Hub
 Sundays 10-11.30am
 Chancellors School
 Brookmans Park AL9 7bn

Hitchin Hub
 Saturdays 9-10am
 Westmill Community Centre
 Hitchin SG5 2pj

open to young people with physical and learning disabilities and those with Neurodivergent Conditions aged 10-25 years old



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School Drop-Off

PARK SMART!

Help keep our streets safe for everyone:

- ✓ **No parking on yellow zigzags**
These keep the crossing clear for children.
- ✓ **Respect driveways**
Please don't block homes or paths.
- ✓ **Allow extra time**
Rushing = risky parking.
- ✓ **Walk, cycle, or share a lift**
Fewer cars, safer roads.



Why it matters:

- Safer for children and families
- Pavements stay clear for buggies and wheelchairs
- Emergency vehicles can get through fast
- Happier neighbours, safer community



Please don't:

- Double park
- Stop close to junctions
- Park across driveways



Think before you park!
A few extra seconds = a safer street for everyone.



RUGBY LEAGUE RECRUITING PLAYERS

**AGES 10 - 16 Boys & Girls
2026 Season (March - July)**

**FREE TASTER SESSION
SAT 7th MARCH - PM**

Details to be confirmed

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For more details:

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Pioneer Young People's Centre
Heathlands Drive
St Albans
AL3 5AY

**Join us
Saturdays 1-4pm**

Term time only

For all young people aged 11-17
up to 25 for care leavers
and those with SEND

This new Saturday afternoon project is a safe space to meet new people and get involved in free activities including sports, music, dance and creative arts.

Our Youth Workers will also help you:

- Improve your wellbeing and confidence
- Recognise and build healthy relationships
- Keep yourself safe
- Overcome any challenges you may be facing
- Identify and achieve your goals
- Express your views and get your voice heard

No booking needed – just come along!

Tel: 01442 454060 Text: 07860 065195
SfYP.StAlbans@hertfordshire.gov.uk
www.servicesforyoungpeople.org

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THE VOLCANO & THE ICEBERG

Monday 9 February 7:30pm

High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden
Book your place at: highstreet.church/events

**A workshop on the art of
managing our emotions**

Suitable for adults who are
interested in their own mental
health and supporting the
mental health of others

Led by Claire Banham

*Director of Haven Hope
which helps young
people build up
their mental resilience*



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