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Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

It has been an incredibly vibrant and purposeful fortnight here at KWS. As we approach the final stretch of the spring term, the energy across the school, from our evening community events to the focused atmosphere in the exam halls, has been truly inspiring.

On Tuesday, 3rd March, we held our Community Iftar, and it was a truly spectacular evening. Seeing so many families and friends come together to celebrate togetherness was a highlight of the school year so far. Beyond the wonderful atmosphere, the generosity of our community was overwhelming. We saw an amazing turnout and received a significant amount of donations for the St Albans Food Bank. My sincere thanks go to the staff team and our dedicated volunteers, led by Ms. Annie, for making this event such a success.

Yesterday, the school was transformed for World Book Day. It was fantastic to see so many staff members dressing up to inspire our students and spark conversations about our favorite characters and stories. While the costumes bring the fun, the core message remains vital: reading is the gateway to everything. It builds empathy, expands vocabulary, and unlocks academic success across every subject. World Book Day isn't just a one-off event; it is a catalyst to inspire our students to keep a book in their bag and a story in their head throughout the entire year. Students in Year 7 to 10 will today receive their Period 7 and Club outlines for the summer term. Together these provide them with a huge range of extra curricular opportunities for next term, including kwik cricket, athletics, engineering challenges, ghost stories, astronomy, French conversation and so much more. Students should review these over the weekend ready to give their Period 7 choices to their form tutors from Monday.

A huge "well done" to our Year 11 students, who have officially completed their final core mock exams. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and maturity they have shown. The "home stretch" is now officially here. I encourage every student to make the absolute most of their remaining time in school to bridge any gaps and maximise their success in the upcoming summer series.

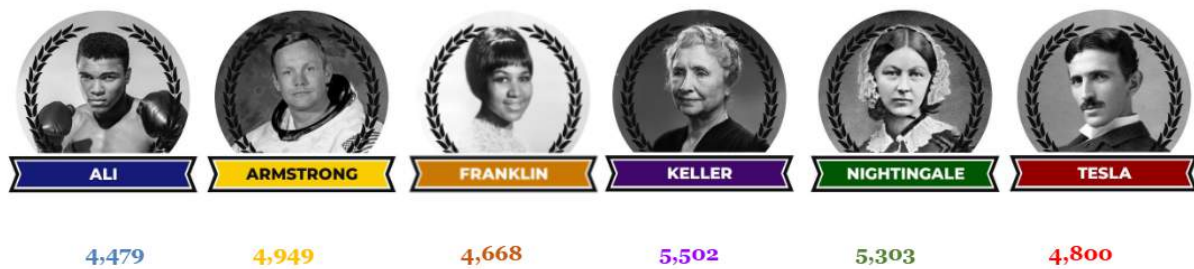
Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 9 Parents' Evening. This is a pivotal year for our students as they start their GCSEs. Ensuring a strong, successful start now sets the foundation for their future achievements, and your ongoing support is a crucial part of that equation.

We are eagerly looking forward to Science Week starting on Monday! We have a host of activities planned to celebrate innovation and discovery. But until then I wish you all a restful and lovely weekend.

David Martin
Headteacher

House Points

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



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Third annual KWS Iftar



This week we held our third annual KWS Iftar, and we are very proud that it has now become a regular fixture in our calendar. Our Iftar is a wonderful opportunity for people of all faiths, and none, to come together for an evening of food, reflection and celebration. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such a memorable ...

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Sixth form update:

A busy week next week for our sixth formers as we have two important events taking place in school. On Tuesday evening (10th March), all year 12 students and their parents are invited to our Higher Education Talk. As we launch our university application process, this evening is highly recommended to find out important information about the whole process. 6pm start in the main ...

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Chinese New Year Celebrations



Happy Chinese Year of the Horse (马年大吉!) Students have celebrated the Lunar New Year with a range of exciting events, and there's more to come... Past student Lina Badi scored Grade 9 in her Mandarin GCSE at KWS last year, receiving a full scholarship for her A Levels at Wycombe Abbey School in Hangzhou. Lina came back to share her ...

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Year 10 Prefect subject talks

A massive thank you to our new year 10 prefect team, who have led inspiring subject talks this week to year 8 students during form time. They spoke about a range of subjects and gave students a first hand insight into what being a GCSE student in year 10 is like.

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Leadership Foundations Conference



After attending the Leadership Foundations course in the Autumn Term of Year 12, we were given the opportunity to attend the Leadership Foundations Conference on 10th February in St Albans. Although the event was labelled as one about leadership, it is not solely for those who possess conventional leadership traits; instead the topics discussed can also be applied to your ...

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KWS Sport

House Badminton Competition It has been great to host a house badminton competition for each year group every day this week. We look forward to sharing the results of these at a later date. Netball Well done to the U13B netballers against Loreto B. They won 9 - 6 and it was a great afternoon of netball in the sun. ...

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Year 10 Discovery Programme in partnership with Oxford University.



This week nineteen of our year 10 students have embarked on the Balliol College Discovery programme, which involves a range of weekly lectures and sessions designed to give students an insight into the Oxbridge experience. Students completed the history session on Thursday and look forward to sessions on mechanics, classics, law, economics and maths over the next few weeks.

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Setting the Standard: A Stellar Mock Week for Year 11!

The results are being tallied and the marking pens are out, but before we even look at the grades, we need to talk about the attitude! Last week, our Year 11 cohort sat their core-subject mock exams. While mocks are often viewed as a "dreaded" milestone, our students handled the pressure with a level of maturity that truly deserves a ...

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The Library celebrates World Book Day

World Book Day is one of the most exciting days of the school year for the library, with a real focus on reading for pleasure. We've been enjoying the fun and creativity that reading can bring, and getting stuck into lots of great activities connected to books and reading. The staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books, and ...

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KWS Vacancies

Head of Physics: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-41697>

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](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 9th to Thursday 19th March - Year 8 KS4 Options Selection

Monday 9th to Friday 13th March - Year 9 Option Change Window

Tuesday 10th March - Year 12 HE Evening

Thursday 12th March - Year 7 Shakespeare Performance Day

Thursday 12th March - Primary School Netball Tournament

Wednesday 18th March - Year 12 Parents Evening

Thursday 19th March - Year 11 Reports Home

Thursday 19th March - Whole School Photograph

Thursday 19th March - Year 11 and 13 Group/Individual Photographs

Saturday 21st March - DofE Bronze Training Day

Friday 27th March - Last Day of Term Early Finish at 12:05

Saturday 28th March to Wednesday 1st April - New York Trip

Sunday 29th March to Monday 6th April - China Trip

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April - EASTER HOLIDAYS

Notices




AVAILABLE
**Friday 19th
and Saturday
20th June**

Looking to organize a Summer Event?

We have an excellent marquee that can cater for up to 200 guests, perfect for weddings, corporate events, or private parties.

The venue is licensed, has ample parking, and offers incredible scenic views that will leave your guests in awe.

Whether you're planning an elegant cocktail reception or a relaxed outdoor gathering, our space can be tailored to suit your needs.

With flexible packages, catering options, and professional staff, we ensure every detail is taken care of, so you can focus on enjoying the event.

Let us help you create a memorable experience this summer!

Enquire in the first instance with Lauren at
01582 314 751
or email lettings@kwschool.co.uk

Careers

Tuesday 10th March, 6PM (UK Time)

- **How to Become a Doctor with Dr Leah Gray**
- **How to Become a Lawyer with Elle McDonald, Associate Solicitor at Stone King LLP**

Wednesday 11th March, 6PM (UK Time)

- **How to Become an Engineer with Bhavik Bhatt, Thermofluids Engineer at Rolls Royce**
- **How to Become an Entrepreneur with Kai Hussein, founder of businesses across automation, legal technology and clean tech**

Thursday 12th March, 6PM (UK Time)

- **How to Become a Psychologist with Dr Vicky McKechnie, Clinical Psychologist**

- **How to Become an Investment Banker** with Kaushik Das, Equities Portfolio Manager
Managing Director

Tuesday 17th March, 6PM (UK Time)

- **A Parent's Guide to Life After School**

MBDA National Careers Week **NCW**

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We're MBDA, a leading defence company. The work we do keeps the nation safe and supports all three of the armed forces. All across our organisation, women engineers are delivering vital work, leading innovation and building careers to be proud of.

Our apprentices and apprenticeships won lots of awards in the last year. We were particularly proud to have a finalist in the Women in Tech Apprentice award.

JOIN THEM AND START YOUR OWN JOURNEY.



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Empowering Women to Lead Innovation, [click here](#).



Upcoming Trips

There are no upcoming trips, but please keep an eye out on evolve .

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Musicale - Music Courses



HOLIDAY MUSIC COURSES

Easter Holidays

8 - 10 April 2026

Summer Holidays

27 Jul - 7 Aug 2026

Age 5 - 18

**WRAP AROUND CARE OPTIONS
AVAILABLE**

musicale.co.uk

Film Competition

FILM COMPETITION
“WHAT’S IMPORTANT TO ME?”

Are you great at making short videos or have a passion for writing, music or filmmaking? Perhaps you’re part of a local club or group that you want to shout about? Or you’d just love to see your name in lights? Then this competition could be for you.

Harpenden Town Council invites local young people up to the age of 25 to enter. The theme of the film should be:

‘What’s Important to Me?’

Find out more about the awards categories and entry criteria by viewing the QR code or checking out our website:
www.harpenden.gov.uk/whats-important



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Supporting Links

Courses

Courses: Phone 07512 709 556 to book

6-Weeks	Location	ID	Dates 2026	Day	Time
Talking Additional Needs	Online	831	14th Apr to 19th May	Tue	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Families	Online	832	6th May to 17th Jun	Wed	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	833	1st Jun to 6th Jul	Mon	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Teens	Online	834	14th Apr to 19th May	Tue	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Teens	Online	835	3rd Jun to 8th Jul	Wed	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Dads	Online	836	6th May to 17th Jun	Wed	7.45-9.15pm

Parents can book by phoning 07512 709556

Or email bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Please include your phone number as we cannot book a place without speaking to you.



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FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



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