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Heads up

As we reach the end of this fortnight, the atmosphere across the school has been one of profound reflection, celebration, and, I'll admit, a few touched hearts. My Headteacher's section in this edition of our newsletter is dedicated entirely to our Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts as they reach significant milestones in their educational journeys.

Yesterday marked a high point in the school calendar with our Year 11 Celebration Assembly. Students began the morning in form rooms and the food hall to sign each other's shirts. Seeing the students' shirts covered in messages of friendship and "good luck" is a tradition that never loses its charm. It serves as a visual reminder of the tight-knit community these students have built over the last five years. We then moved to our sports hall for a fantastic gathering of staff, families, and students. To the parents and carers: thank you for your unwavering support. To the students: the energy you brought to the final assembly of the year was a testament to your character. You embark on your exams not just as students, but as young adults ready to make your mark.

This morning, we gathered for the Year 13 Leavers' Morning, beginning with a celebratory breakfast followed by awards and speeches. This group is particularly dear to our hearts as they are our Founding Students, the pioneers who didn't just attend Katherine Warrington School, they built its culture from the ground up. To our Year 13s, you are the architects of the KWS spirit. Long after you leave these halls, your influence will remain in the traditions you started and the standards you set. It was a very emotional morning for all involved and a fitting send off to a remarkable year group.

To both Year 11 and Year 13, the message as you embark on your exam season is simple: You are prepared. We have every confidence that you will handle the coming weeks with the same resilience and determination you have shown throughout your secondary education experience. You

have our full support and we are here if you need us.

Good luck!

David Martin
Headteacher

Reminder of survey

Our school is a community built on partnership, and your voice alongside that of our students and staff is a vital ingredient in our continued growth. The annual survey allows us to hear from everyone, every perspective helps us paint a complete picture of our vibrant school life. It is also a wonderful opportunity to pause and celebrate the successes of our students and our school over the past year. While there are sections to provide constructive feedback, I particularly encourage you to use the later questions to highlight and thank staff members or teams who have made a positive difference in your child's journey. Your recognition means the world to our hardworking staff, and by sharing what we are doing well, you help us ensure that those strengths remain at the heart of everything we do.

The survey will close Monday 25th May.

Online Survey link

Outdoor cinema night returns to Katherine Warrington School - 25% off tickets until 11/05/26

Two screenings | Thursday 11th June 2026 | Bar & food on site

"A magical evening under the stars for the whole family — or a perfect grown-up night out."

The Katherine Warrington Association of Friends is proud to announce an Outdoor Cinema Night on Thursday 11th June, featuring two back-to-back screenings on the school grounds. The event promises a wonderful evening for families and adults alike, with a bar, food, and snack stalls on site throughout the night.

The evening kicks off with a family-friendly screening of Disney's Zootopia 2, with doors opening at 4.30pm and the film starting at 5pm. Later in the evening, the iconic Dirty Dancing takes to the screen, with doors opening at 7.30pm and the film beginning at 8pm — perfect for a grown-up summer night out.

Tickets are priced at £8 per person, with a family of four ticket available for £30 (excluding booking fee). Tickets can be purchased online at kwschool.co.uk/box-office.

The event is proudly sponsored by Taylor Walton Solicitors, Harpenden Building Society, and Savills Harpenden. All proceeds support the school community through the work of the Association of

Friends.

Katherine Warrington Association of Friends
Presents....

OUTDOOR
Cinema
Night

Thursday 11th June

Bar, food and snacks stalls

EARLY BIRD - 25% OFF TICKETS UNTIL 11/05/26

ZOOTOPIA 2 *Disney* **Dirty Dancing**

Doors 4.30pm - starts 5pm Doors 7.30pm - starts 8pm

Brought to you by...

TAYLOR WALTON SOLICITORS HARPENDEN BUILDING SOCIETY savills HARPENDEN

 **£8* per person**
Family of 4 ticket £30*
<https://kwschool.co.uk/box-office/>
*excludes booking fee

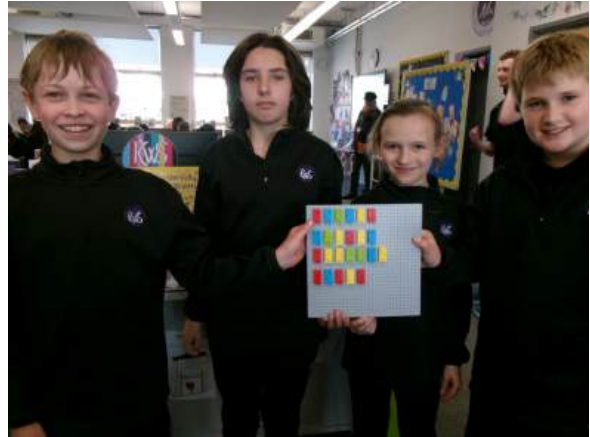
House Points

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



Diversity Week in the Library

Diversity Week was a great opportunity for the library to display some of its collection of LGBTQIA+ books, as well as those about various cultures and religions, and those about disabilities. We had a great week, with different activities taking place throughout the week. On Monday, we enjoyed using our Braille Lego, with lots of students dropping by to construct ...



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Work Experience: Year 10 & Year 12



This half term both our Year 10 & Year 12 students are heading off on work experience to get the chance to see what different careers and work places are like. Our Year 12 students have managed to secure a wide range of placements for their work experience, from solicitors to golf clubs, primary schools to universities, where they will ...

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Free GCSE revision support

We're pleased to share that our school is working with Atom Learning, the UK's leading online GCSE learning platform, to provide free access to Atom GCSE Pro for pupils in Years 9–11 who are eligible for Pupil Premium. Atom GCSE Pro gives students clear, structured revision tailored to their subjects and exam boards. It includes: Exam-board-specific practice: GCSE-style questions, past ...



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Sports talk



On Thursday Bel Murphy, personal trainer and coach at Marchon Gym, Harpenden, came in to do a talk to a group of girls, all of whom either represent school sports or are active sports women out of school. The talk was focused on empowering the girls, promoting a strong and healthy physique and one which requires proper nutrition. Bel addressed ...

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Year 12 Physics Challenge

Last week our Physics A level students undertook the challenging Sir Isaac Newton Exam, run by the University of Waterloo in Canada. The two hour test is held every year in early May and sees students from across the UK, America, and Canada competing to complete difficult physics questions. Well done to all the students who took part and to ...



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KWS Diversity Week



Last week saw the KWS community come together for a spectacular week of celebrating all forms of diversity. Across the week, all students got involved with the designated days marking a spotlight on a different focus area such as disabilities awareness - including neurodiversity and hidden disabilities, LGBTQ+ awareness, and religions awareness. On Friday we celebrated Culture Day, before our ...

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Harpenden Rovers Youth FC Scores Life-Saving Goal with Solar and wind-powered AED for Katherine Warrington School

Harpenden Rovers Youth FC is proud to announce the successful installation of a state-of-the-art, solar and wind-powered Automated External Defibrillator (AED) cabinet at Katherine Warrington School (KWS). This vital piece of life-saving equipment was funded entirely through the club's "Defib on The Hill" initiative, raising nearly £5,000 through the dedicated efforts of its young players to provide the cabinet and ...



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Year 10 Prefects



A big thank you to our year 10 prefect team who have this week been visiting year 7 forms to share their advice and personal wisdom on how students can display the KWS character values on a day to day basis in school. Lily, Ellie, Ava, Adam, Joie, Kieran, Emily, Holly, Lucy and Esme spoke about their own experiences in ...

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The Bill Hewetson Memorial Prize and Rotary Young Citizens' Award 2026:

Congratulations to Becky Dowse in Year 13, who was awarded the Bill Hewetson Memorial Prize and the Rotary Young Citizens' Award 2026 at the prestigious Rotary Club annual awards ceremony earlier this week. Becky was a very deserving winner in recognition of her outstanding leadership of the Interact Group. As President, she has helped the group raise over £1,000 for ...



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KWS Sports News



Football We wanted to acknowledge the Year 10 boys' football team for their valiant efforts in the recent County Cup final versus Chauncy on 24th April. Despite taking a 2-1 lead in the game, unfortunately Chauncy proved too strong and prevailed 4-2. Massive credit and respect to the boys for going toe-to-toe with an excellent side and keeping the game ...

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KWS Vacancies

Assistant premises Manager: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-90677>

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.



WE NEED YOU
TO JOIN OUR
SUSTAINABILITY GROUP
(A partnership for our children and the planet!)

**Parents of KWS,
Please get in contact.**

- (Recycling & Waste Reduction)
- (School Garden Projects)
- Eco-Events & Workshops
- Sustainable Transportation

BE THE CHANGE!
Help build a greener future for our students and community.

For more information please contact the KWS sustainability lead Mr Hamilton.
m.hamilton@kwschool.co.uk

School Garden

Upcoming Events

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May - Silver DofE Practice Expedition
Thursday 21st May - Year 12 EPQ Presentation Evening
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May - HALF TERM
Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July - Formal Exams Y11/13
Thursday 4th June - Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 5th to Sunday 7th June - Silver DofE Expedition and Gold practice
Monday 8th June - 6th Form External Holders Evening
Monday 8th to Friday 12th June - Year 7, 8 and 9 Exams Week
Tuesday 16th June - Arts Awards Evening
Wednesday 17th June - Year 11 Prom
Thursday 18th June - New Year 7 Single Joiners Morning
Friday 19th June - Expected Year 12 Induction Day
Monday 22nd to Tuesday 23rd June - Sports Days
Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th June - Enrichment Week
Monday 29th June - INSET DAY
Thursday 2nd July - Year 9 Reports Home
Thursday 2nd July - Year 13 Prom
Friday 3rd to Saturday 4th July - DofE Bronze Expedition
Monday 6th to Friday 10th July - DofE Gold Expedition
Tuesday 7th July - New Year 7 Parents Evening
Thursday 9th July - Transition Day
Thursday 9th July - Year 7 and 8 Reports Home
Thursday 16th July - Year 12 Reports Home
Friday 17th July - Last day of Term (12:05pm finish)
Wednesday 22nd July - INSET DAY
Thursday 23rd July - INSET DAY
Friday 24th July to Tuesday 1st September - Summer Holidays

Careers

Half-term Robotics Lab

SPECS Technical Services Group will be running The Robotics Maker Lab during the May half-term at the University of Hertfordshire.

This is a four-day, hands-on course for young people aged 11–17, taking place from 26–29 May 2026 (09:00–16:30) at the Spectra Building, College Lane campus.

Participants will be introduced to robotics, coding, and 3D design, with the opportunity to design and build their own prototypes. The course is designed to develop problem-solving skills, creativity, and confidence in STEM subjects.

Course fee: £200

Childcare vouchers are accepted.

Booking:

Places can be booked online here:

<https://herts.estore.flywire.com/products/the-robotics-maker-lab-435304>

[The Robotics Maker Lab flyer.pdf](#)

If paying via childcare vouchers, participants can select that option under tickets and follow the instructions provided.

If you could please share this with schools, students, parents, and any relevant networks, we would really appreciate your support in helping us reach as many young people as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaqib Ayub at a.ayub5@herts.ac.uk.

Best wishes

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Online support courses

Online support courses for Parents



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Parenting Courses page
Email:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



The future of Transport in Hertfordshire

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Hertfordshire County Council is introducing HERT (Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transit) – a new, electric public transport system designed to make travel across the county quicker, easier and more sustainable. Families can see a HERT vehicle up close and learn about greener travel at events across Hertfordshire this May.

HERT Vehicle Visit Dates:

- Watford – 9 May (High Street, 9am–4pm)
- Hertford – 10 May (Hartham Common Ecofest, 12–4pm)
- Hatfield – 12 May (University of Hertfordshire, 10am–4pm)
- Hemel Hempstead – 14 May (The Marlowes, 9am–4pm)
- St Albans – 17 May (Victoria Street Spring Festival, 12–6pm)



Wheathampstead allotments

WHEATHAMPSTEAD ALLOTMENTS

Open Day

SUNDAY 17TH MAY, NOON - 3PM



Come along and view our beautiful Wheathampstead allotments. You can visit our reps on Glebe and Hitchens Fields and meet some of our wonderful allotmenters. We have **12 new mini plots** plus full and half plots available to rent.

For more information email info@wheathampstead-pc.gov.uk




A WPC EVENT

Access on foot through gate on path from playing fields to Sheepcote Lane or through gate on Marford Road or by car through gate off Marford Road (parking available on allotments)




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