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Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

As we reach the conclusion of a busy and productive first summer half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements of our students and the exciting steps ahead for our school community.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending a trip to the Natural History Museum for students who have achieved 'Academic' status by completing extra-curricular tasks in subjects they have individually chosen. It was truly inspiring to be in such a historic seat of learning; seeing our students throw themselves into the session run by the museum staff with such curiosity and professionalism was fantastic. With the May half term next week, it is a great time for all students to explore the additional curriculum opportunities available through the 'Academics' section of our website. There is so much to discover beyond the classroom.

Year 10 Reports: Reports have been sent home this week, including data from the recent Year 10 exams. With under one year to go until this cohort starts the formal GCSE exam period, there is a lot to reflect on and actions that can be taken. So much can be achieved between now and then, but success starts with taking responsibility and making that first move today, rather than putting it off until later.

Key Stage 3 Exams: For our Year 7, 8, and 9 students, the End of Year Exams will take place during the second week back after the half-term break. Revision support has been provided regarding how and what to revise. This is an opportunity for students to shine and demonstrate the incredible progress they have made this year.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Trust Board. We held a strategy meeting this week where they dedicated significant time to looking at the future of our school and our long-term vision. We are incredibly lucky to have such a committed group of individuals supporting our journey.

I wish all of our students, staff, and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the academic year.

All the best.

David Martin
Headteacher

House Points

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



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Year 12 University visit - St. Andrews

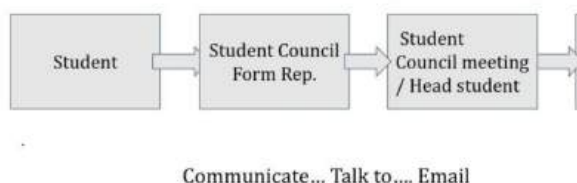
Recently, year 12 students Lucas and Alexandra had the opportunity to visit University of St Andrews, where they explored university life and learned more about future study opportunities in science-related subjects. They spoke to the whole school in a recent celebration assembly about their experience. The following is a summary of their talk: The visit gave both students a valuable ...



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KWS Student Council update

KWS Student Council - 2025



'Your school, Your Voice'

It has been wonderful to hear the views of our student councillors in the latest round of council meetings over the last two weeks. The form representatives have brought feedback and ideas from their respective year groups to the table to discuss and debate. The meetings have been led expertly by our head students who look forward to feeding back ...

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KWSixth year 11 into 12 - key dates for your diary

It has been fantastic to see our Year 11 students working so hard in preparation for their GCSE examinations. We have also been delighted to see so many students making excellent use of the Sixth Form facilities throughout the school day and after school. As students complete their exams, we are excited to begin the next stage of the transition ...



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Herts Library Volunteers Needed!



Volunteer at your local library and help inspire children to get reading!

As the Spring half term holiday approaches, many of us are looking for signs of summer; surely it's nearly here? In the Library the approach of summer reminds us that the Hertfordshire Summer Reading Challenge will be upon us before we know it. A favourite with Librarians everywhere, the Summer Reading challenge is run by the Hertfordshire Library Service, and ...

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Please can you help....?

The textiles department at KWS would be most grateful for any donations of tailors' dummies, dress forms, mannequins or similar. If you feel that you can help, drop off can be made to KWS reception during our usual school working hours. If you have other items that you wonder if we can make use, of in either the DT workshop, ...

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Relationship & Sex Education Policy

DRAFT Relationships and sex education policy

Katherine Warrington School



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| Last reviewed on: | April 2026 |
| Approved | TBC |
| Next review due by: | December 2027 |
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As with all schools, here at KWS we are required to teach Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) as part of the new statutory guidance that starts from September 2026. As a result of these statutory changes, we have updated our RSE Policy. If you would like to comment on or give feedback on this revised KWS RSE Policy, it can ...

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Survey reminder

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 ...



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KWS Vacancies

Learning Support Assistant (VI Focus): <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-76547>

Learning Support Assistant: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-68345>

Trustee: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-54391>

Safeguarding Trustee: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-95323>

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.

Kwaf outdoor cinema night

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
Brought to you by...

Doors 4.30pm - starts 5pm

Dirty Dancing
Doors 7.30pm - starts 8pm

TAYLOR WALTON SOLICITORS

HARPENDEN BUILDING SOCIETY

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£8* per person
Family of 4 ticket £30*

<https://kwschool.co.uk/box-office/>

*excludes booking fee

Upcoming Events

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May - HALF TERM

Monday 1st June to Friday 3rd July - Formal Exams Y11/13 continue

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

Monday 8th to Friday 12th June - Year 10 work experience

Thursday 11th June - KWAF Cinema Evening

Monday 15th to Friday 19th June - Year 12 mock exams

Monday 15th June - Year 8 immunisations

Tuesday 16th June - Arts Awards Evening

Wednesday 17th June - Year 11 Prom

Thursday 18th June - New Year 7 Single Joiners Morning

Thursday 18th June - Sports Award Evening

Friday 19th June - Year 12 Induction Day

Monday 22nd to Tuesday 23rd June - Sports Days

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June - Year 12 work experience

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 July - KWSixth Community Tea Party
 Friday 3rd to Saturday 4th July - DofE Bronze Expedition
 Monday 6th to Friday 10th July - DofE Gold Expedition
 Tuesday 7th July - A level Biology Trip
 Tuesday 7th July - New Year 7 Parents Evening
 Thursday 9th July - Transition Day
 Thursday 9th July - Year 7 and 8 Reports Home
 Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July - Summer Recital Evenings
 Monday 13th July - Year 12 London Museums Visit
 Thursday 16th July - Year 12 Reports Home
 Friday 17th July - Last day of Term (12:05pm finish)
 Monday 20th July - INSET DAY
 Tuesday 21st - INSET DAY
 Wednesday 22nd July - INSET DAY
 Thursday 23rd July - INSET DAY
 Friday 24th July to Tuesday 31st August - Summer Holidays

Non KWS Events/Publicity



MHST SUMMER CAMP

The Mental Health Support Team, in partnership with Serge Hill, is offering a summer camp designed for young people from Year 6 to Year 9. The Serge Hill Project is a community interest project that promotes gardening, creativity, and health.

Activities :

Sessions will offer the opportunity to connect with nature through exploring our garden spaces, including The Plant Library of over 2,000 species of plants. Over the sessions we will explore wellbeing-focused gardening, ecology and nature-based creativity. All the session activities will be linked to mental health and wellbeing.

Dates

11th August 2026 09:30 - 12:30

18th August 2026 09:30-12:30

25th August 2026 09:30-12:30

Scan here to sign up!

Please book one day per child. As a service we cannot offer transport support - you will be required to drop your child off and pick them up

The Serge Hill Project

Parent & Carer Support Autumn Term 2026



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children **2-19**, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.



Tuesdays 8.00 – 9.30pm

15th Sep to 20th Oct ages **10-19**
Online Course ID 864

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

3rd Nov to 8th Dec ages **2-19**
Online Course ID 859

Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm

4th Nov to 9th Dec ages **2-19**
F2F Course: ID 858
Venue TBC
Hemel Hempstead

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Thursdays 8.00 - 9.30pm

17th Sep to 22nd Oct
Online Course ID 861

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

4th Nov to 9th Dec
Online Course ID 860

TALKING ANXIETY

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **3-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm

4th Nov to 9th Dec
Online Course ID 862

11.30am
 - 1pm

Markyate Dates

St John's Church, Markyate

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| <p><u>June</u></p> <p>Wednesday 17th</p> | <p><u>July</u></p> <p>Wednesday 1st Wednesday 15th Wednesday 29th</p> | <p><u>August</u></p> <p>Wednesday 12th Wednesday 26th</p> |
| <p><u>September</u></p> <p>Wednesday 9th Wednesday 23rd</p> | <p><u>October</u></p> <p>Wednesday 7th Wednesday 21st</p> | <p><u>November</u></p> <p>Wednesday 4th Wednesday 18th</p> |
| <p><u>December</u></p> <p>Wednesday 2nd Wednesday 16th</p> | | |



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#RAFTOWNSHOW

The RAF Town Shows are making their way across the UK. This is a free event showcasing RAF careers, apprenticeships and Reservist opportunities.

Come and meet RAF personnel, find out what we do and enjoy a great day out.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER INTEREST](#)

Can't register? No problem, just come along. We look forward to seeing you soon.



YEARS 7-13 BASKETBALL TRY OUTS WITH ATG BASKETBALL ACADEMY

16TH AND 23RD MAY, 2026

QUEENS' SCHOOL, ALDENHAM ROAD,
WD23 2TY, BUSHEY
17.30-19.30PM

CALLING ALL GIRLS!

FOR GIRLS WITH BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE LOOKING TO:

- DEVELOP INDIVIDUAL SKILLS
- PLAY COMPETITIVE GAMES
- JOIN A DEDICATED SQUAD
- IMPROVE CONFIDENCE AND PERFORMANCE
- COACHED BY PROFESSIONAL COACHES

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Exam season

Support for young people in Hertfordshire

with Youth

Group support

Instant messaging

Tackle worries via a game

One-to-one support

with Youth
YOUNG PEOPLE'S digital wellbeing services

HertsHub

Hertfordshire Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) system

www.hertshub.co.uk

MH LDN

Hertfordshire

Mental Health Awareness Week 2026

Take action for good mental health

Welcome to
HertsHub

www.hertshub.co.uk

Hertfordshire children
and young people's
mental health and
emotional wellbeing:

- Advice
- Self-help
- Services



Hertfordshire Children and Young People's
Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) system



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Eating & Body
Image Difficulties

[Click Here for Local Resources and Services →](#)



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Workshops
Provided by the children's wellbeing service

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

Developing your child's emotional literacy

Adolescent self-esteem and confidence

Tips for emotional wellbeing

Sleep support

Supporting your child's self-esteem and confidence

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