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Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year! This is always an incredibly fast-paced, vibrant, and exciting stretch of the year, packed to the brim with enrichment activities and vital learning opportunities across all year groups. We have hit the ground running, and there is already so much to celebrate from the last fortnight.

We kicked off the half term with our Year 12 Geographers traveling to Swanage to complete the crucial coursework element of their A-Level studies. A huge thank you to the Geography staff who gave up their time to support this residential. Our students were fantastic ambassadors for Katherine Warrington School, displaying outstanding character and showing immense respect and responsibility throughout the trip.

Speaking of adventure, last weekend saw our Silver DofE Expedition and Gold Practice Expedition take place. Our students showed incredible resilience, and I want to extend a massive thank you to Mrs Freeman, Mrs Eyley, and Mr Goodman, for braving the unpredictable British weather to ensure the weekend was a success. Well done to all the students involved.

It has been an incredibly important couple of weeks for our Year 10 cohort. Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Year 10 Consultation Evening. It was a fantastic turnout, and I am grateful to both parents/carers and staff for the constructive conversations around recent exam feedback. Exactly one year from now, this cohort will be in the absolute final stretch of their GCSE exams. There is still so much that can be achieved in this final year. Success is a journey not a destination. While we are here to provide every layer of help and support, the more proactive students can be in starting their preparation early, the better their chances of accessing the highest

grades possible.

This week, Year 10 have swapped the classroom for the workplace on their Work Experience placements. We hope they have all had rewarding experiences and gained a valuable taste of what the working world is like. We look forward to hearing all about their insights and learning when they return next week.

Finally, this week has been Exam Week for Years 7, 8, and 9. Our Key Stage 3 students have been absolute stars. They have shown how aspirational they are by taking these assessments seriously and wanting to do well. They were remarkably organised in how they managed the logistics of the week, and wonderfully brave in meeting the challenge of formal exams head-on.

Exams are not meant to be easy, but it is by being pushed out of our comfort zones that we grow, build resilience, and gain that wonderful sense of achievement in realising we could cope all along. We are incredibly proud of all three year groups this week.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into these final busy weeks of the summer term.

Warm regards,

David Martin
Headteacher

KWS Senior Citizen's Summer Party

Katherine Warington Senior Citizens' Party

Year 12 invite you to join us
on Friday 3rd July
11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Doors open at **10.30 am**

RSVP to kwsixth@kwschool.co.uk
by Friday 19th June

Please let us know if you require transport
to the party or have any allergies or other
additional needs



House Points

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



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KWSixth News

We were delighted to welcome so many new students and families to our KWSixth Offer Holder Evening on Monday 8th June. Students and parents from other schools joined us for a welcome presentation led by Mr Martin, Mr Laing and Ms Gardner, as well as hearing from current Year 12 students Shaye and Kaylee, who shared their experiences of life ...

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Year 12 Rayden Solicitors Competition



This year, Rayden Solicitors were very excited to bring our Work Experience Competition across the four Secondary schools in Harpenden - Katherine Warington School, Roundwood Park, Sir John Lawes School and St George's. This is the third year the competition has run, and the second year across the consortium schools. Rayden Solicitors is an award-winning specialist family law firm with ...

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KWS Sport

Athletics Well done to all students who have represented the school so well over the course of the athletics season. Unfortunately the season was cut short due to the last 2 meets being rained off, including the District Championships. However, at the recent county athletics championships we had a number of very impressive performances in very soggy conditions. Key performances ...



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Physics Quizzes



Veer Sidhu in year 12 (physics subject ambassador) spoke in last week's celebration assembly about the quizzes he is running as part of his regular physics newsletters. Please find attached the two quiz sheets on Black holes and Quantum tunnelling which are open for everyone to have a go at answering. Please have a go at the quiz and send ...

[Read more](#)

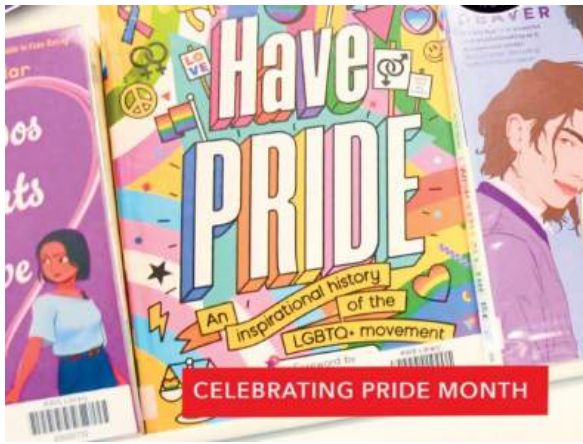
Football Fever in the Library

We're guessing that many of you will be following the World Cup over the next few weeks! Taking part in sweepstakes, filling in your wall chart as the results come in, and of course, adding the stickers into your Panini World Cup sticker album. As the excitement gets underway this week, do pop into the library to pick up some ...



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Pride month at KWS



In tribute to Pride month at KWS, we are thrilled to showcase our large selection of books celebrating LGBTQ+ stories and voices. Our school is proud to be a welcoming, inclusive space for every student.

[Read more](#)

Inspiring the Next Generation: Year 12 Sports Leaders Share Their Passion at St Helen's

We would like to shine a spotlight on a remarkable group of Year 12 students who have dedicated their Monday afternoons to making a difference in our local community. Across the Autumn, Spring, and Summer terms, these students have braved the British weather to run after-school sports clubs for the pupils at St Helen's Primary School. The initiative has been an absolute triumph, ...



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KWS Vacancies

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

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

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

KWS MENTAL HEALTH PARENT'S EVENING

INVITING PARENTS OF 11-18 YEAR OLDS TO A FREE EVENT



SERVICES LINKED TO THE SCHOOL

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF MENTAL HEALTH

INTERNET SAFETY

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 5:30PM - 7:30PM

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

HEAR ABOUT...

- Key services available
- Recognizing early signs
- Online safety and well-being

PLACES ARE LIMITED

PLEASE KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR AN INVITATION TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE IN DUE COURSE

Non KWS Events/Publicity

St Albans & District Food bank

Harvest Appeal

Help Support your local foodbank this Harvest!

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 700 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.



Donate Food - Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your local community.

- Bring to our warehouse
- Drop off at your nearest donation point (see our website)
- Order online at

<https://givetoday.co.uk/stalbansfoodbank/>



Donate Money - Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



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Drop donations to our warehouse
Unit 3 Redbourn Industrial Estate, AL3 7LG
Open
Tue and Fri: 10am - 3pm
Wed and Thu: 10am - 12pm

More Than A Foodbank

School Holidays

We know that school holidays can sometimes be hard to manage.

Your child's school can issue you vouchers before the term ends, to use during the holidays.

If you can't get a voucher, but need the foodbank, please come along anyway.

One of our Wellbeing Coordinators will be happy to help you when you arrive.

See our website for opening times.

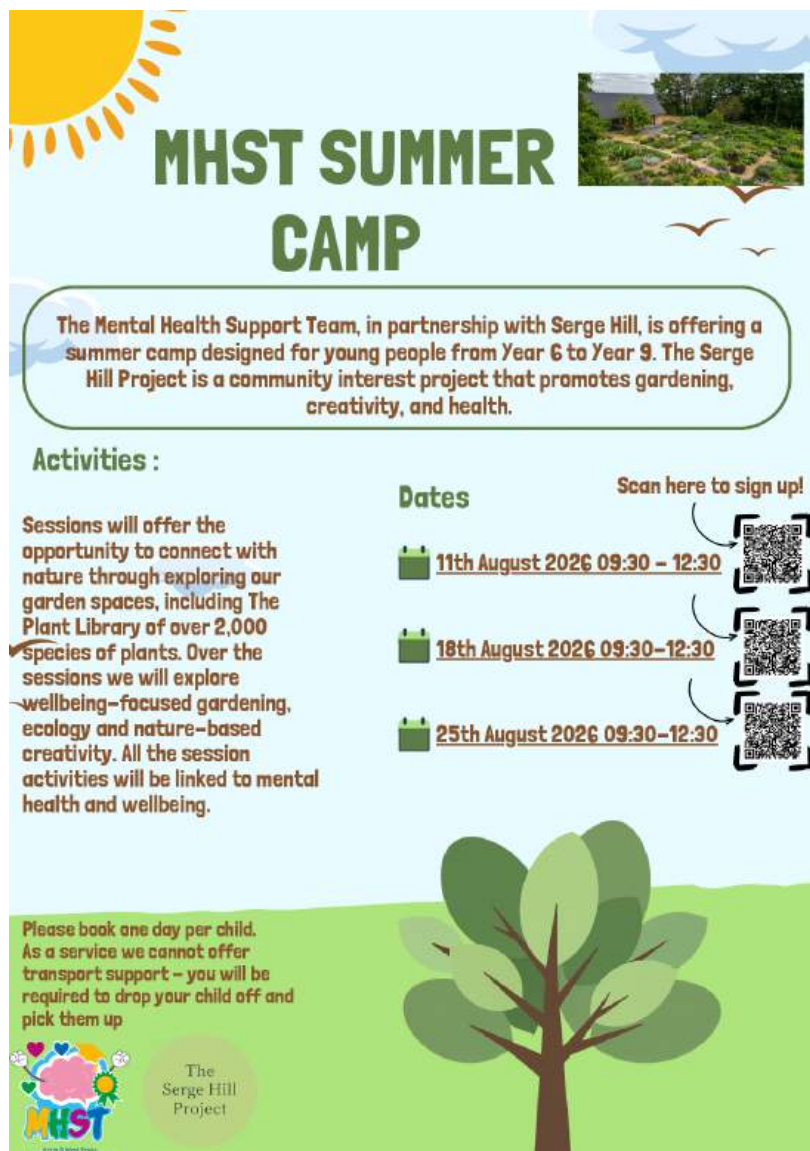
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The poster features a bright yellow sun in the top left corner and a photograph of a garden path in the top right. The title 'MHST SUMMER CAMP' is prominently displayed in green. Below the title, a rounded rectangle contains introductory text. The 'Activities' section describes the garden-based sessions. The 'Dates' section lists three dates with corresponding QR codes for sign-up. A tree illustration is at the bottom right, and logos for MHST and The Serge Hill Project are at the bottom left.

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

Scan here to sign up!

- 11th August 2026 09:30 - 12:30
- 18th August 2026 09:30-12:30
- 25th August 2026 09:30-12:30

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

MHST

The Serge Hill Project

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

<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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Summer fundraising challenge



Your Hospital Charity
Supporting Bedfordshire Hospitals



Bedfordshire Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Summer Fundraising Challenge 2026



Supporting our
Little Feet
Appeal
For Maternity Services

♥ Have some free time this Summer?
Why not make a difference! ♥

How to Take Part

1. Sign up (*contact details below*)
2. Set your challenge
3. Ask friends and family to sponsor you
(Why not set up a JustGiving page? It's an easy way to collect donations without having to manage cash)
4. Complete your challenge and celebrate your achievement!
5. All participants receive a fundraising certificate

Fundraising Ideas

- 🚲 Complete a bike ride
- 🏃 Run, walk or skip challenge
- 🍰 Hold a bake sale
- 🎨 Sell your artwork or crafts
- 🚗 Offer to wash cars
- 🎬 Movie & Popcorn day
- 🎵 Put on a talent show

Make it fun and get friends & family involved too!

SIGN UP TODAY!

- ☎ 01582 718289
- ✉ fundraising@bedsft.nhs.uk
- 🌐 www.bedfordshirehospitals.nhs/charity
- 📱 Scan the QR code to get started!



Because **people**
matter most

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