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Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

You will have noticed that this edition of our fortnightly newsletter is arriving a week later than usual. We purposefully paused our publication schedule to ensure we could provide a proper reflection on what was an extraordinary, unforgettable, and uniquely challenging Enrichment Week. Putting the regular timetable on hold is always a major undertaking, but executing it during an unprecedented Red Heat Health Alert required an entirely new level of resilience. I could not be prouder of how our school community rose to the occasion.

Despite the scorching temperatures, we successfully ran a staggering 23 different activities and 4 residential trips. The primary goal of Enrichment Week is to give students the opportunity to learn in completely new environments and develop lifelong skills and in that regard, the week was an absolute triumph.

I want to commend our students in the highest possible terms. They coped brilliantly with the extreme weather, demonstrating maturity, adaptability, and a genuine sense of personal responsibility to look after themselves and each other. I owe a massive debt of gratitude to the KWS staff. Working in those conditions is exhausting enough, but our team worked tirelessly behind the scenes to dynamically adapt logistics at a moment's notice, ensuring student care and wellbeing remained the absolute priority.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the enormous number of parents and carers who took the time to contact the school. Your messages of gratitude for keeping the trips running, staying open, and maintaining a sense of normality while keeping student safety paramount meant the world to the staff. It truly highlighted the strength of our KWS partnership.

As the exam season finally drew to a close, we turned our attention to celebrating two fantastic cohorts. The Year 11 and Year 13 Proms were absolutely wonderful nights of celebration. After years of hard work, dedication, and intense revision, it was a joy to see our students dress up, let their hair down, and celebrate the end of this major chapter in style. They have been a credit to the school throughout the exam period, and we wish them a well-deserved, relaxing summer break. We are excited to see all that hard work pay off on the Results Days in August!

Finally, a huge congratulations are in order for our U15 Boys Cricket team, who have officially crowned themselves District Cup Champions this week. It was a phenomenal, hard-fought end to the season, and the team displayed incredible sportsmanship and skill to bring the trophy home. A fantastic achievement, the entire school is incredibly proud of you!

School Notices

- Academic Calendar 2026/27: Looking ahead, the full school calendar for the next academic year (2026/27) has now been finalised and published. You can access it directly via the school website to help with your planning.

- Parent Survey Results: Our latest Parent Survey article has now been published. Thank you to everyone who completed it; your feedback is absolutely vital in helping us evaluate our practices and plan effectively for the future.

- Thank a Teacher Day: We were overwhelmed by the beautiful, kind messages sent in by families for National Thank a Teacher Day. These have all been shared with the staff, and I can assure you they provided a massive boost to the team during a very busy term.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support through an extraordinary few weeks.

Kind regards.

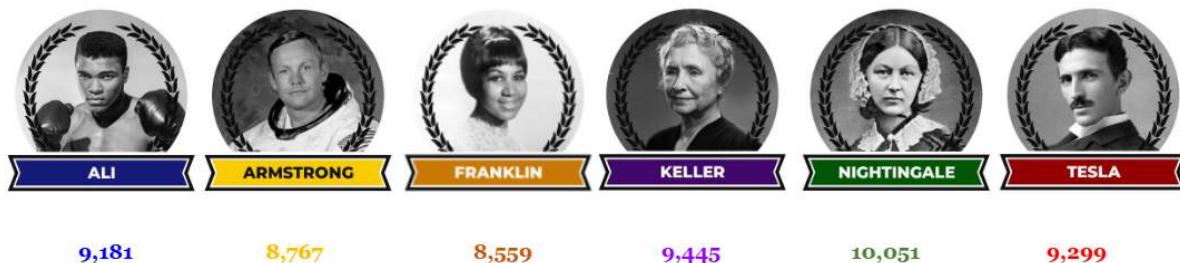
David Martin
Headteacher

Road safety

If your child rides their bike to school, please do remind them about the importance of road safety and making sure they are wearing a helmet.

House Points

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



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The Power of Your Voice: A Heartfelt Thank You from KWS

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers that took the time to complete our recent Annual Parental Survey and/or our Thank a Teacher form. The Survey has been reviewed by the senior leadership team and has helped to inform our strategic priorities for the coming academic year. The Schools Survey platform we ...

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KWSixth Induction Day Friday 19th June



On Friday 19th June, KWSixth welcomed nearly 200 students for our Year 12 induction day. The day was a great success, with students conducting themselves exceptionally well both in the Sixth Form area and during their induction lessons. It was especially pleasing to welcome so many new students from other schools — we look forward to fully welcoming them into ...

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York Trip

Northern Adventures: Students Beat the Heat on Historic Yorkshire Trip! During Enrichment Week, the English faculty set off on an unforgettable educational journey to York and Haworth. While the south of England sweltered in a massive heatwave, our group successfully escaped the worst of the temperatures by heading north for a packed itinerary of literature, history, and discovery. Our first ...



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Year 13 Prom



The Year 13 Prom was a fantastic celebration and a fitting tribute to a remarkable year group. It was a fantastic occasion for staff to see our students one more time, dressed to impress and celebrating the end of their school journey in style. The evening was filled with laughter, reflection, and a sense of shared achievement as everyone enjoyed ...

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First World War Battlefields Trip (years 9,10 and 12)

A packed four-day GCSE History trip recently took students in years 9, 10 and 12 across France and Belgium, offering them an invaluable opportunity to deepen their understanding of the First World War and bring their classroom learning to life. The journey began on the historic battlefields of the Somme. Visits to Thiepval and the Sunken Lane immediately introduced students ...

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KWS Sport

Cricket U15 District Cup Cricket Champions! Whilst chasing St Albans' 147, Finlay R and Issa Z steadied the ship with two superb big innings after the loss of a few early wickets. Finlay played a number of big shots for a score of 77, meanwhile Issa complemented him nicely with a steady 28 not out. Well done lads on a ...

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A Lava-ly Time in Italy: Our School Trip to Naples & Capri!

What an amazing experience our year 9 and 10 Geography (and one Historian!) students had on their recent enrichment week trip to Naples. This four-day adventure was packed with incredible archaeological wonders, breath-taking coastal landscapes, and unforgettable moments, giving our students a first-hand look at the powerful geography and geological forces shaping this stunning part of Italy. Our journey began ...

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Oliver! The Musical - KWS School Production

2026/27



Get ready to step back in time to Victorian London, because this year's school musical production is... Oliver! We are looking for actors, singers, dancers, and enthusiastic ensemble members from all year groups to bring this classic story to life. Whether you want to be the next Oliver, Nancy, the Artful Dodger, or part of Fagin's crew, we want to ...

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Summer Reading in the Library

And here we are, in the final few weeks of the academic year! Once again, it's gone in the blink of an eye, and the long summer holiday is stretching ahead of us. The six week holiday is the perfect time for reading, so do pop in and pick up a couple of books for the break. And don't forget, ...

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Year 8 Herts for Learning Team Maths Challenge Final



On Thursday the 11th of June, four of our Year 8 mathematicians participated in a Herts for Learning team maths challenge final. The students demonstrated fantastic problem solving and team work skills during the competition, tackling tricky questions over four different rounds, all around mathematical problem solving, estimations or memory and communication. Overall they finished in an outstanding third place ...

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EW26 Excursions

EW26 Excursions: Unforgettable Memories & Epic Adventures! What an absolutely spectacular conclusion to EW26! Despite the record-breaking Red Warning Heatwave, our students showed incredible resilience, looked after one another, stayed hydrated, and - most importantly - had the absolute time of their lives across our incredible day trips. From thrilling roller coasters to deep dives into history and science, here ...



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Mental Health Parent Information Evening



On Weds 1st July, KWS hosted a Mental Health Parent Information Evening. We welcomed MHST (Mental Health Support Team), who spoke about their role in schools and the early interventions they provide, Youth Talk who talked about signs to look out for in your teens with mental health and tips, as well as their counselling/group interventions and finally Sarah Hobson ...

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RSE Policy

Our Trustees are soon to ratify our revised Relationships and Sex Education Policy. We welcome any feedback from parents/carers so if you would like to read it and comment on it, it can be found on the KWS website here. Any feedback should be sent to either Mr Laing (Assistant Head - c.laing@kwschool.co.uk) or Mr Hiscock (Head of PRE/PSHE - ...

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Unforgettable Memories at the Year 11 Masquerade Prom!

What a night! On Wednesday 17th June our Year 11 students traded their school uniforms for stunning outfits and elegant masks for the highly anticipated Year 11 Masquerade Prom. It was a spectacular celebration and the perfect way to mark the end of an incredible school year for this year group, who have worked so hard to prepare for their ...

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CERN Trip



Some of our Year 9, 10 and 12 students recently enjoyed an unforgettable science and history trip to Geneva, Switzerland. At CERN, they stood at the edge of modern discovery, exploring the incredible physics behind the Large Hadron Collider, inspiring them to quite literally reach for the stars in their future aspirations. They then stepped into the world of global diplomacy ...

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From First Chinese Characters to Oxford Translation Commendation: Jessica's Mandarin Triumph

We are absolutely thrilled to celebrate Jessica H in year 12, who has received a prestigious commendation in the 2026 Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators, run by Queen's College, University of Oxford! This is a monumental achievement; with over 25,000 students participating nationwide and judges reviewing more than 5,400 entries, competition for this Oxford-backed accolade was fiercer than ever.

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KWS Vacancies

We have no current vacancies at this time.

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.

Upcoming Events

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 and Tuesday 14th July - Sports days

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July - Dance Workshops

Tuesday 14th July - Year 12 London Museums Visit

Wednesday 15th July - Army Day

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

Notices

Careers Newsletter

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Festival on the field



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27th July – 14th August 2026
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Children's Well being Practitioner Workshops

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops July – September 2026

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>



Workshop	Date & Time
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.	Tuesday 25 th August 10am-12pm
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 4 th August 6-8pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Wednesday 8 th July 6-8pm Wednesday 19 th August 10am-12pm Tuesday 8 th September 6-8pm
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.	Wednesday 15 th July 10am-12pm Tuesday 11 th August 6-8pm Wednesday 16 th September 10am-12pm

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit:
<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/>

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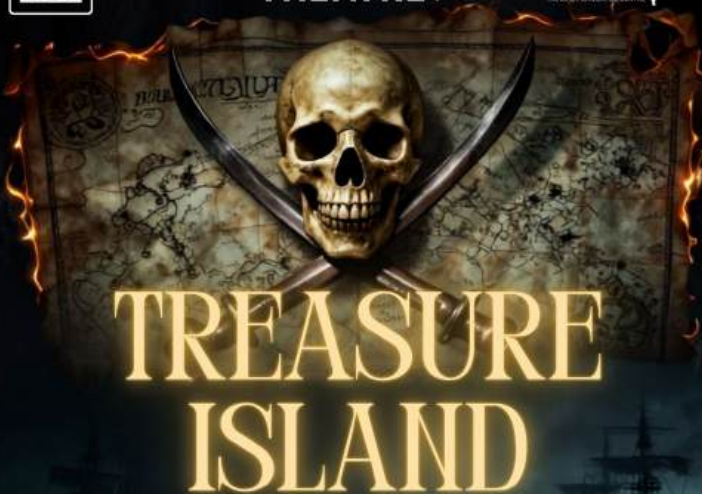
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Batford Community Festival

The poster for the Batford Community Festival features three vertical photographs at the top. The left photo shows a group of people sitting at a table outdoors, possibly at a food stall. The middle photo shows a person in a blue shirt and hat standing in a field. The right photo shows a young girl in a blue shirt and shorts playing in a green inflatable pool. Below the photos, the word "BATFORD" is written in large, bold, red capital letters, and "Community Festival" is written in a large, orange, cursive script font. Below the title, a purple banner contains the text "Sunday 5th July 2026, Porters Hill Park, Batford, Harpenden" in white. Below the banner, a list of activities is provided in red text, separated by bullet points. At the bottom left, it says "This event is kindly sponsored by" followed by the Perrin Myddelton logo, which consists of a purple circle with a white 'P' and a green 'm' inside. At the bottom right is the Harpenden Town Council logo, which features a shield with a red and white checkered pattern and the text "HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL" and "CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY" below it.

BATFORD
Community Festival

Sunday 5th July 2026, Porters Hill Park, Batford, Harpenden

Live Music from HEAD, Sauncey Wood and Katherine Warington Schools
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Student stalls • Charity stalls • Face painting • Ice cream
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Date	Time	Location
Friday 18 September	5pm - 6pm	Online
Friday 2 October		
Saturday 17 October	12.45pm - 2.15pm	Mid Herts Music Centre
Friday 6 November	5pm - 6pm	Online
Friday 20 November		
Saturday 5 December	12.45pm - 2.15pm	Mid Herts Music Centre



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Hertfordshire's Holiday Activity Programme



Dear Parent / Guardian,

The HAPpy: Holiday Activity Programme is available for **children and young people from reception to year 11**, who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

The next HAPpy programme will take place over the **2026 summer holidays – between Monday 27th July and Friday 28th August.**

Please find your child's **unique HAPpy booking code** below.

First Name	ESMAY
Surname	WILDING
Date of Birth	02/03/2010
Unique HAPpy Booking Code	HAF-ESMWIL-20100302-22D5AD
Delivery phase	Summer 2026

FACE - August timetable

 August 2026 Timetable All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



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