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Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year at Katherine Warrington School! I hope you all had a restful, enjoyable summer and are feeling recharged for the exciting year ahead. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Year 7 cohort and their families, as well as those joining our Sixth Form. It has been wonderful seeing our new students settle into school life and they have made fabulous first impressions.

This summer was a landmark moment for KWS. Alongside another fantastic set of Key Stage 4 results, we celebrated our very first Key Stage 5 results. I am thrilled to share that so many of our students secured their first-choice destinations, including placements at Oxbridge, Russell Group and other universities, and highly competitive apprenticeships.

Early indicators suggest that student outcomes at both KS4 and KS5 put KWS well above national averages. These achievements demonstrate the strength, high standards, and bright future of our school community, and we could not be prouder of our students' hard work and dedication. Thank you to all parents, carers, and staff for your support in ensuring our students have arrived at the start of this year fully READY for learning. Students have returned looking smart in their winter uniforms and equipped with everything they need for the classroom. Our new phone pouches have been a resounding success. Students have shown great responsibility in keeping their devices locked away throughout the day, ensuring that focus, engagement, and face-to-face interaction remain the absolute priority during school hours.

We are looking forward to opening our doors to prospective families for our Open Morning on Saturday 19th September. A sincere thank you in advance to the many staff members and student ambassadors who will be giving up their time to showcase our wonderful school. It is always a highlight of the term and a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate what makes KWS such a special

place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Here's to a successful, inspiring year ahead!

David Martin
Headteacher

WELCOME TO KWAF

A very warm welcome to all our new KWS parents and carers! **KWAF is looking for new members and volunteers** to join us this year. If you can give just a little of your time, we'd love to hear from you.

Over the past seven years, KWAF has raised an incredible £70,000, helping to enrich the experiences and opportunities available to your children. Please come along to our AGM later this month to find out more and help us continue this important work. Keep an eye out for the date to be announced soon.

EASY WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR KWAF

School Lottery – £1 per entry, with a chance to win the **£25,000 jackpot** and a guaranteed weekly school supporter prize. Buy your ticket now:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/katherine-warington-school

Easy Fundraising – Raise funds for KWAF while doing your everyday online shopping. Sign up for free and choose KWAF as your preferred charity:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

Low Bang Fireworks Night – Friday 6 November, doors 6pm, fireworks 7pm. **Tickets:**

www.tickettailor.com/events/katherinewaringtonschool/2390134

Wreath Making Workshop – Thursday 26 November, 7–8.30pm. **Tickets:**

www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/wreath-workshop-26th-november-2026

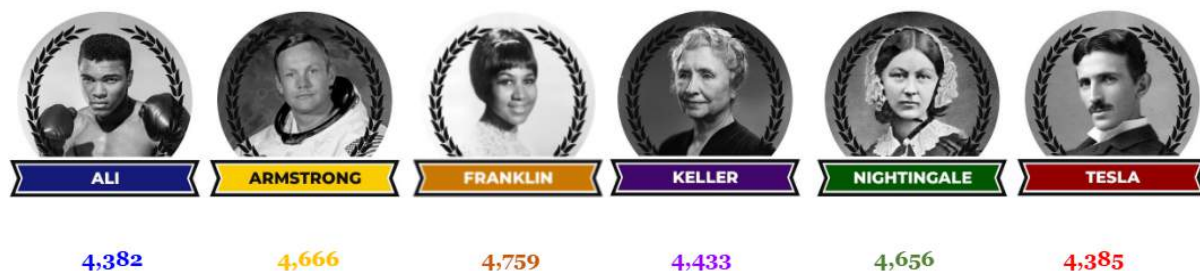
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

Second-Hand Uniform Sales – **Saturday 12 September, Saturday 10 October, Saturday 14 November & Saturday 5 December**, 11am–12pm. First come, first served.

Every penny raised by KWAF goes directly towards providing additional opportunities, experiences and extras for your children. Thank you for your support

House Points

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



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Work Experience with UCL Mechanical Engineering

In July, Alex B took part in a week-long work experience placement with the UCL Mechanical Engineering Department on their Professional Services pathway. Alex gained insight into professional services administration and academic roles within a university department. He learnt about the research of PhD students and visited a range of specialist laboratories: an Engine Lab, Biomaterials Lab, Fluid Lab - where he ...



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KWSixth Update: A Strong Start to the Term



Welcome back! Here are the latest announcements and updates for our Sixth Form community. A Fantastic Start for Year 12 A huge well done to our new Year 12 students for a brilliant start to the term. The focus, maturity, and positive attitude displayed in classrooms and study spaces across this first week have been outstanding. It is fantastic to ...

[Read more](#)

Congratulations Year 7 on your first week at KWS!

Miss Bird and Mrs Turnham would like to give a huge shoutout to our Year 7 students who have had an excellent start to their journey at KWS! Students have shown they are Ready, Respectful, and Responsible. We are proud of every single one as they have had to adapt to such a huge change. Well done!

[Read more](#)



Welcome back to the Library



Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a lovely summer break, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone back in the library, enjoying all we have to offer in the 2026-27 academic year. Our team are ready and waiting to see you all, and to help you pick out books that you want and need, and hopefully something new ...

[Read more](#)

Trustee News

Hi everyone - Welcome back to a brand-new academic year at Katherine Warrington School. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to extend a warm greeting to all our students, staff and families. We hope your summer provided time to recharge and enjoy time together.

A fresh school year always brings renewed energy and purpose. This is true for the Trustees too - we are fully committed to another year of progress and development for KWS. We welcome some new faces to the board this term: they will introduce themselves in coming newsletters.

It is great to see that the term is already off to a flying start. The competitive spirit is in full swing as our autumn sports fixtures get underway, including hosting neighbouring schools for cross country on the infamous KWS hill!

We are looking forward to our Open Day on Saturday 19th September. If you are visiting with a prospective Year 6 student, please do say hi to us at the Trustee stand - we would love to meet you.

Here is to a safe, successful and enjoyable year ahead for everyone!

Jenny Howarth
Chair of Trustees

KWS Vacancies

Here are our current vacancies:

Attendance and Admin Officer - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-38781>

Mini Bus Driver - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-15536>

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

Tuesday 15th September - Year 10 Parents Information Evening

Friday 18th September - Early Finish for Students (12:05pm) ahead of Open Morning

Saturday 19th September - Open Morning

Monday 21st September - INSET Day

Tuesday 22nd September - Period 7 Starts

Tuesday 22nd September - UKMT Maths Competition for Girls Year 11, 12 and 13 Selected students

Friday 25th September - Harry Potter Concert

Sunday 27th September to Thursday 1st October - Year 10 Spanish Trip

Monday 28th September - Year 7 Cyber Choices Presentation

Thursday 1st October - National Poetry Day Assembly

Thursday 1st October - Poetry Sessions (Invited Sessions)

Thursday 1st October - Year 7 Parents Information Evening

Monday 5th to Friday 16th October - Year 9 Option Change Window 1

Tuesday 6th October - Flu Vaccinations 1 of 3

Tuesday 6th October - Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Wednesday 7th October - UKMT Senior Maths Challenge
Thursday 8th October - Year 13 Reports Home
Friday 9th October - Black Panther Concert
Monday 12th October - Year 10 and 11 New Scientist Live
Wednesday 14th October - Year 13 Parents Evening
Sunday 18th October - Holocaust Education Trip - Orientation Seminar
Monday 19th October - Flu Vaccinations 2 of 3
Wednesday 21st October - Holocaust Education Trip - Poland Visit
Sunday 25th to Thursday 29th October - Sports Tour
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - HALF TERM

Notices

Trips & Excursions Department Update

As we settle into the new academic year, the Trips Department is busy preparing an exciting lineup of educational and residential experiences for our students. These trips play a vital role in building independence, teamwork, and lifelong memories outside the classroom.

Look Out for EW27 Residential Trips

Mark your calendars! At the start of October, we will officially launch our EW27 residential trips. Full details regarding destinations, itineraries, and booking procedures will be shared via email and the parent portal when the launch goes live.

Please keep your eyes peeled for upcoming announcements so you don't miss out on securing a place for your child. We look forward to another fantastic year of adventure and learning!

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Harvest Appeal - 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.

www.stalbansdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

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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

HARVEST 2026 WISH LIST	WISH LIST	ITEMS WE DON'T NEED
Baked Beans	Cereals	No Items if Your School or Organisation is Nut-Free
Dried Pasta 500g / 1kg	Longlife Milk	No Alcohol
Tea Bags 40 or 80 pks	Cooking Sauces	No Fresh Food Or Perishables
Coffee 90g	Tinned Rice Pudding	
Tinned Vegetables	Desserts	
Tinned Fruit	Deodorant	
Tinned Soup	Longlife Juice	
Tinned Meat	Noodles	
Tinned Macaroni Cheese	Jam/Spreads	
Tinned Custard	Nappies (Size 4 upwards)	
Tinned Fish	Toilet Rolls	
Tinned Tomatoes	Laundry Tablets	
	Shower Gel	
	Shampoo/Conditioner	
	Washing Up Liquid	

WE WELCOME MONETARY DONATIONS. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.stalbansdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

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DRAMA SINGING DANCE



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SCHOOLS**

3-18 years



Harpenden
Sunday mornings
Katherine Warrington School
Lower Luton Road, Harpenden
AL5 5FH

NEW CLASSES: 3-6 years, 9am-10.30am

T: 01923 701803 W: jigsaw-arts.co.uk

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE



Supporting Links - Parent and Carer Support

Parent & Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Autumn 2026



Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in [Hertfordshire](#) of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

[Eventbrite Page](#)

RESPONDING to ANGER



- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
- How to spot the signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Monday 21st September, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL-871 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-871-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1989106887245>

ANXIETY & STRESS



- The difference between stress and anxiety.
- Understanding anxiety conditions in ASD/ADHD.
- Spot the signs of stress.
- Triggers amongst neurodivergent children.
- Help your anxious child feel safe.
- Early warning signs of mental health problems.

Wednesday 30th September, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL-869 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-stress-anxiety-869-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1988978053901>

SCHOOL AVOIDANCE



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance or Non-Attendance & what is your child's experience.
- Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child and look after yourself.
- How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

Wednesday 21st November, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL-872 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-school-avoidance-872-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1989109348607>

TECH USE



- Understand your child's use of Social Media, Gaming & the Internet.
- The effect of banning, strict time limits or using devices as a reward or consequence.
- Teach children how to manage their tech use, stay safe online and switch off.
- Improve communication and reduce conflict.
- Dopamine and other hormones.

Thursday 19th November, 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL-870 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-tech-use-870-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1989100977569>

Parent newsletter: <https://supportinglinks.eo.page/pnq1g>



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Beezee Families

Making healthy school lunches easy!

Helping children make healthier choices at school doesn't have to be complicated. A few simple changes can build healthy habits and help your children stay energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Here's a few tips to help you get started:

Tip 1:

Pack some healthy snacks

Including a healthy snack in your child's lunchbox, like a preferred fruit or plain popcorn, can help them stay energised throughout the school day and make nutritious choices easier.

Tip 2:

Know what options are available

Take a look at your child's school lunch menu together and talk about the healthier choices available. Exploring the options in advance can encourage children to try new foods and make balanced choices at lunchtime.

Tip 3:

Talk about healthy choices

School lunchtimes can be a great time to encourage independence and positive decision-making. Agree simple goals together and celebrate healthy choices throughout the week.

Want more healthy lifestyle support? Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click to find out more

h1.modtrusuk.co.uk

* Our courses are designed for families with children aged 1-13



**Is your child/teen
worrying about school
or something else?**

**Free age-appropriate
online groups
can help**

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**Is your child
worrying about
school?**

**Find emotional
wellbeing
advice and help
for children and
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Feel-good this autumn!

Ignore the skinny fad diet influencers!
Learn to love your body and enjoy your food
Find free advice and help from First Steps ED



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