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Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

So much has gone on over the past fortnight, and it has been a privilege to watch our school community thrive across so many areas of school life. From overseas trips and visits to shows and concerts to National Poetry Day celebrations, competitive sporting fixtures, maths competitions, field trips, and wonderful daily learning across all classrooms, the energy around the school has been remarkable.

With the autumn season now well underway and the days drawing in, safety remains a priority for us all. Our Year 7 students were involved in Bikeability training this week, learning vital safety skills on two wheels. As the evenings get darker, we ask parents and carers to please reinforce with all students the importance of being clearly seen, wearing helmets, using lights, and taking extra care when travelling to and from school.

Yesterday, we conducted our annual whole-school lockdown drill, and I was immensely impressed by how responsible our students conducted themselves throughout the exercise.

Looking ahead, our Year 11 students have their mock examinations coming up shortly after the half term break. Mr Inman recently led assemblies to the year group, offering valuable guidance on effective study practices, and we strongly encourage students to make full use of the revision tools available. You can find comprehensive advice and subject-specific guidance on our website at <https://kwschool.co.uk/how-to-revise/> to support their preparation at home.

Finally, please note that our term dates for the 2027/28 academic year have now been published and are available on our website at <https://kwschool.co.uk/term-dates-2/> to assist you with future planning.

Have a great weekend.

David Martin
Headteacher

KWAF AGM – New Team & What's Coming Up!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported KWAF over the past year. We're delighted to announce our new committee team:

Secretary: Katie Vowles

Treasurer: Gareth Moor

Vice Chair: Katie Clark

Second-hand Uniform: Natasha Murphy

Grants Officer: Jo Day

Graphic Designer: Chloe Priest Griffiths

We're currently looking for a **new Chair**, as well as volunteers for our **Communications Officer, Assistant Treasurer and Raffles/Lottery Organiser** roles. If you could spare some time or have a skill you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you!

Together, KWAF has now raised **over £70,000**, helping fund opportunities and resources for KWS students. We have already committed **£10,000** to student and school projects for the 2026/27 year.

Fireworks Night – Friday 6 November

Our biggest event of the year is coming up! Tickets are available now, and we're also looking for volunteers to help make the evening a success.

Tickets: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/katherinewaringtonschool/2390134>

Volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4A92FAAFFC61-65639203-kwaf#/>

Wreath Workshop – Thursday 30 November, 7.30–9pm

Come along and make your own Christmas wreath while supporting KWAF. Tickets:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/wreath-workshop-26th-november-2026>

Want to get involved?

Contact us at KWAF@kwschool.co.uk – every bit of help makes a difference!

House Points

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



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KWSixth Dragons Apprentice Challenge



KWSixth have entered three teams in this year's Dragon's Apprentice Challenge. Working alongside their selected dragon (business expert) they need to turn £100 into £1000 with all proceeds going to their selected charity. We are looking forwards to seeing what entrepreneurial and creative fund raising ideas and events they come up with. Please look out for their upcoming events and ...

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Year 12 Work Experience Launch

This week we launched the work experience process with our Year 12 students. They now begin the task of finding a work experience placement (for week beginning 28th June). Students have been asked to ensure that their CV is up to date and then they can begin to research companies and industries. Once they have secured a place, they have ...



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Students have started applying to university this year!



KWSixth is pleased to announce that this year's university application process is well underway, with the first Year 13 students sending off their applications this week. Students who are applying to Oxford, Cambridge or to study medicine or dentistry have to send their applications off by 15th October so it is great to see students being really organised and sending ...

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Library visit from Adisa the Verbaliser

It's been a very busy and very enjoyable week in the library. To celebrate National Poetry Day we had a visit from Adisa The Verbalizer (www.adisaworlds.com) who was absolutely fantastic. All of our year 7 students got to watch him perform this poetry, and then 50 lucky students were able to take part in a poetry workshop with him. It ...



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KWS Cinema



The 16th of October is an incredibly exciting day for the KWS Community, as it will be our first KWS Cinema screening! The English and Media Faculty are running a KWS Cinema once a half term for all KS4 (Year 10 and 11) and KS5 (Year 12 and 13) students to attend, and this will be our first opportunity to ...

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Celebrating Excellence and Flavour: A Culinary Tribute to Black History Month at HCL

As we embrace the vibrant and significant month of October, HCL proudly joins the celebration of Black History Month. This annual celebration provides us with a valuable opportunity to reflect, learn, and honour the incredible contributions of Black individuals throughout history.

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Trustee News

It was a real pleasure recently to spend a day in school for our Trustee Day. This provided a valuable opportunity for the Trust Board to see school life first-hand, spend time with our students and staff, and gain a deeper understanding of the wonderful work taking place across the school. During the day, we met with a number of student panels from across the school years who shared their experiences and ideas with us. It is really important for us as a board to hear directly from students about what they enjoy about school and the things that matter most to them.

We also visited lessons across the school, seeing our teachers and students engaged in learning. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and focus within the classrooms. I personally visited some Year 7 Mandarin lessons and it was wonderful to see how hard they were working with their first try at calligraphy and in acting out a story related to the Mid-Autumn Festival.

We ended the day by coming along to the weekly celebration assembly, which was a lovely opportunity to recognise and celebrate the varied achievements and contributions of our students. Spending a day talking to the people who make up some of our KWS school community gave us a real sense of pride in the school and its achievements. Importantly, it also helps us to understand everyone's key priorities as KWS moves forward as a school.

Suzy Lawrence
Trustee

KWS Vacancies

Caretaker: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-04678>

Science Technician: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-78730>

Teacher of Science: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-13498>

Finance Assistant: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2026-KWS-57718>

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 12th October - Year 10/11 - New Scientist Live

Wednesday 14th October - Year 13 Parents Evening

Thursday 15th October - Year 7 Reports Home

Sunday 18th October - Holocaust Education Trip - Orientation Seminar

Monday 19th October - Flu Vaccinations 2 out of 3

Wednesday 21st October - Holocaust Education Trip - Poland Visit

Sunday 25th to Thursday 29th October - Sports Tour

Monday 25th to Friday 30th October - HALF TERM

Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th November - Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 2nd to Wednesday 11th November - GCSE English and Maths Resit Exams

Monday 2nd November - Holocaust Education Trip - Follow Up Seminar
Monday 2nd November - Year 7 Transition Book Author Talk and Group Workshops
Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th November - Year 7 Manor Adventure Trip
Friday 6th November - Year 12 PRE Day
Friday 6th November - Year 11 Careers Day
Friday 6th November - KWAF Fireworks - 7PM
Monday 9th to Friday 13th November - Year 11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 11th November - DofE Bronze and Silver Twilight
Thursday 12th November - Year 8 and 12 Reports Home
Tuesday 17th November - Year 12 and 13 Science Live
Wednesday 18th November - Year 12 and 13 National Gallery Trip
Wednesday 18th November - Oaklands St Albans Careers Trip
Thursday 19th November - Year 9 Reports Home
Tuesday 24th November - Year 8 Romeo and Juliet Performance
Friday 27th November - Occasional Day

Notices

Careers

We're reaching out from JugArte Harpenden, a not-for-profit Unincorporated Charitable Association running a Spanish heritage language school for children, to ask for your help spreading the word about a volunteering opportunity for your students.

We're looking for young people who:

- Speak fluent Spanish and want more opportunities to practice it
- Are enthusiastic and reliable
- Are available on Saturdays, 1:00–3:00pm
- Ideally come from Latin American or Spanish family backgrounds (though this isn't a requirement)

A few details:

- Location: The Lea Primary & Nursery School, Harpenden
- Schedule: Saturdays, 1:00–3:00pm (term-time, following the school calendar)
- As volunteers are under 18, written parental/guardian consent will be required before joining
- Start: 3 of October 2026





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jugarteharpenden@gmail.com

Únete a una **comunidad** donde el idioma, la cultura y las amistades crecen juntos.



Non KWS Events/Publicity

Church Farm



A festive Halloween poster for Church Farm Ardeley. The top features four photos: a baby in a pumpkin costume, people with pumpkins, a carved jack-o'-lantern, and people in costumes. The title 'Halloween at church farm' is in large red letters, with 'church farm' in a stylized font. Below it, the dates '24th - 31st October' are listed. A circular badge on the right says 'Visit Church Farm Ardeley A real working farm!' with a tractor icon. The main body contains two columns of activities, each preceded by a star icon. To the right of these is a section for 'Additional Activities'. The bottom features a row of four photos: a child with a pumpkin, a tractor, a teddy bear with pumpkins, and a scarecrow. The footer includes the farm's name and website, flanked by bat silhouettes.

Halloween at church farm

24th - 31st October

Visit Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

- * Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- * Big Bale Play
- * Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- * Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- * Spooky Photo Opportunities
- * Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- * Scarecrow Trail
- * Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- * Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- * Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- * Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- * Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- * Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

Pumpkin Picking & Carving
Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)
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Eerie Egg Collecting
Ghoulish Goat Walking

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