



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 6 open day tours, call Reception to book your place.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 6 open evening, call Reception to book 01553 774671.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 11 REMOTE parents evening.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – School reopens after half term.

### St. Germans late bus:

Unfortunately, due to ongoing roadworks, the late bus will not be able to drop off at **St. Germans**. We are unsure how long this will last but will inform you as soon as we receive further updates. Thank you for your continued support and apologies for any inconvenience.

### Student absences & medical appointments:

If your child has to have some time off school unwell or for any other reason, please ensure that you contact the absence team if possible **before 8.30am** via our absence email on:

**[studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)** or call the new absence line **01553 602874**

Please include your child's name, year group and why they are absent. If we have no contact from you we will send you a text message if your child is absent. If you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child explaining why they have been away.

If you need to take your child to a medical appointment during school time please can we ask that you either send in an appointment card or letter with your child or please email them to **[studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)** so we are aware in advance when you collect your child.

### Requesting time off in term time:

In the exceptional circumstance you need to request time off in term time, please complete an application for pupil leave of absence from school during term time, as soon as possible and return it to the attendance department or email it to **[studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)**. The form can be downloaded from the link below, found on our school website or collected from the school reception. Requests can only be actioned if submitted on this form, you will be notified via email of the decision. Please note requests will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

**[download.asp](#)**

# Pupil Premium Plus – Annual School Census

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In October we will be completing our autumn school census. If your child or young person has previously been in care and is now adopted or living with you under a special guardianship order or child arrangements order, the school is able to claim £2,630 each year to support the specific educational needs of previously looked-after children attending the school. This includes children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales.

The process for the school to claim the Pupil Premium Plus is through self-declaration ahead of the Autumn Census Date Thursday 2nd October 2025. If you would like us to claim, you must declare your child or young person's status to the school before then.

The Department for Education requires you to provide evidence of your child or young person's status by sharing your adoption/special guardianship/child arrangements order or showing a letter from the local authority confirming that they placed your child or young person with you. Please be reassured that this information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please contact [Jackie.hazell@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:Jackie.hazell@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) should you wish to declare your child's previously looked after status.

Please be aware that you must declare your child or young person's status each time they move to a new school. If you have previously declared their status to us, you do not need to do so again.

## How will funding be used?

It is important to understand that the funding is not ring-fenced to the child that attracts it. This gives the school flexibility in determining how the Pupil Premium Plus can best support this group of children or young people.

We are keen to work in partnership with parents and guardians to discuss how to support their child or young person and welcome discussions about this with our Designated Teacher, please contact [Elanor.goldup@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:Elanor.goldup@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) They are our Designated Teacher and will be happy to discuss how to support your child or young person within school.

Yours sincerely,

*Alan Fletcher*

Principal.

## We are recruiting:

We have some fantastic opportunities to become a member of our esteemed team here at KLA. Please follow the link below to see our latest vacancies.

[Eastern Multi Academy Trust - Vacancies and Careers \(eastern-mat.co.uk\)](https://www.eastern-mat.co.uk)

## CALLING ALL YEAR 8-11 STUDENT COMMISSIONERS - INCLUDING THOSE WANTING TO JOIN!

I am inviting all previous student commissioners and those wishing to join to a meeting in Central Hub on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September straight after school, this is open to all year groups, I am aiming to finish by 3:30pm.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to represent their school and develop their leadership skills by being involved in the interviewing of new teachers, showing around year 6 students and their parents and supporting other students - these are just a few of the roles of a Student Commissioner!

I look forward to seeing you all then! Don't worry year 7 - I will be meeting with you separately to tell you all about what we do!

# Online Safety:

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

# SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION  
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

### SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

### SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

### USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

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## Did you know?

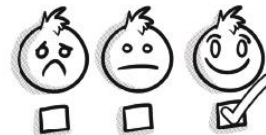


Research highlights that children who kept the same best friend during the transition period between primary to secondary school tend to do better. Supporting and encouraging friendships during the transition period and beyond may help pupils to improve attainment and behaviour. Research shows that the transition to secondary school can potentially be as difficult for parents as it is for their children.

The move to secondary school brings lots of change, such as different classrooms, different teachers for each subject, bigger buildings, new travel arrangements, unfamiliar environments and mixing with new pupils. Studies suggest that if pupils aren't supported properly, transition can lead to an increased risk of poorer attendance, lower grades, school disengagement, reduced confidence and self-esteem, and increased symptoms of anxiety. Mentally healthy schools. 2018 ([www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk](http://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk))

Research suggests that pupils' concerns about transition to secondary school generally involve issues such as:

- Losing old friends.
- The size of their new school and getting lost.
- Rules, discipline and detention.
- Finding their way around.



## What can you do?

New experiences coupled with your feelings about leaving your child in a new place can be a stressful time in a family's life. It is normal and acceptable to feel anxious as a parent/carer, but it is important not to pass these feelings on to your child. Support your child and encourage them to keep in touch with their group of friends.

Talk about up and coming change with your child and approach transitions in a positive and exciting way. Help your child express their feelings, worries and emotions about the change and acknowledge their feelings.

Have a look at and discuss the video from Young Minds on YouTube with your son or daughter. It reassures children that they're not alone when it comes to their worries about secondary school, that there are ways to cope with change and there are people to talk to when things get difficult: <https://youtu.be/xT6ctrk3pVQ>



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## KLA Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs

### Lunch Time PE Clubs & Activities:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basketball JOM Capped at 30 Students	Basketball JOM Capped at 30 Students	Basketball JOM Capped at 30 Students	Fitness Suite JOM Capped at 20 Students	Fitness Suite JOM Capped at 20 Students
Year 11 Football DHE Capped at 40 Students	Year 10 Football DHE Capped at 40 Students	Year 9 Football DHE Capped at 40 Students	Year 8 Football DHE Capped at 40 Students	Year 7 Football DHE Capped at 40 Students



### KLA After School PE Clubs & Activities:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr 7 – 10 KLA Football Academy Girls/ Boys (DHE, LCT) 3:00 – 4:15pm	Year 7 – 10 Netball (LCT/ SLM) 3:00 – 4:15pm	Year 9 & 10 Basketball (JOM) 3:00 – 4:15pm	Year 9 & 10 Rugby (JOM) 3:00 – 4:15pm	
Yr 7- 10 Kinball (SLM) 3:00 – 4:15pm	Multi-sports – Week A (DHE) 3:00 – 4:15pm	Year 7 & 8 Rugby (DHE) 3:00 – 4:15pm	Year 7 & 8 Basketball (LCT) 3:00 – 4:15pm	
	Sports Leaders – Week B (DHE) 3.00 – 4.15pm	Year 10 & 11 Intervention (SLM) 3.00 – 4.15pm		



### PE Department Notice – Football Boots Requirement

As part of our Physical Education curriculum at King's Lynn Academy, we would like to remind you that football boots are a required item of kit for all students.

Football boots will be used throughout the school year for both boys and girls, not just during football units, and are essential for lessons taking place on the field. As we move into the wetter months, the field becomes increasingly muddy and slippery, making it unsafe for students to participate in outdoor activities wearing only trainers. Football boots provide the necessary grip and support to ensure students can take part in lessons safely and effectively. Please ensure your child brings football boots to all PE lessons, as they will be needed regularly. If you have any concerns or difficulty sourcing appropriate footwear, please don't hesitate to contact the PE department—we're here to help. Thank you for your continued support.

# PE Weekly Sports Bulletin continued...

## Fixture – 16th September @ Smithdon

Our first PE fixture of the year took place last night, with both year 8 and year 10 netball and football teams travelling to Smithdon. The students represented the school brilliantly – not just through their sporting efforts but also in the way they conducted themselves throughout the evening. Here are the highlights from the matches:

### Year 8 Netball

Result: Won 12–5

Player of the Match: **Bella Pochetty**

A fantastic start to the season, with great teamwork and energy on the court.



### Year 10 Netball

Result: Won 12–4

Player of the Match: **Alisha Orlova**

A confident performance, with excellent communication and control throughout the game.



### Year 10 Football

Result: Lost 7–0

Player of the Match: **Alfie Heaton**

Despite the result, the team showed determination and resilience. Alfie led by example with his work rate and attitude.



### Year 8 Football

Result: Drew 1–1

Player of the Match: **Henley Berry**

A close and competitive match, with the team showing strong defensive play and some great chances in attack.



## PE Weekly Sports Bulletin continued...

### Year 7 Fixtures

Date	Team	Staff Member	Home/Away
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Y7 Boys Country Cup	JOM	AWAY @ Thrope
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	All Years Cross Country	All Staff	AWAY @ Springwood
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Y7 Rugby Festival	JOM	AWAY @ Springwood
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Y7 Boys Basketball	JOM	HOME
20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Y7 Girls Basketball	LCT	HOME
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Y7 Football	JOM	AWAY @ Springwood
17 <sup>th</sup> March	U13 x 2 Netball Teams	LCT	AWAY @ Hamonds
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y7 Girls football Festival	LCT	AWAY @ Hamonds
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	U12 Netball Tournament	LCT	AWAY @ Springwood
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y7 Netball	LCT	HOME to St Clements

### Year 8 Fixtures

Date	Team	Staff Member	Home/Away
16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Y8 Netball + Y8 Football	DHE + LCT	AWAY @ <a href="#">Smithdon</a>
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Y8 Netball + Y8 Football	DHE + LCT	HOME to <a href="#">Litcham</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	All Years Cross Country	All Staff	AWAY @ Springwood
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Y8/9 Football Festival (Girls)	LCT	AWAY @ Hamonds
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Y8 Rugby Festival	DHE	AWAY @ Springwood
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	KS3 Badminton	All Staff	Girls @ KLA Boys @ KES
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Y8 Basketball Tournament Girls	LCT	HOME
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Y8 Netball + Y8 Football	LCT + DHE	AWAY @ Springwood
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	U14 Girls Football	LCT	HOME to Marshland

### Year 8 Fixtures

Date	Team	Staff Member	Home/Away
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y8 Netball Tournament	LCT	AWAY @ Springwood
	Y8 Rugby	DHE	AWAY @ Springwood
17 <sup>th</sup> March	U13 x 2 Netball Teams	LCT	AWAY @ Hamonds
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y8 football Boys	DHE	HOME to St Clements

## Year 9 Fixtures

Date	Team	Staff Member	Home/Away
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	All Years Cross Country	All Staff	AWAY @ Springwood
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Y8/9 Football Festival	SLM	AWAY @ Hamonds
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	KS3 Badminton	All Staff	Girls @ KLA Boys @ KES
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Y9 Boys Basketball	DHE	AWAY @ KES
20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Y9 Basketball Girls	SLM	AWAY @ KES
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Y9 Netball	SLM	AWAY @ Springwood
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y9 Football + Y9 Netball	SLM + DHE	HOME to Marshland
17 <sup>th</sup> March	7 Aside girl's football	SLM	AWAY @ Hamonds
	Y9 11 aside Boys football	JOM	AWAY @ Hamonds

## Year 10 Fixtures

Date	Team	Staff Member	Home/Away
16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Y10 Football + Y10 Netball	SLM + JOM	AWAY @ <a href="#">Smithdon</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	All Years Cross Country	All Staff	AWAY @ Springwood
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	KS4 Badminton	All Staff	Boys @ KES Girls @ KLA
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Y10 Girls Basketball	SLM	AWAY @ KES
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y10 Football	DHE	HOME to Marshland
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y10 Football	DHE	AWAY @ Hamonds

## Year 11 Fixtures

Date	Team	Staff Member	Home/Away
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Y11 Boys Basketball	JOM	HOME @ KLA
	Y11 Girls Basketball	SLM	AWAY @ KES
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	KS4 Badminton	All Staff	Boys @ KES Girls @ KLA

## Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Just like that it's Friday again! What a busy week we have had with students working incredibly hard in lessons, joining clubs at lunchtime such as chess and basketball, helping others out, litter picking to keep our quad clean and tidy, and of course the school photographs midweek.

Well done year 7 for this week. Attendance was 97%. If your child is unwell, has any upcoming appointments, which it has been unavoidable to book out of school time please remember to contact us before 8.30am, preferably via our absence email - [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) or call the absence line **01553 602874**. As you know, holidays during school term time are not authorised unless taken under exceptional circumstances. Please can I ask that if you do text my work phone or email me directly with absences, please contact the attendance officer too as I cannot guarantee that I will always see the messages.

The weather certainly has been a mixture this week; sun, wind, rain and some beautiful rainbows. Despite the wind and rain on Wednesday, we saw some beautiful smiles for the photographer, and I look forward to seeing them when they are ready.

As a group we have achieved an amazing amount of reward points however our highest achiever was **Joshua Norris** with a fantastic 34 points this week. A huge congratulations to Josh and well done to everyone else for their brilliant efforts this week. Here are the top 5 highest achievers this week. Amazing efforts, well done.

<a href="#">Norris Josh</a>	34
<a href="#">Smith Ayden</a>	32
<a href="#">Dunn Lorna</a>	31
<a href="#">Goodbourn Charlie</a>	29
<a href="#">Malai Melisa</a>	28

As the students begin to settle more, one phrase has been apparent this week and that is 'the work is too hard.' Secondary school is so very different to primary. The work will be challenging to begin with but we don't expect the students to know things they have never been taught before. Everyone is different and we expect the students to try their best counts. They have all been fantastic and we are all very proud of how well they have settled. Keep up the hard work year 7.



As you know, should you need to contact me for a pastoral issue that you would like to discuss as Head of Year 7, then please email me, [Emma.Mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:Emma.Mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk). Alternatively, you can call me on **07511 225248**. My work mobile is on between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday however please remember that my phone will remain in my office and that I can only answer if at my desk.

With the mobile phone policy that we have in place, please consider this when contacting me as I may not be able to answer your call/text as quickly as I previously have. I will return your call/text as soon as I can during my working hours so, please bear with me. Please remember that we do have a 48-hour return of contact policy, but I will continue to try my best to return calls and reply to emails. If, on the odd chance you don't hear from me and still want to discuss something, please try again, send a text or WhatsApp to give me a little reminder nudge!

## Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Just a reminder of our academy's expectations regarding uniform; black trousers, no jeans or leggings, KLA skirts only with white shirts, tie and blazer. For PE the uniform is black KLA polo t-shirt, black KLA shorts and KLA socks and fleece for outdoor activities. If you do have any issues with your child's uniform or if you need any help purchasing items, please do not hesitate to contact me as we have some uniform in the swap shop which may help. Whilst the PE department have spare uniform and are happy to lend it out, it has been disappointing that they have lent more uniform to year 7's than any other year group. **PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR KIT ON THE DAYS THEY HAVE PE.**

Only a few more weeks until our PGL residential trip and I know we have lots of very excited students! Mrs Culley-Tea will be attending, and I will remain at school with those not attending. Information on this trip to follow from Mrs Culley-Tea.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Mann.

# Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday!

Well yet another week down! I'm so proud of each and every one of you. Although some changes have been implemented during our school day the students have just got on with it. Behaviour, conduct and uniform have been great, thanks to you all for supporting us. If there are any issues, please feel free to let me know if we can help in anyway. Many



Our assembly this week was taken by Mrs Culley-Tea who made us aware there are 788 days left until your children leave us in year 11! She also inspired our students to strive to be their very best each and every day, daring to dream big and fulfil their full potential. Uniform, lateness and behaviour were also mentioned. A huge thanks go to her for making the time to do this.

Attendance this last week has dropped to **91.86%** can we please attend each and every day wherever possible. If your child is unwell, has any upcoming appointments, which it has been unavoidable to book out of school time please remember to contact us before 8.30am, preferably via our absence email - [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) or call the absence line **01553 602874**.

Heads of Year are calling each day to check in with parents and students; at the third day of absence we will be required to carry out a home visit.

As you are all aware the mobile phone policy came into place last academic year. To support the students and to set the right example, I will not be using my mobile phone when I'm out and about around the school. Please take this into consideration when contacting me, I may not be able to answer your call or text as quickly as I would like. I will endeavour to return your call/text as soon as I can during my working hours.

If you have a pastoral issue you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me on [Hayley.Lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:Hayley.Lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)

Thank you all so much for your support with arriving on time this week. If your child is late without a valid reason time will be made up and they will work in the late room on arrival. Each Head of Year will contact home.

As a year group we have achieved **3,588** points this past week up to Thursday! Well done year 8, that is amazing!

Our **highest achiever** this week in the year group yet again was **Lacey Waterson**, a massive well done to her. Keep up the hard work and effort in your lessons.

**Student of the week** this week goes to **Annabelle Howe**, she has made an amazing start back to school. Well done Annabelle, keep up the amazing work, you have been fabulous.

School photographs were taken this week and the proofs will follow in due course.

If your child does any activities outside of school, please let me know, so happy to share please email me always love to know what the students are doing in their own time. [Hayley.Lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:Hayley.Lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)



Dates for diary

Half term Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Student Commissioner interest meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3-3:30pm (any year 8's interested are welcome to come along).

Have a wonderful weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Lockey.

## Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

Here we are again, another week that has flown by. The weather has been working against us this week. We managed to go from no water to water everywhere!

Attendance since the beginning of term is at an average of 92.29%. However, this is beginning to drop and I really do not want us to be at the bottom again! Can I please stress how important it is for the students to attempt each day. They can bring paracetamol to get them through and can check in with any Head of Year if they do feel really unwell, throughout the day for us to contact you and get advice. Also, if your child begins to feel better after a rough morning they are welcome at any time in the day. This can really help with attendance and it is always lovely to see them.

I am really thankful to you all for getting your children here on time in the mornings. My 'late' table is often a lonely place, which is a strange positive!

There have been so many fantastic achievement points earned in lessons this week.

Student	Week
Asoba, Sam	47
Juskyte, Gabriele	44
Jorley, Freddy	40
Lambert, William	33
Dean-Davis, Vinnie	31

Well done to the above and **Sam** is at the top of the leader board this week!!

★ ★ Student of the week is **Lukas Bubelis**. Lukas, you have really impressed with your start to year 9. It is great to see you working hard and I am sure you will see results in your work. Well Done ★ ★

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs West.

# Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Happy Friday everyone.

What a cold week we have had, not forgetting really wet too. But regardless of the weather year 10 have carried on being wonderful, showing up and mostly getting it right every day.



Could I please ask you ensure your young person has a bag and a pencil case, even if it has just the very basics, pen, pencil, ruler, rubber. These are an essential part of the school day.

Every break and lunch I am on duty, so although away from my laptop and phone, I get to chat with and get to know my lovely year group. They often tell me about their worries and anything they are concerned about, but due to being away from my desk, please be aware that I am away from my laptop and mobile phone.

## Celebrating awesomeness

I am so proud to inform you that year 10, during the week between 10th and 17th September, earned an absolutely amazing **3221 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS!!** What a fantastic and positive week for so many of my lovely year 10's!!

★ The student of the week for my year 10's this week is the wonderful **Jamie Howard**. Jamie you are doing absolutely amazing and had a cracking start to the school year!! Keep on being great Jamie ★

In continuing with celebrating, if there any extracurricular activities our students do please let me know, as I absolutely love celebrating my year 9's achievement, not just from in school, but out too.

Attendance this week for year 10's was almost 96%. That's really great and a big thank you for getting your young people into school, it makes such a difference to their learning and ultimately, their GCSE results.

If your young person has any upcoming appointments, which it has been unavoidable to book out of school time, or if your child is unwell, please remember to contact us **before 8.30am** preferably via our absence email on:

**[studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)** Please include your child's name, year group and why they are absent. Please also send in any proof of appointments and/or medication so the absence can be authorised.

Please can I ask that if you do text my work phone or email me directly with absences, please contact the attendance officer too as I cannot guarantee that I will always see the messages.

Students are to arrive before 08:30am with lessons beginning at 08:35am.

Please can I ask you support me in ensuring all students are wearing the correct uniform daily; remembering leggings are not allowed, jumpers do not take the place of a blazer and ties are a must.

Please remember we do have the school swap shop which is accessible to all students.

Have a wonderful weekend and I shall speak with you soon.

Miss Fountain.

# Year 11 Round Up compiled by Mrs Laws:

Good afternoon.

I hope the students have finally enjoyed their first full week here at the academy. The year 11's seem to be settling in well to their new timetables and well done to all those who are attending session 5, the uptake has been great, I'm proud of you and the amount of hard work you are putting into year 11 so far.

On Monday we had a presentation by Mr Warner-Lynn from Springwood about the 6<sup>th</sup> form there. He spoke about the different courses they offer such as A levels, Level 3 Vocational qualifications and the outside curriculum opportunities they offer such as Duke of Edinburgh Gold, Latin and sports leaders, meaning that when students leave their higher education there, they do so as well-rounded individuals. Their open evening is on 9<sup>th</sup> October and can be booked via the leaflets he left with us or the schools website.

Next week we have a representative from Fakenham coming over to speak to the students.

Can I please reiterate that all students need to be in correct uniform blazer, tie, shirt & trouser/KLA skirt always.

## Change of dates:

Please note year 11 remote parents evening has now changed to **23<sup>rd</sup> October**, so students are able to go to KES 6<sup>th</sup> form open evening if they wish to look round their facilities.

## PROM

I announced to the students that their prom next year would be on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. More details to follow once I have met with students who wish to be on the prom committee.

If you need to contact me for a pastoral issue as Head of Year 11, then please email me on [jacqueline.laws@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:jacqueline.laws@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk). Alternatively, you can call me on **07591 388678**. My work mobile is on between 8am & 4pm. I would just like to remind you all that I am not on school site from 12.30pm on a Thursday as I will be over at the college with my students. On Thursdays, my work phone will be on until 4.30pm. As we are setting a positive example for the students, I do not have my mobile with me around the academy anymore, only in my office so please be mindful of this when you call, and I will return your call asap.

Year 11 attendance was 92% this week. Attendance in year 11 is CRUCIAL. Literally every day matters. It's a proven fact that the better your school attendance, the better GCSE grades you achieve, the better job you get so the more money you earn. I will be constantly reminding you of this throughout the year. If your child is unwell, has any upcoming appointments, which it has been unavoidable to book out of school time please remember to contact us before 8.30am, preferably via our absence email - [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) or call the absence line **01553 602874**. As you know, holidays during school term time are not authorised unless taken under exceptional circumstances. Please can I ask that if you do text my work phone or email me directly with absences, please contact the attendance officer too as I cannot guarantee that I will always see the messages.

Please make sure when booking appointments during school time you remember to provide us with the medical evidence so we can authorise these absences and it then won't make a difference to your child's attendance percentage.

Our highest achiever this week was **Sephira Griggs-Williamson** so congratulations to her. As a year group we achieved over 2200 achievement points this week, which is amazing.

Have a great weekend and I'll see you all on Monday ready to do it all again.

Mrs Laws.