



Friday 17th October 2025

### Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 22nd 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

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 7 parents evening ON SITE

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 10 REMOTE parents evening

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Year 8 parents evening ON SITE

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 9 REMOTE parents evening

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens after Christmas holiday

### Poppy Appeal:

As well as poppies for lapels, the Royal British Legion have this year sent us some other commemorative items including fabric bracelets and key rings/clip ons. If you or your child would like to purchase any of these items for this excellent cause, we are suggesting a minimum donation of £1 each. All proceeds to the 2025 RBL Poppy Appeal. These can be obtained from our reception, please try to ensure you have the correct change. Thankyou.



## 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** and leave a message.

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 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](#)

## 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 Academy Trust - Vacancies and Careers \(eastern-mat.co.uk\)](#)**

## Library and books:

Please could you encourage your young people to have a look for any outstanding library books that may have been forgotten about, added to bookshelves at home, dropped under beds, etc? We have books missing from our library and would like to get as many as possible back on the shelves for other students to access. Thank you.

In addition to this, there will be a pop-up library in Mrs Carlton's classroom (N4) at lunchtime each day for students who wish to have a quiet space to read or to borrow library books. We will be starting with our KLA Canon - 100 books to read before you leave school - and there are opportunities to recommend books for our themed trolleys as well. Please tell your young people to see Mrs Carlton in N4 if they would like to get involved.

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 MEMES

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

### SPREADING MISINFORMATION

While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

### EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Memes are widely circulated, and not always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, or WhatsApp, it's nearly impossible to filter them completely.

### MASKED MESSAGES

Some memes are designed to be confusing or layered with hidden meanings, making them hard for parents, and, sometimes, other young people to understand. Online groups often create these memes to look like inside jokes, but they can sometimes conceal offensive, harmful, or misleading content.

### HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children and young people may become less sensitive to these issues over time. While a funny meme may seem light-hearted, it can carry messages that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to themselves and others.

### PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as harmless. Once online, memes may be copied, saved, or spread beyond a young person's control - digital actions can follow them into their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world - discuss what they find funny about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you build trust, making it easier for them to come to you if they see something harmful. Open conversations also help children and teens think critically about the messages behind memes rather than simply accepting them at face value.

### MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Show children and teens positive online behaviours, such as taking breaks from screens, avoiding late-night scrolling, and engaging in offline activities. Setting clear routines around screen time at home can help to reinforce healthy boundaries and reduce the risks of overuse. By modelling balanced technology use, adults can help children and young people see that digital entertainment, including memes, should be just one part of life.

### TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY

Help children and young people learn to question where information comes from and whether it's reliable - developing media literacy skills prepares young people to understand and navigate through their future online lives. Show them how memes can sometimes exaggerate or misrepresent facts for laughs, and encourage them to check credible sources when memes claim to present truth.

### FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE

Remind children and young people that memes should never come at someone else's expense. Encourage them to think about how a meme might make another person feel before sharing or creating it. Highlight examples of positive memes that celebrate creativity without hurting others. Fostering empathy, respect, and kindness in digital spaces will help them become more aware of promoting a safer, more supportive online culture.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Cristina Moreno-Almeida is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.



See full reference list on our website

# Encouraging Independence

Information for parents and carers

## Did you know?



Developing independence has many benefits: increased academic success, increased motivation and confidence and improved awareness of students' own strengths and weaknesses, as well as how to manage these.

Independent learning isn't about working alone: teachers and parents still need to support and enable the learning that is needed in this time so that it is structured, productive and effective. We can't expect children to just 'know' how to work independently as well as effectively, they will need some guidance and support.

Independent learning is most effective when students can be encouraged to self-regulate their own learning and behaviour.

Three  
Key  
Points

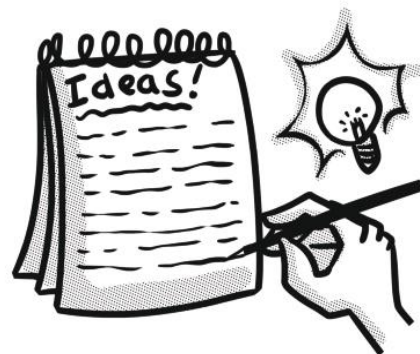
## What can you do?

Discuss your child's areas of strength and weakness, across the subject range they are studying, but also within each subject and topic. Independence isn't just about working, it's about reflecting on their progress and performance and considering where their time would be best spent.

Discuss the different ways your child could study, whether through booklets or textbooks, apps and other options. There are many ways to revise and most students have a preference, but often a combination is the most effective. The PiXL apps we have available, such as the Maths app, can dovetail well into a revision schedule, alongside practice questions and revision of topics that they are unsure of.

If your child doesn't have them already, ask their class

teachers for the PiXL Independence materials that we have created. These are available for most subjects and provide a variety of different tasks, along with a credit system, to help structure their revision whilst also developing their independence.





# Team Costa Bake Sale

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2025 KLA will be holding a bake sale.

Please support us and purchase one of the students' bakes.

Our students will be baking cupcakes, brownies, flapjacks and traybakes.

From our students:

The summer of 2026 will see us spending a month working and travelling through Costa Rica. We will be working within the local communities, helping to build infrastructure such as schools, drainage systems and community centres. Engaging with and helping to rebuild the local ecology: replanting trees, mangroves, developing conservation skills all whilst helping and assisting in maintaining the local wildlife. Finally, and ultimately learning to dive, undertaking the PADI diving qualification and learning and understanding the ocean ecology and how it impacts the communities in South America. This expedition will be challenging for us as young students; being away without our families, undertaking new and demanding experiences, but a once in a lifetime trip of volunteering and personal development.

Thanks for the support from us to all the students and parents helping us to achieve our goal.  
Edith, Abi, Olivia, Jac, Connor, Adrija, Ernest and Ralf.



# King's Lynn

## Carers Wellness & Information Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Open from 10.30am to 2pm

Gaywood Church Rooms, Gayton Road, King's Lynn PE30 4DZ

*Organisations attending focusing on Young Carers  
and Parent Carers include.....*



We look forward to welcoming **Unpaid Carers of all ages** and the people they care for to this FREE event in Kings Lynn. Offering Carers information and advice from local organisations and wellness sessions including Hand Reflexology, Seated Indian Head Massage & Foot Reflexology. For more information contact [info@carersvoice.org](mailto:info@carersvoice.org) or **07506 768405**



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## Student Guide to Logging In

1 Go to **sparxmaths.com**

2 Select **Student Login**

3 Carefully select your school from the list

4 Select **New Sparx user**

5 Enter your:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Date of Birth

6 Click **Submit**

7 You will be prompted to set your own password. The password must be at least 6 characters long and you will need to remember it

8 Confirm your username and password, then click **Check your details**

9 You can now log in to Sparx using your username and password

10 If a password is lost, you can select the option to request a new password from your teacher

Use your Sparx login

Username:

Password:  
 [Show](#)

[Forgotten Sparx login details?](#) [Log In](#)

[New Sparx user?](#)

Fill in your details below to create your account

Your first name:

Your last name:

Your date of birth:

[Submit](#)

Now set a password, make sure you choose one that you will remember

Choose your password  
 [Show](#)

Your password needs to:  
 Be 6 or more characters

[Back](#) [Confirm your details >](#)

Let's check you have remembered your log in details

Enter your username:

Enter your password:  
 [Show](#)

[Back](#) [Check your details >](#)



## 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:

Tonight we hosted Downham here for year 7 and 9 football and year 7 netball.

The netball girls played so well; in their second match they lost 4-2 but it was a really tight game and as a team they played so well together. We are looking forward to seeing them grow as we move through the years! Player's player of the match **Katy Rollings** player of the match **Eve Aldous!**



Year 7 boys won their football match 4-0. The boys conducted themselves well on and off the pitch, they are a real credit to us!

Player of the match **Dylan Lake.**



Year 9 boys were helped out by some year 8's to give them a full team. A massive well done to **Henley Berry** and **Sonny Burch** for stepping up. Henley scored a hat trick! Unfortunately, they lost 6 - 4 but again, great play by all involved!

Player of the match **Will Lambert.**

Also our year 10 sports leaders need a massive well done –

**Lola, Nolan, Aydden** and **Blake**, such a credit to the school!



Our year 7 rugby team had their first ever tournament experience last week as they travelled to Wymondham Rugby Club, and what a fantastic afternoon it was!

The boys showed great spirit, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the event. They made some excellent tackles and grew in confidence with every game. Although the results didn't all go our way – drawing one and narrowly losing three, the effort and attitude were outstanding.

It was a brilliant learning experience for the team, and they've come away with a real hunger to improve. We're really proud of how they represented the school, and we can't wait to see even more progress after half term.

A big well done to all involved – and we'd love to see as many of you as possible at rugby training when we're back.



## 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

## PE Weekly Sports Bulletin continued...

### 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 @ <u>Smithdon</u>
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:



Hello again! It has been an odd week as we have had so many students away on the residential trip but, glad to say once again, PGL has been a big hit! I think lots of fun was had by both students and staff. They have enjoyed raft building, zip lines, outdoor games and much more. As the majority of the PE staff supported on the trip, there have been no after school clubs this week however they will return next week. I know how popular with my year 7's.

It has started to turn colder in the mornings so please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day, that would be great. Our muster line ups are starting to get wet and cold!

As a group we have achieved an amazing amount of reward points and our highest achiever this week is **Violetta Vinogradova** with 32 points. Huge congratulations to Violetta and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts this week. Here are our highest achievers this week. You can see it's been very close on the score board! Fantastic efforts everyone, well done.

<a href="#">Vinogradova Violetta</a>	32
<a href="#">Depear Sharri</a>	29
<a href="#">Malai Melisa</a>	29
<a href="#">Norris Josh</a>	26
<a href="#">Reeve Eleanor</a>	26
<a href="#">Wilson Tyler</a>	26
<a href="#">Barnes Logan</a>	25

My weekly reminder of our academy's expectations regarding uniform; black trousers, no jeans, joggers, tracksuit bottoms 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. PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRING THEIR KITS ON THE DAYS THEY HAVE PE. Whilst the PE department have spare uniform and are happy to lend out, it has been disappointing that they have lent more uniform to year 7's than any other year group. PLEASE CAN YOU MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM AND PE ARE NAMED.

With parents evening taking place after half term, I will have a table set up for all the lost property that I have acquired so far. The majority are the black PE polo tops. Sadly, none have names in them, so if your child has lost it chances are I may have it.



My student of the week is **Logan M Thompson**. Logan is a lovely young man who enjoys school and spending time with his friends. Usually playing football with an empty drinks bottle for a ball and rucksacks as goal posts! Logan tries so hard in his lessons and has had a great half term with 80 achievement points already. Well done Logan, keep this up!

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 consideration 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!

Dates to remember –

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Return to school

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 7 parents evening here at KLA, appointments between 4-7pm

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe, Mrs Mann.

## Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Just a reminder from me about uniform, thanks to you all for supporting us. Please remember leggings are not permitted. If there are any issues, please feel free to let me know if we can help in any way.

In our year 8 quad/play/muster area we now have a mobile library the students can access to sit and quietly read if they wish too. Many thanks to all students that have donated books. This is a really lovely sight to see and so many reading in between their lessons.

Please encourage your children where you can to attend after school homework/sporting activities. The PE team are working really hard putting extra activities on as well.

Assembly this week was led by Miss Bowen talking about challenges we face and how we overcome them. Huge thanks to her for doing this for us. I must say behaviour was exemplary whilst Miss Bowen was sharing her journey.

Attendance this last week has been **91.27%** can we please attend each and every day wherever possible. I totally appreciate there are some nasty germs about at the moment. 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 and at the third day of absence we will be required to carry out a home visit.

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 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 **3,486** points this past week up to Wednesday! Well, done **Year 8** that is phenomenal!

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

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

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

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

Have a wonderful weekend, take care and stay safe

Mrs Lockey.

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

Another week of me being overwhelmingly proud of the year group. It was immunisations this week and all coped extremely well. The support the students showed to each other really showed the development as a cohort that they have gone through since the beginning of year 7. Sadly, a few absences were unavoidable for some after the injections due to reactions and illness, but I think all have now returned and are back to full fitness.

Our attendance over the last week averages out to around 90%. As always, I appreciate all that have managed to come in or even arrive later in the day to make sure they are missing as little learning as possible.

Could I please remind all that leggings are not an accepted item of school uniform and that blazers do need to be bought into school each day.

Once again, an amazing amount of achievement points have been earned and deserved! Thank you to all students for putting in so much effort.

Student	Week Total Wed - Wed
Ellis, Summer	239
Lambert, William	233
Juskyte, Gabriele	224
Rosca, Gabriel	219
Asoba, Sam	210

★ ★ Student of the week this week is **Destiny Pegg**. Destiny, your commitment to your studies this year has been brilliant. Keep it up!! ★ ★

Have a lovely weekend, rest up. I hope everyone comes back ready for the last week of half term with lots of energy!

Mrs West.

# Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Happy Friday everyone!

Year 10 this week have had another great week. So many of them are getting it right every day and are making the school day so enjoyable and often fun.

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 we also have time to share a joke or funny story. That said, please be aware that I am often away from my laptop and phone. This does mean I am often not available to take a call or read a text or email, or return one straightaway, so please be patient as I will get back to you.

I am proud to inform you that Year 10, this week from 8th to 15th October, earned an amazing **3167 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS!!** What a fantastic and positive week for so many of my lovely year 10's!!

Individually, the top achievers were:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Points</u>
Lydia Hines	49
Kain Hastings	47
Arina Lypko	44

Well done to you all for being so amazing.

In continuing with celebrating, if there any extracurricular activities our students do please let me know, as I absolutely love celebrating my year 10's achievements, not just from in school, but out too.

Attendance this week for year 10's was just over a shocking 90%. Thank you to those of you who try to get your young people into school, it makes such a difference to their learning and ultimately, their GCSE results.

Year 11 pupils with near-perfect attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE, compared to similar pupils attending 90-95% of the time. In other words, missing just 10 extra days a year reduces the likelihood of achieving these grades by around 50%." It is definitely food for thought and a reason to get them into school every day.

Please remember, a cough or cold can be helped with honey and lemon or a paracetamol or one of many other products available. Unless your young person has a tummy bug, they can come into school with just a tummy ache. Also, injuries such as a sprain or even breaks, we can accommodate! Just let us know what the problem is and we will try our hardest to ensure your young person is helped, but most importantly getting the education they need and are entitled to.

In any of this situations please do not hesitate to drop me an email at [lucy.fountain@kla.easternmat.co.uk](mailto:lucy.fountain@kla.easternmat.co.uk) or text on **07511 224223**, where I will try to help.

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.

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.

If your young person doesn't have the uniform required; blazer, shirt, tie, black trousers or skirt (jumper is optional) and black shoes and socks, or is without the equipment required, PE kits, stationery, bag etc. please do not hesitate to contact me so I am aware, as I may be able to help. 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 10 Round Up continued...

Last week the year 10's made their own puff pastry and had the choice to turn them into cinnamon swirls or sausage rolls. Look at how well they turned out!



# Year 11 Round Up compiled by Mrs Laws:

Good evening from KLA year 11. It's been another great week here in school. Students are heads down working hard in lessons. The Maths assessment went well this week. Lots of students are coming to session 5 which is fantastic so please keep it up.

Congratulations to **Jac Fox** who won his boxing match on Sunday and is now through to the semi-finals/finals in Kettering this weekend. He is currently ranked number 4 in the country in his division. Fingers crossed for the weekend Jac, you got this champ!!



Just a reminder for anyone going on the trip next Friday to Belgium, you need to be in school no later than 4.15am as we leave at 4.30am prompt to catch the ferry to France (I will not be in school on that Friday as I am going on the trip as well, so any issues please contact reception and they will find someone to help you). Most importantly, don't forget your euros for the chocolate shops! We aim to return at around midnight on the Sunday/Monday morning but at least we will get a lay in that morning as we are on half term.

On Wednesday next week some of the Costa Rica students are baking goodies to sell at break and lunch to raise funds for their trip. Make sure you bring some change in to buy some and support them.

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 91.59% this week. Attendance in year 11 is CRUCIAL. Literally everyday 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.

Well done to those of you who were here every day, and to those of you who still have 100% attendance this academic year, that is amazing. If your child is unwell, has any upcoming appointments, which it has been unavoidable to take 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.**

As a group we have achieved 1900 reward points this week which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Charlie Brewer**, congratulations to him!

My student of the week goes to **Jac Fox**, for his determination in training and sportsmanship for his boxing as well as concentrating on his GCSE's at the same time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Laws.