



Friday 24th October 2025

Dates for your diary:

Monday 3rd November – School reopens after half term

Thursday 6th November – Year 7 parents evening ON SITE

Friday 14th November – Children in Need non-uniform day

Thursday 27th November – Year 10 REMOTE parents evening

Wednesday 12th November – Year 10 work experience information evening 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 8 Parents evening ON SITE

Thursday 11th December – Year 9 REMOTE parents evening

Friday 19th December – Last day of term

Tuesday 6th January – School reopens after Christmas holiday

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 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** 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. 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 \(eastern-mat.co.uk\)](#)

Introduction of work experience at KLA:

Dear parents and carers,

I am excited to announce that King's Lynn Academy is launching its very first work experience for year 10 (14-15yrs) students. Students will be on placements 13th - 24th April 2026.

As many of you are aware, work experience is a very valuable tool to help students learn about themselves, their future career paths, and experience what the world of work is like.

As this is our first year, I am looking to build a database of potential placements to help support students. If you or someone you know could host one or more of our students please contact me: katie.leeming-watts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

Taking on a work experience student shouldn't usually require additional paperwork or insurance. Please see the HSE advice: [Young people at work: Work experience - HSE](#)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Leeming-Watts

PE Teacher and Careers Leader



Piano Lessons:

There is one piano lesson slot available that must be taken up by the start of next half term. Lessons cost £7 each week, taken in half termly chunks. Please email me for more information if your child is interested

gemma.worledge@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like *The Witcher* and *Halo*.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like *Power Rangers* and *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, to comic book characters including *Batman*. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

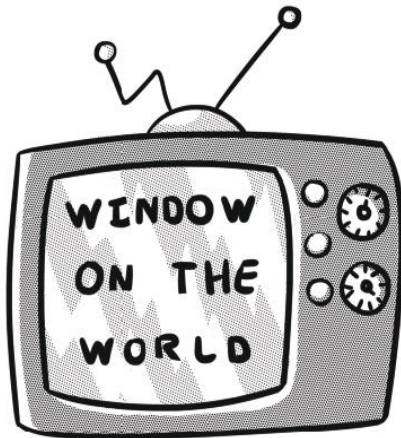
Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



Social Media: what do we know and what should we do?

Information for parents and carers

Did you know?



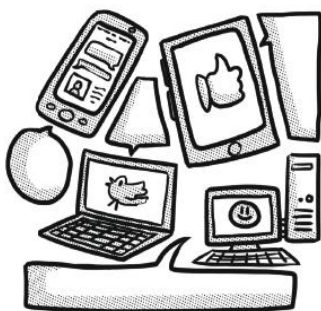
Research shows that high use of social media is linked to poor mental health. One recent study shows that young adults who used social media heavily were three times more likely to be depressed than occasional users. Another study discovered that young people who exceeded two hours of social media use per day were more likely to claim that their mental health was 'fair' or 'poor' than occasional users.

Sleep is crucial for productive engagement and wellbeing. Research has shown that social media and screen time in general is linked to lower quality of sleep.

Each social media site is able to decide how they protect their users; there is no agreed set of child safety rules to protect young people from the risks. Each site will have its own age ratings, for example Whatsapp has recently set its minimum age to 16 years old. Even YouTube has a minimum age requirement, which is 18, but from 13 years old a child can sign up as long as they have a guardian's permission.



What can you do?



Talk to your child about the positives and negatives of social media. Most young people are very aware of these and know that there are changes they could make to use the internet in general in a healthier way. Being

upfront about our own habits (even any unhealthy ones!) and setting goals together can sometimes help to avoid making it a source of conflict. One key aspect of this is discussing how social media can affect our

reputation through the digital footprint we create for anyone to access.

Encourage screen-free time before bed. If possible, having a family-wide screen-free curfew could help model good use of screens and place value on everyone caring for their wellbeing through winding down activities and increased quality of sleep.

Help your child to spend more time on activities they enjoy and which make them feel good. Perhaps encourage them to re-join a sports team they used to like, take up a hobby that they've expressed an interest in, or spend time as a family doing things together. This could include, for example, family movie time using films your child has recommended, or trips out together etc.

King's Lynn

Carers Wellness & Information Day

Thursday 30th 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 or **07506 768405**



Student Guide to Logging In

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Go to **sparxmaths.com**

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Select **Student Login**

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Carefully select your school from the list

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Select **New Sparx user**

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Enter your:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Date of Birth

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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:

David

Your last name:

Smith

Your date of birth:

01 February 2010

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:

davidsmith

Enter your password:

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Back Check your details >

PE Weekly Sports Bulletin:



PE Update for Next Term

Next term, students will be taking part in the following sports: Tag Rugby, Rugby, Netball, Hockey, and Basketball. For the outdoor sports, football boots are a requirement. As the weather worsens, it's important that students have appropriate footwear to ensure both safety and effective participation. Please note that PE lessons will continue whatever the weather, so being properly equipped is essential.

To help students stay warm during the colder months, rugby tops are available to purchase from Stratfords. These are a great option to wear as part of the PE kit.

Thank you for your continued support in helping students stay prepared, comfortable, and ready to enjoy PE in all conditions.

Reminder: Leggings and PE Kit

We've noticed an increase in students wearing leggings as part of their school uniform and then keeping them on for PE lessons, simply putting shorts over the top. This has led to some hygiene, safety and behaviour concerns, especially with flared leggings, which can cause trips and falls during activity.

Please remind your child that:

- Leggings are not part of the official school uniform as per our school policy and should not be worn instead of school trousers.
- Sports leggings are acceptable as part of the PE kit, but if students are wearing school leggings, these must be removed for PE lessons. Wearing school leggings for PE often results in them becoming wet and muddy, which is uncomfortable and unhygienic for the rest of the day.
- Students should change fully into their PE kit (not wear it over school clothes).
- Proper PE kit helps keep everyone safe, comfortable, and ready to take part.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students wear the correct uniform and PE kit.

Year 8 Football – County Cup Match Report



Our year 8 football team played their first-round County Cup match today against Ormiston Venture Academy from Great Yarmouth. Despite a narrow 5–4 loss, the team showed incredible spirit, determination and teamwork throughout the game. After going 1–0 down, they fought back brilliantly to lead 3–2 early in the second half. Although the opposition eventually edged ahead with some impressive play, our students gave everything right to the final whistle.

The team represented the school superbly, showing real resilience and sportsmanship — we're extremely proud of their efforts and attitude.

Goal scorers: Riley Britton (2) and Max Whitmore (2)

Player of the Match: Sonny Burch

An update from the Art, Design and Technology Faculty:

On Thursday 16th October, our **Year 10 Art and Photography** students enjoyed a fantastic visit to the newly refurbished Norwich Castle Museum. The trip gave them the chance to explore the beautifully restored Castle Keep, climb to the top for breathtaking views across Norwich, and discover how art and history come together within this iconic local landmark.

Students were equally inspired by the museum's much-loved permanent displays, which continue to captivate visitors with their range of artworks, artefacts and taxidermy. The visit has sparked plenty of creative ideas and will directly support students' coursework while deepening their appreciation of culture and local heritage.



On Friday 17th October, our **Year 11 Art and Photography** students followed in the footsteps of Year 10 with an inspiring visit to the Norwich Castle Museum. They explored the impressive Castle Keep, took in the stunning views from the tower, and revisited the museum's rich permanent collections — a brilliant source of ideas and artistic inspiration.

The museum's fascinating taxidermy displays were especially valuable, supporting students' current coursework theme of *'Flora and Fauna.'* Many students made thoughtful connections between the exhibits and their own projects, using sketches, photographs, and observations from the visit to develop their ideas further. Several even strengthened their coursework grades by integrating this experience towards their final pieces.

The weeks after half term mark a really exciting and important time for our **Year 11 Art and Photography** students. They will be putting the finishing touches to their coursework and getting ready to begin their real, externally set exam project in January.

To help everyone reach their full potential, the Art Department will be open for extra study sessions every lunchtime and during period 5 from Monday to Thursday. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for students to refine their work, experiment with new ideas and get extra guidance and feedback. We're encouraging all year 11's to make the most of this time and finish the term proud of their achievements and progress.

Our year 10 Art students have been building up coursework under the title of *'Flora and Fauna'*, focusing on sketching and skill building to cover the assessment criteria successfully.

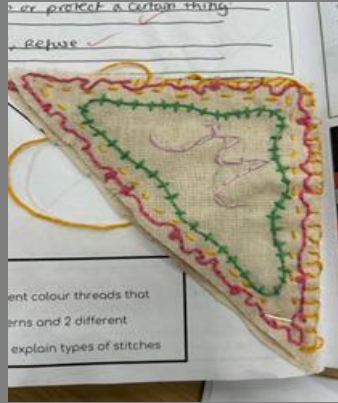
Year 10 Photography students made a strong start to the year exploring the title *'The World Around Us'* at the same time as skill building with the school's digital cameras.

Sadly, we cannot share the fabulous work produced as it is classed as life-coursework.

The new **KS3 rotations in Graphics, Textiles, Food and Nutrition and Design and Technology** are now well underway, and both staff and students have enjoyed the variety and creativity that comes with the opportunity to cook, photograph, bash some wood, or dip their toes into graphics and textiles over their newly allocated three-lessons a fortnight.

An update from the Art, Design and Technology Faculty continued...

In **Textiles**, all year 7 to year 9 groups have created their own bookmarks, learning a range of basic yet essential hand-sewing skills.



In **Graphics**, year 7 students have been inspired by Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes, creating colourful weavings on an upcycled DVD loom. In **Design Technology**, they have been introduced to the workshop by designing and making their own toy cars. All year 7's who got to take part this term in **Food and Nutrition** have learned essential knife skills and used all parts of the oven safely. They grilled pizza toast, made apple crumble and cheese scones.



Our **Year 8** students have been busy making candle holders in **Design Technology** and explored Architecture in **Graphics**. In **Food and Nutrition** year 8 students got to make pasta salad, apple crumble, frittata and pizza.



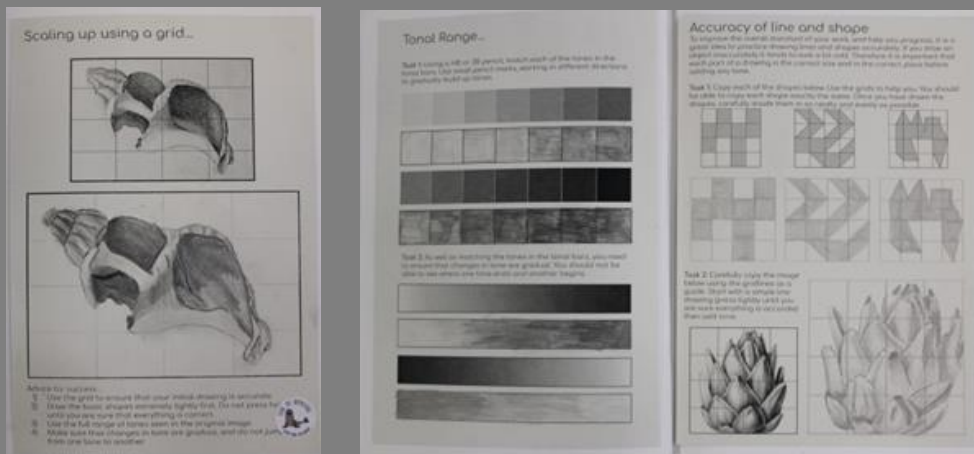
An update from the Art, Design and Technology Faculty continued...

In **Graphics** our **year 9** students have had a brief introduction to digital photography and image manipulation, while in **Design and Technology** they have been developing jewellery designs and creating their own clocks. In **Food and Nutrition** the students were able to make a toad in the hole, garlic dough balls and a bolognese sauce.

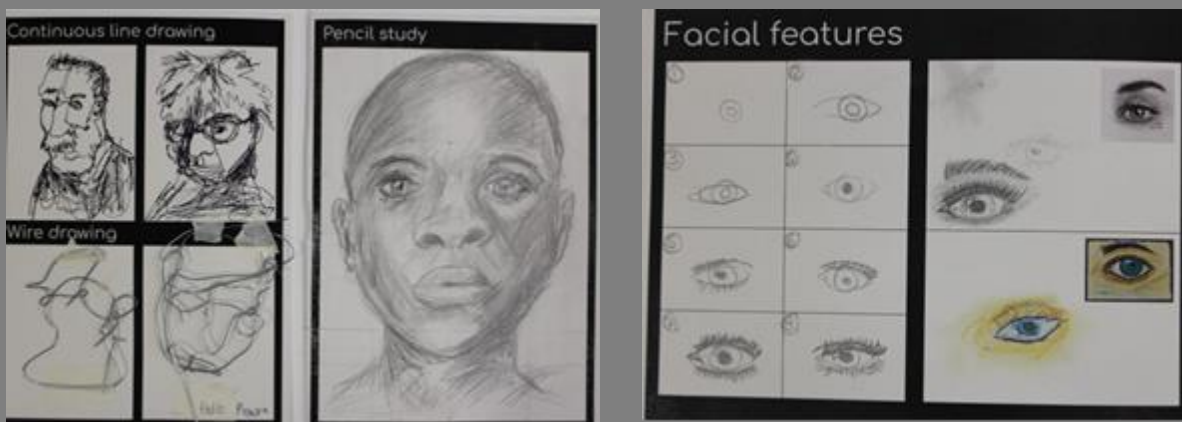


Within art we still see our Key Stage 3 students once a fortnight.

Year 7 artists have been building up their sketching and observation skills under the topic of 'Natural Forms'.

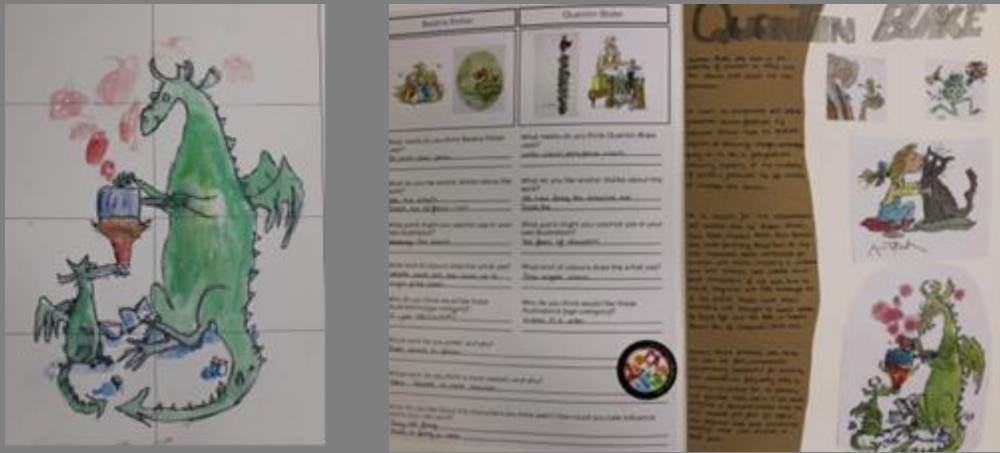


The topic for our **year 8** artists is 'Portraiture' and students have been busy learning to scale up and experimenting with mixed drawing media.



An update from the Art, Design and Technology Faculty continued...

In year 9 the topic is 'Narrative' and where students have learned about different book illustrators, they are now busy developing their own character and story line. Learning how to book bind is on the agenda for after half term.



Year 7 & 8 Art Clubbers have been busy making a water colour wreath for Mrs Lockey. Bunting for the year 8 muster area is next on the list.



It's been a fantastic start to the year, and students are showing great enthusiasm, creativity and skill across all areas of Art, Design, and Technology!

Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Well, hello there half term! So lovely to see you!

It has been a busy half term, but a fun one indeed. Already my year 7's have started to flourish, loving life at KLA and I am super proud of them.



With our first parents evening coming up, I am looking forward to seeing you all attending, some faces I recognise from the transition evenings and for others, meeting you and putting faces to names. Thank you to all those that have booked appointments. Just to remind you, **parents evening is THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER between 4pm-7pm**, here at KLA.

Attendance for us this week was 95%. Whilst I appreciate some students have been unwell, this needs to be higher. There have been a few bugs floating about so I am hoping next half term will be a healthier one! If your child has to have time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on 01553 602874 or call the main reception and select option 1 to explain why. If we send you a text message and you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child when they return to school explaining why they have been away. 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.

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a visitor to lead our assembly, an old friend of ours, PC James Smith. James and his colleague Chloe delivered our assembly about how the local policing team support the community, the areas each of them cover and how they can help the young people in the community. The students sat and listened well and asked some brilliant questions.

As always, we celebrated the hard work and successes of the students over the past two weeks. Just a reminder, each subject teacher nominates a student that has shone and stood out in their subject. Here are our superstars.....



ENGLISH - **Ayden Smith**

FOOD – **Alice Head**



MATHS - **Harry Ely**

MFL – **Dylan Lake**

SCIENCE - **Keira-Leigh Barron**

ICT – **Thandi Plaatjies**

GEOGRAPHY – **Laycie Arbon**

PE – **Eve Aldous**



HISTORY – **Harmony Keegan**

DRAMA – **Indi Wintin**

DT – **Hallie Turner**

ART – **Elliott Raines**



As a year group, this week we have achieved 2472 points between us all which is absolutely amazing. I am so proud of them all. Let's keep this hard-working attitude up for the next half term and absolutely smash it!

Here are our highest achievers this week. Huge well done to you all.

<u>Ely Harry</u>	36
<u>Head Alice</u>	36
<u>Rollings Katy</u>	35
<u>Freestone Elliott</u>	33
<u>Low Finlay</u>	31

My student of the week is **Harmony Keegan**. Harmony really impressed me with the model Viking ship she made for her history homework project. It was huge! It was a fantastic replica of a Viking ship with fine details to accompany it. Well done Harmony and keep up the great work.

Year 7 Round Up continued....

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. 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.

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 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 PE KITS ON THE DAYS THEY HAVE PE AND THAT EVERYTHING IS NAMED.

I have a number of PE tops in my year 7 lost property box which I will have out on display at parents evening. If you recognise any items to belong to your child, then please take them.

Dates to remember –

Friday 24th October – Break up for half term

Monday 3rd November – Return to school

Thursday 6th November – Year 7 parents evening here at KLA

Have a wonderful half term, stay safe and enjoy Halloween.

Mrs Mann.



Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday!

Just a reminder from me about uniform; thanks to you all, have been fantastic supporting us with this is really important. Please remember leggings are not permitted, some girls are creeping in with them; we need them to be in trousers or KLA skirts. If there are any issues, please feel free to let me know if we can help in anyway. We always endeavour to support all the children.



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 to. 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.

Tuesday afternoon year 8 boys football team played against a team all the way from Great Yarmouth. All the boys worked well as a team. Huge thanks to our sports leaders for supporting, also Mr Herring for his unwavering support with the boys. Well done boys you were all superstars!!

On Wednesday Mrs Culley-Tea arranged for an Academic Excellence Awards for years 8, 9 & 10. These were nominated for last year's efforts in all subjects including most improved students in the prize giving. As a treat all students were also rewarded with freshly baked cookies 🍪 from the ladies in the canteen - big thanks to them. Mrs West and I gave out the certificates and Mr Towler was MC including Miss Mace and Miss Worledge as DJ's. Most of all, a massive well done to all students and to Mrs Culley-Tea for arranging and taking the time to make the certificates.

Attendance this last week has been **92.4%** 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 or call the absence line **01553 602874**.

Heads of Year we 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 a year group we have achieved **3,904** points this past week up to Wednesday! Well done year 8, that is phenomenal!

Our **highest achiever** this week in the year group was **Skaiste Dervintyte**, massive well done goes to them. Keep up the hard work and effort in your lessons.

Student of the week this week goes to **Oliver Watts**, he has made an amazing start back to school. Well done Oliver, 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



Dates for diary

Half term TODAY Friday 24th October 2025

Have a wonderful half term, take care and stay safe 😊

Mrs Lockey.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

Congratulations to all on making it to half term!! I am ready to spend some time with my family and I do hope that you all manage to get the opportunity to do the same. It has been a long half term and I know for some students it has seemed to last for far too long. Even with this, I have been impressed with the level of concentration that has been kept right up to the very last day.

Our final push on attendance has been great this week. I have seen many students battling through even when not at their best. Our final weekly percentage is 91%. I hope to continue working with you and your children to further increase this in the coming months.

I thought we would finish the half term looking at how many excellent achievement points we have earned as a cohort. This week alone we have earned 1459! and for the whole half term we have earned a staggering 24,348!!! What a great achievement everybody.

Can I please ask that those few students who have had to finish the half term in leggings/joggers use the half term to make sure they have the correct uniform to return in. PE days do not mean that students can attend school in leggings or jogging bottoms. Each student needs kit to change into separate to their school uniform. This will be monitored closely so please make sure that students are prepared.

★ ★ ★ Our last student of the week for this half term goes to **Zhoiee Caplinskyte**. What a fabulous half term you have had. Your effort shines through each day and this was also rewarded in our celebration assembly that was held this week. ★ ★ ★

I hope that the weather stays dry for us for the next week! I promise not to start my Christmas countdown as soon as we get back (I will at least give it a few weeks) 😊

Mrs West.

Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Happy Friday everyone!

What a great first half term year 10 have had. There are many lovely students getting everything right, every day and many getting lots right every day. A massive well done to them all from me. I always say perfection isn't expected, but I do expect them to be the best version of themselves, so they can thrive and grow. I genuinely am so impressed with the behaviour improvement this year, a sign they are all growing up!

While talking about the year so far, the uniform standard when we returned in September was almost perfect, unfortunately though I have noticed a real slip in the standards recently, which I will be working hard on again when we return in November. Please remember uniform is not an option, uniform is part of being a KLA student and a really important part of their future too, teaching them when there is a dress code to follow, it has to be followed. I always explain in the workplace they will be expected to dress according to the workplace policy, the same as the contract they signed when they started KLA, meaning there is no wiggle-room, it is not optional. **Ties and blazers are not optional, jumpers are optional, however they do not take the place of blazers.**

Hoodies are not permitted inside of the school, neither are any other type of jumper/sportswear.

This leads me on to leggings! Leggings are becoming an issue for a few girls who think they are a choice. **Leggings are not allowed at all.** Please can I ask you support me in enforcing this rule. From November, incorrect uniform will result in a 15 min lunch detention. This seems to be the only way to get uniform correct again as incorrect items and forgetting ties and blazers seem too easy to use as an excuse.

Bags and equipment are essential parts of the students uniform also. Please can you ensure your young person has theirs every day.

PE kits – Still too many kits are being loaned out (which is then washed and sorted again by our wonderful Miss White which takes up so much time!) Please can I ask you make sure your young person brings their kit in on PE days.

Also, just a reminder, students are to **arrive before 08:30am** with lessons beginning at 08:35am.

Other news:

Unifrog – By now your young person has had an introduction to Unifrog and had information on work experience they will be partaking in next year. This is a really important step and such an exciting opportunity. You will be receiving information about an upcoming information evening in November for you to learn about Unifrog and the next steps for your young people.

Achievement ceremony: This week Mrs Culley-Tea and Mr Towler held a wonderful afternoon of celebrating for students who received a gold award last term. The afternoon was full of fun and smiles and I can't thank Mrs Culley-Tea enough for arranging this.

Celebrating Year 10:

I am proud to inform you that year 10, this week from 15th to 22nd October, earned an amazing

3183 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS!! What a fantastic and positive week for so many of my lovely year 10's!!

Individually, the top achievers were:

Student	Points
Hastings, Kain	47
Tann, Nancy	46
Goodbourn, Ella	44

Well done to you all for being so amazing.

Year 10 Round Up continued...

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

Everything else:

Attendance this week for year 10's was just over 91%. We really need to get attendance levels back up, but a big 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.

The UK Government state that "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 definitely food for thought and really is 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 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 these situations please do not hesitate to drop me an email at lucy.fountain@kla.easternmat.co.uk or text on [07511 224223](tel:07511224223), 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 or [01553 774671](tel:01553774671). 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.

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

Have a wonderful week whatever you may be doing, I shall speak with you soon.

Miss Fountain.

Year 11 Round Up compiled by Mrs Laws:



We have a winner!!!!!!

Huge congratulations to **Jac Fox** who is now a national boxing champion!

Jac won his semi-final on Saturday and then the final on Sunday at Kettering, representing King's Lynn Youth Amateur Boxing Club, so he is now national champion in his category. What a fantastic achievement.

Jac could now go onto represent England. Really proud of you Jac.



Unfortunately, due to my flight to Germany to give my presentation on the business trip which left the early hours of this morning which I am gutted about. Thank you to Miss Nolan for stepping in and promising me lots of pictures and feedback, so I hope they have a great trip.

If you are getting more uniform during the holidays, please remember girls need to be in a KLA skirt or trousers not leggings, jeggings or jeans, these seems to be creeping back in again

Students all now have their year 11 ties and unfortunately if they lose them, we only have a couple of spares as they are ordered especially.

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. 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 91.43% this week. Attendance 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.

Well done to those of you who were all 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 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.

Year 11 continued....

As a group we have achieved nearly 2000 reward points this week which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Elijah Gedge** so congratulations to him!

My student of the week goes to **Taylor Church**. Taylor has been amazing in lessons and always there to support others in and out of school. I'm very proud of you.

Have a great half term holiday and recharge your batteries ready for the run up to the Christmas break as it's another long half term. If you haven't already done so, make a revision timetable so when we come back you can hit the ground running. Every extra 30 minutes you spend doing revision in a subject is a bonus.

Stay safe if you are trick or treating or at any firework displays and I will see you all on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Laws.



Year 11 period 5 for Art & Photography:

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All year 11 photographers and artists are invited to period
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Monday - Thursday in N1

And also **Wednesday in CG5**