



news from

# King's Lynn Academy

Friday 15th May 2026

## Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Bronze DofE training

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Break up for half term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School reopens after half term

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 ADT trip to London

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – T20 Cricket P.E trip

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 Ninja Warrior UK trip

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 parents evening – ON SITE

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> -DofE Bronze expedition

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 10 CWA taster day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 Majestic Cinema trip

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 9 Parents evening – ON SITE

## 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.

## 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 ad Careers \(eastern-mat.co.uk\)](http://eastern-mat.co.uk)**

## Swap Shop:

We run a swap shop here at KLA and our stocks are running low; if you have any uniform you no longer need please consider donating it to our swap shop.

## 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 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.

## The Warhammer Alliance at KLA:



After a break due to exams, the Warhammer Alliance is back up and running at KLA.

We are regularly running matches of Warhammer 40,000 and The Age of Sigmar, every Tuesday in S4, 3pm till 4:30pm.

In previous weeks we have started to build and paint the miniatures that we use in our games; whilst our members are also bringing in their own painted miniatures to show and use in matches.

The Warhammer Alliance is open to all year groups, for anyone that already plays, or wants to know how to play. Most weeks we have matches going on but we also run tutorials for anyone that is interested but has never played.

All of our equipment is paid for and is at no cost to students. We also have received a small donation to further the range of models we have which we will be building and using in the coming weeks.

Feel free to come along on a Tuesday and see what is going on.

Mr Blows.

### Lunchtime laptop homework club

Wednesday & Thursday  
lunchtime  
1.05pm - 1.40pm



We offer help with homework and a safe place to chat.

Find us in the office opposite Student Services

Achievement points given to anyone who attends.



## Sparx Learning

Maths learning (SPARX Maths) – Every week  
English learning (SPARX Reader) – Every Tuesday  
Science learning (SPARX Science) – Every Friday

## Homework

If you need help or just a quiet place to complete your homework, please come and join us in CG2 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3pm till 4pm In CG2



Miss Stevens, Mrs Davis and Mrs Adderson-Paul

# Kids



## Norfolk Parent Carer Service



# Summer Term Online Workshops



**Eating Challenges Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2pm - 4pm**

**Neurodivergent Teen Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Eating Challenges Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 1pm**

**Neurodivergent Teen Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2pm - 4pm**

**Sleep Challenges Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Parental Resilience Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2pm - 4pm**

**Parental Resilience Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 1pm**

**Managing Challenging Behaviours Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 11am - 1pm**

**Sleep Challenges Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - 4pm**

**Managing Challenging Behaviours Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - 4pm**

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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](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **ONLINE GROOMING**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

### STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

### EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

### GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

### THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

### GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

### CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

### CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

### UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

### STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

### Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.



See full reference list on our website



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# Self-care for teenagers

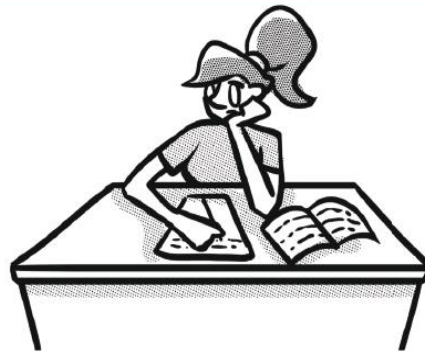
Information for parents and carers

## Did you know?



Self-care is anything you enjoy doing that helps make you happy and maintains your physical, mental or emotional health. Self-care helps parents and teens deal with life's everyday pressures in a more positive and rewarding way. Recent research has revealed that teaching teenagers how to balance their own needs now will help them in the future, while reducing some of the strain on their lives right now. Self-care can lead to healthier, happier, more adjusted young people. Studies have demonstrated that when parents practice self-care, it's been shown that teens are encouraged to do the same, and take this positive habit into later life. So, your self-care helps teach your child how to look after themselves better.

Research shows that we need to build self-care habits from an early age so that when your child hits difficulties and roadblocks, they are able to navigate them skilfully and stay strong and steady. Self-care for teenagers is crucial with all the hormone changes, mood swings, struggles with self-image, self-esteem and building independence.

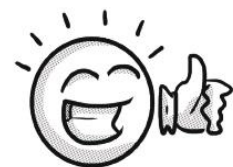


## What can you do?

Helping your child learn self-care can help them get through tough times such as exams, challenges or adversities. Suggest ideas to them about how to take care of their physical health, mental health and to be creative. Ideas include exercising, walking, having a manicure, going for a haircut, seeing friends, having a bath, reading books, listening to podcasts or drawing.

Self-care works best as a routine to help your child feel energised and deal with pressures well. Talk to your child about the importance of doing things they enjoy and that make them feel happy. Bounce ideas around with them, put them in the calendar and support them as they do them.

Encourage your child to make self-care a priority, remind them about it every so often and help them with what you can do together. Doing self-care activities together not only helps your child to cultivate good habits, it also helps your mind and body be at its best. Ideas don't need to be time consuming or elaborate, and sometimes they might be indulging! Get started by cooking healthy meals together, pursuing hobbies, taking pride in each other's appearance, having fun, getting outdoors, volunteering, or by watching a feel-good film.



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# PE Weekly Sports Bulletin:



## Medical Notes & Participation in PE

At KLA, we are committed to ensuring that all students get the most from their Physical Education experience—whether they are fully participating or temporarily unable to due to illness or injury.

If your child is unable to take part in PE for medical reasons, we kindly ask that they bring a written note from a parent or guardian, or medical evidence if the issue is ongoing. This helps us ensure their safety and allows us to tailor their involvement in a meaningful and appropriate way.

Unless a student is medically excused from physical movement altogether, we still expect them to bring their PE kit and be involved in the lesson in an alternative role, such as:

- Leading warm-ups
- Officiating or scoring
- Providing peer coaching or feedback
- Supporting their team as a captain or analyst

These roles are designed to continue developing key skills like leadership, communication and tactical awareness, even when physical participation isn't possible.

By remaining involved, students continue to progress, stay engaged with their peers, and maintain their connection to the curriculum.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a positive, inclusive and high-performing PE environment for all.

| <b>PE Club Timetable</b> |            |                                 |         |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Monday                   | 18/05/2026 | Year 7 Rounders                 | SLM/LCT |
|                          |            | Year 7 Cricket                  | DHE     |
| Tuesday                  | 19/05/2026 | Downham Fixture                 |         |
| Wednesday                | 20/05/2026 | Softball                        | DHE     |
|                          |            | Year 8 multisports              | SLM     |
|                          |            | Boys Paired Cricket tournament  | JOM     |
| Thursday                 | 21/05/2026 | Paired Cricket tournament girls | LCT     |
|                          |            | Year 7 multisports              | DHE/SLM |

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



With the weather returning to winter this week, I thought I would share my favourite flowers to hopefully bring some sunshine back for next week! Daffodils, I just love them! Who doesn't immediately think of Spring then the daffs appear right?!?!

Despite the chilly weather, year 7's are cranking up the heat and working super hard once again. The achievement points are flying high, one student gained 25 on their own in just one day!!!! That's amazing! The highest achiever this week, sitting nicely at the top of the leader board is **Alice Head**, with **Grace Brook** and **Katy Rollings** hot on her heels as just a few points behind. Fabulous work girls, super proud of you all.

Attendance in year 7 was 94% this week. If your child reports of a sore throat or headache, please give paracetamol and send them in. Every day matters. If your child has to have time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 602874** or email [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) 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.

My 'students of the week' are a group of students that performed in last week's musical of Grease. They are **Katy Rollings**, **Lucie Thurley**, **Darcie Matthews**, **Olivia Frowhawk**, **Zeke Raynor** and **Ted Barnard**. I think all the students that were involved were amazing, from leading roles to ensemble, to hair and make-up, backstage and props. The time and effort put in from each one of them was noticed! Well done everyone, it was 'Grease Lightning!'

Just a reminder of our academy's expectations regarding uniform; black tailored trousers or tailored shorts, no joggers, tracksuit bottoms, jeans, jeggings or leggings, KLA skirts only with white shirts, tie and blazer. 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. Fluffy, coloured socks are not permitted as uniform along with fleece lined leggings. Acrylic nails and hoop earrings are also not allowed for school. Our policy states one stud per ear. They are dangerous when taking part in practical subjects. Please can we ask that only items featured within our uniform policy are worn for both school uniform and PE uniform. A reminder for PE uniform - black KLA polo t-shirt, black KLA shorts, KLA outdoor top and KLA PE socks. Branded sportswear is NOT permitted as PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit.

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.



### Dates for your diary

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School closes for half term

Monday 1st June – School re-opens

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Ninja Warrior trip

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – End of year assessments start

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Majestic Cinema trip

Have the best weekend, stay safe and take care.

Mrs Mann.

# Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday !



Many thanks go to all my parents for supporting with the no water pistols in school, these will be confiscated if seen in school and thrown away.

Just a gentle reminder from me about uniform; please remember leggings are not permitted. Parents this week have been fabulous supporting with this. Some girls are creeping in with them we need them to be wearing 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.

We have also had a large number of students forgetting their PE kits; if they could be reminded to check their Arbor for their PE days, it would be much appreciated. PE kits are part of KLA uniform and are expected to be brought in for the lessons needed.

Attendance this past week has been **89.5%**, significantly lower than last week. Can we please attend each and every day wherever possible. Thank you all so much for your support with your child arriving on time this week; the lates for year 8 have definitely improved.

I totally appreciate there are some illnesses that cannot be prevented. If your child has to have time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 602874** or email [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) 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. **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/or video call.**

If your child is late without a valid reason time will be made up and they will work in the late room on arrival. Detentions are then set followed by after school detentions, without good reason for lateness.

As a year group we have achieved **2,860** points this past week up to yesterday! **Well done year 8!**

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

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

## Shout out section.

If your child does any activities outside of school, please let me know, so happy to share. Please email me, I 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

Break up for half term Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

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)

Have a wonderful weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Lockey.

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

Another busy week has flown by at school. Year 11 exams are now in full swing and students have adapted well to any changes this has meant for them around the school.

Attendance is so key each and every day at school. We have our end of year exams around the corner. Significant learning is taking place in each and every lesson. Please encourage your child to attend school if they feel able. Students can bring paracetamol with them to help them manage their symptoms and get through the day.

I have had a few emails regarding the option choices for next year, unfortunately, at the moment I have no information to share with you but can assure you as soon as the information is released you will be informed.

A reminder please, that blazers are an essential part of uniform that should be worn in school each day. Leggings are not permitted and lunch detention will be issued to those who are not wearing appropriate school trousers.

As always, a lovely amount of achievement points have been awarded to students this week. Well done to the highest achievers below:

| Student             | Wed - Wed |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Ellis, Summer       | 42        |
| Caplinskyte, Zhoiee | 40        |
| Murray, Martha      | 40        |
| Nicol, Alfie        | 39        |
| Oughton, Olivia     | 37        |

★ ★ Student of the week this week is well earned and goes to **Mia Wolstenholme**. Mia, you repeatedly work so hard each day and put all your effort in, thank you and well done. ★ ★

Congratulations to all students that performed in Grease last week. Hours and hours of rehearsals took place in order for them to put their masterpiece together. I hope all of you that came to see it were as impressed as we were, especially with the difficulties they had to overcome. The wait now begins to find out what we will have the delight of watching next year.

Just a reminder the dates for the exams so far are as follows:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 11.15 Maths

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 8.45 Maths

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 11.15 Science

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 11.15 Maths

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 11.45 Eng Literature

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 11.45 History

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 11.45 Geography

I hope the sun wins the argument and we end up with a lovely weekend!!

Mrs West.

## Year 10 Round Up compiled by Miss Fountain:

Happy Friday. Only one more left of this half term, then it's the final half term of year 10. I feel this year has totally raced through!

Please can I ask if you have any re-gifting or donations for our prom 2027, please could you either drop by reception or send in with your young person. They will all be so grateful, as any donations will fundraise towards an amazing prom.

### This week:

On Monday our lovely year 10's logged in and booked onto a course for the COWA open day which is on 22nd June. Such an exciting and fun day to look forward to. Hopefully, they will have chosen something they wish to continue post-16!

Attendance is dropping lower than expected at just over 92%, so please can I ask if it's something that a painkiller will help, try sending your young person in as not only do we have end of year exams coming up, the more they are here the more they will learn in preparation for GCSE's which will be happening in just a years' time! While we appreciate there are some absences that cannot be prevented, if your child must have time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 602874** or email [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) to let us know why. Please can I ask that if you do text my work phone or email me directly with absences, can you still please contact the attendance team.

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/or video call.

### Lates:

If your child is late without a valid reason time will be made up and they will work in the late room on arrival. Detentions are then set for lunchtime however this will be an after-school detention for a third late in a term, without a good reason for lateness.

### Celebrating each other:

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| <b>Mycock, Jacob</b> | <b>62</b> |
| Watts, Samuel        | 57        |
| Miller, Albie        | 53        |
| Rutter, Freya        | 53        |
| Strauts, Kevin       | 53        |

A huge shout out to Jacob !!! Top of the table again. Well done Jacob and well done to the others too. All amazing!

As a year group we collected an astounding 2656 achievement points. Well done to each and every one of my year 10's!

That's all from me this week. I hope you have a wonderful weekend and the sun shines!!

Take care.

Miss Fountain.

## Year 11 Round Up compiled by Mrs Laws:

That's the second week of GCSE's under our belt. The first full cohort exam went brilliantly on Monday with English, then we had Science and Maths later in the week. They have approached these exams like real troopers. Next Monday sees another Science GCSE and then English on Tuesday and Thursday.

On Monday the Engineering students will have an early lunch, then we go over to college for their exam and Tuesday the same will happen with the Child Development students.

As well as dealing with the GCSE's at present, I am likely to be off site quite a bit over the next few weeks as I will be visiting the primary schools with Mrs Culley-Tea, to meet the current year 6 students who will become my year 7 cohort in September. If you do need to get hold of me just bear this in mind as it may take me a bit longer than usual to get back to you.

You should have received a ParentMail this week regarding to prom tickets; please get them asap so we can give the caterers numbers.

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 the 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 87% 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 has to have time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 602874** or email [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) 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. 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/or video call.

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.

Reward points have been a bit thin on the ground this week for year 11's due to the exams, but they are all stars in my book.

Have a wonderful weekend. See you all on Monday.

Mrs Laws.

# Year 11 External Exam Timetable 2026

| Date                           | 09:00 Start   | 13:15 Start  |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May    | <b>Combined Science Trilogy Chemistry</b><br>8464/C/1F & 8464/C/1H<br>(1hr 15)<br><b>Chemistry Paper 1</b><br>8462/1F & 1H (1hr 45) | <b>Solving Engineering Problems</b><br>5799U30-1<br>(1hr 30)<br><b>Cowa (start TBC)</b>  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May   | <b>English Literature Paper 2</b><br>8702/2<br>(2hr 15)   | <b>Computer Science Paper 2</b><br>J277/02<br>(1hr 30)<br><b>Child Development</b><br>R057-01<br>(1hr 15) <b>Cowa (start TBC)</b>  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>French Listening &amp; Understanding</b><br>1FR1 2F/H<br>(50 min/1hr 5)  | <b>Religious Studies A P2A Excl Text</b><br>8062/2A<br>(1hr 45)  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May  | <b>English Language Paper 1</b><br>8700/1<br>(1hr 45)   | <b>Business Paper 2</b><br>8132/2<br>(1hr 45)  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May    |   |  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June    |   | <b>German Writing</b><br>1GN1 4F/H<br>(1hr 15/1hr 20)  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June   | <b>Combined Science Trilogy Physics</b><br>8464/P/1F & 8464/P/1H<br>(1hr 15)<br><b>Physics Paper 1</b><br>8463/1F & 1H (1hr 45)     | <b>Portuguese Listening and Reading</b><br>1PG0 1F & 1H<br>(35min /45 min)<br>1PG0 3F & 3H<br>(45 min /1hr)<br><b>Russian Listening and Reading</b><br>1RU0/ 1H & 3H<br>(50 min/1hr 5) |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June | <b>Mathematics Paper 2</b><br>8300/2F & 8300/2H<br>(1hr 30)   | <b>Health and Social Care</b><br>R032<br>(1hr 15)<br><b>Cowa (Start TBC)</b><br><b>Geography Paper 2</b><br>8035/2<br>(1hr 30)   |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June  | <b>History Paper 2</b><br>8145/2A/A & 8145/2B/C<br>(2hr)  | <b>French Reading</b><br>1FR1 3FH<br>(45 min/1hr)  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June    | <b>English Language Paper 2</b><br>8700/2<br>(1hr 45)   |  |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June    | <b>Combined Science Trilogy Biology</b><br>8464/B/2F & 8464/B/2H<br>(1hr 15)<br><b>Biology Paper 2</b><br>8461/2F & 2H (1hr 45)     | <b>Hair and beauty</b><br>(2hr)<br><b>Cowa</b><br><b>13:30 start</b><br><b>Further Maths Paper 1</b><br>8365/1<br>(1hr 45)<br><b>French Writing</b><br>1FR1 4F/H<br>(1hr 15/1hr 20)    |

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| Date                            | 09:00 Start   | 13:15 Start  |
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| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June    |   |  |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Mathematics Paper 3</b><br>8300/3F & 8300/3H<br>(1hr 30)   | <b>Russian Writing</b><br>1RU0/4H<br>(1hr 25)  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June  | <b>Geography Paper 3</b><br>8035/3<br>(1hr 30)  |  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June    | <b>Combined Science Trilogy Chemistry</b><br>8464/C/2F & 8464/C/2H<br>(1hr 15)<br><b>Chemistry Paper 2</b><br>8462/2F & 2H (1hr 45)     | <b>Portuguese Writing</b><br>1PG0 4F & 4H<br>(1hr 15 /1hr 20)<br><b>Hospitality &amp; Catering Unit 1</b><br>5409UB0-1<br>(1hr 20) |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June    | <b>Combined Sci Trilogy Physics</b><br><br>8464/P/2F & 8464/P/2H<br><br>(1hr 15)<br><b>Physics Paper 2</b><br><br>8463/2F & 2H (1hr 45) | <b>Further Maths Paper 2</b><br><br>8365/2<br><br>(1hr 45)   |

| Date                            | 09:00 Start   | 13:15 Start   |
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| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June | Contingency day, you must be available for this should an exam board move an exam to this date at short notice. | Contingency day, you must be available for this should an exam board move an exam to this date at short notice. |