



Friday 22nd May 2026

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 1st June – School reopens after half term
- Thursday 4th June – Year 10 ADT trip to London
- Friday 5th June – T20 Cricket P.E trip
- Tuesday 9th June – Year 7 Ninja Warrior UK trip
- Tuesday 9th June – Year 10 parents evening – ON SITE
- Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June-DofE Bronze expedition
- Monday 22nd June – Year 10 CoWA taster day
- Wednesday 24th June – Year 7 Majestic Cinema trip
- Thursday 2nd July – Year 9 Parents evening – ON SITE

Communication Chart:

	Who should I contact?	When will I get a response?	What should I do if I don't hear back?
My child will be absent from the academy	studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk 01553602874	The absence will be added to Arbor, no response is needed	
My child has an upcoming appointment	Head of Year firstname.surname@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk	The appointment will be added to Arbor, no response is needed	
There is an issue that I would like to discuss	Head of Year KLA reception – 01553 774671	Within 48 hours	Contact the Pastoral Manager Debbie.germaney@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk and KLA reception
I need to speak to the school urgently (same day)	KLA reception – stating that a response if required on the same day. This request will be passed on to the most relevant team member 01553 774671	Within 24 hours	KLA reception Kla.safeguarding@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

Please be aware that we are not able to see you if you arrive at the academy without an appointment

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.

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 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.

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



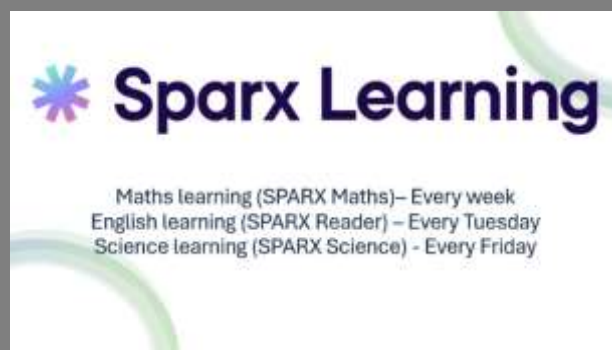
Lunchtime laptop homework club

Wednesday & Thursday
lunchtime
1:00pm - 1:40pm

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

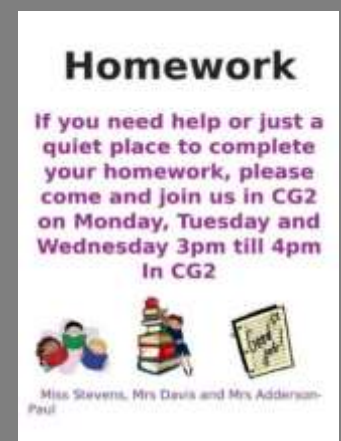
Find us in the office opposite Student Services

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 Addison-Paul

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. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **MINECRAFT**

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2025 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £15, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media, before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.



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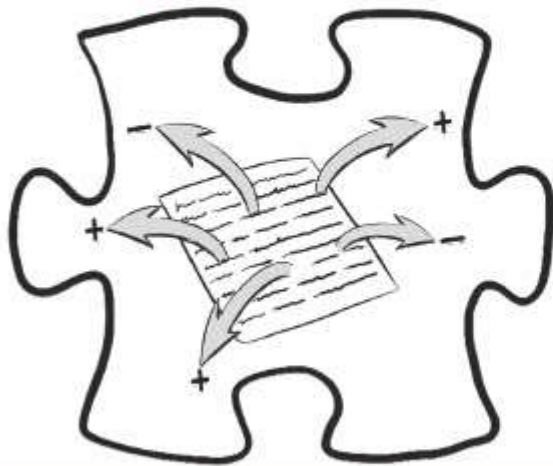
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How to support revisiting of learning

Information for parents and carers

Did you know?



Remembering information is the first step for students in mastering higher level skills. For students to be able to explain, analyse, evaluate and create, they need to have a firm knowledge of the information and terms involved first.

Ebbinghaus' forgetting curve aims to show us how information can be lost from our memories over time when we don't strive to retain it. This forgetting curve suggests that we will halve our memory of new information in just days, unless we revisit learning to gradually move it into our long-term memory.

The more frequently that information is revisited and used, the more likely it is to move into longer term memories. Research shows that revisiting learning frequently is more effective than mass-revision. Unfortunately, many students report that they don't feel like it's working and they prefer larger and rarer chunks. Knowing this is useful for us, and the young people we care about, so we can talk about it and address this issue, even showing them typical forgetting curves and sharing examples of these.



What can you do?

As early as possible, encourage your child to make notes of the key information for topics they are studying. They may highlight these in a book/on a sheet, write them down onto flash cards, create a mindmap or record them in any other way that they wish. Colour-coding these can be a helpful tool in aiding revisiting as students can identify in green what they are confident with, orange what they are unsure they would remember long term, and code in red that information they didn't know until they wrote it down or don't fully understand and may need to explore further.

Encourage revisiting of topics frequently, using a home-learning schedule. Discuss with your child the need to revisit learning as they progress through units,

move onto next ones and come to the end of a term or year. Revision shouldn't be revising all the knowledge from the entire year; we should aim to revisit learning frequently to embed it into our long-term memories and then revise the higher skills using this knowledge as we go further into the course.

Encourage your child to find ways to address 'red' areas and weaknesses. This doesn't necessarily need to be seeking a teacher's help, it might be reading about it in a textbook, online or practising a particular skill. They may wish to use some of the resources PiXL have created as part of our Independence package to help them to consider areas of weakness and different ways they can address this.

CUB & MAC Students:

Last week CUB and MAC students took part in CPR and AED training provided by the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Our trainer Simone delivered a brilliant session on what EAAA do, as well as teaching the students when and how to do CPR and use an AED device.

Simone commented that the students were fantastic and had lots of brilliant questions, including some that had never been asked before and that she will mention in future sessions! The students seemed to really enjoy the sessions and have learnt some very important potentially lifesaving skills. Well done to you all!



FiSH

Food in School Holidays

Join us for crafts and games plus
yummy **FREE** breakfast

All children welcome - bring your
grown up!

TUESDAY MAY 26TH

9.30am to 11.30am

at

Gaywood Church Rooms, Gayton Road

Booking recommended!

PM our Facebook page @stfaithsgaywoodlep



ECHOES of the EAST

On Thursday 14th we took 12 students to Banham Zoo to sing alongside the Echoes of the East choir. We were led by famous choir director Mark De Lisser who we have been working with for the past 3 years. Mark was interacting and seemed very impressed with our students being confident with their harmonies and sounding out amongst everyone else! Lots of fist bumps, recognition and personal chats had!

Looking forward to performing alongside the choir at the Banham zoo event in June! And there's even a celebrity special guest joining us too!

Here are some photos of our short time exploring the zoo following an all day rehearsal!



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PE Weekly Sports Bulletin:



The PE department would like to wish you an enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming the students back for a term of summer sports.

Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:



It's half term and definitely time to rest and refocus ready for the final leg of Year 7. It's been a wonderful week again with my students working incredibly hard across all subjects, enjoying time out on the field at lunch, and getting ready for their trip to Ninja Warrior.

As a year group we have achieved over 2900 positive achievement points which is a phenomenal amount! Well done year 7. **Alice Head** was the highest achiever this week with 62 achievements points. Amazing Alice.

Attendance in year 7 was 95% this week but let's see if we can improve this after half term. If your child reports 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 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.

Just another little reminder regarding uniform; black tailored trousers or black tailored shorts, no jeans, joggers, trackies or leggings, KLA skirts only with white shirts, tie and blazer. If your child wears a KLA jumper, they must still wear their blazer. The jumpers are optional uniform, blazers are not. 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 and acrylic nails are also not allowed for school. PE kit is a black KLA polo t-shirt and KLA shorts. Any branded sportswear is not acceptable.

Just to let you know there are still spaces for the Majestic Cinema trip on Wednesday 24th June. If your child is not on either trip and now wants to join the cinema trip, please ask me for a letter after half term.

Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd May – Break up for half term

Monday 1st June – School re-opens to all

Tuesday 9th June – Trip to Ninja Warrior UK

Wednesday 24th June – Trip to Majestic Cinema

Have a fantastic half term week, stay safe and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Mann.

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday! Happy half term!



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 but 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 **91.8%**, slightly higher 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 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 **2,906** points this past week up to yesterday! **Well done year 8!**

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

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

Shout out section.

Shout out this week goes to **Valeria Soldatikhina** and her recent swimming competition. She had a very successful East regional competition, where she won 1 gold medal, 1 bronze. She also qualified in three events for the Nationals in the Summer. Well done Valeria we are so proud of you!



If your child does any activities outside of school, please let me know. I'm 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

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Break up for half term Friday 22nd May 2026.

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

Mrs Lockey.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

We have made it!

I had the delight of being able to spend some of my evening with the students that are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award last night whilst they were setting up their practice camps on the field. It was amazing to see them all being so independent and see them enjoying spending time with each other. It is such a great experience for the students to have and I am extremely thankful to Miss Bowen, Mr Robinson, Mrs Jordan and Mrs Goodson for giving up their time to make this possible.

Well done to all the wonderful students for their achievements this year so far.

Student	Points
Ellis, Summer	1097
Nicol, Alfie	973
Caplinskyte, Zhoiee	966
Lambert, William	894
Osborne, Thea	888

These are the amazing amount of achievement points that have been earnt since the start of Year 9.

★ ★ Student of the week this week goes to **Maisie Frost**. Your resilience has been outstanding this week, well done. Enjoy the rest next week. ★ ★

Have a fabulous break everybody!!!

Mrs West.

Year 10 Round Up compiled by Miss Fountain:



Hi all,

First of all, can I ask for some support regarding our prom, for next year please. I am currently in the process of setting up a prom committee and we have had so many ideas from students for ways to raise funds towards it. I am hoping to host a raffle on parents evening, 9th June, so any prizes you could donate I would be so very grateful. Thank you



Please can I ask you support the school by ensuring your young people have the correct uniform on every day.

Just a little reminder; leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted under any circumstance, ties and blazers are compulsory!

Attendance this week was sitting at just 90%. I really need students in especially with exams coming up; revision lessons are so important. 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 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.

Exam date reminders:

Tuesday 16th June - Maths Paper 1 - 1hr 30 mins

MFL – Reading - 45 min

Wednesday 17th June - English Language Paper 1 - 1hr 45 mins

Thursday 18th June – Biology - 1hr 15/1hr 45

English Literature Paper 1 - 50 mins

Friday 19th June – Geography - 1hr 30

Tuesday 23rd Jun - Maths Paper 2 - 1hr 30 mins

History Paper 1 - 1hr

Wednesday 24th June Chemistry -1hr 15 mins/ 1hr 45 mins

Thursday 25th June English Literature Paper 2 - 2hr 15 min

MFL - Writing - 1hr

Friday 26th June - Maths Paper 3 - 1hr 30 mins

Music - 1hr 15

Monday 29th June - Physics - 1hr 15/1hr 45 mins

Tuesday 30th June - English Language Paper 2 - 1hr 45 mins

History Paper 2 - 1hr

Wednesday 1st July - Religious Studies - 1hr 45

Thursday 2nd July - Citizenship 1hr 45 mins

Comp Science -1hr 30 mins

Friday 3rd July - Business - 1hr 45

Hospitality and Catering - 1hr 20 mins

Year 10 Round Up continued....

Celebrating school achievements:

What a great week back for achievement points this week, the top 3 are as follows:

Student	Total
Rutter, Freya	38
Watts, Samuel	36
Dey, Millie	35
Mycok, Jacob	35

Well done to them all 😊

Celebrating each other:

If your young person has anything you think we should shout from the rooftop, do not hesitate to email me and I will add it to our parent bulletin.

Anything else:

We have seen a number of water pistols being brought into school. For obvious reasons, these are NOT ALLOWED and if they are seen, they WILL be confiscated and thrown away.

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Monday 1st June – School reopens after half term

Tuesday 9th June – Yr 10 parents evening – ON SITE

So, that's all from me. Have a wonderful week whatever you do. I will speak to you all soon.

Take care,

Miss Fountain.

Year 11 Round Up compiled by Mrs Laws:



We've made it to the half term break and the halfway mark of the GCSE's.

I hope the year 11's have enjoyed their extra day at home on study leave today.

You have been amazing so far with your attitude and hard work towards your exams. I am so proud of you all.

Important half term revision sessions

The following revision session is being put on in school during next week's half term for anyone who wishes to attend:

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 11AM TO 1PM

History paper 2 (Elizabeth 1 and Health and the people) DTO S7

Also, Science will be sending you a podcast to view at the beginning of the week.

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.



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.

Have a wonderful week off. Recharge those batteries ready for the final hurdle of GCSE's and your last couple of weeks here at KLA!!!

Just a reminder the year 11 prom tickets are now on sale.

See you when we get back.

Mrs Laws.



Year 11 External Exam Timetable 2026

Date	09:00 Start	13:15 Start
Monday 1 st June		German Writing 1GN1 4F/H (1hr 15/1hr 20)
Tuesday 2 nd June	Combined Science Trilogy Physics 8464/P/1F & 8464/P/1H (1hr 15) Physics Paper 1 8463/1F & 1H (1hr 45)	Portuguese Listening and Reading 1PG0 1F & 1H (35min /45 min) 1PG0 3F & 3H (45 min /1hr) Russian Listening and Reading 1RU0/ 1H & 3H (50 min/1hr 5)
Wednesday 3 rd June	Mathematics Paper 2 8300/2F & 8300/2H (1hr 30)	Health and Social Care R032 (1hr 15) Cowa (Start TBC) Geography Paper 2 8035/2 (1hr 30)
Thursday 4 th June	History Paper 2 8145/2A/A & 8145/2B/C (2hr)	French Reading 1FR1 3FH (45 min/1hr)
Friday 5 th June	English Language Paper 2 8700/2 (1hr 45)	
Monday 8 th June	Combined Science Trilogy Biology 8464/B/2F & 8464/B/2H (1hr 15) Biology Paper 2 8461/2F & 2H (1hr 45)	Hair and beauty (2hr) Cowa 13:30 start Further Maths Paper 1 8365/1 (1hr 45) French Writing 1FR1 4F/H (1hr 15/1hr 20)
Tuesday 9 th June		
Wednesday 10 th June	Mathematics Paper 3 8300/3F & 8300/3H (1hr 30)	Russian Writing 1RU0/4H (1hr 25)
Thursday 11 th June	Geography Paper 3 8035/3 (1hr 30)	
Friday 12 th June	Combined Science Trilogy Chemistry 8464/C/2F & 8464/C/2H (1hr 15) Chemistry Paper 2 8462/2F & 2H (1hr 45)	Portuguese Writing 1PG0 4F & 4H (1hr 15 /1hr 20) Hospitality & Catering Unit 1 5409UB0-1 (1hr 20)
Monday 15 th June	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics 8464/P/2F & 8464/P/2H (1hr 15) Physics Paper 2 8463/2F & 2H (1hr 45)	Further Maths Paper 2 8365/2 (1hr 45)

Year 11 External Exam Timetable 2026 continued..

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Wednesday 24 th 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