news from

King's Lynn Academy

Friday 26th June 2026

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd July – Year 9 parents evening – ON SITE

Friday 3rd July - Non uniform day

Monday 6th, Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July – Year 10 Geography fieldwork

Friday 17th July – Last day of term

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.

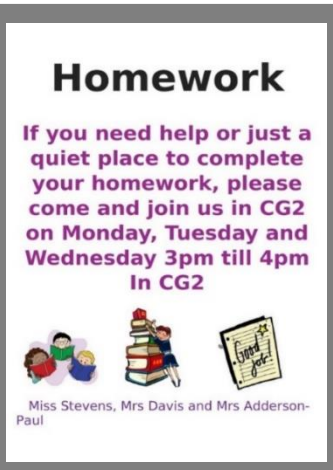
Swap Shop:

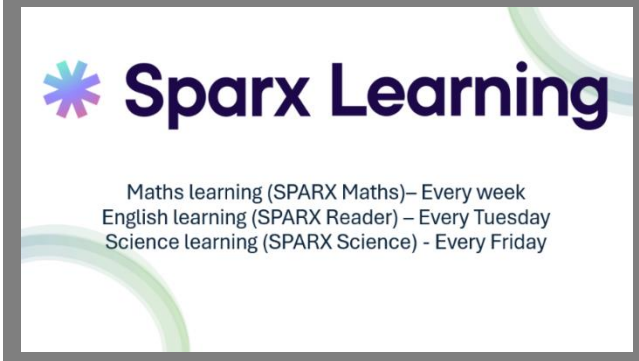
We run a swap shop here at KLA and our stocks are running low; if you have any uniform you no longer need please consider donating it to our swap shop.

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)





DofE News

Wow what an amazing experience our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition was!

It has taken me a few days to recover and be able to put into words, how truly amazing our students are. They were really outstanding.

Bronze Qualifying Expedition

On the first day it took a while to get the hang of independently navigating and following their route but they soon became confident in what they were doing. It was fantastic to see the groups at our various check points along the route and that they were doing well. Once all groups got back to camp, there wasn't much of a break as they needed to get their tents and dinner cooked before they could really relax.

The second day involved an early start and having to pack camp away. All groups had set off on their second day in a cheery mood looking forward to getting home and having a shower! However it wasn't all smiles as tiredness did set in and there were plenty of tears and sighs of relief (not just from taking their rucksacks off) as the groups finished the route on the second day. Overall it has been an amazing experience for all students and certainly one they will never forget!

I truly cannot fathom the words to say how proud I am of every single one of these students. You are amazing!

Miss Bowen
DofE Co-ordinator

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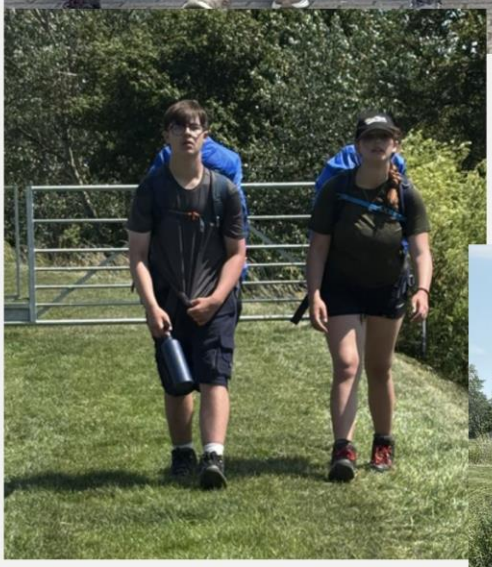

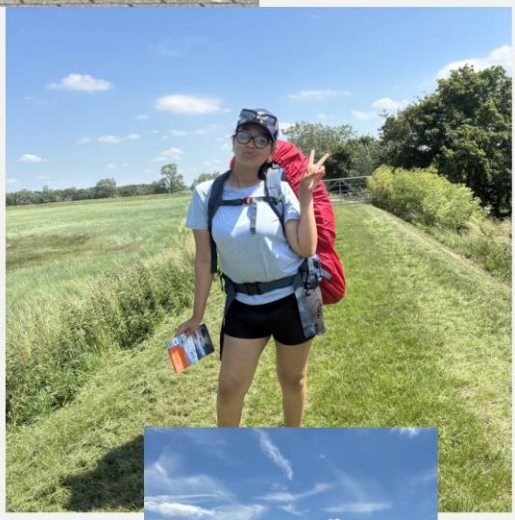

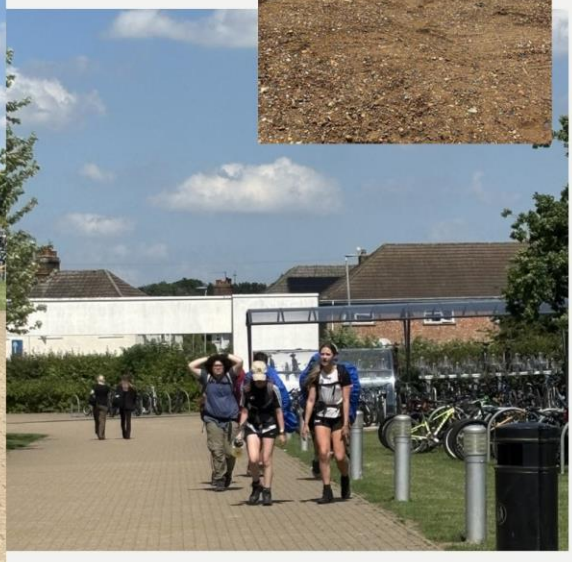

Online Safety:

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Educators Need to Know about

INVOICE FRAUD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send convincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses, and schools.

COMMUNICATIONS CLAIMING URGENCY

Communications that claim to be urgent or highlight late payments may be a key sign. Fraudsters often apply pressure to rush decisions and stop checks. Take a moment to verify the request using trusted contacts before making any payment.

CHANGES TO BANK DETAILS

Receiving messages saying a regular supplier has changed their bank account details can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may impersonate contacts to redirect payments. Always verify changes first using known supplier contact details.

DISCREPANCIES AGAINST PREVIOUS INVOICES

Be wary of invoice details that don't match authentic, previously issued invoices, such as amounts, reference numbers or contact names. Fraudsters often alter small details to avoid detection. Always query any differences using your supplier's contact details.

MINOR EMAIL CHANGES

Look out for slight changes to a supplier's email address, such as extra characters or spelling differences. Fraudsters often use similar looking addresses to appear genuine. Always check the sender carefully and verify any concerns using known contact details before responding or making a payment.

UNEXPECTED PAYMENT REQUESTS

Invoices or payment requests for goods or services you do not recognise can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may send false invoices hoping they will be paid without question. Check records and confirm with the supplier before processing any unfamiliar request.

UNUSUAL LANGUAGE OR TONE

WE NEED PAYING NOW!

Messages with unusual wording, grammar or spelling compared to your usual supplier communications may indicate fraud. Criminals often copy legitimate messages but may not match the usual tone or style. The rise in artificial intelligence (AI) means errors are no longer as common or obvious. Be cautious and verify the request if anything seems out of place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

VERIFY BANK DETAILS

Always confirm any change to a supplier's bank details before making a payment. Use a trusted phone number or a long-standing contact you have used before, not the details provided in the request. This helps ensure you are dealing with a genuine supplier and prevents payments being redirected to fraudsters.

CROSS-CHECK INVOICES

Compare new invoices with those previously issued by the supplier in question. Check key details such as amounts, bank details, reference numbers and contact information. Differences may indicate fraud, so always investigate and verify anything that does not match before making a payment.

DUAL PAYMENT APPROVAL

Ask a trusted person to review and approve high-value payments. A second set of eyes can help spot unusual details or warning signs that might otherwise be missed. This adds an extra layer of control and reduces the risk of errors or fraudulent payments being processed.

REPORT FRAUD QUICKLY

If you suspect fraud, act immediately. Contact your bank using 159 or their official number and report it to Report Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040. Keep all emails and documents. For more guidance, or to register for counter fraud alerts, see DfE counter fraud guidance. You can find the invoice fraud leaflet on the National Crime Agency website.

Meet Our Expert

Evan Williams is a counter fraud manager at the Department for Education. Having led the function there for many years, he now focuses on continual improvement, communication, and innovation. He proudly oversaw the growth of the counter fraud team during the pandemic, having worked in counter fraud for 16 years since starting his civil service career with the National Crime Agency back in 2010.

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Positive relationships and social connections

Information for parents and carers

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Did you know?

During adolescence, young people learn how to form safe and healthy relationships with friends, parents, teachers, and romantic partners. Research has identified that teenage relationship abuse is associated with a range of adverse outcomes for young people, including mental health, depression and suicide.

Research shows that positive social connections with people at all stages in life helps ensure healthy development, physically, socially, and emotionally. As children transition to adolescence and start to spend less time with parents and siblings, friendships with peers become an increasingly important source of these social connections. Strong relationships and positive friendships can help encourage healthy habits.

Studies have shown that developing and maintaining a positive and strong parent-adolescent relationship has real consequences. Positive parent-child relationships are associated with higher levels of adolescent self-esteem, happiness, and life satisfaction, and lower levels of emotional and physical distress.

What can you do?

Help provide opportunities for your child to develop social skills through building relationships with others in different settings. This could be by encouraging them to see their friends, join a youth group and take part in hobbies with others or local sports. Social connections and experiences can help your child discover who they are, improve their happiness and develop coping skills.

Talk to your child about different kinds of relationships, resolving conflicts, maintaining friendships and what healthy, positive relationships consist of such as:

- Mutual respect
- Being yourself
- Trusting each other
- Having different opinions and knowing it's okay
- Not feeling pressured into doing things they don't want to do

Have a look at the Relate website for all kinds of relationship advice to help you support your child in the best possible way: www.relate.org.uk

Your relationship with your child is equally, if not more, important than any other as it will last well into adulthood. Some degree of conflict is normal but your child will still rely on you for emotional support, to set boundaries and to be a role model. Make sure you spend quality time with your child, have fun and laugh with them, talk to them, encourage them and be there if they need help.

e: enquiries@pixl.org.uk **www.pixl.org.uk**

PE Weekly Sports Bulletin:

Tuesday 30th June	**Terrington**	Emailed Date confirmed	AWAY	
	Year 7 Rounders 3 boys max			SLM
	Year 8 Rounders 3 boys max			JOM
	Year 9 Rounders 3 boys max			DHE
	Year 10 Rounders 3 boys max			

Year 11 PE Kit Donation Appeal

As year 11 have now completed their final PE lessons, we would like to ask for your support with a PE kit donation appeal.

If students have any school PE kit that is no longer needed and you would like to donate it back to the school, we would be incredibly grateful. Donated items can be reused to support other students and help ensure spare kit is available when needed.

Any clean, good-quality items would be very much appreciated. Donations can be handed in to the PE department.

Thank you in advance for your support and to year 11 for all of their effort and involvement in PE over the years.

Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Hello heatwave! Wow, what a week it has been! It's been a hot, sweaty one for us all. I'm incredibly proud of my year 7's and how well they have managed both their exams in the hall this week; as you can imagine, it's been very hot in there too! They settled well which meant that the exam could start promptly meaning less time sat getting even hotter.

We have been very lucky this week with Mr Fletcher relaxing our uniform wearing, however, sad that some students didn't then respect the rules. It was clear that students were to wear either their white school shirts with black tailored trousers or tailored shorts (no blazer or tie) or their KLA PE top and KLA PE shorts. Should we experience anymore extremely hot days where the decision is made to relax the uniform, please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately in uniform stated. From MONDAY 29TH JUNE, students are expected to return to full KLA uniform please.

This week saw another successful trip, this time to the Majestic Cinema. Whilst the walk over was a warm one, we all appreciated the air con once there! Toy Story 5 was brilliant, loved by all whilst eating our popcorn and refreshing cold drinks. Well done to all the students that attended and to Mrs Culley-Tea and Mrs Mellor for joining us too.

Attendance in year 7 was 95% this week. If your child has to have time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 602874** or email **student.absence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk** 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.

Dates to remember

Monday 29th June – 11.35am (P3) Last exam in the hall – Maths paper 2 – 45 minutes

Friday 3rd July – Non-uniform day – suggested £1 donation

Wednesday 8th July – Junior Sports Day – year 7 & 8 (Mrs Lockey and I love sports day!)

Friday 17th July – Last day of term as Year 7's

Have the best weekend, enjoys BBQ's in the garden but make sure to stay safe in the sun please.

Mrs Mann.

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday! Something to celebrate; since starting back in September we have racked up 119,664 achievement points, how amazing!

Uniform will be back to normal for next week hopefully the temperatures will have dropped slightly by then.

Just a gentle reminder from me about uniform, thanks to you all for supporting us with this, but please remember **leggings are not permitted.** Some girls are creeping in with them we need them to be trousers or KLA skirts. If there are any issues, please feel free to let me know if we can help in any way. We always endeavour to support all the children. Some parents have been contacted regarding their child not wearing blazers and ties these are not optional I'm afraid they need to be worn every day.

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. We do have spares but there is not always enough to go round.

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.

Mrs Mann kindly passed on some places to go to the Majestic Cinema this week to see Toy Story 5; these were offered to the top 20 achievers. Watch this space for a rewards trip for the future. Many thanks go to all that helped with this trip.

Attendance this past week has been **91.2%**, slightly lower than last week. Can we please attend each and every day wherever possible. 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 as well. **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.**

As a year group we have achieved **1,143** points this past week up to yesterday! **Well done year 8! Keep up all your hard work!**

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 **Yosra Yousufi,** he 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, 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**

Dates for diary

End of term Friday 17th July 2026.

Have a wonderful weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Lockey.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

We have made it to the end of a very hot week and, I am, as always, so proud of the year group. They have soldiered on and sat the exams required and really have been superstars.

We have the current year 6 joining us on Monday for 3 taster days. It is a great opportunity for the new cohort to get used to the school. Student commissioners are always key to this day running smoothly and I thank them for their hard work.

🥇 Sports day sign up is now open. The students love this event and it is great to see them all working as a team on the day. 🥇

Parents Evening is on site on Thursday, it will be lovely to see you all. Please let us know if you have any problems booking appointments as we are happy to assist with this.

All of the amazing points below have been awarded this week. Congratulations to the top scorers!

Student	Points
Nicol, Alfie	45
Ellis, Summer	43
Ellis, Sophia	31
Partridge, Joey	31
Everitt, Emily	29

⭐ ⭐ Student of the week this week is **Bella Savage**. Well done on all you have achieved in your exams so far. Keep it up!! ⭐ ⭐

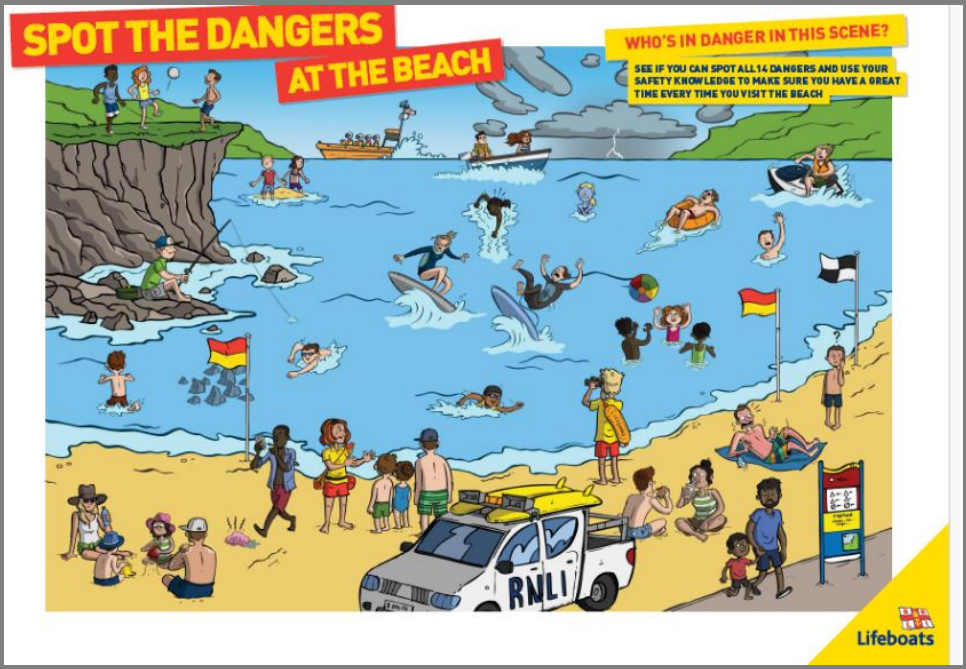
Uniform needs to return back to normal on Monday please, thank you.

Have a great weekend!!

Mrs West.

Year 10 Round Up compiled by Miss Fountain:

Happy Friday everyone, what a week!! The heat has definitely been a struggle for some. Please make sure your young person has a bottle of drink with them, which can be filled up during the day, sun lotion also please.



Water safety:

It has been brought to my attention that lots of young people have been going to Bawsey for a swim!! Please discourage any of the youngsters from doing that. I can't be more serious when I say it terrifies me!! It is so unsafe and when you hear the stories from there, it is scary to think some believe it is ok to swim there. **Please remember to tell them how unsafe it is and how cold-water shock can happen so easily!**

This week:

- What another great week! The 2nd week of our end of year exams and my year 10's have been absolutely brilliant, then to add in the extra struggle of the heat, I couldn't be prouder! Again, please tell them how proud you are of them.
- As you know, on Monday we attended the College of West Anglia for my students to try out a course for the day to see what they think of college for their post-16 choices. The College put on such a great day of experiences for the year 10's, I was amazed at some of the wonderful work completed. I even witnessed a crime scene.....! (forensic science purposes only I promise 😁!)

Celebrating our achievements:

This week, due to exams, achievement points have been given a lot less unfortunately, so I have decided to congratulate EVERY SINGLE YEAR 10!!

Well done to them all!

Everything else:

Uniform: Whilst uniform is relaxed at the moment, it still means there are certain things they should and shouldn't be wearing!

Sliders are a big no-no!!

PE t-shirts and PE shorts - no alternatives! Or, shirt and trousers.

Obviously from next week it may be back to normal so please remember NO LEGGINGS!

Thank you so much for your support with this.

Year 10 Round Up continued:

Attendance:

Can I ask you keep me updated when your young people are too unwell to attend by contacting KLA on either:

studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk or call the absence line 01553 602874.

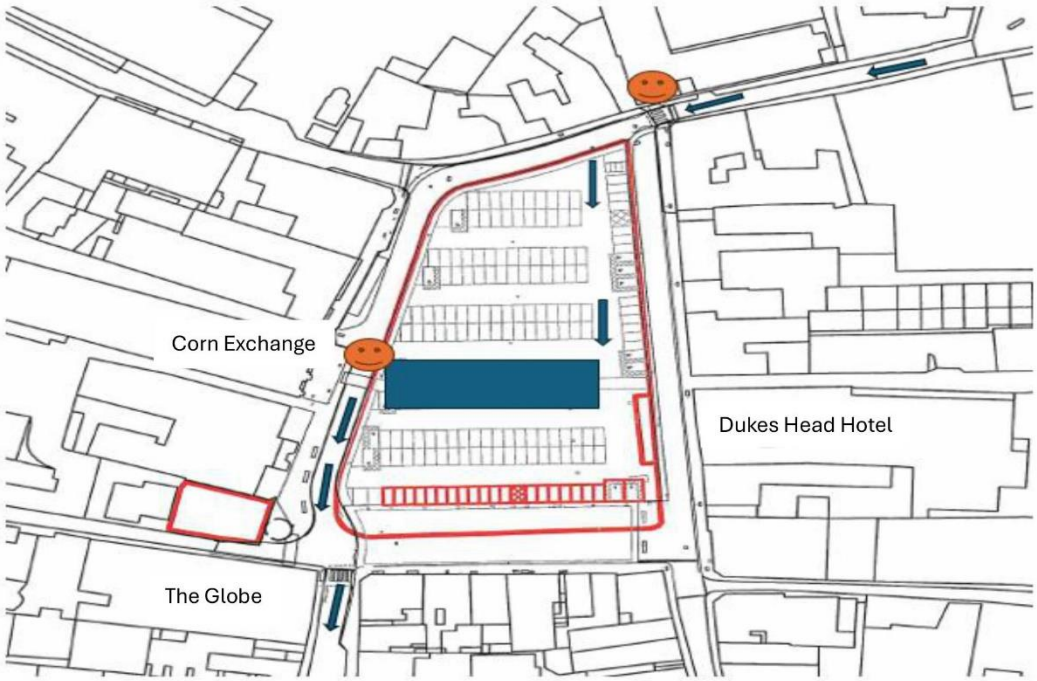
Anything else:

If you have anything you think deserves a shout-out, please let me know and I will pop it into the bulletin next week. I have nothing left to say other than have a fabulous weekend and stay safe in the sun.

Miss Fountain.

Year 11 Round Up compiled by Mrs Laws:

Vehicle arrival details

Chauffer's should to be instructed to enter via North Street and enter St Ann's Fort car park (holding area), this is the car park near the Port Gate just past Enterprise Car Hire. When instructed by the stewards vehicles will enter via St Ann's Street, turn right into St Nicholas Street and then after the zebra crossing turn immediately left onto Tuesday Market Place car park, follow signage into allotted drop off area and then exit by turning left out of drop off area and exiting town via King Street. We will have stewards/staff to manage the communications between each point.

Cars can start to arrive at the holding area from 5pm, vehicles will be instructed to move to the Corn Exchange from 5.30pm by the stewards. Please respect the staff and stewards, they are there for everyone's safety. Students will need to be sat down at 7pm, prom finishes promptly at 11pm.