

Parent Bulletin

Friday 15th September 2023

Dates for your diary:

Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st September – Year 6 Open day tours (see flyer)

Wednesday 20th September – Year 11 London Trip

Thursday 21st September – Year 6 Open evening (see flyer)

Friday 22nd September – Student photos

Wednesday 27th September – Year 7 Settling in meeting

Friday 29th September – Non uniform day for MacMillan

Friday 20th October – Last day of term

Friday 5th July 2024 - Year 11 Prom

Internet Safety Webinar:

[Recorded Online Safety webinar for parents and carers - YouTube](#)

Norfolk police have put together this webinar for parents, it is split into chunks.

1. Introduction
2. PC Smith PC Funnell - safer schools
3. SCOLT (Safeguarding Children Online Team) - advice about how to check mobile phones (iPhones and Android)
4. Prevent
5. Cyber security
6. Youth Engagement

Parent Voice:

We would like to advise you that you are able to give your views on the Academy not just during inspections. We value your opinion and would encourage you to do this at:

[Parent Voice \(office.com\)](https://parentvoice.office.com)

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 Multi-Academy \(ciphr-irecruit.com\)](http://Eastern Multi-Academy (ciphr-irecruit.com))


DT department needs your help....

Please can we ask all students/parents to save us their plastic bottle tops. We are doing a project where we recycle them.

If students just bring them to the Technology department, we will have a big box to put them in.



Dyslexia Friendly School Lesson and H/W Strategies




Dyslexia Friendly Lesson Strategies

- Visual aids to support;
- Scaffolding questions;
- Electronic support i.e. laptop/ audio books/ apps;
- Paddle/white boards;
- Coloured background for PowerPoints etc.;
- Overlays;
- Mind maps and flow charts;
- Coloured paper / exercise books.

"Dyslexia is a learning difficulty that primarily affects the skills involved in accurate and fluent reading and spelling. Characteristic features of dyslexia are difficulties on phonological awareness, verbal memory and verbal processing speed."

(ROSE 2009)
King's Lynn Academy Ethos



Dyslexia Friendly Homework Tips

- Find a quiet time and place for homework;
- Set a routine with a visual planner/timetable;
- Chunk homework to allow for breaks;
- Use encouragement, praise and rewards for task completion;
- Encourage child to read at least 5 minutes a day;
- Use finger rule or ruler to follow text.

If lessons or homework become a concern, please contact the school for support/advice.

Year 6 Open day Tours; 1 Ticket per family of 3.

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OPEN DAY TOURS

Monday 18th September - Thursday 21st September 2023

Our open day tours are a chance for you to see our school in action. Please register for one ticket only per family (max 3 people attending per family). These tours are only open for parents with a child currently in Year 6 and due to transfer to high school next September. We look forward to seeing you.

To book your tour ticket please visit our website:

<https://www.kingslynnacademy.co.uk>

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 21st September 6pm-8pm.

We would like to welcome you to our King's Lynn Academy open evening. This event is only for parents with children currently in year 6, due to transfer to high school next September. We look forward to seeing you.

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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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CENSORED

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

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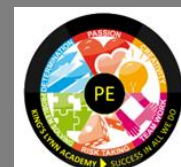
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PE Weekly Sports Bulletin:



PE lunch time clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS3 Basketball (JOM) (Trainers required)	KS3 Basketball (JOM) (Trainers required)	Basketball All (JOM) (Trainers required)	Badminton (SLE) (Trainers required)	Badminton (SLE) (Trainers required)
Football KS3 (DHE) (Sports kit and boots required)	Football KS3 (DHE) (Sports kit and boots required)	Fitness Suite (SCA) (Active clothing and trainers required)	Dodgeball (JOM) (Trainers required)	Dodgeball (JOM) (Trainers required)
	Fitness Suite (SCA) (Active clothing and trainers required)		Table tennis (DHE) (Trainers required)	

PE after school clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS3 Girls Football (SLE)	Netball (SCA/KLW)	Fitness (JOM)	Basketball KS3 JOM	Fitness suite (SLE)
Kinball (SCA)	Badminton (LCT/SLE)	KS4 Basketball (LCT)	Dance <i>Start date TBC</i>	
KS3 Boys Football (DHE)	KS4 Football (DHE)	Sport Studies Period 6 (SLE)	Gymnastics SCA	

PE Weekly Sports Bulletin continued.....

FIXTURES!!

Lots of fixtures coming soon! Watch this space.

Ready for PE Reminders

- It has been great to have PE lessons back up and running this week!
- Most students have been prepared with their kit and ready to learn.
- Please remember that no jewellery or acrylic/false nails should be worn in lesson due to the health and safety risk they pose.

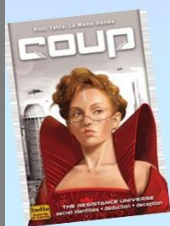
A club for games that involve dice, luck and cardboard!

Open to all years



Board Game **GEEK** Club

You can bring your own games to play!



Friday lunchtimes, in CF2, with Mr Essex

"Games are the most elevated form of investigation" – Albert Einstein

CHESS CLUB

***Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday lunchtimes in CF2***

with Mr Essex



PERFORMING ARTS

LUNCH CLUBS

Monday
KS3 Band



SPLAT

Tuesday
PA Games
Club

Wednesday
Musical Theatre Film
Club



Wednesday After
School
KS4 Band

Thursday
Instrument
Practice

Friday
Choir



Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

If your child has to have some time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 779635** or call the main reception and select option 1 to explain why. Alternatively, there is an absence email you are able to contact us on **studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk** If we send you a text message and you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child 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.

What a fantastic week Year 7 have had settling into school routines and their lessons. All students are doing a fantastic job of finding their way around the school and they are getting used to asking for help when needed. Please remind students that if they do have any concerns they must tell a staff member. At social times I can always be found in my duty area in the English corridor should they wish to speak to me.

In total for Year 7 we have an amazing 3411 achievement points! **Millie Thurlow** is our top scorer so far with a total of 33 points. Congratulations year 7 - I am so proud!

I hope those going on the PGL trip have a fantastic time and I hope all others have a great weekend.

See you next week.

Mrs West

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

A huge thank you for the effort you have all put in to get your young person into school, on time, looking smart in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment.

If, for any reason, you cannot get them here on time, please let us know as soon as possible so we are aware. Students are to arrive before 08:30am with lessons beginning at 08:35am.

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

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

If your child has to have time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 779635** or call the main reception and select option 1 to explain why, or email the absence team **studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk** 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.

Other than that, have a lovely weekend, in the much needed and awaited sunshine, while it lasts, stay safe and I will see you soon.

Lucy Fountain.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Well, what a cracking start to the first full week at KLA the year 9's have had! I have managed to stick my head in a few lessons this week and students are doing brilliant work.

The uniform is looking very smart with just a couple of issues in year 9 which is great, so thank you.

Can I please remind students that they need to be bringing in their knowledge organisers and a bag every day. Now the weather is turning chilly, students will also need to be putting their coats/hoodies in their bags when they enter the building. If students forget their bags, we can hang their coats etc. up and they can get them back at the end of the day, they are not allowed to carry/wear them around the academy.

Attendance in Year 9 was 93.7% which is down on last week. Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you that have 100% attendance this academic year so far. Well done to those of you who were here this week. If your child has to have some time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 779635** or call the main reception and select option 1 to explain why. Alternatively, there is an absence email you are able to contact us on studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk If we send you a text message and you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child explaining why they have been away.

As a group we have achieved 1300 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Elijah Gedge** congratulations to him!



There are 2 students of the week this week. **Pixie Lock** and **Alfie Chapman**, both joined us on the first day back and have settled in brilliantly, it's like they have been here since year 7. Well done guys.

Our assembly this week was led by Mr Bugg, talking about the importance of the year ahead in their school life with choosing their options on the horizon and reminding students of our expectations.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Laws.

Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Happy Friday everyone!

It has been such a busy week here and pleased to report that students has settled well in their GCSE subjects.

A weekly reminder of our academy's expectations regarding uniform. Black trousers, no jeans or leggings. KLA skirts only with white shirts, tie and blazer. If you do have any issues with your child's uniform this or if you need any help purchasing items, please do not hesitate to contact me as we have some really good uniform in the swap shop which may help. If any students have borrowed any ties from us over the last few weeks, PLEASE can we have them back ASAP. I'd also like to remind you that fluffy coloured socks are not permitted as uniform. We have also noticed acrylic nails popping up again these also are not allowed for school. They are dangerous when taking part in practical subjects. Please can we ask that they are not worn for school.

Attendance in Year 10 was 93% this week. Not bad for the first full week back but I would love this to be better. We do have a few bugs still kicking about too. Well done to those of you who were here this week. If your child has to have some time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 779635** or call the main reception and select option 1 to explain why. Alternatively, there is an absence email you are able to contact us on studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk If we send you a text message and you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child 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.

The head of year team monitor the number of students arriving late into school so I would like to remind you that all students need to be in school and ready to learn before 8:35am please. There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these can be followed by after school detentions for 30 minutes the same day.

As a group we have achieved a massive 1843 reward points which is amazing as always! Our highest achiever was Lilly Bocock with a whopping 17 points this week. A huge congratulations to Lilly and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts this week. It has been a great start.

My student of the week is **Isla-Mae Garrod**. Isla is a fantastic student who consistently works hard across all her subjects giving 100% to every lesson. I think the 45 achievement points across 7 school days shows this. Well done Isla, please keep this up.

Please let me know if you have any news to share about what your children are doing outside of school as I'd love to hear about it. Whether that's a sporting event, dance shows and competitions, cadet events, martial arts and local clubs.

Have a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Emma Mann

Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday!

Many thanks to all students in Year 11 for their work in lessons this week I have seen some great work in progress. Year 11 Behaviour has been phenomenal a big well done to you all.

Our assembly this week was about KLA standards and driving us towards a wonderful Year 11 for that last stretch! Knowledge organisers must always be encouraged please and also uniform standards, bags are also needed to bring in equipment.

KLA swap shop has been open again this week to students. This is proving to be successful especially when ties and blazers are forgotten. There is a small amount of lost property please send your child over to it if they have lost any uniform this week.

Attendance in Year 11 has been **90.5%** this week which is good but we are still falling short of where we should be which is 95%. Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you that have 100% attendance this academic year so far. Well done to those of you who were here this week. If your child has to have some time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on **01553 779635** or call the main reception and select option 1 to explain why. Alternatively, there is an absence email you are able to contact us on **studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk** If we send you a text message and you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child explaining why they have been away.

Please do not text my work phone with absences as I cannot guarantee that I will see the message.

The number of Year 11 students arriving late into school has decreased significantly this week and I really appreciate your support with this. All students need to be in school and ready to learn before **8:35am** please this so important as learning time is lost. There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these are followed by after school detentions and parents contacted.

All heads of year are checking uniform EVERY day and are contacting home, if necessary, no jeans or leggings please and blazers and ties are a must. If your child has been loaned a tie, could they please bring them back, we have a shortage of them at the moment.

Please let us know if we can support in any way as we have a swap shop here at KLA whereby students can bring any unwanted uniform and exchange for larger sizes if needed. Please be reminded no fluffy coloured socks are permitted as uniform. We have also noticed acrylic nails popping up again these also are not allowed these are dangerous especially when taking part in practical subjects.

As a year group we have achieved **2,611** points this past week which is really amazing! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Braydon Griggs** a massive well done goes to him.

Student of the week this week goes to **Violet Walker** a well done goes to her for really working hard and trying her best in all lessons it has been noticed well done **Violet** keep up the great work.

Parents if you have anything nice for me to share about what your children are doing outside of school, I would love to hear about it.

Our very own **Callum Barber** will be singing at the Albert Hall this weekend; what a wonderful opportunity and experience. We are all so very proud of you Callum.

Year 11 Round Up continued.....

We will have lots of opportunities of trips and visits in Year 11 so watch this space!

We will be doing our first trip next week to London an Itinerary letter should now be with you and your child. Your child needs to be arriving at school if they are coming for **7am** to be ready for **7:30am** departure on **Wednesday 20th September** returning approx. 6pm **Thursday 21st September**. **If any money is still outstanding for this trip it must be paid prior to departure please.**

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for coming to our open evening on Wednesday night! It was so lovely to see so many of you; over 145 families turned out to support. Big thank you to all staff that attended especially to **Mr Towler & Mrs Leeming Watts**.

The raffle we held on Wednesday evening made just over **£149.00** towards Prom 2024, thank you all so very much. Big thanks to **Callum and Millie-Rose** for being my raffle ticket superstars.

Have a wonderful weekend take care and stay safe.

Mrs H Lockey