

# Parent Bulletin

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Science trip to London Excel  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October- Wembley football trip  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – deadline for school photo orders with Fizz Portraits  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Ely Cathedral & Cambridge Mosque trip  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School reopens after half term  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - Year 11 Prom

### Attendance & Medical appointments:

If your child is absent from school, please notify us where possible by 8.30am. You can either call **01553 779635** or email **[studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)**  
Please leave a clear message stating the pupil's name, year and short reason for absence.

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.

### 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 \(office.com\)](#)

## 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 \(ciphr-irecruit.com\)](#)

## 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.

## Drama department fabric & clothes:

Do you have any fabric materials spare or any old clothes that you are willing to donate please? This will help with the technical theatre topic of costume for my Year 9's as well as workshops for my Year 10's.

The clothing/material will be used to make costumes so please do not donate anything that you would like returned.

Anything received would be appreciated.

Miss Mace



# Afterschool Late Bus

**We run an after school late bus at 4.30  
Monday - Thursday for any students  
who currently travel on school buses  
so students can stay to any of the  
after school activities.**



## 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.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

#### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

#### CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

#### GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord, a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undoubtedly make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them, privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades, such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grizzly elements, some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

#### CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

#### DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

#### AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local lobby' – that is, only people connected to the same Wi-Fi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

#### STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

### Meet Our Expert

David Coleman is a former in-charge of gaming and esports at Ofcom and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new titles, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing primarily about tech and games, his articles have been published in influential sites including iD and Tech Radar.



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## What's on this week in PE? Week Beginning 9th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WNPEA Cross Country Races at Springwood (SCA/SLE/KLW)	Year 11 Netball vs KES (A) (SCA)	Year 9 County Cup vs St. Clements (A) (JOM/DHE)	Gymnastics Club (SCA)	Fitness Suite (SLE)
KS3 Boys Football (DHE)	Year 8 Football vs KES (A) (SLE)	Springwood HS (JOM)	Dance Club (Kelly)	
	Year 10 County Cup vs Broadland HS 2:30 KO (DHE)	Basketball (LCT)	Year 8 County Cup vs Flegg HS (A) (JOM/DHE)	
	Badminton (LCT)	Sport Studies Period 6 (SLE)		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS3 Basketball (JOM) (Trainers required)	KS4 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 Lunchtime Clubs

## PE Weekly Sports Bulletin continued.....

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)	Basketball (LCT)	Dance (Instructor Kelly)	
KS3 Boys Football (DHE)	KS4 Football (DHE)	Sport Studies Period 6 (SLE)	Gymnastics (SCA)	

## PE After School Clubs

### Football Festivals at The Nicholas Hammond Academy

- On Thursday we travelled with two teams to Swaffham to take part in some football festivals!
- It was an exciting afternoon with some students taking part in their first KLA fixture!
- Well done to the Year 7 boys (5 a side) and Year 8/9 girls (7 a side) in their respective competitions.



## U14 Netball Tournament at Springwood

- Year 8 and 9s went over to Springwood to take part in the U14 netball tournament.
- We played against Springwood, Hammonds and Downham during the evening.
- Throughout the evening the teams cohesion improved and by the last game our passing and communication was very good. As it was the first time we played together as a team they should be really proud of their performances.





YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD



**This October!!**

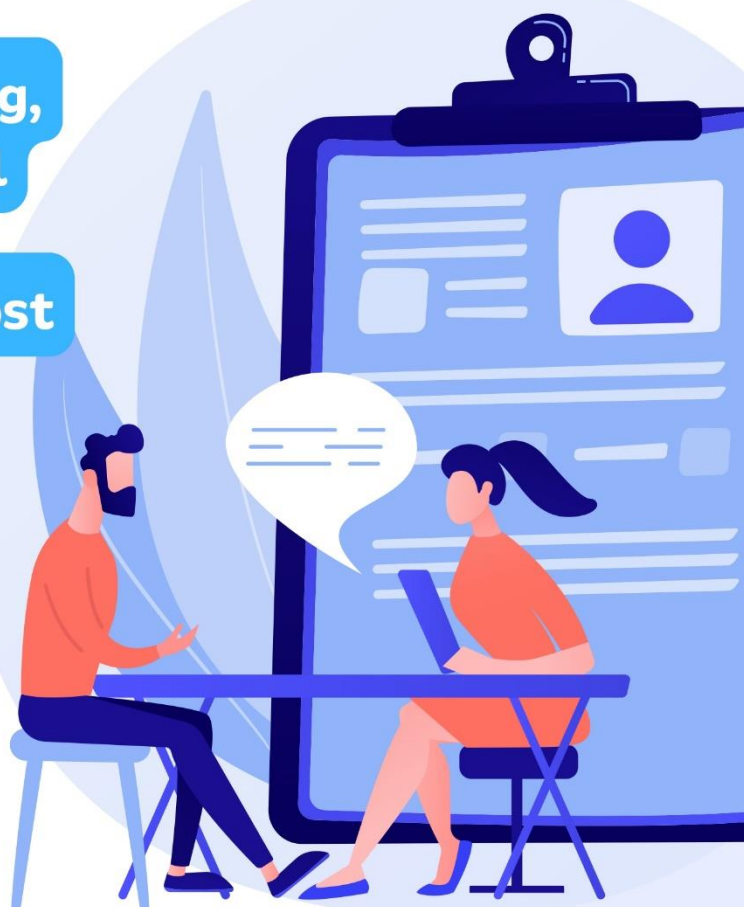
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# **CAREERS ADVICE**

**Are you 11-19 or up  
to 25 with a  
disability?**

**Need tips on CV writing,  
interviews or general  
advice on career  
opportunities pre or post  
16?**

**If you're interested,  
scan the QR code to  
schedule a 45-  
minute, in-person  
meeting with a  
skilled and  
knowledgeable  
career advisor.**



**DATE: WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023  
AT: MAP, NO8 HIGH STREET, KINGS LYNN**

## Warhammer Alliance club at KLA:



### Warhammer Alliance at KLA

After its summer break, the Warhammer Alliance has returned and this week we should be completing our revision campaign to remind members of the game and its mechanics.

As this is being written the Kruleboyz took a literal hammering from the Stormcast Eternals and it looks like a convincing victory for the Forces of Sigma, but with a roll of the dice this can all change.

Next week (Thursday 12th) we will start showing members how to paint the figures we use in the game and construct more of the figures that Games Workshop have donated to the school. The week before half term we will start a Warhammer 40,000 campaign pitting the Space Marines against the Necrons.

The club is open to all year groups and we welcome new members every week on a Thursday 3pm to 4:30pm, even if you have a passing interest please come along and see what we are doing.

Existing members can show you the ropes and we can run introduction games to show you how it works and how to play.

Also Games Workshop runs alongside Scouts and the Duke of Edinburgh program, if anyone is involved with that outside of school.

Mr Blows

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

We are aware that our phonelines seem to be a little temperamental at the moment so if you are struggling to report an absence then please email [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk). If it is a pastoral issue which you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me on [sam.west@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:sam.west@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)

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](mailto: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.

It has been another amazing week and I have found it a real pleasure gradually getting to know all of Year 7. I am getting there with all of your names and can only apologise for when I get it wrong! The first half term is flying by and we now only have two school weeks to go until the first break. It is great to see students getting involved in school life and activities outside of the school day. Practices have started for the Winter Showcase and I am very excited to bring my own children along to see it in December.

**Eduardo Beliqui** has managed to gain the most achievement points this week with 24 points in this week alone! Well done Eduardo!

Please remember we do have a 48-hour period to contact you with any issues once they have been raised. I will always endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West

# Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Happy Friday!

I hope you're well.

I am proud to inform you that Year 8, this week from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, earned between them a huge .....

2491 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS!!

Fabulous!! I am so proud of each and every one of them.

If there any out of school activities our students take part in and you would like me to add it in our bulletin, please let me know, as I absolutely love celebrating my year 8's achievements, both in and out of school.

I know there are still some students having trouble logging in to Arbor.

Please ask them to make themselves known to me if this is the case.

The students must use the webpage; <https://login.arbor.sc/> **Log in to your School** to log in and **not the app**.

The app is for parent/carer accounts only and the student log in details will not work on this.

There also seems to be an issue locating a submit button when homework is finished, this should be resolved soon.

I would like to thank you all so much, for the continued effort you have all put in to get our students into school, on time, looking smart in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment, but 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, for any reason, students cannot get 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.

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](mailto: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.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe.

Miss Fountain

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

Good evening.

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School photographs had been given out to students on Wednesday in our assembly, so please make sure you order any copies you would like by 16/10/23 direct from Fizz Portraits.

Non-uniform day last Friday raised a brilliant £778.79 for Macmillan which is fantastic, thank you. Uniform for the year 9's is great, so please let this continue. Don't forget we have a swap shop here so if your child has outgrown their blazer/trousers and they are still in good condition we can swap them for others.

Attendance in Year 9 was 84.5% this week which is down on last week. Unfortunately, there are lots of bugs going around, which are impacting heavily on the year 9 attendance figures. Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you who have 100% attendance this academic year, which is an amazing achievement!

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](mailto: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 1289 reward points this week which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Elijah Gedge** so congratulations to him!



Student of the Week goes to **Max Meads**, I have had some fantastic feedback from staff about his work and contributions in lessons. Well done keep it up Max.

Our assembly this week was about the impact the words you say can have on people, presented by Mr Reeve-Hayes.

Mrs Laws

# Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

What a busy week!

As a group we have achieved an amazing 1399 achievement points this week! Our highest achiever was **Isla Garrod** with a fantastic 32 achievement points this week. Huge congratulations to Isla and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts this week.

Attendance in Year 10 was 86.3% this week. This needs to improve. Every day is so important and even more so across year 10 and 11.

Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you who have 100% attendance this academic year, which is an amazing achievement! 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](mailto: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.

My student of the week is **Tanisha Lusher** for her outstanding efforts in her cooking lesson on Wednesday. Tanisha impressed Mrs Stewert with her attitude towards her work and with the skills she displayed. Mrs Stewert awarded her 'Star Baker'. Well done Tanisha, I am super proud of you so please keep this up.

The head of year team monitor the number of students arriving late at 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. We really do appreciate your support with the after school detentions.

We are aware that our phonelines seem to be a little temperamental at the moment so if you are struggling to report an absence then please email **[studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)** If it is a pastoral issue which you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please call me on 07511 225248.

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. It may also be that your child has cooked a full-on roast, and you want to tell me about it! It's so important we celebrate achievements no matter what they are.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs 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. After school lessons period 6 have also been put in place for Year 11; these run after school Monday-Thursday. Many thanks for all those students that have attended this week. I have been contacting some of you with regards to your child attending these sessions.

Our assembly this week was brought to us by the College of West Anglia, which was extremely useful and informative, many thanks goes to them.

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 lowered this week due to being hit by many bugs and cold - **86.08%** this week, 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](mailto: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.

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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 at school has decreased significantly this week, 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. Thank you all so much for your support with this. There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these are followed by after school detentions and parents are 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. Bags need to be part of our day too and these should contain your child's knowledge organiser. 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 **1,132** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Henry James**, a massive well done goes to him.

Student of the week this week goes to **Alfie Waite**, well done to him for really working hard and making a great start back to Year 11. It has been noticed well done Alfie keep up the great work, you've got this!

Parents, if you have anything to share about any achievements outside of school, please let me know.

We had our non-uniform day last Friday – the money raised was **£778.79** for a worthwhile cause Macmillan Cancer. Well done to all that supported.

Have a wonderful weekend take care and stay safe.

Mrs Lockey

## Year 11 Sixth form information:

Please click [here](#) for KES open evening information

# SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO

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**CAMBRIDGE campus**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
*Evening places available*  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
*Morning places available*  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024  
*Evening places available*

**A-LEVELS only**  
*King's Lynn campus*  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023  
*Evening places available*

**KING'S LYNN & SPORTS campus**  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
*Morning places available*  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
*Morning places available*  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
*Morning places available*

**WISBECH campus**  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
*Morning places available*  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
*Morning places available*

**Special Educational Needs (SEN) Learners:**  
We have SEN quiet time slots available for SEN learners at most of our open events. These slots are the first slots of the events, before general admission starts. Select the SEN Quiet Time ticket to book your place.



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