

Parent Bulletin

Friday 10th November 2023

Dates for your diary:

Friday 17th November – Children in Need non-uniform day

Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 14th December – Year 11 Remote Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term

Thursday 4th January 2024 – School reopens

Friday 5th July 2024 - Year 11 Prom

Student absences & medical appointments:

If your child has to have some time off school, please ensure that you contact the absence team if possible before 8.30am preferably via our absence email on

studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

or call the absence line **01553 779635**. Please include your child's name, year group and why they are absent. 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.

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** so we are aware in advance when you collect your child.

Student belongings:

Please can we ask that all students' belongings are clearly named. It is much easier to reunite them with the owner if they are named. Thankyou.

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://ciphr-irecruit.com)

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 \(office.com\)](http://office.com)

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

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 to 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 greatly 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.

**Want support to reduce your own drug or alcohol use?
Or worried about a family members drug/alcohol use?**

THE MATTHEW
PROJECT
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**The Matthew Project provides
Drug and alcohol support for
young people under 19 in Norfolk**



Advice line:
0800 970 4866 9:00 - 17:00,
Mon - Thur 9:00 - 16:30 (Fri)



Unity@matthewproject.org

matthewprojectyoungpeople.org



@TMPyoungpeople

**LIVE
CHAT**

MON - THUR
4 PM - 7 PM
VIA WEBSITE



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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as "MTX") are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system could affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life: children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could lead to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-after prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FIFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it far easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. Once a child starts making in-game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their friends and other players – sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.

EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

DATA COLLECTION

To allow a young person to complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on. Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used – and possibly sold on to third parties – for marketing purposes.

AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the game's schedule – potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your child's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a large bill. Letting a child have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their own) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and games they normally use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the loot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feel pressured into making any purchases.

CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtransactions involve an element of chance: they could pay money and still not get what they want in return. Emphasise that – while not usually costing much individually – these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or app means they have less to use in the real world.

(GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

Investing in an in-game currency gift card can be a useful way of helping your child get to grips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a £10 V-bucks Fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you could make it the starting point for a conversation about how quickly that money went and how they could earn their next gift card.

STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour. Irritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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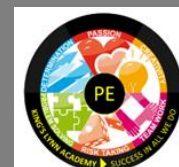


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Fixtures up until Christmas



Date	Day	Event	Location
16/11/2023	Thursday	Year 9/10 Basketball	KLA
23/11/2023	Thursday	Year 11 Boys Basketball	KLA
23/11/2023	Thursday	Year 11 Girls Basketball	KES
28/11/2023	Tuesday	Year 8 Boys Basketball Tournament (Cross court)	KLA
28/11/2023	Tuesday	Year 10 Boys Basketball Tournament (Full court)	KES
30/11/2023	Thursday	KS4 Table tennis	Marshland
04/12/2023	Monday	KS4 Badminton Tournament BOYS	KES
04/12/2023	Monday	KS4 Badminton Tournament GIRLS	KLA
07/12/2023	Thursday	Year 8 Girls Basketball Tournament (Cross court)	KLA
07/12/2023	Thursday	Year 10 Girls Basketball Tournament (Full court)	KES
12/12/2023	Tuesday	Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament (Cross court)	KLA
12/12/2023	Tuesday	Year 9 Boys Basketball Tournament (Full court)	KES

Attend after school clubs or speak to a PE teacher if you are interested in any competitions



PE lunch time clubs – Autumn 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS3 Basketball (JOM)	KS4 Basketball (JOM)	Basketball All (JOM)	Table tennis (DHE)	Dodgeball (JOM)
Football KS3 (DHE)	Fitness Suite (SCA)	Fitness Suite (SCA)	Badminton (SLE)	Badminton (SLE)
			Dodgeball (JOM)	

PE After school clubs – Autumn 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS3 Girls Football (SLE)	Netball (SCA/KLW)	Fitness (JOM)	KS3 Rugby (JOM) *new*	Fitness (SLE)
Kinball (SCA)	Badminton (LCT)	Basketball (LCT)	Dance <i>Kelly</i> First 3 weeks!!	
KS3 Boys Football (DHE)	KS4 Football (DHE)	Period 6 (SLE)	Gymnastics SCA <i>Not on 9th Nov due to parents evening</i>	

Loyalty Card Winners!

Well done to Jake in Year 7 and Daisy in Year 8 for completing their first KLA PE loyalty card and earning their KLA PE badge.



WE'RE RAISING MONEY

FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



WHAT?

**Non-
Uniform
Day!**

WHEN & WHERE?

**17th
November
2023**

CONTACT:

£1 Donation

BBC Children in Need is not responsible for the organisation of this event or for the collection of the money.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS RESOURCE



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ECHOES OF THE EAST SINGING COMPETITION



This week we took 12 students to rehearse as part of a 150-person choir led by famous choir director Mark De Lisser. The students sang their hearts out all afternoon, learning harmonies, and some even singing solos! After rehearsing again with a band in February, we will be performing this as part of the Music for Youth Regional!



WE'VE CAST THE SHOW!

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE 55 STUDENTS
WHO HAVE SECURED
A PART IN THIS
YEAR'S MUSICAL!**



**WE'RE ALL IN THIS
TOGETHER**



DROP-IN FOR A SLICE OF HELPFUL YOUTH FOCUSED ADVICE

\$FREE PIZZA \$FREE

PROJECTS



Place: St Edmundsbury Road, King's Lynn, North Lynn PE30 2DH

Fridays 3:30pm - 5pm

Age 11-16

The Targeted Youth Support Service and the Beacon Church have teamed up to provide a free, helpful drop in service on a Friday afternoon. Whether you want to talk about how your week has been, help with your homework or just to have a chat, everyone is welcome to come by.

Drinks and pizza provided, other snacks available to purchase over the counter

CHOOSE YOUR OWN TOPICS!

- Homework
- School
- Friendships
- Family
- Sport
- Relationships
- Teachers
- Mental Health
- Health
- Goals
- Community
- Hobbies



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Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

Attendance this week has been at 94%. The students are doing so well coming into school even if they are not feeling 100%. I am still getting students come to me with headaches and this is something that with paracetamol I feel they can stay in school with. The students are allowed to bring 1 paracetamol with them whether it be in the form of a regular paracetamol or the same dosage in Calpol melts.

Assemblies this week have been educating the children about the importance of Remembrance Day. It was great to see the children sitting so respectfully and really taking the information in.

There has been lots of excitement this week as roles have been announced for the High School Musical. I am so looking forward to watching the show and am hoping to be able to support in some of the rehearsals.

Another reminder about ties please. I have still had students regularly not bringing them this week. They are an essential part of school uniform.

★ ★ Student of the week this week is **Dominykas Antanaitis**. Dominykas is a really hard working and polite student. His teachers are always telling me that he is a pleasure to teach and have in the classroom! ★ ★
The students below have managed to earn a fantastic 21 points in just this week (correct when writing this 😊)

Emilis Caponka

Oliver Clarke

Sophie Davies

Roman Hailstone

Hope Mann

Ralphie Russell

I hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Mrs West

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Hope you are all well and coping with the wonderful weather we have been having.

I will start off on a positive note. We had a fabulous gentleman attend our school last week from Energy Sparks to explain how to reduce our energy consumption. He put on a fabulous assembly especially for the year 8 students, to promote them being involved in our energy consumption and carbon emissions. The students all behaved well and it was a really proud moment for me, and KLA.

This brings me on to the achievement points and student of the week. I am proud to inform you that this week from Wednesday to Wednesday, year 8 earned between them an amazing198 Achievement points!! What an achievement! Well done to them all!

The student of the week for year 8, is going to a fantastic young man who has always been a pleasure to have in the school, from being a happy, well-mannered young man to being a fabulous friend by escorting a friend, who is currently in a wheelchair. He has continued to be a wonderful young man in his own lessons, also totalling 138 achievement points since September. **The student of the week goes to: Joe Girling!**

The top 3 students who have received the most achievement points this week are: -

1st Shyanne Bramwell - 24

2nd Rosie Ebbens and Amelia Rushbrook – 22

3rd Rosey McNeill-Cook - 20

A HUGE WELL DONE TO THEM ALL!! All 5 students mentioned above will receive a prize from me.

Remember, if there any out of school activities our students take part in and you would like me to add it to our bulletin, please let me know, as I absolutely love celebrating my year 8's achievements, not just from in school, but out too.

I have this week put some students on to what I have called "late to lesson reports". We often have a few meandering around the school, reluctant to get to their next lesson, which results in many minutes being lost and interrupting the learning of those already there. If your young person is on one of these, please encourage and support. At the end of the first week of the report, IF they have had no more than a total of 5 minutes late, they will receive a little prize from me, just to say, "well done!" and "thank you".

Uniform - Please ensure that your child is not wearing leggings!! These are not the same as school trousers and will result in a sanction, the same goes for false nails and nose rings! Please make it clear to your child these are not allowed and will also result in a sanction.

So many students are getting it right every day, and for that I am so proud and incredibly grateful for your support. 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.

Incorrect uniform will result in possible after school detentions, unless there is very good reason. The reasons need to come from yourselves via email/call/letter, as via a student cannot be accepted. 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.

Thanks for reading and have a wonderful weekend!!

Miss Fountain

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Good evening from KLA.

It's been another busy week here at school.

I'd like to fill you in on a couple of the young ladies in our year group who have had some amazing opportunities with regards to sporting success lately.

Shayna Kendle-Johnson is currently in Norwich City Girl's Academy and ETC (emerging talent centre) and represented the Norfolk Girls U14 team in grassroots football and is under the England Lioness's talent centre and the England para talent centre as a non-impaired goalkeeper playing in a visually impaired football team.

Shayna was invited to attend the RTEP England session at the end of October at Bedworth United FC, which is a massive opportunity for her as it can open many doors in her football journey.



Poppy Smith was selected to play in the only English girls under 15 team in an international roller hockey tournament in Spain(Eurokey). Poppy joined players from Ely and Chesterton, Farnham, Guildford and Middlesbrough who all came together to compete at the tournament.

This is a little-known sport in the UK, its home is on the continent with teams attending from Spain, Portugal, France, Italy and Switzerland etc. Last year teams included Barca, SL Benfica and FC Porto (professional clubs that are linked to the football clubs). It is really like a youth roller hockey version of the Champions League!



We are extremely proud of both girls and what they have achieved so far and look forward to following their journeys in the future.

Year 9 Round Up continued....

Attendance in year 9 was 90.5% this week which is up slightly on last week.

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.

As a group we have achieved 1325 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achievers this week are **Connor Burns** and Thomas Jackson. Congratulations to them!



Student of the Week is **Tia McCauley**. Tia has been working extremely hard in lessons, overcoming some personal boundaries.

Our assembly this week was around Remembrance Day, presented by Mr Towler. Students learned what the poppy represents and how it supports service men and women and their families.



Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Mrs Laws.

Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Yet another busy week here!

We were lucky enough to have a visit from The Royal Navy on Wednesday morning and they hosted a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' event with the year 10's. It was great to watch and to see such wonderful dishes that the students made. Here are a few to get your mouths watering!



We had 2 sessions and the gentlemen from the Navy voted for their favourite dish from each session. The winners from session 1 were **Casey Self, George Collinson, Lucas Youngs, Alfie Ellis and Henry Barnard**. From session 2 the winners were **Jacob Frammingham, Ethan Peel, Lola Rugen and Daisy Smith**.

Reward points are calculated from Wednesday to Wednesday and as a group we have achieved a fantastic 1861 reward points. All the students have continued to work hard and our highest achievers this week were **Lilly Bocock, Isla-Mae Garrod, Aiden Bellars, Liana Dallakian and Calum Burt**. A huge congratulations to them all and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts this week.

Attendance in year 10 was 95% this week which is higher than last week. Let's improve this next half term. 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!

I just wanted to mention that I am having several students report to me that they have lost their bus passes recently, some time ago or even last year! Please can I stress that drivers **will** refuse your child onto their bus if they cannot show their bus pass. As a school we can issue one temporary pass per student per academic year. However, if you know your child has lost their pass, please let me know and I can request a temporary pass for them. You would then need to apply for a new one online with Norfolk County Council Transport as the temporary pass only covers them for 2 weeks which allows time for the new bus pass to arrive. These are at a cost of £13 which you pay online when applying for the new pass. Application and payment can be made online at

<https://online.norfolk.gov/studenttravelpasspayment>

Alternatively, payment can be made by calling **0344 800 8020**

Year 10 Round Up continued....

My student of the week is **Henry Van Dyke**. Henry is a student who has a brilliant attitude to his education and learning. His attendance is high, always in full uniform and he has a great friendship group. Keep it up Henry.

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. These detentions are based in CF6 and run by 2 members of the senior leadership team. We really do appreciate your support with the after-school detentions.

If you have a pastoral issue which you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me emma.mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk or alternatively you can call or text my work phone on 07511 225248.

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 - after school Monday-Thursday. Many thanks to all those students that have attended this week. I have been contacting some of you with regards to your child attending these sessions; these are important and are really valuable and help towards your child's end goal.

Year 11 sat another practice English exam on Thursday, a big well done to them all. You were all phenomenal! Keep up the great work.

Our assembly this week was brought to us by Miss Bowen talking about the importance of remembering the fallen. Looking at the history behind the wearing of the poppy and never forgetting the great sacrifice all have made and are still making today. Many thanks also to Mrs Leeming-Watts who reminded students about applying for open days and courses.

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 is lower this week due to being hit by many bugs and colds. **86.64%** 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. **If you have a pastoral issue you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me on Hayley.Lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk**

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 contacted on a daily basis.

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. Also nose piercings are creeping back in these are also not permitted and a clear retainer needs to be worn. Hair and Beauty students especially need to be mindful about not wearing jewellery, especially in the salon.

As a year group we have achieved **1,620** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Charliene Murombo**, well done to her. **Please let me know if your child does something to be praised outside of school for, I always love to hear about this and can share in the bulletin.**

Student of the week this week goes to **Gracie Howard**, well done to her for really working hard and making a great start back to year 11. It has been noticed, well done **Gracie**. Keep up the great work, you've got this! **Gracie** has really tried her best in all her lessons.

Dates for the diary - the day after we break up for Christmas **Thursday 21st December**, we are holding a meal here at KLA for 100 OAP's. We have been feeding either by meals or hampers for the past 6 years! Details to follow.

Year 11 Prom is arranged for **Friday 5th July 2024 "School's out celebration!"** I will be organising fundraising again for this term and we have a group of year 11's keen to help with this. I have many prizes on offer including a trip to prom in a Porsche and also hair vouchers and much more....

Have a wonderful weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Lockey.