

Parent Bulletin

Friday 17th November 2023

Dates for your diary:

Friday 24th November – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 14th December – Year 11 Remote Parents Evening

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Showcase

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.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December

More details coming soon...

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

Attendance

We have been pleased to see the attendance of most of our students across school improve this year so far. However, there is still plenty of improvement to be made. From this week, families may receive communication regarding their children if there is a concern that their attendance is or may become too low.

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 would be highly 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.

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'snooper' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

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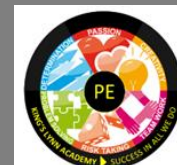
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Fixtures up until Christmas



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)	Fitness (SLE)
Kinball (SCA)	Badminton (LCT)	Basketball (LCT)	Gymnastics SCA	
KS3 Boys Football (DHE)	KS4 Football (DHE)	Period 6 (SLE)		

What's on this week? W/B 20th November

Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
KS3 Girls Football (SLE)	Netball (SCA/KLW)	Fitness (JOM)	Year 10 County Cup vs Attleborough @KLA (DHE)	Fitness (SLE)
Kinball (SCA)	Badminton (LCT)	Basketball (LCT)	Year 11 Boys Basketball @KLA (JOM/DHE) Year Girls Basketball @KES (SLE/SCA)	
KS3 Boys Football (DHE)	KS4 Football (DHE)	Period 6 (SLE)	NO RUGBY OR GYMNASTICS DUE TO FIXTURES	



CHANCE TO SHINE STREET

ALIVE STREET CRICKET

FREE
Starts 20 November

Every Monday during term time
5pm-6pm
At Alive Lynnsport Sports Barn

For more info and to book please email
community@alivewestnorfolk.co.uk

Indoor, soft ball cricket sessions
run by ECB coaches. All abilities
welcome, no equipment required.
10-16yrs.





Lest We Forget...



Last week we ensured that Remembrance was part of our whole school focus.

All year groups had an assembly from Mr Towler on the importance of remembrance, the significance of the Poppy and looked at Anna Coleman Ladd who was an American Sculptor and worked for the Red Cross creating masks to improve the lives of men who were left permanently disfigured due to injuries in World War I.

On Friday students that are involved in Cadets, Scouting and Guiding were allowed to come in Uniform to show their respect to remembrance.

Then on Sunday as part of the Town's Remembrance Parade and Service, four of our students represented KLA (Lilly, Kasey, Andrew and Lily) by laying a wreath on the school's behalf, the students were highly praised for their maturity, smartness and being a credit to the community.

It was also brilliant to see so many of our students there representing the Scouts, Cadets and Guides as well as being members of the public.

We Will Remember Them.
Miss Bowen



KLA War Hammer Alliance:



In the last few weeks, the War Hammer Alliance at KLA has added new members; started painting the figures used in the games; and begun to really get to grips with both Age of Sigma and Warhammer 40K.

The group has really come together to make sure the matches are as competitive as possible while also respecting the rules and spirit of the game,

In recent matches members have learnt new elements of the games; to think more about strategy; and that the seemingly easy to kill Necrons are not as easy to kill as first thought; and how to set up battle lines properly.

This week we are adding more troops to the Kruleboyz army to give them more of an edge over the Stormcast Eternals in Age of Sigma; whilst the Spacemarines will be needing to use the play areas more effectively to stop the Necron invasion.

The War Hammer Alliance runs every Thursday 3pm to 4:30pm in Room S4 and everybody is welcome to see what we do.

Next week.....we have an arrival of a new character from the realm of Shyish to test both the sides of Order and Destruction.

"Only the Faithful!!"

Mr Blows

Rotary Technology Tournament:



This week we hosted the return of the Rotary club technology tournament, which is a competition between schools where students work as a team to design and make something which meets the given brief.

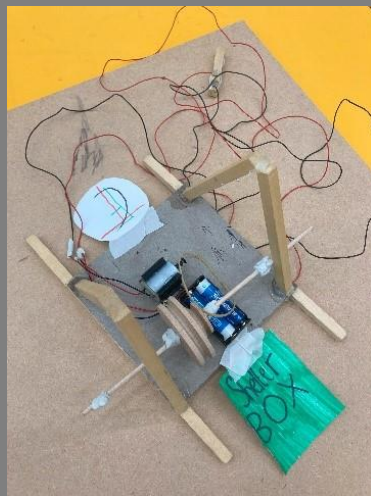
This year they were asked to design and make a battery powered vehicle using pulleys and a motor to transport supplies across a suspended cable.

Our teams were up against students from KES and Springwood and due to their amazing teamwork and resilience when things were not working out, we came both 1st and 2nd place.

The winning team consisting of Year 9 **Connor Burns, Travis Bush** and **Finn Partridge**.

2nd place team made up of year 8's **Brooke Richardson, Daisy Curson, Rosie McNeill-Cook** and **Shyanne Bramwell**.

Credit to all 19 students from KLA who took part, they all did an extremely good job in representing the school.



DROP-IN FOR A SLICE OF HELPFUL YOUTH FOCUSED ADVICE

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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

Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

I have begun to send out the students PDP's this week. I am sorry if this alarmed some of you into thinking that a 'Red' in lesson is an academic rating. The PDP is used to help us see how the student is feeling in their lessons. We then use these to help the students in the areas where they are not feeling so positive in the hope that by the next PDP in the summer term this will have improved.

As always, I am more than happy for you to contact me at any time, a reminder my email is sam.west@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk, please do not feel you have to wait for a parent/communication evening.

Attendance for the last week has been 92%. Many of the students have done amazingly well this week, with quite a number of them coming in even though they have been feeling unwell. It is so easy to miss important work that will then be hard for them to catch up on. Even by just sitting in the lesson and listening they are taking all the opportunities possible to access the work being taught.

★ ★ ★ An amazing congratulations to **Hope Mann** this week. She is still holding firm at the top of the points leader board and has 241 achievement points as I write this. Therefore, she is also our 🏆 Student of the Week 🏆. Hope, your lead is down to 6 points!! everyone is chasing you. ★ ★ ★

Assembly this week really got all the students thinking. Mrs Germaney talked about respect, how we all treat each other and how this can impact on our lives in the future.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the non-uniform day and that you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs West

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Due to Miss Fountain being absent unfortunately there is no Parent bulletin for Year 8 this week.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

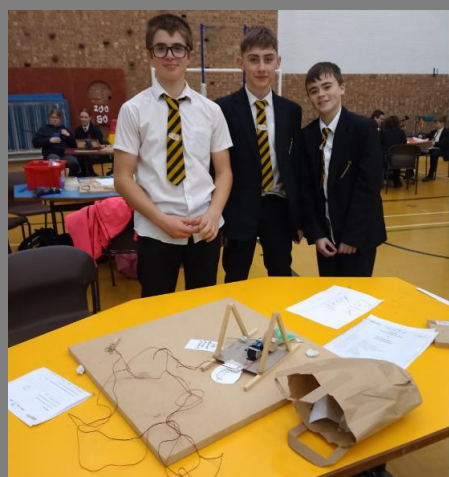
Good evening from KLA.

On Tuesday the school hosted a Technology Tournament sponsored by Kings Lynn Priory Rotary Club and supported by Recipharm.

Here is Connor's account of the day:

"Finn, Travis and I competed in a DT competition at KLA alongside students from Smithton, KES and Springwood. The competition was all about building a platform that will move its way over a piece of string. To get it to work we made the platform and gave it a good structural foundation. It was powered by a pulley on a motor attached by an elastic band. Our team worked extra hard, and we were the first team to complete it and we ended up winning the Foundation stage and overall, KLA won the event. It was a great day"

We are very proud of the year 9 boys **Connor Burns, Travis Bush** and **Finn Partridge** for becoming Foundation Level champions and well done to all the teams that competed from across the different schools, I think they will agree the day was a great success.



Friday was non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need.

Big congratulations to the following year 9s who have become student commissioners this week: **Thomas Jackson, Freddie Eastwood, Pearl Tipling, Daniel Watts, Jayden Crampton, Connor Burns, Samuel Nelson, Sophie Lemma, Izzy Wood, Lillie King, Taylor Huggins, Corbyn Coe, Kahlan Hayden, Josh Barnes, Katya Yakubenko and Libby McNeill-Cook.**

Attendance in Year 9 was 90.1% this week which is down 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, that is an amazing achievement!

As a group we have achieved just under 1300 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achievers were **Leah Hunt & Elijah Gedge**, so congratulations to them!

Student of the Week is **Aironas Kokstis**. Aironas has been doing some great work in English and Science really putting in lots of effort. Well done.



Our assembly this week was presented by Mrs Germaney and was on Anti Bullying week. How we can be kind to people and have the courage to step in and help them when we see someone else being unkind. Miss Bowen also spoke to the students about Duke of Edinburgh scheme, and it was brilliant to see so many year 9 grabbing letters to take part.



TIME FOR
an
adventure

**Duke of Edinburgh
2023-2024**

We have just launched DofE to all of Year 9

If you are interested please see
Miss Bowen in CF11
or

Email: kla-dofe@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk



**KING'S LYNN
ACADEMY**



Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Happy Friday!

As you are all aware, I have just launched the Blood Brothers trip for next March. I have had a good number of interest forms returned to me which is fantastic. Please remember this trip is open to both Year 10 and 11 and on a 'first come, first served' basis so if your child needs a letter, please tell them to come to me for one.

As a group we have achieved a whopping 1807 reward points this week! A-Maze-Ing! Our highest achievers this week were **Sonny Jeffries, Jessica Franklin, Calum Burt, Kevinas Noreika, and Aiden Bellars**. A huge congratulations to them and well done to everyone else for their hard work too.

Attendance in Year 10 was 90% this week which needs to be higher next week. Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you who have 100% attendance this academic year, that is an amazing achievement! Please can I ask that if you do text my work phone or email me directly with absences, please contact the attendance officer too at studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk as I cannot guarantee that I will always see the messages.

My student of the week is **Marley Ranger**. Marley is a fantastic young man who takes everything in his stride. Marley takes pride in this work and has a fantastic work ethic. Marley is a keen footballer and has a fantastic circle of friends. I am so proud of how well he is doing. Keep it up Marley.

The HOY 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.

If you have a pastoral issue which you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me on emma.mann@kla-eastern.mat.co.uk.

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. Year 11 have had a History paper this week well done to all of those students that completed this.

After school lessons P6 have also been put in place for Year 11 these run after school Monday-Thursday's. 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 these are important and are really essential and help towards your child's end goal.

Year 11 Assembly today was delivered by Mrs Germaney regarding anti-bullying week talking about the importance of looking out for others and taking the time to speak out to someone you trust if needed. A big thank you to Mrs Germaney who also shared some of her own experiences at school. Many thanks also go to Mrs Leeming-Watts reminded students about applying for open days and courses and this week colleges should go live.

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. Many thanks goes to the student commissioners in Year 10 and 11 that help this to open every day.

Attendance in Year 11 has been lowered this week due to being hit by bugs and colds **87.3%** 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. 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 Please do not text my work phone with absences as I cannot guarantee that I will see the messages.

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 ASD's and parents contacted on a daily basis.

All HOY 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 and equipment ready to learn.

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 **1,527** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Braydon Griggs** a massive well done goes to them.

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 **Macie Rodwell** a well done goes to her for really working hard and making a great start back to Year 11. It has been noticed well done **Macie** keep up the great work you've got this!

Dates for 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 we have been fortunate to feed over 500 people!

Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

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

There is a trip to see Blood Brothers at the Corn Exchange for Year’s 10 & 11 on **Wednesday 13th March 2024** at a cost of **£25:00** each. If your child is interested, please ask them to get a letter either from myself or Mrs Mann.

Christmas Dinner day at KLA will be **Wednesday 13th December**.

Have a wonderful weekend take care and stay safe.

Mrs H Lockey