

# Parent Bulletin

## Friday 24th November 2023

### Dates for your diary:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 Remote parents evening

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas showcase concert

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – School reopens

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)** so we are aware in advance when you collect your child.

### Children in Need:

We have raised £759.70 for last Friday's non uniform day.



# Christmas Lunch

## Wednesday 13th December

### More details coming soon...

#### 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://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 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 received would be greatly appreciated.

Miss Mace

## 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))**



# 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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

### 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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## Fixtures up until Christmas



Date	Day	Event	Location
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	Year 8 County Cup Away vs Ormiston Venture Academy	Great Yarmouth
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 27th November

Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>
KS3 Girls Football (SLE)	<b>Year 10 Boys Basketball @KES (SLE/DHE)</b>	Fitness (JOM)	<b>Year 8 County Cup vs Ormiston Venture (A) (DHE/JOM)</b>	Fitness (SLE)
Kinball (SCA)	<b>Year 8 Boys Basketball @KES (SCA/LCT)</b>	Basketball (LCT)	Gymnastics (SCA)	
KS3 Boys Football (DHE)	<i>No football, badminton or netball due to fixtures at KLA and KES.</i>	Period 6 (SLE)	<i>NO RUGBY DUE TO FIXTURES</i>	

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



KLA students leading at the Primary School Sport Partnership Cross Country Finals 2023





KLA House Competition  
Backwards Advent and the CUB Community  
Project

# Supporting 100 Hamper Challenge

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20th November - 20th December

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Each house has a type of food to bring in, to help our 100 hamper challenge creating hampers for the Elderly. For each item donated the students name will go in a draw to win a prize, so the more donating the more chance! Also the house that wins will be in for a chance to win.....

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Suggested Donations for each house:

Riga - Tinned & Jarred Food

Stargard - Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

La Rochelle - Chocolate, Crackers & Nuts.

Hamburg - Cereals, Pasta & Dried Food

**Any other donations greatly received!**

**All items to Miss Bowen in CF11**



# Christmas Wellbeing

King's Lynn Mental Health Support Team are holding a themed drop in for students. This month our drop-in theme is Christmas Wellbeing.

Come and get involved, take part in festive activities and learn some top winter wellbeing tips. We look forward to meeting you.

Date **5th December** and time: **13:15 – 13:55**

Location: **CF12 – Mr Brian Reeve-Hayes**



**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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# TARGETED YOUTH

SUPPORT SERVICE

## YOUTH XTREME SPORT DROP IN

Join Us Every Tuesday  
@ KASET Skatepark PE30 2NB  
From 5pm till 6pm  
Entry is free  
Ages: 11-18

Come receive support, hang out with your  
mates and go on the park with BMX,  
Skateboards or Scooter.

ALIVE



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

Another amazing week completed. Attendance in year 7 this week was 93% which is another great achievement. Once again, I am proud of all the children that have come into school to make the most of their learning even though they were not feeling their best.

A reminder that leggings are not acceptable to be worn as part of uniform. All students need to wear black tailored trousers when coming into school. I thank all of you that are already supporting the school with this. One of my duties in the morning is to greet the students as they arrive at school and it is one of my favourite parts of the day seeing them looking smart, taking pride in their appearance.

Mr Reeve-Hayes delivered assembly this week on responsibility. This is an area that I feel is particularly relevant for year 7. Their individual levels of responsibility will have changed so much over the last few months, most of the year group seem to have embraced this change but if you do feel your child is struggling please do not hesitate to contact me so I can support them.

### ☆☆ Top 5 Point Scorers ☆☆

Hope Mann

Emilis Caponka

Ralphie Russell

Damian Sudnickis

Kara Hayden

Student of the week this week is **Lili Thorburn-Woodhouse**. Lili has such a positive impact on the year group. She has many of our exemplary citizen achievement points which is fantastic to see. Great work Lili.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West.

## Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Firstly, apologies for no bulletin last week, but I am back and catching up. If you are awaiting contact from me, please do bear with me and be assured I will be in contact asap.

Hope you are all well and avoiding the dreaded bugs!

This week, I am pleased to inform you from Wednesday to Wednesday, year 8 earned between them an amazing . 1508 Achievement points!! Well done to them all!

The student of the week for year 8, is going to a lovely young man, who has always been a pleasure to have in the school, greets me every day with a smile and doesn't ever walk past without saying hello. This young man has so far this term earned a whopping 190 achievement points too!! The student of the week goes to: - **Dylan Greenacre!**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> - Albert Obisesan - 2      2<sup>nd</sup> – Shyanne Bramwell – 24      3<sup>rd</sup> - Harley Garrod - 20**

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

Remember, if there any out of school activities our students take part in, please let me know, as I absolutely love celebrating my year 8's achievements, both in and out of school.

The "late to lesson reports" have worked well with some students, so they have been rewarded with a bar of chocolate and been taken off of the report. I am still working with a few to improve their time keeping! We often have a few wandering slowly 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 this. 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 can I ask that if you do text my work phone or email me directly with absences, please contact the absence line/email too as I cannot guarantee that I will always see the messages.

Thanks for reading and have a wonderful weekend!!

Lucy Fountain.



# Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Good afternoon from year 9.

It's been another busy week here at the academy. We have launched the 100 challenge again this year, where we fill 100 hampers for Christmas with food donations from students to give out to the local elderly and bring them a bit of Xmas cheer, so please if you can spare anything, all donations will be gratefully received.

We have noticed a few leggings and jeans creeping back into the uniform, so can we ask that you ensure students are in correct uniform daily please; blazer, white shirt, tailored school trousers, black shoes. A reminder of the school policy on nails (no false nails allowed) and piercings (one per ear only, facial piercings should have a plastic retainer instead of a stud or hoop). Both are health and safety issues for PE so must be removed.

Attendance in year 9 was 90.3% this week which is down slightly on last week.

Can I please remind parents that if students are off for more than 3 days, we will need evidence from a medical professional that they are unfit to come to school to authorise the non-attendance.

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 1409 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achievers were **Edward Frost** and **Freddie Eastwood** so congratulations to them!



Student of the Week goes to **Katie Williams**. Some fantastic feedback from staff about her work in lessons. Keep it up.

Our assembly this week was presented by Miss Bowen about responsibility. How we all need to own our own actions and the consequences this may bring i.e. pollution, littering.

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

Mrs Laws.



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](mailto:kla-dofe@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)



**KING'S LYNN  
ACADEMY**



# Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Where has the week gone! It's been a busy one for sure.

Our assembly this week was about responsibilities and how we all have them. The students listened well to Miss Bowen talk about the responsibilities they have as students.

Thursday, we held a police workshop organised by PC Smith and it was a fantastic opportunity for students to talk to him and his sergeant about how to join the police and the different routes to take. It was a lovely group and they were all fantastic.

We also ended the day with our second County Cup game. We were joined by Attleborough year 10 boys in the afternoon. Ok, we didn't win this one, BUT, keep your heads up boys, you've got this.

A special shout out to **Harrison Wilson** who kindly volunteered to referee the game. You all did so well and I'm proud of you all.

As a group we have achieved 1325 reward points this week! You are all working hard so please keep this up. Our highest achievers this week were **Joshua Coady, Isla-Mae Garrod, Lilly Bocock, Ivie Oviahon, and Aiden Bellars**. A huge congratulations to them and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts this half term.

Attendance in year 10 was 86.4% 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, that is an amazing achievement!

This week I need a shout out to 3 students. My students of the week are **Richard Obisesan, Alwin Jaimson and Benny Samuel**. These boys are fantastic young men who recently joined us at KLA. I am so proud to see how quickly they have settled into every lesson and are really enjoying every part of their learning. They always produce work with a mature and positive attitude. Keep it up boys, we are all very pleased to have you.

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.

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](mailto:emma.mann@kla-eastern.mat.co.uk)**.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Mann.



## Year 10 Round Up continued...

Year 10 have been doing their pastry assessments over the last week - here is a selection of their incredible work.



# 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 non-uniform day last week raised **£759.70** for Children in Need. Thank you all so very much, a fantastic effort!

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 - these are important and are really essential and help towards your child's end goal.

Year 11 assembly this week was delivered by Deputy Chief Constable Simon Megicks explaining about the opportunities available in the police service. He spoke to the students about some of the attributes needed such as empathy, being a good communicator and being responsible just to name a few. A big thanks goes to him for taking the time out of his busy schedule to support this. Miss Bowen also spoke about what it is to be responsible. She talked about arriving on time, uniform, behaviour, looking after our environment within and outside of school.

An ADT assessment has taken place this week for year 11 - a big well done to you all and thanks to Mr Aldous, Mrs Robinson and Miss Cuckow I was lucky enough to be in some of the lessons over the 2 days and the work was fabulous!

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 to the student commissioners in year 10 and 11 that help this to open every day.

Attendance in year 11 has been lower this week due to being hit by bugs and colds - **85.48%** 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](mailto: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.

There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these are followed by after school detentions and parents are contacted on a daily basis.

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 and equipment, ready to learn.

## Year 11 Round Up continued...

As a year group we have achieved 1,626 points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Adetifewa Biobaku** a massive well done to him.

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

Dates for your 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! The students are also endeavouring to supply hampers again to the local community. Miss Bowen will kindly be taking in contributions from the students for me. We shall also be holding a raffle to raise funds for this - details to follow.

Year 11 Prom is arranged for Friday 5th July 2024. 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.....

There is a trip to see Blood Brothers at the Corn Exchange for years 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. Expressions of interest need to be in by Monday please.

If your child is absent from school on a college day could you report absence to us and also the college directly on 01553 761144 please. We are unable to authorise the college absences. Many thanks in advance.

Have a wonderful weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs H Lockey.