

Parent Bulletin

Friday 8th December 2023

Dates for your diary:

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



Last day end of term arrangements:

Lessons will run until 1.15 when students will be able to leave the academy for the Christmas holiday. Break time will be extended to allow students to purchase food, from a limited range. Those travelling by taxi, Eagles and Harrods buses will be collected at 1.15; the Lynx buses will not arrive on site until the usual time of 3.00. Any students who wish to remain in the academy to wait for the Lynx buses are welcome to do so.



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.



If you order school uniform online as of the 1st December parents will need a password to enter our website to order uniform. The password is KLA001.

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

Online Safety:

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **DISNEY+**

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert


Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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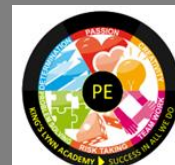


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What's on this week? W/B 11th December

Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
Yr7/8 Football vs KES 3pm (DHE)	Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament (SCA/LCT)	Fitness (JOM)	Year 11 Parents evening (No clubs)	Fitness (SLE)
Girls Football Club (SLE)	Year 9 Boys Basketball Tournament (DHE/SLE)	Basketball (LCT)		
Kinball Club (SCA)	No Badminton or Netball due to Basketball tournament	Period 6 (SLE)		



House Basketball

Senior – 13th December
Lunchtime - Max team of 8
must contain 3 girls.

Junior – 14th December
Lunchtime – Max team of 8
must contain 3 girls.

Students to come over to PE
quickly change and then play.

WNPEA KS4 Badminton Tournaments

- ▶ On Monday 4th December KLA competed in the WNPEA Badminton Tournaments. The boys played at KES and finished joint first on points (2nd on head-to-head)! The girls also competed well and finished in 6th. Meaning we finished in 3rd place overall.
- ▶ Well done to everyone involved.



Imperial War Museum & House of Parliament

Last Thursday, Year 8 and Yr10 GCSE Citizenship students had the experience of visiting London's Imperial War Museum and then a guided tour and activity session at the Houses of Parliament.

In the museum students got to experience exhibits covering World War I, World War II as well as the Troubles. These exhibits gave students hands on experience to interact with key resources that will develop their History knowledge.

In the Houses of Parliament students got given a guided tour which enabled us to see the House of Lords in session and debating. As well as being able to go into the House of Commons.

This trip was a truly memorable experience of all!



KLA House Competition
Backwards Advent and the CUB Community
Project

Supporting 100 Hamper Challenge



20th November - 20th December

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.....

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

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 week has flown by and our year 7 attendance has been at 92%. I thank you once again for making as much effort as possible when coming into school. A reminder that children are allowed to bring a paracetamol with them to school to help them with their ailments.

The students all enjoyed assembly this week. I love seeing them all sitting looking smart and absorbing new information.

We have a three way tie at the top of the achievement points.

Hope Mann, Emilis Caponka, Ralphie Russell

are all on 299 points, you are all doing fantastic! 🏆 Well Done.

★ ★ ★ Student of the week this week is **Bella Lynn**, she has scored an amazing 16 achievement points in just one week. Bella is such a positive member of the year group, with amazing manners and kindness to match. ★ ★ ★

Have a lovely weekend and come back refreshed for our last full week.

Mrs West.



Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Hi all, happy Friday everyone!

Hope you are well and avoiding the nasty bugs.

This week, I am pleased to inform you from Wednesday to Wednesday, year 8 earned between themselves an amazing 1914 achievement points!! Well done to them all!!

The student of the week for year 8, goes to two lovely young men, who, between them make the school a better place. They smile, they work hard and just in general make my job so easy!! 😊 I couldn't pick one without the other, because in fact they just as lovely as each other, the students of the week are: -

Jason and **Martin Allen**

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

1st - **Martha-Louise Smith** – 20

2nd - **Albert Obisesan & Jewel Rajesh** - 18

3rd - **Ethan Batterbee & Darius Dumbrava** - 17

A HUGE WELL DONE TO THEM ALL!! All 7 students mentioned above will receive a prize from me.

Remember, If there any out of school activities our students take part, please let me know, as I absolutely love celebrating my year 8's achievements, not just from in school, but out too.

WELL DONE TO THE YEAR 8 GIRLS FOR WINNING THE BASKETBALL YESTERDAY!! I AM SO PROUD OF YOUR EFFORTS GIRLS!!

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 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.

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 evening from year 9 KLA.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....(bet you sang it in your head!) around the academy! The tree is up in the central atrium, Mrs Mann and I have decorations in our office, along with the other Heads of Year and it was Christmas jumper day in school today, so the academy was awash with colours, snowmen and reindeers, to name just a few.

Year 11 are raising money for Prom with a "guess how many packets of sweets in the Christmas tin" it's 50p a guess and you will win the contents of the very large tin if you guess correctly, so dig deep, see the year 11's at lunchtime on the stall and have a go please.

We are left with at least a rail of coats every night after school, so if your children comes home without it, remind them to collect them the following day please.

Attendance in year 9 was 89.8% 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 1000 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Josh Barnes** congratulations to him!



Student of the Week is **Hannah Elflett**. Hannah has been working hard in lessons as normal. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom.

Next week we are looking forward to Christmas lunch on Wednesday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Laws.



TIME FOR
an
adventure

**Duke of Edinburgh
2023–2024**

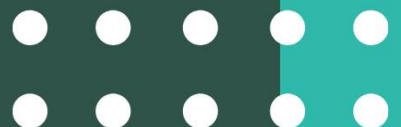
We have just launched DofE to all of Year 9

If you are interested please see
Miss Bowen in CF11
or

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



**KING'S LYNN
ACADEMY**



Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

It's Friday again! This week, year 10's achieved 1350 reward points. Well done to you all as you have all worked so hard. Long may this continue. A HUGE Congratulations to our highest achievers this week - **Calum Burt, Isla-Mae Garrod and Ivie Oviahon**. Well done to them and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts the past few weeks.

Sad to say the germs and bugs really are out. We have been hit again this week. Attendance in year 10 was 89% this week which is lower than 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!

My student of the week is **Samantha Dlodlo**. Samantha is a lovely young lady who has been such a great addition to our year group. Samantha works to a high standard in lesson at college. An absolute pleasure to see.

We do love to celebrate any successes in school and outside of school so please let me know if your child has any extracurricular activities they would like to share, competitions they have attended, awards, trophies, tournaments, you name it, I'll give them a shout out!

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.

Just a reminder that if you need to contact me for a pastoral issue that you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me Emma.Mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk. Or call me on 07511 225248.

Last thing from me, mid-year exams and assessments take place in January. They start week commencing Monday 8th and Monday 15th. Please encourage your child to revise over the Christmas break between the festivities and celebrations.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Mann.

Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday! We are nearly there! Christmas is looming fast.

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 really good this week, a big well done to you all.

Well done to our Catering students who have completed their controlled assessment this week. Many thanks to Mrs Stewart for her efforts. We have seen some fabulous efforts this past 2 weeks.

Assembly this week was taken by Mrs Leeming-Watts, Miss Bowen and Mrs Rutter. A big thank you goes to the ladies for their support with exams and careers. The timetable booklet for exams were given to your child for next term.

After school lessons period 6 have also been put in place for year 11 these run 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 essential and help towards your child's end goal.

KLA swap shop has been open again 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 lowered this week due to being hit by bugs and colds - **85.63%** 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 it is 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

If your child attends college on a Thursday and they are absent or have an appointment, you will also have to let them know of their absence. Their number is 01553 761144, many thanks in advance.

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.

As a year group we have achieved **1,042** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Thomas Robins** a massive well done goes to him. 😊

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

A date for your diary; the day after we break up for Christmas **Thursday 21st December**, we are holding a meal here at KLA for **100 senior citizens!** We have been feeding, either by meals or hampers, for the past 6 years! We have been fortunate to feed over 500 people over this time! 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 have had a lovely response, thank you all so very much.

Well done to **Izzy Beech** and **Maisie Gray**, they both were successful last week in netball. Izzy got player of the match and Maisie was the umpire's player of the match! Well done girls, we are really proud of you both.

Year 11 Round Up continued...

Atas Pigarevas, what a star, once again competing in Sheffield at the weekend. He achieved the ADCC British Championships gold medal. Well done Atas, superstar in the making.

A date for your diary 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 a very large tin of sweets to win 50p a guess guesses available next week available for all to have a guess.

It was Christmas jumper day today; I will let you know the amount raised next week. Many thanks to you all for your support as always.

Year 11 remote parents consultation evening is **Thursday 14th December**. I will be supporting and calling as many of you as I can to book appointments for this on Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend take care and stay safe.

Mrs H Lockey.