

Parent Bulletin

Friday 15th December 2023

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Showcase

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term

Thursday 4th January 2024 – School reopens

Tuesday 16th January -Year 9 Remote parents evening

Friday 5th July 2024 - Year 11 Prom



Last day end of term arrangements:

Lessons will run until 1.15pm 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 traveling by taxi, Eagles and Harrods buses will be collected at 1.30pm; the Lynx buses will not arrive on site until the usual time of 3pm. 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 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.

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 for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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New Lunchtime Extracurricular Timetables – January 2024!

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

New After School Timetables – January 2024!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Trampolining (SCA)	Badminton/Pickleball (LCT)	Fitness Suite (JOM)	Table tennis (JOM)	Fitness suite (SLE)
KS3 Football (DHE)	KS4 Football (DHE)	KS3 Multi Sports (2 activities per night on rota) (LCT)	Volleyball/Kinball (SCA)	
Girls Football (SLE)	Netball (SCA/XLW)	Period 6 (SLE)	TBC Kicks	
			TBC Martial Arts	

Year 10 Sport Studies Assessment

Well done to the Year 10 Sport Studies students who completed their practical assessments on Thursday this week. Lots of skills, effort and positive attitudes on show in Football, Badminton and Basketball.



PE Weekly Sports Bulletin continued.....

Year 8 and 10 Girls Basketball – Thursday 7th December

- Last week the Year 8 and 10 girls played their West Norfolk Basketball tournaments. A fab week for KLA who won both tournaments!

- Pictured are the Year 8 team.

- Well done everyone!



Year 7 and 9 Boys Basketball – Tuesday 12th December

This week it was the turn of the Year 7 and 9 boys.

The Year 7s were out in force, we entered 2 teams which finished 4th and 7th.

The Year 9 boys (pictured) made it all the way to the final but lost out by 2 points to Marshland.



Clubbercise Club –
Coming soon!

- This week we have some Clubbercise taster sessions.
- This is a music/dance based exercise class aimed at getting moving whilst using glowsticks in the dark.
- This has been made possible through funding from Active Norfolk.

PE Weekly Sports Bulletin continued.....



Swimming vouchers
– Coming soon!

- Again, through funding from Active Norfolk we have secured the opportunity to provide free swimming sessions to our parents and students.
- More detail on this we come in the new year!

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



Christmas Photo Booth



We will be opening a photo booth so you can have photos with your friends during lunchtime.



You can choose your props and stand in front of a Christmas themed backdrop!

The photo booth will be in CG5 on the following dates
18th & 19th December

Cost is £1 for each person in a photo,
max. 5 people per photo CASH ONLY

Photos will be available to download
digitally

All monies raised will go towards the cost of the Year
11 hoodies

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LEAVERS

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:



Merry Christmas everybody!! We have made it. I am so proud of the year group for all they have achieved this term.

We have had the pleasure of starting the reward assemblies this week and it is fantastic to be able to reward the students that have been working so hard every school day. Some children have been the recipients of blazer badges, others highly commended, and each house has an individual student that is selected for their effort and hard work. We then have one very special endeavour award that is selected from the whole year group.

★ ★ At the time of writing this **Ralphie Russell** is our overall top scorer and is therefore also our student of the week. ★ ★ Ralphie is always polite and works hard in all his lessons.

We have the excitement of the Winter Showcase next week. All students have been working hard on their performances and it is great to see them doing what they love.

I really hope you all have the most fantastic break and enjoy spending time together over the festive period.

Thank you for all your support throughout this term.

Mrs Sam West.

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Hi all, happy Friday everyone!

Only 10 days until Christmas!! And only 3 more school days!!

Please note on Wednesday 20th the school closes at 1:30pm, with late buses arriving at the same time.

This week, I am pleased to inform you from Wednesday to Wednesday, year 8 earned between themselves an amazing **2120 achievement points!!** What a fabulous achievement!! Well done to them all!

The student of the week for year 8, **goes** to a fantastic young man who, not only EVERYDAY gets it right, with correct uniform, fab attitude to learning and great time keeping, he always goes out of his way to ask how I am. This young man also has a whopping 177 achievement points! The student of the week goes to: **Kristiyan Skabrin.**

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

1st – **Albert Obisesan – 25**

2nd - **Ella Goodbourn & Jewel Rajesh – 24**

3rd - **Amelia Rushbrook - 23**

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

Year 11 are raising money for prom with a “guess how many packets of sweets in the tin”. To play it’s 50p a go with the possibility of winning the whole tin if guessed correctly!! If you have a spare 50p, please send with your child, to have a go at lunchtime, as not only would they over the moon to win, but it will also help our year 11's to have a fabulous and well-deserved prom.

Well done to those of you whose children were here all week, and to those of you who have 100% attendance this academic year, that is an amazing achievement! Year 8 attendance stands at 93.4% which is good but could be better. 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.

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, not just from in school, but out too.

Have a wonderful break, whatever you may be doing, and if you celebrate Christmas, have a lovely time.

All the best and we’ll see you all in the new year 😊

Lucy Fountain.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:



Well, it's hard to believe this will be my final newsletter of 2023! Where has this year gone? Time seems to have flown by.

When we come back in the new year, we will start exploring what options the year 9's would like to take for their GCSEs. The first parents evening event is on 16th January, more details to follow when we return from the holidays.

The reward house assemblies started this week. It's lovely to see everyone in their houses, congratulating each other on winning prizes. One student from each year group in every house was presented with the Head of Year award (it was a very tough decision to award just one of my year 9 students) and then the Endeavour award for each year is also given out to a student who has been nominated by teaching staff.

Mr Towler also present a powerful assembly on Wednesday about human rights and the Geneva convention.

The Christmas lunch was on Wednesday and went down brilliantly. The ladies in the canteen did a fantastic job as always, student commissioners and staff decorated the tables and served the food in two sittings to students.

Attendance in year 9 was 88.9% this week which is down on last week again.

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 around 800 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achievers were **Elijah Gedge & Sephira Griggs-Williamson**, congratulations to them!

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and well over the holidays, rest up and see you all in 2024!!



Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Just 3 more days but we have made it!

What a super busy term it has been; they have all worked so hard. This hard work needs to continue when we return as year 10 have their mid-year assessments from Monday 8th January for 2 weeks.



This week we have seen both Riga and Stargard heads of house host their rewards assemblies which we all love. It is always so lovely to reward the students for all their hard work and efforts. Monday will be the Hamburg rewards assembly and finally La Rochelle on Tuesday. Huge congratulations to all students that have received certificates and awards this week.

On Wednesday it was our Christmas lunch day. Always a busy one fun too. So many happy faces enjoy the Christmas cheer with friends. Huge thanks to our fantastic ladies in the canteen and admin office for all their efforts as usual. Such an amazing team.

As a group we have achieved an amazing 1261 reward points this week! That's brilliant considering they are all shattered from working their socks off all term. Well done year 10! You have all worked so hard and this needs to continue when we return in the New Year. Our highest achievers this week were **Isla-Mae Garrod, Sonny Jeffries, Calum Burt, Liam Wright and Jack Bratton**. Congratulations to them and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts this term.

My student of the week is **Georgie Eke**. Georgie is a cracker! It has been lovely to see how well Georgie has managed this first term in year 10. Georgie has worked hard and produced some great work. Georgie also attends college and is doing very well there which is a pleasure to see. Great start to year 10 Georgie and your GCSE's but please keep this up.



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Attendance in year 10 was 89% this week. This is low but I fully appreciate that there are quite a few wintery germs making an appearance. Let's look forward to having everyone back fresh faced and healthy in January. 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!

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.

Thank you to all my year 10 parents for all your support and kind words this term.

It just leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, enjoy some time together and take care.

Mrs Mann.



Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday! We are nearly there! Christmas is looming fast. I cannot believe this will be my last Christmas bulletin to my year 11's before they leave me next year!

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 and we have had several assessments taking place this week.

Rewards assemblies started to take place this week starting with Riga on Thursday, well done to all that received nominations and badges. We had one nominee for Endeavour Award in this house and that was **Blake Ward**. The Head of Year Award went to **Josh Cole**. Well done to every one of you.

Friday's assembly was Stargard; again, many blazer badges and commendations were made. Another nominee for Endeavour Award went to **Sophie Morey** and Head of Year Award went to **Maisie Gray**. Well done to both of you.

Hamburg & La Rochelle assemblies will take place next week. I will reveal the nominations in the New Year.

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 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 to **83.63%**, due to being hit by bugs and colds, 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 Thursdays and they are absent or have an appointment, you will also have to let them know of the 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.

There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these are followed by after school detentions and parents 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...

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 as they 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 **1,053** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Braydon Griggs**. Well done to him. 😊

Student of the week this week goes to **Lewis Fysh**. Well done to him for really working hard and making a great start back to year 11.

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. A prize for each house will be drawn in the new year.

Huge thanks also to Mrs Stewart and 10C food group for making us mince pies to have with tea/coffee at the community meal.

We also have a very large tin of sweets to win - 50p a guess, on sale before school and lunchtimes 😊. The winner will be drawn next week. Proceeds go towards year 11 prom.

Madison Whiley and **Atas Pigarevas** both did exceptionally well over the weekend in their competitions for kickboxing and MMA. Keep up the fantastic work, well done from us all.

Christmas dinner day at KLA was Wednesday 13th December. Many thanks to all the staff and students that helped to make this happen and a special thanks for all the ladies in the kitchen and our admin staff. The meal looked fabulous!

Year 11 remote parents' consultation evening was Thursday 14th December. Many thanks to all of you that attended online.

Christmas jumper day last week raised **£127.66**; many thanks to all that supported.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. See you all in 2024! Stay safe and keep safe.

Mrs H Lockey.