

# Parent Bulletin

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January -Year 9 Remote Parents Evening

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Non-Uniform Day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 10 Poetry Live Trip

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 9 Options Evening

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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and 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



# 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 in 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.

## What Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE SPEECH VS HATE SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

### Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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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)			
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No after school clubs Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

## New After School Timetables – January 2024!

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

**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



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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.

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

I hope you all had a fantastic break and were able to spend some time relaxing and doing the things that you all enjoy. It has certainly been a cold start to the term but it has been great to see all the students again coming into school looking smart and ready to learn.

A quick reminder about uniform expectations now that we have returned. I have seen a few Christmas treats in the form of fake nails still on some students. Could these please now be removed as they are not an accepted part of school uniform. Students should be wearing one small stud earring in each ear, if they are pierced. A school bag is also essential every day at school please. The children will soon be receiving their new knowledge organisers that need to come in with them every day this term.

For some it has been a difficult week with our first exams/assessments taking place. All the students have really showed their maturity within these lessons and I have been proud to see them working hard and trying their best. These assessments have taken place in classrooms to help ease the students into what is expected behaviour within exam conditions. Hopefully, they will not have found this too different to when they were at their primary schools completing assessments.

Assembly this week has been delivered by Mr Docking. It was an opportunity for the students to learn about methods to save energy. I know this is something that we all try and do, and it was great to see the students learning some new key ways that this can be done.

★ ★ ★ Student of the week this week is **Florence Gedge**. Florence always arrives in school with a smile on her face and fully commits to school life. She performed excellently in our Winter Showcase and has earnt the most points within the year group since we have returned after Christmas. Well Done Florence! ★ ★ ★

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. The students all seem ready for it after their first full week back into school.

Stay warm and safe.

Mrs West.



# Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Happy New Year all!

I hope you all had a wonderful time off and have started the New Year positively.

So far, year 8's have definitely shown what they are able to do by working hard, trying their hardest and gaining lots of positive behaviour points! I am really proud of their efforts this last week, so please remember to give them lots of positive praise at home!

Also, this week the attendance for year 8 has been an average of 93.46%, an excellent start back! Thank you.

First week of 2024, I am pleased to inform you from Wednesday to Wednesday, year 8 earned between them a whopping **2475 achievement points!!** What a fabulous achievement! Well done to them all!

The student of the week for year 8, goes to a fabulous young lady who gets it right every day with correct uniform, a great attitude to learning and great time keeping. She always goes out of her way to ask how I am. This young lady fought through worries this week and carried on showing her true strength of character! The student of the week, this week is **Edith Ruddy**. Well done Edith and thank you for being such a lovely part of our year 8 group.

The student who achieved the most positive behaviour points this week was **Leon Collins** with 26 achievement points! A huge well done to them both! They will receive a prize from me.

Remember, if there are 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.

**Uniform** - A big well done to so many of my year 8 little lovelies, for always having the correct uniform. I know as a parent myself, sometimes circumstances beyond our control crop up and trousers aren't dry in time or are split, but if this does happen, please let me know with either a note or a text, my mobile being **07511 22422** - I can give the young person a note so they aren't challenged by other staff. We do have a swap shop, which is always very grateful for any donations of good quality school uniform, bags and other items, but it is also available for students who may need to swap a blazer for one too small, but at a time parents and guardians aren't maybe able to financially stretch to buying a new one. At this current time everyone is feeling the pinch. Please feel free to reach out anytime and I will try to help in anyway I can.

Uniform basics - Black trousers/KLA skirt, white shirt, KLA blazer, KLA tie, KLA V-neck jumper is additional uniform but NOT COMPULSORY.

If you are struggling to report an absence due to the phone lines being busy, then please email **[studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)**

Miss Fountain.

## Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Hello and welcome back to all the year 9 students. Unfortunately I have not been in the Academy for the last few days so I will update in next week's bulletin.

Mrs Laws.

## Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:



**2024!** Happy New Year everyone. I am pleased to say that we have had a great first week back. As you are all aware, the students have been sitting their mid-year assessments and exams. I am so proud of how well they have all done. This needs to continue as they have week 2 of assessments next week but I am sure they will be just as amazing.

As a group we have achieved over 1600 reward points this week! That's an amazing start to this term. The students have all worked so hard and long may this continue. Our highest achievers this week were **Isla-Mae Garrod, Liam Wright, Jack Bratton and Ethan Peel**. Huge congratulations to them and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts in getting this term off to a great start.

My student of the week is **George Payne**. Last half term must be a PB for George. Week after week we saw his name in the top 10 highest achievers list, teachers were feeding back on his positive attitude and how hard he was working and he achieved over 300 points in the first term. He worked so hard and gave every lesson 110%. George is student of the week as he had returned with the same, amazing attitude. Well done George and please keep this up, I'm so proud of you.

Attendance in year 10 was 89%. Not a great start to 2024 and I really hope this will improve. Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you who have 100% attendance this academic year, which is an amazing achievement. If you are struggling to report an absence due to the phone lines being busy, then please email [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk). If it is a pastoral issue which you would like to discuss with me as the Head of Year, then please email [emma.mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:emma.mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) or call/text me on 07511 225248.

Just a reminder of our academy's expectations regarding uniform - black trousers, no jeans or leggings, KLA skirts only with white shirts, tie and blazer. If you do have any issues with your child's uniform or if you need any help purchasing items, please do not hesitate to contact me as we have some uniform in the swap shop which may help. I'd also like to remind you that fluffy coloured socks are not permitted as uniform. As the Christmas break is over and we are back at school, please can I ask that acrylic nails are removed. They are not allowed for school. They are dangerous and not safe when taking part in practical subjects. Your child will not be allowed to participate in PE or practical lessons until the nails are removed.

The heads of year continue to monitor lateness so please ensure your child is on time and ready to learn before 8:35am. There are sanctions in place for lateness, and these can be followed by after school detentions for 30 minutes the same day. If your child arrives late then I will contact you however I do appreciate your support with the after-school detentions.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Mann.



# Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

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

After school lessons period 6 have also been put in place for year 11 after school Monday-Thursday. Many thanks 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 essential and help towards your child's end goal.

Attendance in year 11 has been lower this week due to being hit by bugs and colds - **87.5%**, 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 are struggling to report an absence due to the phone lines being busy, then please email [studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) 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](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.

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

The number of year 11 students arriving late at school has decreased significantly this week and 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.

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. We also have a few coats that were unclaimed last term - if your child has misplaced, please send them our way.

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.

As a year group we have achieved **1,579** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Ty Hornigold**, a massive well done to him.

Student of the week this week goes to **Olivia Andrews**, 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 Olivia, keep up the great work.

Just before we broke up **Macie Rodwell** attended a local carol service and was fabulous doing a reading for the congregation and community. Well done Macie and to **Will Phoenix** from year 9, who joined her.

## Year 11 Round Up continued...

Huge congratulations to **Amber-Rose Locker** our very own superstar! Amber was signed to Norwich City Women as goalkeeper. Massive well-done Amber, we are so very proud of you, the effort you have put in has been amazing!



As you are all aware the day after we broke up for Christmas, we held a two course Christmas lunch, free of charge here at KLA for **110 people!** With the wonderful support from yourselves and **Lynnmoore Engineering and Robinsons Transport** this could have not happened. We have been feeding either by meals or hampers for the past 6 years! The students and staff also supplied **50 hampers** to the local community including the Night Shelter and Goodwins Hall. Miss Bowen has kindly been taking in contributions from the students for me. We had a lovely response from all of you, thank you all so very much. A huge thank you goes to all the staff and students that came in to help on the day especially to our wonderful ladies in the canteen. Students came to sing their hearts out and also serve meals to everyone.

Students also received a selection box from each house for donating hamper foods.

Riga: **Scarlet Lawson** Year 7

Stargard: **Ellie Wright** Year 7

Hamburg: **Jude Thrower** Year 7

La Rochelle: **Elena Luxton** Year 9

Huge thanks also to Mr Burt for coming to take the pictures for the press on the day, as he does every year.



## Year 11 Round Up continued...



Huge thanks to year 11 CUB students who did a wonderful job raising funds with their Christmas photo booth. This was very popular with the help of the Grinch and elves from LSU.

We also had a very large tin of sweets to win before Christmas - 50p a guess. Our winner was drawn on the last day of term - **Molly Oakes** in Year 7, well done to her. The £20 raised will go towards the year 11 prom.

Year 11's will be selling roses in the coming weeks for Valentines Day - £1:00 each with a personalised message. Details to follow. These will be available by the end of next week.

Keep safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs H Lockey.