

Parent Bulletin

Friday 26th January 2024

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd February – Non uniform day

Monday 5th February – Year 10 Poetry Live trip

Monday 5th February – Friday 8th March – Year 11 mock exams

Tuesday 13th February – Year 9 options evening

Friday 16th February – Last day of term

Monday 26th February – School reopens after half term

Wednesday 13th March – Blood Brothers trip

Friday 5th July 2024 - Year 11 Prom

Student Absences & Medical appointments:

If your child has to have some time off school, please ensure that you contact the absence team if possible **before 8.30am** preferably via our absence email on

studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

or call the absence line **01553 779635**. Please include your child's name, year group and why they are absent. If we send you a text message and you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child explaining why they have been away.

If you need to take your child to a medical appointment during school time please can we ask that you either send in an appointment card or letter with your child or please email them to **studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk** so we are aware in advance when you collect your child.

Student Belongings:

Please can we ask that all students' belongings are clearly named. It is much easier to reunite them with the owner if they are named. Thankyou.



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



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 apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

FLimsy AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

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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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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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

\$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



On Tuesday our Food Technology department had a visit from Mr Darby, the regional manager for BASC (British Association of Shooting and Conservation). Mr Darby was a student of Mrs Stewart 10 years ago, who also took food as a GCSE. He went on to be a gamekeeper at Holkham and then got the job with the BASC. He gave a presentation on all the types of game available, the shooting seasons, sustainability, and the benefits of eating game.

He came along with 7 ducks (mallard) and 7 pheasants that had been shot the previous Saturday at a local shoot. The students were shown how to pluck and then how to take off the breasts and the legs. The meat was marinated and then cooked with the students producing sticky Chinese popcorn pheasant and pan-fried duck with glass noodles, peppers, and spring onions.



Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

Another week has flown by! The year 7's have had the great opportunity of taking part in a Happening History workshop. It was enjoyed by all and involved costumes, teamwork, marriages and lots of interesting opportunities to acquire knowledge. I may have even been sporting a rather fetching hat myself.



Another reminder about uniform please, leggings are not an accepted part of school uniform. A student that comes to school repeatedly in leggings will be issued with a detention for either break, lunchtime or after school. Attendance this week has been 93%. I really appreciate all of the students that have been coming in even though they have not been feeling 100%. I know it can be a struggle but so much learning is missed each time a student has a day off.

This week I thought we would celebrate those that have been awarded the most attainment points in the last week.

Student	Week	Term	YTD	Life
Culyer, Alexander	18	54	281	281
Caponka, Emilis	15	55	374	374
Diadko, Nikita	15	52	261	261
Hailstone, Roman	15	41	351	351
Kordovic, Robert	15	50	346	346
Mann, Hope	15	52	371	371
Russell, Ralphie	15	53	374	374
Rutkauskaite, Urte	15	47	343	343
Swinger, Ashton	15	48	332	332

Well done to all the above students, especially **Nikita Diadko** who has been making a charge towards the other top scorers lately.

★ ★ My student of the week this week, as mentioned above, goes to **Nikita Diadko**. Nikita's teachers are always reporting his positive participation in lessons. I hope to see you continuing your way up the points leaderboard Nikita! Well Done! ★ ★

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Hi all,

Well, the snow didn't arrive!! But the rain definitely did!!

Year 8's are showing how well 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 term so far, 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 91.6%, a little lower than last week but there are many nasty bugs around still, so I understand how hard it is at the moment!! Please make sure you contact the absence line if your child is off.

I am pleased to inform you from Wednesday to Wednesday, Year 8 earned between themselves a whopping **2203 achievement points!!**

What a fabulous achievement!! Well done to them all!

The student of the week for year 8, goes to a wonderful young lady whose constantly positive attitude to school and learning definitely shows everyday, and she has even started helping me to decorate my office with some beautiful artwork!!

The student of the week, this week goes to: - **Faith Brown.**

Well done Faith 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: AGAIN..... **Albert Obisesan** with 38 achievement points!

A HUGE WELL DONE TO THEM BOTH!! Both students mentioned above will receive a prize from me.

Remember, If there are any out of school activities our students partake in and you would like me to add it to our bulletin, please let me know, as I absolutely love celebrating my year 8's achievement, 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 shoes split, but if this does happen, please let me know with either a note or a text, **my mobile being 07511 224223**, so 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. Especially at this current time, where everyone is feeling the pinch!! Please feel free to reach out anytime and I will try to help in anyway I can. Compulsory uniform basics: Black Trousers/KLA skirt White shirt KLA blazer KLA tie *KLA V-neck jumper is additional uniform but NOT COMPULSORY therefore not a replacement for a blazer.*

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.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Good afternoon from Year 9 here at KLA.

Seems like ages since I last wrote our newsletter as unfortunately, I've been off ill for a couple of weeks. Thank you to the other Heads of Year for stepping into the breach and looking after the 9s for me during that time.

Options: You should all have had a letter home via parent mail from Mrs Leeming-Watts last week re the options open evening here at KLA on Tuesday 13th February, can you please return this asap with your selection time. This is a vitally important evening that everyone needs to attend so you can gather all the information you need to help your child with their GCSE choices over the next few weeks. If student needs another copy, please see me as I have some.

Our normal assembly this week was cancelled but unfortunately, I had to call a special one with the year 9 students to make the following points:

- Uniform: I have noticed that there again, seems to be quite a few girls in leggings and boys in tracksuits, these are **not** part of our school uniform, they need to be in proper tailored trousers for school please.
- School jumpers are optional in the cold weather, Blazers are not, students should be wearing their blazer every day. As I explained to the students most workplaces & colleges require you to wear a uniform of a certain standard and failure to do so could result in them losing their jobs when they get into the working world.

The school policy is very clear on this and failure to comply will result in detentions being issued to repeat offenders. If there are any issues with parents getting uniform, please feel free to get in touch in confidence and we may be able to help.

Lateness to school and lessons is also very high with year 9, let's see if we can get on top of it, please.

Congratulations to **Jac Fox**, **Jack Skinner** and **Edward Frost** who played for West Norfolk under 14s Rugby Team against Norwich at the weekend. They beat their counterparts 12-10 and **Jac Fox** was named Man of the Match. Well done boys!!



Year 9 Round Up continued.....

Attendance in Year 9 was 89.7% which is very low so let's have a big push at getting this figure up for next week please.

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! If you are struggling to report an absence due to the phone lines being busy, then please email 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 jacqueline.laws@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk.

As a group we have achieved just over 1000 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Charlie Brewer** so congratulations to him!



Student of the Week is **Will Phoenix**. I am aware this is a bit belated due to me being unwell, but I wanted to thank Will for all his help with the community meal as we broke up at Xmas. People commented on how polite and helpful he was serving them. So, thank you Will.

Have a lovely weekend and I will see you Monday.

Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

What a week!

On Tuesday, a group of Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students took part in a Game Workshop. Obviously, I don't mean board games! They were plucking birds, sectioning off meat, preparing it, marinating it, cooking it and of course eating it! The students made either Sticky Chinese Popcorn Pheasant or Pan-Fried Breast of Mallard. It was an amazing experience for them all and I am very proud to be able to join them and to see how they all did. The photos don't do the food justice as it was all so delicious!



Year 10 Round Up continued...

As a group we have achieved 734 reward points this week! Well done everyone. Our highest achievers this week were **Jack Bratton, Liam Wright, Calum Burt** and **Isla-Mae Garrod**. A huge congratulations to them and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts this week. Let's get that total to over 1000 again next week!

Attendance in Year 10 was 80% this week. This needs to improve. Everyday really does matter.

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! If you are struggling to report an absence due to the phone lines being busy, then please email 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 or call/text me on 07511 225248.

The HOY team monitor the number of students arriving late at school so I would like to remind you that all students need to be in school and ready to learn before 8:35am please. There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these can be followed by after school detentions for 30 minutes the same day. We really do appreciate your support with the after-school detentions.

A little reminder of our academy's uniform as we are having several daily conversations regarding this. Students are not allowed to wear leggings or jeans because they are comfy, hoodies because they got it as a gift etc. 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 this or if you need any help purchasing items, please do not hesitate to contact me as we have some good uniform in the swap shop which may help. If any students have borrowed any ties from us over the last few weeks, PLEASE can we have them back ASAP. I'd also like to be reminded you that fluffy coloured socks are not permitted as uniform. We have also noticed acrylic nails popping up again these also are not allowed for school. They are dangerous when taking part in practical subjects. Please can we ask that they are not worn for school.

Just a little reminder that today is the last day for payments on the **Blood Brothers Trip**. Thank you to all those who have paid and returned consent forms to me. Any outstanding forms, please return by Wednesday 31st January at the latest.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Mann

Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday!

Many thanks to all students in Year 11 for their work in lessons this week I have seen some great work in progress. Year 11 Behaviour has been fabulous this week a big well done to you all.

Many thanks also goes to Mr Towler who delivered our assembly this week and the top tips for revision for the upcoming exams. Students were also given high-lighters, revisions tool and cards to take away for them to use.

After school lessons P6 have also been put in place for Year 11 these run after school Monday-Thursday's. Many thanks for all those students that have attended this week these extra lessons are really important for embedding their knowledge.

Many thanks also go to **Mrs Leeming-Watts** for organising the admissions team from COWA to come in on Thursday to support Year 11 with applications.

Thursday afternoon several awards were distributed at College for recognition of Year 11's hard work.

Hair & Beauty Award went to **Grace Elflett**.

Childcare Awards went to **Gabriele Isajevaite & Izabelli Crozatti**.

Engineering Award went to **Justin Kirk**.

Health & Social Care Award went to **Harry Younge**.

Over 40 certificates were also given for 100% attendance in College.

Well done goes to all students that attend College you have been fabulous!

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 as we have a rail full that have not been claimed!

Attendance in Year 11 has been lowered this week due to being hit by bugs and colds **90.2%** 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 are struggling to report an absence due to the phone lines being busy, then please email 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 hayley.lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk.

If your child attends College on Thursday's 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 would 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. This is so important every minute counts including every single lesson.

There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these are followed by ASD's and parents contacted on a daily basis.

Year 11 Round Up continued...

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All HOY are checking uniform **EVERY** day and are contacting home, if necessary, no jeans or leggings please and blazers and ties are a must. If your child has been loaned a tie, could they please bring them back, we have a shortage of them at the moment. Bags need to be part of our day too and these should contain your child's knowledge organiser and equipment ready to learn.

Please let us know if we can support in any way as we have a swap shop here at KLA whereby students can bring any unwanted uniform and exchange for larger sizes if needed. Please be reminded **NO** fluffy coloured socks are permitted as uniform. We have also noticed acrylic nails popping up again these also are not allowed these are dangerous especially when taking part in practical subjects. Also nose piercings are creeping back in these are also not permitted and a clear retainer needs to be worn. Hair and Beauty students especially need to be mindful about not wearing jewellery, especially in the Salon.

As a year group we have achieved **1,627** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Harrison Lynn** a massive well done goes to them.

Student of the week this week goes to **Thomas Brewer** a well done goes to him for really working hard and making a great start back to this year. It has been noticed well done **Thomas** keep up the great work.

Year 11's will be selling roses starting next for Valentines Day **£1:00 each** with a personalised message. These will be available every morning and lunch time until Valentine's Day. Many thanks to the Year 11's that have come forward to offer support with this every pound raised goes towards Prom.



Dates for diary:

Non-uniform day **Friday 2nd February** £1 donation.

Year 11 Mock exams **Monday 5th February until Friday 8th March.**

Break up for Half term last day **Friday 16th February.**

Valentine's Roses on sale **£1 each** from next week before school/lunchtimes.

Blood Brothers Trip for 10/11's **Wednesday 13th March.**

Year 11 Parents Evening TBC.....

Year 11 Prom Friday July 5th tickets **£23 each** go on sale before Easter half term.

Information about leavers hoodies to follow and how to order.

Stay safe and keep safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs H Lockey