

Parent Bulletin

Friday 9th February 2024

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th February – Friday 2nd 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

Tuesday 5.3.24. 12.3.24. 19.3.24. DofE training after school

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.

Temporary Bus Passes:

We have had several enquiries lately at reception regarding the issue of temporary bus passes. These often come at the end of the school day when hundreds of students are leaving.

When students join the school, if they are eligible for a bus pass this is issued by Norfolk County Council, free of charge. It is valid for all their time at KLA. Students are expected to look after it & keep it with them to show the bus driver when they travel to & from school.

If the original bus pass is lost, stolen or damaged in some way, then a replacement should be purchased at £13.00 from Norfolk County Council, Travel & Transport Services, tel. 0344 800 8020.

We are able to issue a maximum of 2 temporary bus passes if a replacement has been ordered but not received - these last for 2 weeks.

Please be reminded that authorised bus pass holders only should be travelling on the buses, no guests.

Thankyou.

KLA office.



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.

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)

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

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)

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.

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 **MONKEY**

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

(although the lack of age verification means that someone younger could easily log in with a false date of birth)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.

UNDER 18

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.



IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.



INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.



Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.



RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.



REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.



SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.



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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PE Weekly Sports Bulletin:



No PE lunchtime or after school clubs next week 12th February – 16th February due to exams.

Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

⚽ Firstly, last week I forgot to mention how great it was to see the year 7 football team in action when they had a fixture after school. The boys really showed all of the skills and finished with a well-deserved win. A 'shout out' to Rueben Wilkinson who also offered to go in goal to allow others to swap around and have a go at playing in other positions. WELL DONE to you all. ⚽

One more week to go until we get to our well deserved week off. The students in year 7 are doing amazingly well, with the weather, dark nights and exams, they have all shown amazing strength and resilience.

🎵 We also had some students travel to Norwich to join a choir rehearsal, leading to a competition in March. Miss Mace, Miss Worledge and Mrs Roberts were the staff members that had the pleasure of taking them and they have told me they were absolutely amazing! 🎵

I thought we would celebrate those children that have scored the most attainment points in the last week. **Damian Sudnickis** has managed to top the table, showing how hard he has been working in lessons. Well done Damian.

Student	Week
Sudnickis, Damian	20
Dennis, Ozzy	19
Swinger, Ashton	19
Bruce, Caleb	17
Hailstone, Roman	17
Mann, Hope	17
Russell, Ralphie	17
Rutkauskaite, Urte	17

★ ★ Student of the week this week is **Gaby Rosca**. Gaby is not only a fantastic student in class but also in sports after school. It is always a pleasure to see Gaby in the corridors and his book work is always completed to a high standard. ★ ★

Mr Docking has delivered assembly this week on Feminism and Science. I always love seeing the whole year group together. Last week the whole year group looked extremely smart and every child had their blazer with them.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to dodge the rain.

Mrs West.

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Unfortunately, Miss Fountain has not been in the Academy for the last few days so will update in next week's bulletin.

Year 8 Trip - National Space Centre Visit



The Science department is running a National Space Centre visit on Thursday 18th April 2024 for year 8 students. We will travel to the space centre by coach leaving KLA at 7.30 am and aim to arrive back at the school around 4pm. To cover the cost of entry and the coach we ask for a voluntary contribution of £28.54 per student.

All students were given a letter regarding the trip on Thursday 8th February. If your child is interested in participating in the trip, they need to return the slip attached to Mrs Bell in S18 as soon as possible.

This is a very popular trip which has 47 places available, these places will be given on a first come first served basis.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Good evening from year 9 KLA.

Some of the year 9's went on the Poetry Live! trip to Norwich on Monday. By all accounts they had a fantastic day and were a credit to themselves and the academy with their impeccable behaviour. Well done to all those concerned.

In Drama now the students are working on stage make up and costumes, there has been some fantastic work done by the year 9's.



A reminder that we have our options evening next Tuesday, 13th February in the academy. If you haven't already booked your talk time slot, please do so ASAP as this is a vitally important event that the students need to attend to give them a look into what the options process is, and it also showcases all the GCSE courses which will be available to them here in school and at college next year. I look forward to seeing you all there.

There are still quite a few coats which students have forgotten to pick up when going home, so please if your child has come home saying they have lost it, get them to check the lost property rail as after the spring break we will be giving them to charity as many have been here since the Autumn term.

Attendance in year 9 was 83% this week which is down on last week. We are aware there are a few bugs at this time of year, but can I please stress how important it is that students are in school especially as we are looking at options and they are about to start their GCSE's. If you think your child would benefit from a paracetamol during the day to help them stay in school if they are a little under the weather, please feel free to send them in with one to take.

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!

Year 9 Round Up continued.....

As a group we have achieved 1050 reward points this week which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Taylor Church** so congratulations to him!



Student of the Week is **Thomas Jackson**. I am consistently getting outstanding reports from Thomas's teachers about his hard work and dedication to learning. Well done Thomas!

Our assembly this week was led by Mrs Leeming-Watts and was about the start of the options process. Students were given a brief talk by some of the subject leads on what to expect in their courses.

Have a good weekend and see you all on Monday.

Mrs Laws.

Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Year 10 news!

This week's assembly was led by Mr Docking and was a big focus on Science. He reminded the students of websites they can use to revise, how important it all is and stressed the importance of getting the best grades possible.

This week, we achieved 1298 reward points. Not as high as last week but still an impressive amount! Well done to you all as you have all worked so hard and long may this continue. HUGE congratulations to our highest achievers this week - **Georgie Eke, Tyler Lee-Hurst, Isla-Mae Garrod, Calum Burt, Ethan Peel, Nikita Volkov** and **Lilly Luker**. Well done to them all, joint scores of 19, 17 and 16 points that gave me 7 top scorers! A big well done to everyone else for their amazing efforts as always this week. The half term rest is getting closer!

Our student of the week is **Alex Benua-Kogen**. Alex is a fantastic student who works hard in all subjects. He has not been at KLA for a huge amount of time, but he definitely is an amazing addition to my year group. Alex works at a high standard and does this with such maturity and confidence. Well done Alex, keep this up and you will go far!

Sadly, we have been hit again this week. Attendance in year 10 was 88% this 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.

Thank you to everyone for the support with the Blood Brothers trip. I am just waiting on the last couple of consent forms and we are all good to go!

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 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, please email me emma.mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk or call me on 07511 225248. Please remember that we have a 48-hour return of contact policy, but I always try my best to return calls and reply to emails. If, on the odd chance you don't hear from me and still want to discuss something, please try again, and give me a little nudge!

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Mrs Mann.

Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockety:

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.

Mock exams are now well underway and we need everyone to achieve their full potential. Good luck year 11 for next week!

Many thanks to Mr Docking for our assembly this week; he spoke about feminism and women in Science. Famous scientists were discussed during the assembly and Mr Docking explained although men are stereotypically scientists many women have supported and even contributed to putting men on the moon.

English intervention ran this week; thanks to Mrs Jones and Mr Frammingham. Speaking and listening MFL exams have also been running again this week. Thanks to all that have supported with this.

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; these extra lessons are really important for embedding their knowledge.

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 lower this week due to being hit by bugs and colds. We really need that last big push as it was **85.5%** 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.

The number of year 11 students arriving late at school has slightly increased this week and I need your support with this. All students should 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 as every minute counts, every single lesson. There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these are followed by after school detentions and parents are contacted on a daily basis.

If you have a pastoral issue you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me on hayley.lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

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.

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 **1,142** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week is **Reegan Robinson**, a massive well done to him.

Student of the Week goes to **Drew Garner**. Well done to her for really working hard and making a great start back this year. It has been noticed, keep up the great work, keep going, you can do this!

Year 11 Round Up continued...

Year 11's will be continuing to sell roses for Valentines Day at £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, they are selling really fast!



Non-uniform day for Year 11 on Friday 2nd February raised £218:60 towards their prom.

Dates for diary:

Year 11 mock exams Monday 5th February until Friday 2nd March.

Break up for half term Friday 16th February.

Valentine's Roses on sale £1 each all next week before school/lunchtimes - all proceeds to the prom.

Blood Brothers trip for years 10 & 11 Wednesday 13th March.

Year 11 parents evening Tuesday 26th March.

Prom Friday July 5th tickets £23 each - going on sale before the Easter holiday.

Information about leavers hoodies to follow - a link will be sent to you all to order shortly. They will go on sale **Friday 16th February** and final orders will be placed on **Saturday 7th April 2024**.

Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs H Lockey.