

# Parent Bulletin

## Friday 16th February 2024

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 11 mock exams

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens after half term

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 remote parents evening, 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Blood Brothers trip

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – All Saints Church and The Minster trip

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.

### Canteen Price Increases:

Due to rising supply costs, unfortunately we have had to increase our canteen prices on snack items. This will come into effect from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Our main meal price will remain the same.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](https://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

## 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 Trust - Vacancies and Careers \(eastern-mat.co.uk\)](http://eastern-mat.co.uk)

## 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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonlinecollege.com](https://nationalonlinecollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ONLINE DATING & RELATIONSHIPS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Most online dating apps claim to be for over-18s only but, in some cases, relaxed age verification also allows children to access them. What's more, some popular social media platforms use similar design features to many dating sites – blurring the line between why a young person initially downloads an app and what they *actually* end up using it for.

### ONLINE GROOMING

Online grooming is when someone forms a connection with a child in the digital world and carefully cultivates this relationship with the intention of manipulating the child into doing something sexual or illegal. The process involves gaining the young person's confidence – which can make them far less likely to tell a trusted adult about their new online 'friend', or to recognise what is even happening.

### WEBCAM BLACKMAIL

Some young people have been coaxed into getting nude or semi-nude on a video chat with someone they met on a dating platform. They're then told that, unless they hand over a certain amount of money, a recording of the video will be posted online (or possibly sent to their contacts). This can be hugely traumatic for a young person and, in extreme cases, has resulted in self-harm and even suicide.

### DAMAGE TO SELF ESTEEM

Many dating platforms encourage users to rate the images that people upload; this has clear potential to negatively impact a young person's self esteem. On some apps, pictures of a user's face and body can be rated anonymously, with notifications informing them if someone has then declined to match with them. This form of rejection can feel extremely hurtful and degrading.

### CATFISHING AND SCAMS

Creating a false identity to deliberately lure people into a relationship (whether romantic or platonic) online is known as catfishing. Commonly, someone pretends to share interests or beliefs with their victim and gradually gains their trust. A young person's feelings for this fake 'friend' may cloud their judgement and can lead to them surrendering money, personal images, passwords and so on.

### STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Stalking is obsessive behaviour by a fixated individual which disrupts their victim's life; it can bring severe distress and even the fear of violence. There have been frequent reports of stalking cases that originated on dating apps, with perpetrators creating new accounts in response to being reported or blocked. It's a particular cause for concern if a young person has ever given out personal details (such as their street or school name) online.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Reassure your child that they can always talk to you about anything online that's worried them. Emphasise that if they're being sent unwanted images – or if they've shared images or video content themselves – they should tell you straight away. Discuss the potential risks of online dating and check in with them frequently to ensure that they're feeling comfortable about their online relationships.

### TAKE A 'SAFETY FIRST' STANDPOINT

Encourage young people to be careful about who they send invitations to – and accept them from – on dating sites and apps. Familiarise yourself with how to adjust the privacy settings on your child's devices and apps to help them control who can access their profiles and information. Talk to your child about why it's unwise to share any sensitive, private or confidential information in their profile.

### PROTECT CONTACT DETAILS

If a young person is interested in using online dating sites or apps, strongly encourage them to choose one that offers the facility to conceal both parties' email addresses when messaging prospective dates. If that's not possible, ensure that the young person sets up a separate email address which doesn't include their real name. This is easy to do via providers like Hotmail, Yahoo! Mail or gmail.

### HIGHLIGHT COMMON DANGER SIGNS

Talk to your child about some of the obvious red flags in online dating: requests for money, for instance, should always ring alarm bells. Likewise, if a young person is in contact with someone who they feel is pressuring them into providing personal or financial information – or who they suspect is trying to trick them into it – they should end communication immediately and contact the dating service provider.

### Meet Our Expert

Rebecca Jennings has more than 20 years' experience in the field of relationships, sex and health education (RSHE). As well as delivering workshops and training for young people, parents and schools, she is also a subject matter expert on RSHE for the Department of Education.



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## PE Weekly Sports Bulletin:



No PE lunchtime or after school clubs 12<sup>th</sup> February – 16<sup>th</sup> February due to exams.



## International School Award Foundation Certificate:

King's Lynn Academy has gained the International School Award Foundation Certificate from the British Council. We have demonstrated an excellent start in promoting the international dimension across our school. We will be extending and embedding internationalism in our curriculum and look forward to linking Internationalism to our House system.

Well done KLA!



# International School Award Certificate

This is to certify that

**King's Lynn Academy**

has achieved

**Foundation level**  
Introducing internationalism

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott McDonald".

Scott McDonald  
Chief Executive, British Council

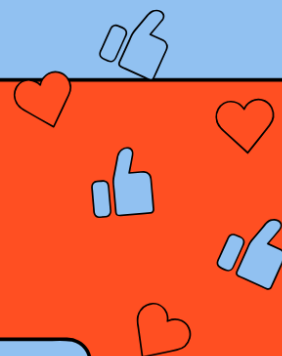
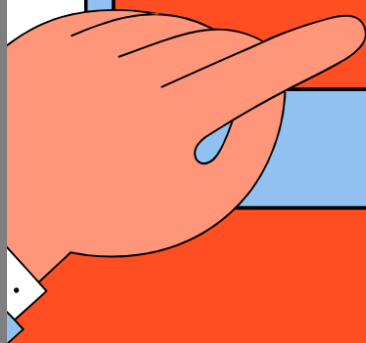




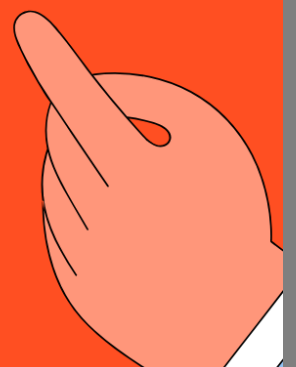
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Please enter your full name.



# PERFORMING ARTS - HOUSE COMPETITION





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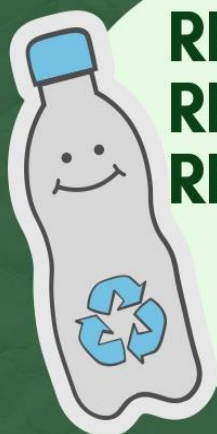
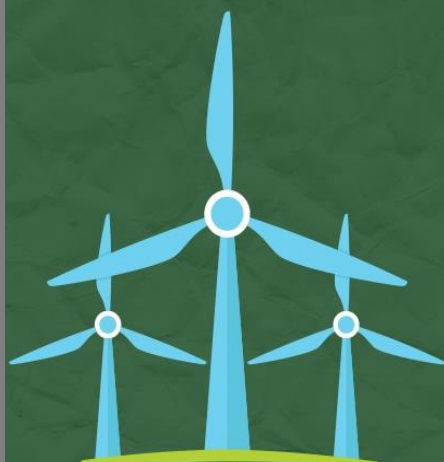
CALLING ALL YEAR 7,8 AND 9

## IT'S COMPETITION TIME



**THE CHALLENGE**  
YOU ARE ASKED TO MAKE  
SOMETHING AT HOME THAT IS  
BASED AROUND THE 6 R'S.

THE PROJECT IS FOCUSSED ON  
SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND HOW  
WE CAN USE THE EVERYDAY  
THINGS AROUND US TO MAKE NEW  
PRODUCTS



**REUSE  
REDUCE  
RECYCLE**

**REFUSE  
REPAIR  
RETHINK**

Deadline:  
W/C 18th March 2024  
Hand in to your  
Technology Teacher



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

Finally, we have made it to the break and the students are definitely ready for a well-earned week of rest.

Attendance has been lower than we would like for the last couple of weeks - 90%. We are more than happy to support students with minor illness within school. The students can keep one paracetamol with them to help them get through the day. Attendance is so important every day, it is amazing the amount of work that is covered in each hourly lesson. I also need to stress that we cannot authorise absence due to a sibling being off school. If it takes you longer to organise a lift into school for them or need time to make arrangements, we would still rather them be in school.

Assembly this week was on STEM careers. This is looking at Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. It is great to see the children understanding where their education will be used once they are in the working world.

I wanted to celebrate those students that have achieved the most behaviour points in this Jan/Feb period. It is amazing to see those that have managed to hit the 100 mark with their achievement points. Well done to you all!!! A special well done to **Taylor Sheppard-Allen** who is top of the year with 122.

Student	Points
Sheppard-Allen, Taylor	122
Rastokas, Dominykas	115
Swinger, Ashton	107
Caponka, Emilis	106
Russell, Ralphie	106
Culyer, Alexander	102
Kordovic, Robert	102
Rutkauskaite, Urte	102
Tuttle, Evie	102
Burton, Ava	101
Dennis, Ozzy	101
Mann, Hope	101
Barr, Elliott	100
Sudnickis, Damian	100
Williams, Arthur	100

Letters about the parents evening on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, including instructions on how to use SchoolCloud, will be sent home after half term. Thank you all for your continued support. I am so proud of the year group and how they are supporting each other every day.

Have a wonderful break.

Mrs West.

## Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Another term done!! Time is definitely flying by, to think we are almost half-way through year 8 is just unreal!!

This week, the students had an assembly about careers and how lessons and subjects, specifically STEM lessons, Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths, are linked to their future careers. This was most interesting and opened up the minds of some students about how school and careers, really do go hand-in-hand!

Year 8 are still showing us how fabulous they are!! I am so proud of their efforts this term so far, especially with a total of **2280 achievement points** which is from Wednesday to Wednesday, so please remember to give them lots of positive praise at home.

The students with the most achievement points this week were:

Student	Points
Obisesan, Albert	25
Goodbourn, Ella	24
McNeill-Cook, Rosey	24
Skabrin, Kristiyan	24
Webster, Lily-Rose	24
Wilson, Jayden	24
Green, Aaron	23

### Student of the week:

My student of the week goes to a wonderful young lady, who, through a really tough time recently, has been coming into school and trying her absolute hardest. She is a pleasure to have in my year. This student is **Lola Frary**. Well done Lola.

This week, the attendance for year 8 has been an average of 88%, this is a lot lower than last week. Hopefully, the new term we will be back fighting fit.

**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.**

For the new term PLEASE remember the 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.

**Please remember leggings are NOT allowed. If a student does come in the wrong uniform, without a valid explanation from home, the second day will result in an after school detention.**

Have a wonderful week off and stay safe.

Miss Fountain.

# Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Good evening from year 9.

Options evening on Tuesday was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended the talks given by Mr Towler and Mrs Leeming-Watts and then looked around the options and college stalls afterwards. It was great to see students asking so many questions when looking around the stalls and you could really see the enthusiasm coming through.

It was a very informative evening and I hope you gained an insight into how the options process is working this year and how best to support your child in getting the choices they want.

The deadline for option choices is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, remember it's not first come first served, think carefully about the choices you are making as you will be studying them for the next 2 years.



It was also very nice to finally meet some parents who I have only spoken to over the phone before.

Please take the opportunity over half term to purchase new school uniform and shoes if needed. Students must be in tailored trousers (available at most High Street shops) not leggings, jeans, jeggings or tracksuits. Shoes must be plain and all black i.e. no white soles. The school blazer is compulsory, KLA jumpers are optional for warmth (hoodies are not allowed and must be removed on entering the academy).

None of this is anything new and has always been in place. Students often try and stretch the boundaries and we are grateful to parents for their full support on correct uniform as we are getting students ready for the working world, where a uniform code must be adhered to in certain jobs.



## Year 9 Round Up continued.....

Attendance in year 9 was 91.5% this week, which is up on last week, which is fantastic.

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 your child has to have time off school, please ensure that you call the absence line on 01553 779635 or call the main reception and select option 1 to explain why. If we send you a text message and you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child when they return to school explaining why they have been away.

As a group we have achieved 1100 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Taylor Church** again !!! congratulations to him!



Student of the Week is **Kahlan Hayden** for dedication over this last week. Really proud of the changes you have made, they might be little, but they are definitely making a difference.

Our assembly this week was more about options and what jobs require you to have additional qualifications using STEM.

The mart is in town, so no doubt many students will be going there during the week. Have a restful week off and I will see you all on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, all refreshed ready for the second half of the short Spring term.

Mrs Laws.

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



It's half term people and time to say a HUGE well done to you all for all your hard work and efforts across half term. So proud of the excellent behaviour I have seen, fantastic lessons, excellent work in class, you are just all amazing! You really have earned a week of rest!

This week, we achieved **1847** shiny reward points. What an amazing end to the half term! Well done to you all as you have all worked so hard and long may this continue. A HUGE well done to our highest achievers this week as listed in our assembly. **Isla-Mae Garrod, Jack Bratton, Calum Burt, Liam Wright, Lilly Luker, Sonny Jefferies, Harry Fish, Ethan Peel, Lilly Bocock, Nikita Volkov** and **George Payne**. These students have all received between 15-30 reward points this week alone! That is FANTASTIC!!!!!!

As it's the end of this half term, I need to say a MASSIVE well done to the top ten highest achievers across the half term. These students have shown how hard they are prepared to work, and how much commitment they have towards their studies. It's great to celebrate their achievements and I hope they feel proud. I am so proud of each and every one of you. **Isla-Mae Garrod, Lilly Bocock, Calum Burt, Liam Wright, Aiden Bellars, Jack Bratton, Nikita Volkov, Sonny Jefferies, Harry Fish** and **Ruby Pindar**.

Our student of the week is **Harry Fish**. Harry is a lovely young man and an excellent student. Harry works hard in his lessons and always shows that he is committed to doing well. Listed in the top ten highest achievers for this week and this half term! Keep it up Harry, we are proud of you.

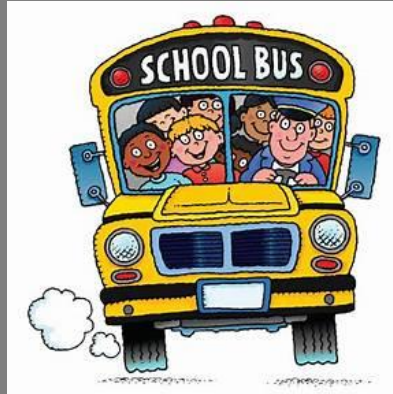
Attendance in year 10 was 90% this week. Here's to having a healthy bunch back after half term. Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you who have 100% attendance this academic year, which is an amazing achievement!

Just a couple of dates for now that I want to share with you -

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Blood Brothers trip for year 10 and 11.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 10 parents evening at KLA.

## Year 10 Round Up continued.....



It's that time of year again when I launch my end of year rewards trip. I will invite all those lucky students to join myself and my wing woman, Miss Hammond to an assembly after half term. I will then share when and most importantly, WHERE we are off to. Please look out for letters and consent forms coming home that first week back. I hope they will all remember to give you the letters and want to join us as for a day out as we are so excited for this!

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. If your child is continuously late, if there is no improvement after me contacting you then I will be inviting you in for a meeting to discuss the issue. So many vital minutes of learning are lost through repeat lateness.

Just a reminder that if you need to contact me for a pastoral issue that you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me [emma.mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto: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 half term everyone and see you back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

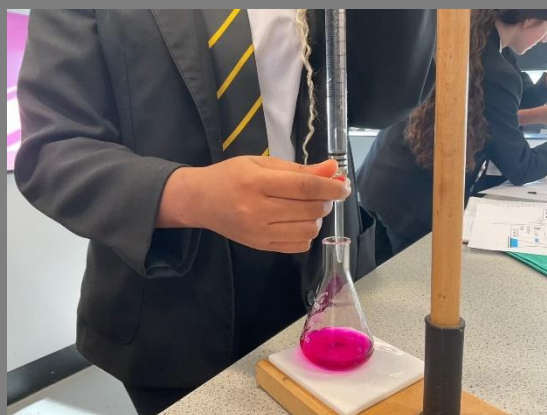
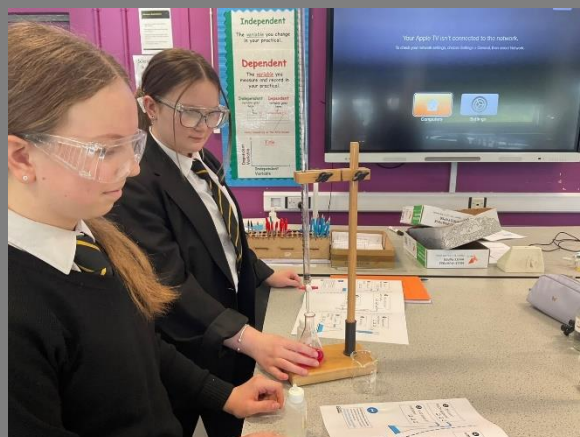
Mrs Mann.



# Year 10 Triple Chemists

Year 10 Triple Chemists undertook a titration this week, to determine the concentration of an acid using a known concentration of alkali. The students measured the volume of acid necessary to neutralise an alkali, using a burette and an indicator called phenolphthalein. This indicator turns bright pink in alkaline solutions, and colourless in acids. Students must stop the titration as soon as the solution changes. The difference between success and failure comes down to a single drop! Well done Year 10!

Mr Goodman (Science).



# 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.

Mock exams are now well underway. We need everyone here to achieve their full potential. Good luck year 11 you have all been amazing! Thanks to all parents who have endeavoured to get them all here this week it has been much appreciated. Year 11 have been fabulous, let's keep this up.

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 theirs, 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, it was **93.98%** 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.

As a year group we have achieved **1,251** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Reegan Robinson**. Well done to him.

Student of the week goes to **Alfie-James Morton**. Well done to him for really working hard and making a great start back to this year. It has been noticed, keep up the great work, keep going, you can do this!

Big shout out to **Millie-Rose Chapman** who helped the mayor open the mart this week. Well done Millie-Rose, what a lovely opportunity for you.



## Year 11 Round Up continued...

**Valentine's roses** - we have made a grand total of **£287:00!!!!** Thank you to all the year 11's who sold the roses.



### Dates for diary:

Year 11 Mock exams Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Break up for half term Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Blood Brothers trip for year 10 & 11's Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Year 11 Parents Evening Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Year 11 Prom Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> tickets £23 each go on sale before Easter half term.

Information about leavers hoodies - a link will be sent to you all shortly, to place your orders. They will go on sale **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** and final orders must be placed by **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

Finally, thank you so much to **Eurotech Precision Engineering Ltd.** for their very generous donation of £500 towards the year 11 prom.

Stay safe and keep safe, have a lovely half term break and we'll see you all refreshed after the holiday, ready to go again!

Mrs H Lockey