

Parent Bulletin

Friday 8th March 2024

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 13th March – Blood Brothers trip

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief Non uniform day

Tuesday 26th March – Year 11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 27th March – Last day of term

Monday 15th April – School reopens after half term

Thursday 18th April – National Space Centre trip

Thursday 25th April – Sizewell B trip

Friday 5th July 2024 - Year 11 Prom

Bus 3 Friday 8th March:

I wanted to share with parents that there was an incident involving bus 3 on its journey to KLA this morning. The bus had to take abrupt evasive action on the A47 to avoid hitting a deer which ran into the road. At the time there were only a small number of pupils on the bus and thankfully nobody was injured in the incident.

Our Heads of Year have attempted to contact the parents of all pupils who were on this bus to let them know and to check in with them and Norfolk County Council Travel and Transport department have told us that they will be making contact with parents of the students who were travelling on the bus as well.

This incident only serves to underline how important it is that all pupils wear their seatbelts whilst on the bus and that they always remain seated while the bus is moving - otherwise incidents such as today may not always have such a positive outcome. If your child travels to school on the school bus service, please do take a moment to reinforce with them the importance of this - especially since home to school transport does not have school staff on board to enforce these rules and pupils are travelling independently.

If you have any further queries about this incident, please contact Norfolk County Council Travel and Transport Department - in the meantime I am sure that everyone will share my relief that this morning's incident was not more serious.

Alan Fletcher

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.

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)

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7-8.30pm
12th
March



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more confident to
talk to my child



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 \(office.com\)](https://www.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.

Lost Property:

We have a number of coats and jumpers which have been left at school, if your child is missing any of these items please ask them to collect them. Any items not claimed by the end of term will be donated to charity.



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TEKKEN 8

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
16

FUTURE SPENDING?

Tekken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchases online. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game, unlike many high-profile releases, Tekken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.

COPYCAT RISK

With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could easily amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

As a fighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around – while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartoonish in its execution and lacking in gore, but the fact remains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awakenings', focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Katsuo and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The signs of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and distress over why relatives would want to hurt one another.

RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes – most notably its 'Ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and – while the challenge can be fun – some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

ONLINE CONTACT

Tekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but a player's platform ID is visible (such as their PlayStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox gamertag). Skilled players can, therefore, reach out via messages if they wish. Given the game's fairly competitive nature, these communications can potentially put children at risk of online abuse if their opponent is a particularly sore loser.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters – a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'spray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance, the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the battles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as Jiu-Jitsu, boxing and kickboxing, Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

If a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site *GBGloss*, Garry Coleman has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including *iDle* and *Technikador*.



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PE Week Beginning 11th March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Girls Football (SLE)	Netball Club (SCA/KLW)	Year 7 Girls Football @TNHA (SLE)	Dept meeting	Fitness Suite (SLE)
KS3 Football (DHE)		Fitness Gym (JOM)		
Trampolining Club (SCA)		Sport Studies Period 6		

FREE SWIMMING VOUCHERS

Alive St. James Swimming Pool

Free swimming vouchers for children and adults can be collected from student services.

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GIVE IT A TRY

LTA Tennis Leaders Course

Tuesday 2nd April 2024@ Lynnsport

Time: 10am to 12.30pm Cost: £15.00

To Book email or scan the QR code:

tracybower@westnorfolkssp.co.uk



West Norfolk Sports Leadership Academy



T-Shirt and certificate on completion of the course

Football vs Marshland High School

- On Tuesday we hosted Marshland High School in Year 8 and 10 football fixtures. The Year 8 boys competed well in the first half but were well beaten in the 2nd. The Year 10 boys were strong winners in the other match.
- Unfortunately, the weather meant that the netball matches couldn't be played on the courts.

Girls Football Festival

Well done to the Year 8 and 9 girls who took part in the 7 a side festival. We entered two team to maximize participation!





Exam Stress And Sleep

King's Lynn Mental Health Support Team are holding a themed drop in for students. Our March drop-in session theme is around Exam Stress and Sleep.

Come and get involved, take part in discussions and activities around managing worries around exams and how to promote healthy sleep.

We look forward to meeting you.



Date: Tuesday 19th March 2023

Time: 13:15– 13:55

Location: CF13





REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

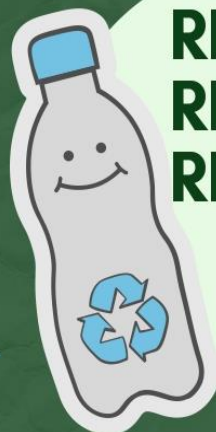
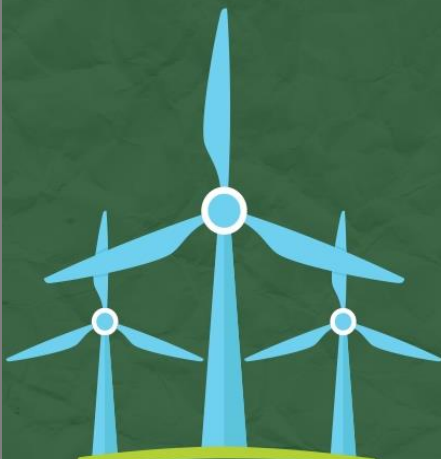
CALLING ALL YEAR 7,8 AND 9

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



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Throughout April, May and June, you'll be able to
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Hardwick



Swotton



Gaywood

Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

We are at Friday again! It has been another good week in school with the year 7's once again showing respect to year 11 who are completing their exams.

Assembly this week is all about World Book Day and Mr Dewey delivered a great assembly on this. There really are so many advantages to reading and it is great to hear from the children that so many of them enjoy it.

This has been another fantastic week for achievement points and the week totals being as high as 15 is great to see. A special congratulations to **Molly Switek** and **Martha Murray** for being the top scorers this week!

Student	Points
Murray, Martha	15
Switek, Molly	15
Bell, Sophia	14
Lynn, Bella-Rose	14
Istrati, Evelina	13
Plaatjies, Lily	13
Tsirkou, Freya	13

★ ★ Student of the week this week goes to **Gabriele Juskyte**. Gabriele, you have settled really well into high school life and it is always a pleasure to see you. Your teachers are really pleased with how you present your work and the effort that you put into it. Well Done!! ★ ★

We had an online parents evening on Wednesday night and I have had positive feedback from the teachers. I hope you found this night useful and were able to ask any questions you may have had.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West.

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Happy Friday everyone!

I hope you are all well.

As you may know, Thursday was World Book Day! Our assembly was presented by Mr Dewey, one of our fabulous English teachers. He showed the students how important reading is, for many reasons, including to expand vocabulary, but also for mental health and well-being. He explained how lots of students say they have no time to read but by putting away a mobile phone or other tech device, even just for 10 minutes, could make a big difference. Do you think you could encourage your young person to do this too? I know I am going to try myself.

So, now on to numbers!!

Year 8 are being wonderful, as ever, receiving a whopping 1921 achievement points, from Wednesday to Wednesday! That is fantastic!! 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	24
Wilson, Dylan	22
Garrod, Harley	20
Smith, Martha-Louise	20

Well done to you all!! Its lovely to see some new names on the leaderboard!!

Attendance in year 8 was 91.92% this week. That is such a great improvement!! Thank you all so much for trying so hard as I know how hard it can be some days!! Also, 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!

There still seems to be a few uniform issues especially with the girls and wearing leggings to school. Please remember that leggings are **NOT** part of the KLA uniform, it should be tailored trousers. 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. Repeat offenders will be issued with an after-school detention for refusal to follow school rules.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Fountain.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Good evening from KLA year 9.

The students all got their options choices in on time which was fantastic, so well done everyone.

Mr Towler and Mrs Leeming-Watts now have the arduous task of collating it all and building timetables over the next few weeks. We will be speaking to various groups of students over the next couple of weeks regarding their choices.

It is non-uniform day next Friday 15th March with donations of £1 to comic relief please. Please make sure students dress appropriately i.e. no crop tops, shorts etc. remember we are still in the depths of winter.....

Students are cracking on with the work in lessons, which is fabulous.

Attendance in year 9 was 89.3% this week which is up slightly on last week. Let's try and smash this next week and get our attendance back up 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 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.

As a group we have achieved over 1000 reward points which is amazing! Our highest achiever was **Elijah Gedge** congratulations to him!



Students of the Week is **Enrika Raskeviciute**. She started with us last week and teachers have been singing her praises so well done.

Our assembly this week was about how reading can help you improve your range of vocabulary helping with your English and other subjects. This all coincided with World Book Day. The assembly was presented by Mr Dewey.

Have a lovely weekend and I hope the students spoil their mums on Sunday.

Mrs Laws.

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SPRING TERM UPDATE



Last half term we had an amazing awards evening to recognise all the hard work our Year 10's carried out in order for them to achieve their DofE awards. They were presented their awards by special guest from DofE Jenny Simpson.

We also recognised students that really went above and beyond during their expedition, these being: Ivie, Thomas, Patrick & Georgia

COMING UP

As Spring is on its way the DofE camping season begins, please see the below dates for Year 9 students involved in DofE:

Tuesday Afterschool Training at KLA (3:15pm-4:15pm): - 5th, 12th and 19th March 2024

Weekend Overnight Training - Saturday 27th April – Sunday 28th April – All kit required

Expedition: Friday 14th June – Saturday 15th June. 2024

It is also vitally important that students are still uploading evidence of them completing their different sections onto EdofE as well

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Bowen or email:

kla-dofe@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Well hello Friday!

I would just like to remind you all again of our academy's uniform expectations. All students are to wear black trousers, NO jeans, NO leggings, NO tracksuit bottoms, and NO joggers. KLA skirts only with white shirts, tie and blazer. Outdoor coats and hoodies are not allowed to be worn once in school. 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. Likewise, if your child has forgotten to bring an item of uniform or PE kits they can borrow from the swap shop. If your child has borrowed any uniform from us over the last few weeks, PLEASE can we have it back ASAP. I'd also like to remind you that fluffy socks, of any colour, are not acceptable as uniform. We have also noticed lots of acrylic nails which also are not allowed for school. They are dangerous when taking part in practical tasks in certain subjects, such as PE, Science, Tech and Hospitality and Catering. Please can we ask that they are not worn for school. These rules also apply for piercings and jewellery, and all are stated within our uniform policy. We have seen a slight improvement so let's keep this going please.

Attendance in year 10 was lower than last week as the germs have struck! We are at 83 % 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! 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.

Our student of the week is **Isabelle Fysh**. Izzy is a talented young lady who works hard in school and with her dancing. It has been a pleasure to watch Izzy perform with her dance company Studio 19, but to also see how Izzy is pushing herself out of her comfort zone with her GCSE Performing Arts/Music studies. You will be able to see Izzy perform in High School Musical, our show next month. I am so proud of you Izzy, and this goes from work in lessons, your dedication to perform and within yourself. Keep being amazing!

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 will be an after-school detention for 30 minutes the same day. We really do appreciate your support with any 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.

Sadly, some after school fixtures were cancelled this week due to the weather however, I just want to give a little shout out to the year 10 football team. Their commitment is amazing! Come rain or shine, they are happy to play! Last week they played away at Springwood and drew 3-3 with all 3 goals from **Marley Ranger**. This week they won at home with a 6-0 victory over Marshland. Goal scorers were **Kieren Brasted** and **George Payne** with one goal each and 4 goals from Marley Ranger. Marley, you have officially been named 'Magic Marley'. Well done! We really do have such amazing players and I am so proud of you all. Mr Herring was buzzing after this week's game!

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. Alternatively, you can 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, send a text to give me a little reminder nudge!

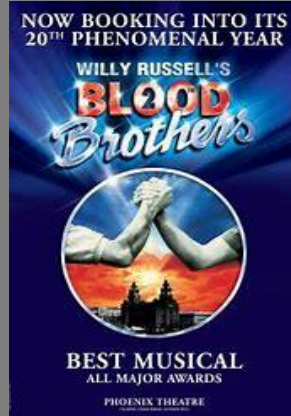
I would just like to take the opportunity to remind you all of the following dates.

Oh my!!!! We are all so excited for the Blood Brothers trip next week. Mrs Lockey and I will be meeting with the students on Monday to run through plans for the day. Please check your ParentMail accounts as information has been shared this week on the finishing time for the show.

Year 10 Round Up continued.....

Thursday 4th July – Year 10 College Taster Day (details nearer the time)

Thursday 11th July – Year 10 Parents Evening at KLA



Have a wonderful weekend.

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. We are looking at something for us all to do together as a reward.

Mock exams have been ongoing, we need everyone here to achieve their full potential. Thanks to all parents who have endeavoured to get them all here this week, it has been so much appreciated. Year 11 have been fabulous, let's keep this up.

After school lessons period 6 continue 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 lowered this week due to being hit by bugs and colds, we really need that last big push it was **89.5%** 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. 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 it is a pastoral issue you would like to discuss with me as Head of Year, then please email me on hayley.lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk If your child attends College on 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.

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.

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 **547** points this past week which is lower than normal as we have been in exams! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Harrison Lynn** a massive well done goes to him.

Student of the week this week goes to **Ellie-Mae Russell-Scott**, well done to her for really working hard and making a great start back to this year. It has been noticed, well done **Ellie-Mae** keep up the great work, keep going you can do this!

Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockety:

Dates for your diary:

Easter raffle on sale next week proceeds towards year 11 Prom. Thanks to you all in advance; £1:00 per ticket lots of goodies and treats to be won. Tickets will go on sale at lunchtimes or alternatively from me.

Blood Brothers Trip Wednesday 13th March we are really looking forward to this taking place. Many thanks to Mrs Mann for organising for us all.

Year 11 Parents Evening Tuesday 26th March 2024.

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

Information about **leavers hoodies** to follow; a link will be sent to you all to order, hopefully this week. Final orders will be placed on **Saturday 7th April 2024.**

Stay safe and keep safe have a lovely weekend.

Mrs H Lockety.