

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 2nd December 2016

KING'S LYNN ACADEMY

Parentview:

We would like to advise you that you are able to give your views on the Academy to Ofsted via their parentview questionnaire, at any time – not just during inspections. We would encourage you to do this at:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 5th December until Friday 9th December – Inter-House Maths Mastermind

Tuesday 6th December – Celebration evening (Years 8-11)

Thursday 8th December – Parent Voice 5:30pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December – Talent Show

Friday 16th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December – Last day of term

Friday 16th December until Tuesday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 4th January – Staff Training Day

Thursday 5th January – Spring term begins

KS3 (Years 7-9) Science Experiment Club:

Ever wanted to know how Science is used outside of School? Come along and experience Science practicals that are used in different places of work. There will be a different focus each week.

This will be in S13, from 3pm until 3:45 with Miss Carnell.

Chinese Club:

We run a Chinese club every Wednesday at 3pm in N4 for an hour. It is an amazing opportunity for students especially KS3 and Y9 as they will have some Mandarin language lessons during their French/Spanish classes.

Free School Meals:

If your child is receiving Free School Meals, please remember it is your responsibility to advise King's Lynn Academy or Norfolk County Council of any changes to your circumstances that may affect your entitlement, e.g. change in employment status or change of benefits, if in doubt please check.

Attendance:

Whole school attendance has taken a slight dip this week to 94%. This is mainly due to many students being ill with a sickness bug together with flu like symptoms. Please call the KLA as early as possible if you child/children are going to be absent so the registers can be amended.

Year 7	95%
Year 8	95%
Year 9	95%
Year 10	92%
Year 11	93%

As you can see we have three joint firsts with Year 7, 8 and 9 with 95% attendance. We have 409 students with 95% and above attendance from the beginning of September. Out of those, 253 students have 100% attendance. Well done to all those students who are managing to attend every day.

Have lovely weekend.

Rewards Update:

House totals since the start of this half term:

1 st MacArthur	2,848
2 nd Cresswell	2,806
3 rd Nelson	2,682
4 th Vancouver	2,630

Over 10,986 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of this term, MacArthur is still just in the lead. This week has been our nominations week, students and staff have been very busy sending me all their nominations for blazer badges and the Endeavour trophy which will be awarded in our reward assemblies the last week of term. Well done to all our students.

Mrs Thomas

MFL Stars of the Week:

Please find below this week's MFL Stars of the Week.

Year 7 - Kaiden Lane	7EBL
Year 8 - Josh Stone	8SHA
Year 9 - Reuben Webster	9HCO
Year 10 - Lewis Dixon	10CAB

Parents of Years 7 and 11:

If any of the information we hold for your child (contact names and numbers, addresses, email addresses, medical practice, medical conditions etc) have changed, please email jackie.hazell@kingslynnacademy.co.uk as soon as possible, with any amendments or inclusions. Under the Data Protection Act 1988 the school has a duty to protect this information and to keep it up to date.

Careers Education:

You may remember a couple of weeks ago I alerted you to the existence of plotr - a website which contains information about hundreds of careers, as well as a skills and aptitudes game. Please continue to encourage your children to make use of this resource - it is free to register. As a reminder, the address is:

<http://www.plotr.co.uk/>

Another resource can be accessed through the College of West Anglia website. Career Coach also offers information about a variety of careers, including potential salaries and routes to get the career you want. As with plotr, there is a section where you can answer questions to discover where your skills match certain career areas. The link to the site is below. Whilst you are visiting the College website, why don't you look at course information to help inform post-16 and post-18 choices?

<http://www.cwa.ac.uk/career-coach/>

Finally, attached to the bulletin this week is information regarding a careers fair taking place at Gresham's School in Holt, for all year groups. There will be more than 30 employers, training providers and gap year companies in attendance and it will be a busy, informative and inspiring event for all Year Groups. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Year 7 and 8 Weekly Maths Challenge:

Each Friday Year 7 and 8 will be set a Maths Challenge. This is a non-compulsory challenge for our Year 7 and Year 8 Mathematicians to show they have a mastery level of understanding of applying different topics to problem solving.

The Challenge will be on ShowMyHomework and can also be found outside CF2. The answers can be emailed to lucy.amos@kingslynnacadmey.co.uk or hand given to Mrs Amos by Wednesday 3pm.

A winner from each year group will be chosen at random to win Maths Star of the Week. They will be awarded with a certificate, a postcard home and a small prize. All Students with the correct answer will also receive a certificate.

WEEK 7 ANSWERS:

Each barrel is equivalent to **9** bushels, and each bushel is equivalent to **4** pecks.

Therefore, each barrel is equivalent to $9 \times 4 = 36$ pecks.

Since Peter Piper has picked **1** peck, he needs to pick **35** more to have a barrel.

Congratulations to Oliver Lindsay (Year 8) and Callum Palmer (Year 7) for winning Maths Star of the week.

Well done to all who have taken part.

Duke of Edinburgh:

Please see below for confirmed dates for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze:

22-23 April – Practice option 1

29-30 April – Practice option 2

13-14 May – Assessed option 1

20-21 May – Assessed option 2

Talent Show:

A poster for the KLA Talent Show. The background is a red curtain. The text 'KLA' is in blue, 'TALENT' is in yellow, and 'SHOW' is in pink. To the right, the event details are listed in white and black text.

Wednesday 14th
DECEMBER
7:00PM
In the Drama Studio
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
RECEPTION
At Break & Lunch
£2 each & £7 family ticket
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE
On the Door:
£3 EACH & £10 FAMILY TICKET

School Nurse:

The school nurse offers weekly drop-in sessions every Wednesday lunchtime for any student who wishes to speak to her. She can be found in the Intervention Room opposite Student Services. No appointment is necessary!

After half term she will be offering a monthly C-Card clinic for students Aged 13 – 16. For more information about Norfolk's C-Card scheme please follow this link: <http://c-card.areyougettingit.com/your-c-card.aspx>

Numeracy Ninjas Leader Board:

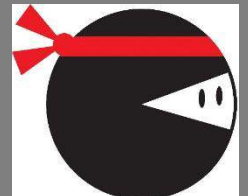
House scores to date - 2nd December 2016

Cresswell	4578
Nelson	4418
Vancouver	4268
MacArthur	3927

Cresswell are now extending their lead....

You can catch them if everyone tries their hardest!

Carolyn Fysh
Numeracy Co-ordinator



History GCSE Boosters:

Next week, boosters will be put on for those who are resitting Paper 1. It will be a half hour session on Monday and Tuesday (possibly Wednesday) and will go over the information and skills needed to improve scores for Paper 1 re-sits.

The aim is for all students to get at least 50 marks on an 81 mark paper. All students also have a revision guide that was given out several weeks ago for free, and there are guides and exam skills support on Show My Homework.

Mr Blows

KLA support the Brown Bag Appeal 2016:

I am delighted to share with you the great efforts made by the KLA students and staff in support of the Brown Bag Appeal 2016. Everyone at KLA has been very busy over the past two weeks donating Christmas gifts for the homeless. Georgie, from the Purfleet Trust, was presented with thirty eight Brown Bags during a special assembly this week. Georgie, who recently won an award for her work with the homeless, was once again touched by the efforts made by KLA and was particularly excited to see a onesie in one of the bags, saying she knows just the person who will love to receive it as a gift over the Christmas period.

The gifts donated included a variety of luxury chocolates, hats, gloves, scarfs and even a bag of dog food! The gifts really showed the thought and care students and staff have put into this year's appeal and we are looking forward to providing more next year.

To cap off this year's appeal Mrs Thomas and ten volunteer students are visiting the Purfleet Trust next week to help serve food and drinks to the homeless people of King's Lynn during an early Christmas lunch day the charity is holding.

Many thanks again to everyone who contributed. It is very much appreciated.



KLA Library:

Christmas Competition for Students and an opportunity to win High Street Vouchers!

How to enter?

Read a book!

Then -

Write a review on the book and hand into the library. Receive one draw ticket for every book review. Enter the draw to win High Street Vouchers!

Terms and conditions

Competition will run from 1st December 2016 to Monday 9th January 2017

Books being reviewed must be in the 'Accelerated Reader' programme.

KLA library books are in the 'Accelerated Reader' programme

Students own books can be checked at – <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

Many popular authors' books are included in the 'AR' programme, such as David Walliams and Jacqueline Wilson. Also, book series such as 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' and 'Geek Girl'. There is such a variety of choice, all students should enter this competition!



Disneyland Paris and Paris City Tour:

Thursday 13th – Monday 17th July 2017



The Maths department are organising a residential trip for Years 8 - 11 to visit the wonderful city of Paris. The residential trip will include staying for 5 days and 4 nights at the 'Explorers Hotel' which is based on site at Disneyland Paris resort itself.

We have successfully organised an amazing price through a specialist school trip company.

The cost of the trip is £469, which will include

- Return transport from KLA to Disneyland Paris (including ferry crossing)
- Free shuttle bus to both parks and Disney village
- 2 full days in the Disneyland Parks
- 1 full day in Paris (by coach) visiting many famous landmarks
- Bateaux Mouche River Cruise
- Visit to the Eiffel Tower, with trip to the top subject to availability
- 4 breakfasts and 4 evening meals
- 2 packed lunches – 1 for day trip into Paris and 1 for the journey home.
- Maths Study Pack
- Personal insurance



The travel company requires £100 deposit per student initially, to be paid by 9th December 2016, a further £100 by 27th January 2017, with the remainder of the balance to be paid by 21st April 2017. This trip has been promoted now, so that payments can be spread over several months. This can be paid in full, or in further instalments spread through until the 21st April 2017.

Once initial interest and deposit has been paid, more in depth details with proposed itinerary will be issued to parents in due course.

Passports will need at least 6 months left before their expiry date and those travelling will need a valid EHIC card. These are free and can be obtained online. These items will be seen and copied in school by the end of May 2017.

We do hope you consider this wonderful opportunity for your child. This trip promises to be an amazing adventure, and one which will produce many happy memories for years to come.

This offer is limited to just 50 students in Years 8 - 11. As places on this trip are so limited, places will be initially offered on a first come first served basis. Should demand exceed the 50 places, attendance and behaviour may also be taken into consideration when allocating final places. Please book your child's place with a deposit as soon as possible.

More detailed invitation letters have gone out to all Y8 - 11 students.

Mrs Carolyn Fysh (Trip Leader)

Lost Property:

Please can all items sent to school to be named, as we have several items including coats in lost property that we are unable to reunite with the owners.

Thank you.

Christmas Fayre:

Our Christmas Fayre was held on Thursday and was a great success. Students enjoyed participating in games, buying Christmas presents and festive foods. Thank you to parents and family members who came along after school to support this event. In total around £400 was raised, of which £340 will be split between the following House charities; Teenage Cancer Trust, British Lung Foundation, Alzheimer's Society, Vasculitis UK and Little Discoverers.



Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

We had a heart-warming assembly this week with the Purfleet Trust. As you will be aware we have been asking students to bring in gifts for the brown bag appeal, these gifts will be given out at Christmas to the 42 homeless people in King's Lynn. Thank you all so much for your donations, it is very much appreciated! Also a big thank you to Mr Endersby for arranging the collections and for your support.

This week's student receptionists were: Lottie hurt, Keenan Howe, Jasmine Madder, Kiera-Louise Leonard, Ronnie Howard, Damon Egmore, Abbie Catton, Mia Howard, Lateesha Dorricott and Scarlett Jones. Thank you all for your hard work.

On Thursday afternoon we all enjoyed our annual Christmas Fayre here at KLA. I normally am the first to say it feels too early to be thinking about Christmas and yet I enjoy it every year. Well done to the forms that arranged their stalls to raise money, it was lovely to see students and families having fun!

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7SGO - Courtney Birch-Bailey. Her continued desire to achieve; passion to learn and desire to improve, in form and in lessons is a credit to her. She continually tries her hardest even though it is hard sometimes. Achieving the highest points in the academy for one day Courtney is a positive and enthusiastic representative of the school.

7HDR - Phoenix Sherry for being Star of the Week in Modern Foreign Languages.

7ABL - Laurie Meads, partly for the excellent extended writing, but for also for the excellent comments I am getting from staff.

7CMC - Josh Dear for settling in well to academy life.

7RCA - Lottie hurt, for a consistent effort and continuous focus showing full determination in her work.

7EBL - Alice Nicholls is working very hard everyday to do well at the academy.

Well done Laurie Meads, it is great to see you settling so well.

Year 8 Student of the Week

8SHA- Louie Younge- What a fabulous role model, has 99 achievement points, no behaviour points and representing KLA at cross country this afternoon.

8DSC - Blake Collinson, always hardworking and quick to settle to the task in hand. Always positive.

8AAN - Maksims Prorohovs for getting the black belt in Numeracy Ninja 3 weeks in a row!

8GLA - Elisha Fitness for always showing kindness and patience with others. For always trying her very best in all lessons and being a pleasure to have in form.

8ATA - Kamile Jasilaityte - she has settled well into form and is participating in form activities to the best of her ability.

8AGI- Josh Andrews for always making positive contributions in form.

Congratulations Louie, keep up the excellent work!

Have a great weekend!

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

As Year 11 were finishing their mock exams this week and were unable to partake in the non-uniform day on Monday they will have a non-uniform day on the last day of term. All monies raised by them will go towards their Prom.

On Wednesday a representative from the Purfleet Trust collected the “Brown Bags” as always your generosity is amazing.

There was a lovely atmosphere around the academy on Thursday afternoon as we enjoyed the Christmas Fayre. I would like to thank the parents that brought in prizes for the raffle and give a special mention to Mrs Blade, Mrs Lockey and Ms Carnell who ran stalls. All monies raised will go to our house charities.

Unfortunately our assembly was a little haphazard this week as our guest speakers had to cancel. However, they were going to ask if you could donate any old towels for their sanctuary at East Winch. If you would like to help with this you can go on their website and check out the details.

To fill in I spoke about the need, particularly at this time of year to take time. Not to try and grow up too fast that life moves fast but if they don't stop and look around they could miss it.

It is very good to see that for the first time this academic year that MacArthur House are top for achievement points but Cresswell are hot on our heels. I reminded all students they have just over two weeks to achieve as many points as possible in order to be in the top one hundred and entered in the mini i-Pad draw on the last day of term.

The academy have purchased and given revision planners to all Year 11 students. If your son or daughter has not received one please ask them to get one from me.

The Christmas lunch, costing £3:20, is on the 14th December. Tickets must be purchased in advance from reception by the 8th of December.

This week's awards from the College of West Anglia.

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	DATE: 01/12/16
Charlie	Long	Great week in theory lesson
Reuben	Webster	Great week in theory lesson
Weronika	Woznialis	Great week in theory lesson
Paige	Self	Worked well and stayed focused in class
Jenny	Ortet	For being a good salon manager

Student of the Week nominations and tutors comments:

YEAR 9

9 ACU - Oliver Slater for making the extra effort to catch up on unfinished work after meeting with Mum at parent's evening.

9 JMY - Jacob Chilvers. Jacob is a very quiet but hard working student.

9 LAM - Caitlan Hewson for being a kind and helpful member of form and for always trying her best.

9 HCO - Ethan Fowler excellent higher tier test result in Science

The winner is Oliver Slater.

Key Stage 4 Round Up – continued....

YEAR 10

10 CAB - Maisie Hancock for a consistent high standard in her attitude to school and the phenomenal work she does in History.

10 EBW - Hugh Gingell, "excellent cooking"

10 CBA - Megija Pesika has been really good in English asking for feedback and responding.

10 DEN's SOTW - Eden Donoclift, Eden is one of the most consistent members of the form. Eden gives every task or activity we complete his best effort and has been consistently improving his maths skills this term during the Maths Ninja challenges.

10 RGI - Josh Archer for always quietly getting on with what he is asked.

10 KJM - Alisha Chappell for her generosity and thoughtfulness.

For Year 10 Maisie Hancock.

YEAR 11

11 RES - Elise Cornwell. Elise is pushing herself enormously this year in her GCSE Maths, she is taking a big risk by sitting the higher tier Maths mock exam, and is making excellent use of additional time during tutor time (in her Maths tutor group), as well as after school. Whenever I see Elise she is often surrounded by (approximately) one hundred(!) revision guides, always pushing herself to be the best she can be - she is fully committed to her final year of GCSE study.

11 KPO – Natasha Moore, working hard and taking her exams seriously.

11 JHA – Alicja Krasa, trying hard to choose a career path for next year.

Finally for Year 11 Elise Cornwell. Well done to everyone.

Highest achievement points;

Jenny Ortet, Abigail Poll, Kathryn Rayner, Harry Rippengill, Natasha Taylor, Josh Roberts and Margarita Truhanova. Well done.

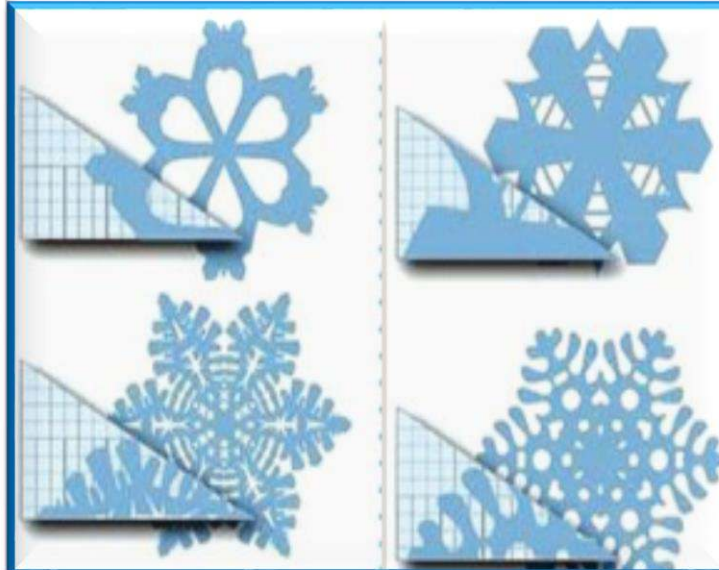
Next week we are looking forward to and wish good luck to all those competing in the inter-house Mastermind competition.

Finally congratulations to Alex Grimes, pictured right, who won the 2016 award with the Air Cadets for determination, commitment and effort at an awards ceremony held at the Town Hall on Monday evening.

Have a great weekend.



I like the winter
of King's Lynn.
我喜欢金斯林
的冬天。



金斯林的冬天

The Winter of King's Lynn

金斯林的冬天不太冷，不太冷。

The Winter of King's Lynn is not that cold, not that cold.

金斯林的冬天不太冷，很少下雪。

The Winter of King's Lynn is not that cold, barely snows.

雪花剪纸 Design and make your own snowflakes.

唱歌 You can sing this song by using the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down."



Wednesday (7th December)
3:00-4:00 pm Meet in N4