

# Parent Bulletin

## Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

**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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

### Attendance:

Overall attendance since the start of this new term is 94%. Attendance for the year groups for last week is as follows:

Year 7 97%

Year 8 94%

Year 9 93%

Year 10 93%

Year 11 91%

100 students had a free slice of Pizza this week. These were picked at random from 332 students whose attendance was 100 % for the first half term. If they were more than 30 minutes late to school or lessons then they were removed from the list. Being on time to school and lessons is a vital part of the school day. Well done to those students who are getting it right everyday.

Please remember to contact me via email, [lorraine.roberts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:lorraine.roberts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) or phone 774671 option 1 if your child will be absent from school, or you have any concerns around attendance. Any medical appointments need to be made after school if possible. If your child has a medical appointment late morning then please send them into school first thing as they will still get their morning mark. If it is an afternoon appointment, again send them in for the morning to get their mark. Please do not keep your child off school for the whole day if it is not necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and working together to raise our attendance and support your child to get the most out of their education.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Roberts

### Year 11 English Support:

In the run up to the mock exams in November, there will be extra English support offered to Year 11.

There will be two opportunities

**8.15am- 8.30am in CG6 daily and 3.00 – 3.30pm Monday to Thursday. All Year 11 welcome to attend.**

## Rewards Update:

House totals since 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

1<sup>st</sup> Cresswell 9,883

2<sup>nd</sup> MacArthur 9,854

3<sup>rd</sup> Vancouver 9,792

4<sup>th</sup> Nelson 9,788

Over 39,329 reward points have been gained by the students since the start of term.

Many thanks

Mrs Thomas

## Principal's Surgery:

I would like to inform you that I provide a weekly 'Principal's Surgery' here at the academy every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.

There is no need to make an appointment – just come into the academy reception and I will be available on a first-come first-served basis, to discuss any issues that may be on your mind.

I look forward to seeing you.

Alan Fletcher  
Acting Principal

## KLA Library:



The Halloween creative writing competition entries were amazing! Our students were shockingly imaginative and gave in entries ranging from horror novelettes to very scary, illustrated poetry! It is going to be very difficult to decide who will win this competition, so we are recruiting some judges from our 'Carnegie reading group' to help pick the shortlist. The overall winners will then be decided by the English Department and announced during assembly. Winners will receive a creativity badge and a voucher, with the runner-ups receiving 'creativity' badges. All entrants will be rewarded with 'creativity' house points.

As the mornings are getting colder and darker we are offering our students a cosier start to the day! Starting this Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, we are inviting students into the library before school, to read, get warm and drink hot chocolate! All free!

The 'Breakfast Reading Club' will be open every day, Monday to Friday, between 8.00am until 8.30am in the Library.

The promotional book shelf, also from Monday, will display sets of books we hold in our library that enable students to form reading groups. Reading groups only need a minimum of two members! And they do not have to read the whole book! Members may prefer to share read in a group. With 'share reading' each group member reads part of the book and then communicates the story to friends. Sharing a book with friends increases the enjoyment of the book and improves literacy skills with virtually no effort!

As well as before school, students are welcome to come into the library to read quietly during their break-time.

## Student Commissioner Christmas Party for the Elderly:

Student Commissioners are planning a Christmas party for the elderly in the local community. Did you know that 1.4 million elderly people in the UK will experience loneliness over the Christmas period.

The Student Commissioners want to provide some of our local community with a fun filled afternoon to do their part in tackling this issue. We have applied for funding for this and to be in with a chance of receiving the funding we need your votes!

See the link for more information on our plans and how to vote. Each person can vote 10 times!! Those projects that get near 1000 votes or more are more likely to get funding so we really need your help!

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3676>

I would be very grateful, as would the Commissioners, if you would spend a couple of minutes of your time giving us your votes!

## GCSE Drama and Music Students:

### Misunderstood

A visit has been arranged for all GCSE Drama and Music students to take part in a Workshop about Cyber Bullying by a group called Misunderstood. This will take place at King's Lynn Academy on 9th November 2017 period 5+6. Students involved already have a letter and details.

### The Group

'Graduates from the famous BRIT School of Performing Arts, Stephan Benson and Jeffrey Okyere make up the dynamic and explosive UK Pop/R&B duo Misunderstood. Since appearing on the Britain's Got Talent Semi Finals in the dance group "Myztikal" the boys have supported MOBO Award Winner "Chipmunk" and the legendary Grammy winners Boyz II Men on tour.'

### The Workshop

They will perform their latest single and a presentation where the main message is to empower students to make the right choices in regards to Online Safety & Cyber Bullying, as well as to inform students not to discriminate and to treat everyone fairly, whether they have a different sexual preference or are of a different race, sex, or nationality. They will also discuss why diversity should be celebrated and the fundamental British Values.

'Misunderstood will give advice on how to stay safe online (Never giving out personal information, never meeting strangers online, safety on social network sites, following rules of your parents on the internet etc.) as well as discussing cyber bullying and where to go for help. The importance of the four British values (The Rule of law, democracy, individual liberty and respect and tolerance) will also be touched on in discussion. The workshop is very interactive and gets the pupils involved'.

It should prove an excellent experience.

## Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and had fun this week for Halloween!

The students have come back to school looking very smart, thank you very much for all of your continued support in keeping uniform updated and in line with our policy. I am very aware it is not a cheap financial commitment to replace items and keep the shoes looking smart, but it is very much appreciated.

A Year 8 student has had a significant hair cut over the break which looks fabulous. She has decided to donate her hair to the little Princess Trust which is such a generous and kind thing to do for other children! I am so proud of you Amelia-Rose Paget, you will make a young child very happy with your wonderful donation!!

Mr Rimmer led our assembly this week, which was very entertaining. He was using the Mr Men characters to give examples of genes and things we may or may not have inherited from our family. We all had fun looking at some combined characters, deciding which genes they may have inherited. The point of the assembly was to talk about some things that are out of our control for example things we inherit, however, we can make our own choices. Mr Rimmer talked about making the right choices with how we behave in school and represent ourselves. All students are encouraged to be themselves and make the best choices to do well both in school and out.

It is fireworks weekend, please stay safe and have lots of fun!

## Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Welcome back I hope you all had a good break.

During assembly our Head Girl and Boy, Maisie and Lewis, pictured with Mrs Thomas, presented a cheque for £1500 to a representative from the Macmillan Cancer Trust. She also gave a short talk on how they use all monies raised for the benefit of patients and their families.



Following this, Mr Rimmer spoke of how this fundraising is a good example of King's Lynn Academy working together as a team.

That by working together as a team we can get it right, have good positive results and by sharing one single goal and putting in the maximum effort we will succeed.

Highest Achievement points, Naglis Juska, twice, and Daniel Russell.

Student of the Week nominations:

Year 9

9 LDA Joe McNulty, a hard working really delightful young man.

9 CBA Marcin Bialon. He has been really proactive in the Student Voice – well done!

9 HGL Keeley Cawston, fantastic first half term, well done!

9 CBR Aimee Eracleous for having the most achievement points so far.

9 AGI Thomas Green. He keeps me smiling and always has something interesting to contribute.

9 SHA Ellie Gaskins. Fabulous start to Year 9, I am sure this will continue for a fabulous year.

For Year 9 Joe McNulty.

## Key Stage 4 Round Up – Continued...

### Year 10

10 HCO Callan Johnston. Positive start to year in a new tutor group.

10 ACU Monika Jurgaityte. Takes full advantage of all support offered to her.

10 CPR Callum Bentley. Attempts all that is asked of him.

10 JMY Joshua Barrett for his excellent attitude and exemplary behaviour.

For Year 10 Callan Johnston

### Year 11

11 DEN Georgia Fairchild. Georgia was working at a grade U in science at the end of last year. She is now achieving a 6-!!!! Say no more! Well done and keep it up.

11 LBE Alisha Chappell, gained 99 achievement points in the first half term. Well done!

11 DSC Alex Tickner for his support with Student Voice on Mondays.

11 RGI Sophie Couzins for excellent effort and achievement in both Maths and Science this week.

11 RES Lily Davidson and Sarah Wren. Both girls have written a fantastic personal statement to use on their post-16 applications to sixth forms and colleges, and both girls consistently demonstrate an exceptional attitude, and are wonderful role models.

Finally for Year 11 Georgia Fairchild.

Enjoy your weekend and be safe if you are having a firework party.