

# Parent Bulletin

## Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 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)

### Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Head boy/girl election

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 11 exams start

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – SC application window opens

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Voice

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – SC application window closes

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half term

### Principal's Surgery:

Unfortunately there will be no Principal's surgery on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May (next week) as Mr Fletcher will be in London. This will resume as normal the following week, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### Year 11 English Intervention:

English Intervention will take place as follows:

English Language	Time	Place
Tuesday	3.05pm - 4pm	Glass room
Wednesday	8.15am – Period 1	Glass room

English Literature	Time	Place
Thursday	3.05pm - 4pm	Glass room
Friday	8.15am – Period 1	Glass room

All Year 11 students are invited to attend. Please encourage your child to attend.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and continued support.

The English Department

## Ready to Learn:

In order to support students with their organisation and preparedness for learning we will be selling pens, pencils and rulers in the canteen after Easter at the following cost: Pens – 15p, pencils 10p, rulers 10p all three 30p.

Students will only be able to purchase these items of stationary before school, at break time and during their lunch breaks and they will be paid for through the normal cashless catering system.

We hope that by offering this service we will encourage students to take responsibility for their learning as well as supporting you all with a ready supply of equipment!

## English Literature Revision App:

The above app is available currently to Year 11 on Android and IOS phones – a great way to enhance your revision!  
PixLit App

Centre id: KL1866

Username: surname followed by first initial of Christian name e.g. scolesd

Password: surname followed by first initial of Christian name e.g. scolesd

Any issues please see Ms Scoles

## Year 11 GCSE Religious Studies Revision Guide:

For Year 11 students taking GCSE Religious Studies (WJEC, Specification B), Mrs Gelder would like to recommend 2 revision guides (one for each paper/exam). They are 'Religion and Life' and 'Religion and Human Experience' guides by Gavin Craigen and Joy White, Hodder Education, ISBN: 978-0-340-07563-3 and ISBN: 978-1-444-10760-9 which can be ordered online. Each student has also received a revision workbook from school.

## GCSE Business Studies Revision Guide:

For Year 11 students taking GCSE Business Studies (Edexcel), I would like to recommend revision guide 'Revise Edexcel: GCSE Business Revision Guide' by Rob Jones and Andrew Redfern, Pearson Education Limited, ISBN: 978-14469-03735. These are available from Amazon for about £5 (a new one), [abebooks.co.uk](http://abebooks.co.uk) - £6. A used one is about £3 (good condition).

## £5 Notes:

Please be aware that the old-style paper £5 notes cease to be legal tender after this Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, so they will no longer be accepted in payment for anything at KLA.

If you have any of these still in your possession after Friday you can take them into your bank to exchange them.

## Rewards Update:

House totals since the start of this term:

1<sup>st</sup> MacArthur 3,152  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nelson 3,148  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cresswell 3,084  
4<sup>th</sup> Vancouver 2,741

Over 12,131 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of this term. 233 praised postcards have been sent home since the start of this term.

Mrs Thomas

## Attendance:

Whole school attendance is 93%. We are slowly heading in the right direction to meet our target.

Year attendance is as follows;

Year 7	94%
Year 8	94%
Year 9	94%
Year 10	92%
Year 11	92%

Well done to Year 7, 8 and 9, top of the leader board again. Keep up the great work!

KLA are monitoring students with 90% attendance and below. I shall be meeting with students whose attendance is causing us concern and with parents if attendance does not improve. Students are at risk of missing out if they do not have regular attendance. Parents are at risk of a fine if there are no genuine reasons given for their child's absence. Even if there is a genuine reason for your child being off sick, please be mindful of the amount of time they may be missing from school. 90% attendance means that they have had missed 20 school days a year. That's 4 weeks of education they have missed.

If you would like to know what your child/children's' current attendance is, please do not hesitate to contact me on either 01553 774671 OPTION 1, or [lorraine.roberts@kingslynnacademy.co.uk](mailto:lorraine.roberts@kingslynnacademy.co.uk) Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

Lorraine Roberts

## Homework: Years 7 - 10

A reminder to parents that all students should have an Accelerated Reader reading book. Students should be reading at home for 15 minutes every day.

Thank you

Diane Scoles

Director of Whole School Literacy

## KLA Library:

We have a group of readers that are participating in 'shadowing' for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. This prestigious award is the 'Oscars' of young adult fiction.

The nominations are -

The CILIP Carnegie Medal 2017



- Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce (Pan Macmillan)
- The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon (Orion Children's Books)
- The Smell of Other People's Houses by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock (Faber & Faber)
- The Stars at Oktober Bend by Glenda Millard (Old Barn Books)
- Railhead by Philip Reeve (Oxford University Press)
- Beck by Mal Peet with Meg Rosoff (Walker Books)
- Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys (Puffin)
- Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (Corgi)

Shadowing means our group of readers are part of a national reading community, sharing ideas, writing reviews and blogging on the above books. This has started to create real excitement in our library with readers talking to their friends and encouraging them to read these books. To keep up the momentum of this snow ball effect we will be showing the reviews in our notices in the central hub so everyone will be able to see what we are up to!

## KLA Library:

The book promotion at KLA library is currently 'children's classics'.

Students are aware of 'classical literature' but often do not read it as it does not catch the attention like 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' or 'Girl on Line'. So we are on a mission this week to ask our students to expand their reading preferences and to pick up and take a look at books such as 'Charlotte's Web' or 'The Day of the Triffids'!



Many of the 'old' classics appear on recommended reading lists with good reason. We are always looking at book lists! We would like to draw your attention to this suggested book list for 12-14 year olds.

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/teenagers/booklists/244/>

Neil Gaiman's 'The Graveyard Book' is on this list and is being promoted as our book of the week. The main character in this book is a boy called Bod who is brought up in a graveyard by ghosts – an array of century-spanning characters who care for him, impart wisdom and even teach body-fading skills! This is an original story, full of humour and surprise and was deservedly awarded the Booktrust Teenage Prize.

Mrs Bowles  
KLA Library

# Creative Writing Club

*Wednesday lunchtime, in the Library, for Year  
7 and 8*



## Fuel your creativity!

*See Miss Poll for more details.*

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

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend, it is always nice to get an extra day's break!

Some of our Y8 students have been having their interviews for the college courses this week. I am sure you all did very well and I wish you luck with your courses next year.

We didn't have an assembly this week, but I am looking forward to 8AAN's assembly next week, I have been told there are doughnuts involved!

Thank you to all of the Y7 students that have been our student receptionists over the last couple of weeks. Your hardwork is always appreciated.

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7SGO - Kieran O'Donnell, maintains a high level of effort and enthusiasm, even though he finds areas of his learning tough. But he never gives up trying to improve.

7ABL - Elise Clayton always hardworking positive etc and has racked up important points in the last few days.

7HDR - Ebony Walpole, for always being polite, courteous, very helpful and engaged in all form tasks.

7CMC - Ethan Mayes he is a delightful member of the form who always participates in form activities with enthusiasm.

7EBL - Leanne Fitzgerald always works hard and is a very pleasant member of the form.

7RCA - Harley Mott, for continued focus and effort on all tasks, showing continued determination to improve in all aspects of his academia.

Well done Kieran, keep up the good work!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

8AGI - Harry Whiley always takes part. Always helpful. Always has a smile.

8DSC - Mitchell Sidgwick for trying very hard in Numeracy Ninjas this week gaining a very high score.

8ATA - Lewis Kershaw for always behaving responsibly and working as expected.

8AAN - Krissie-Leigh Taylor for being so keen in the organisation of the form assembly.

8SHA - Arabella Gingall, for such a positive attitude, always gets on with tasks, polite to everyone and has exemplary behaviour across the board.

8GLA - Todd Cudworth for being a good and calming influence on the rest of the form. Always kind to other students and very mature.

Well done Todd, these are great qualities to have!

Have a great weekend!

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

Assembly this week was delivered by Mr Hodkinson. He encouraged students in Year 9 to consider the fantastic opportunity of going on the next trip to New York in 2019. Whilst he appreciates it is an expensive trip, arrangements will be made to pay in instalments. Students who went this year thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Student of the Week

**Year 9**

9 ACU – Lennon Wardale, over 230 achievement points.

9 HCO – Hannah Eke, always tries to do the right thing, thinking of others.

9 JMY – Sophie Fenton for her positive attitude and good behaviour.

9 LAM – Fenton Bush for being polite and helpful in form over the last couple of weeks.

9 SRW – Casey Grimes, over 270 achievement points.

Winning for Year 9 is Hannah Eke.

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

### Year 10

- 10 DEN – Tia Benefer, Tia is a lovely member of the form and is consistently getting it right at the moment during form. Also, Tia always gets one of the highest marks in the class every week in her numeracy ninjas.
- 10 RGI – Jayden Cassidy for being accepted as a student commissioner.
- 10 KJM – Mark Taylor. Quietly gets on with everything despite any setback.
- 10 CAB – Dafyyd Roney Morgan. Always tries his best.
- 10 CBA – David Wells, David is consistently trying to increase his positive points. Well done
- 10 EBW - Darcy Rose a helpful member of the form group.

Student of the Week for Year 10 is Mark Taylor.

### Year 11

- 11 SMI- Lynsey Marks - Lynsey has been putting a lot of effort into her Maths, and is also using maths tutor time to further her understanding, asking for extra work as she completed other revision materials ahead of the rest of the form group!
- 11 KPO - Ana Almeida, for her focus in form. Every day she spends the whole of form time making notes and annotating her poems, ready for the Literature exam.

For Year 11 Ana Almedia.

Well done to Lily Wyatt for being among students with the highest achievement points this week. It has been some time since we have had a Year 9, 10 or 11 students in this group.

Welcome to Lee Mills who joined us in Year 10 this week.

The deadline to pay a £5 deposit for the Prom is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May and the final payment is needed before the end of this half term.

Have a good weekend.