

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 6th May 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:

Saturday 7th May - Sunday 8th May – DofE Assessed Expedition 1

Monday 9th May – GCSE Exams Start

Thursday 12th May – Junior Mastermind

Friday 13th May – Head Boy/Girl Election

Saturday 21st May – Sunday 22nd May – DofE Assessed Expedition 2

Wednesday 25th May – Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 27th May – Last day of Term

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Monday 6th June – Back to School

Attendance:

Whole school target for attendance is 95% for the year. We are currently running at 94%.

House attendance since September is:

Nelson	91%
Creswell	94%
Vancouver	94%
Macarthur	94%

On the whole attendance is on the increase with many students reaching their individual targets. This means that they no longer have to have regular attendants meeting with me. Well done if you are one of the students.

Thank you again to those parents/carers who contact me if a student is going to be absent.

Have a lovely weekend. It's going to be a hot one!

Literacy:

We are currently having a big push on literacy at KLA. As you may be aware, all Year 7, 8 and 9 students are registered on Accelerated Reader and spend the first ten minutes of every English lesson focussing on reading. In order to support our struggling readers we are looking for volunteers who have some spare time and would be willing to listen to students read. If you think this is something that you could offer support with, please get in touch with Diane Scoles on either 01553 774671 or diane.scoles@kingslynnacademy.co.uk

Science Club:

Every Friday afternoon from 3pm until 4pm Miss Carnell will be running a Science Club in S13. All year groups are welcome.

Year 11 English 'To Dos' and 'Ta Dahs':

Top tips for Literature Timelines and Quotes:

<http://www.shmoop.com/of-mice-and-men/characters.html>

<http://www.shmoop.com/to-kill-a-mockingbird/characters.html>

<http://www.shmoop.com/christmas-carol/characters.html>

On these pages students can find timelines for each character and key quotes – they should condense these into smaller note form or diagrams, to aid revision.

Important Dates:

Monday 23rd May 2016 – GCSE English Literature Exam Unit 1

Friday 27th May 2016 – GCSE English Literature Exam Unit 2b

Also, there are links to revision materials in the 'Student' section, of the new KLA website and most of these texts have revision activities attached to them on GCSE Bitesize.

Student Stars: Our learners of the week are Lewis Lobley, Jake Crick, Aimee Baruwa, Harry Daw and Sapphire Jarman – well done to all for your hard work!

Ultimate Form Challenge The Results:

After three long weeks of heats, quarter-finals and semi-finals, Friday saw the long awaited final of the Ultimate Form Challenge. The atmosphere was very tense. As the competition got under way, it was neck and neck for the first few rounds, and it was anybody's game to win. V1 took the lead, and went on to take the crown.



The final score was:-

VANCOUVER 1 - 135 NELSON 5 - 75

The teams were:

For Vancouver

V1 – Mrs Starling /Mrs Goodson's form

Y7 Evelina Kislovskaja

Y8 Weronika Woznialis

Y9 Connor Stevenson

Y11 Charlie Lake

For Nelson

N5 - Mr May's form

Y7 Megan Wake

Y8 Harvey Morton

Y9 Corey Edmunds

Y10 Ana Almeida



So it gives me great pleasure to announce that the Ultimate Form Champions for 2016 are V1! I would like to add my congratulations to all students who took part throughout the entire competition – I hope you all enjoyed taking part, representing your form. I know it can be a bit scary with an audience watching – a huge 'well done' to you all.

Ultimate Form Champions for 2016 - V1. Charlie Lake, Evelina Kislovskaja, Weronika Woznialis and Connor Stevenson with very proud form tutors behind - Mrs Starling and Mrs Goodson.

I have had such wonderful feedback after the event from staff and students alike. The students have been so supportive of their Houses and just love getting into competition mode. Hearing all the positive comments really makes the whole event worthwhile.

My own personal thanks must go to Mrs Rachel Mellor for being my question master, and Mr Lee McCowen for being my technical expert for the duration of the competition. Without their help we wouldn't have had such a fantastic show.

Bring on 2017!!!

Carolyn Fysh
Numeracy Co-ordinator

Alzheimer's Fundraising:

A few weeks ago our safer schools police officer; PC John Bolderstone, spoke to students in an assembly about a man who had Alzheimer's, as the Alzheimer's Society is one of the House charities this term.

PC Bolderstone highlighted how this devastating disease had affected the man and his family caring for him. Only at the very end of the assembly did PC Bolderstone reveal that the man he had been speaking about was his father, Tony.

After this moving assembly, three members of staff approached PC Bolderstone and together they have formed a team and signed up to take on the "Insane Terrain" 10k obstacle challenge in Cambridgeshire on 26th June. The team have created a Just Giving page for sponsorship to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society and, in just two weeks, over £600 has already been donated!

The team; consisting of Paul Aldous (Head of Technology), Laura Adcock (Admin Assistant) and Rebecca Schrooder (PA to the Executive Principal), along with John, hope to smash their target of raising £1,000.

Sadly, last weekend John's father passed away. This has made the team even more determined to raise funds and awareness.

If you are interested to read the full story and would consider making a donation towards this fundraising attempt please go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Bolderstone

The Team would be massively grateful for your support!



Nelson and Vancouver House update – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Well the weather really has been lovely over the last few days and it looks like we finally have a good weekend of weather coming too! I certainly plan on making the most of it and hope you all do too.

We had a fantastic assembly this week, organised by Mr Hodkinson (N4). Nelson and Vancouver were lucky enough to have a visit from some of the very talented performers that will be on stage at the Corn Exchange as part of the Breakin Convention tour. They showed off their hip hop skills and gave the students a quick lesson in how the dance moves have changed over the years. It certainly did liven up our Wednesday morning. Thank you very much to the Breakin Convention team and Mr Hodkinson for taking the time to organise everything for us.

I am becoming concerned about some student's uniform lately. I will be monitoring this closely and will be sending letters home if there are any students coming into school regularly not wearing the correct uniform. Under no circumstances should students be having nail extensions or wearing nail polish other than a completely natural colour/finish. Jeans, hoodies and multi coloured trainers are not permitted and lastly ties and blazers must be worn at all times. Please work with us to ensure all students look smart and represent themselves and the Academy the best they can. Thank you.

Nelson

Well done to N5 for reaching the final of the Ultimate Form Challenge, I am very proud of you all!

Well done to the following student for receiving the highest achievement points in a day this week: Zach Gathercole.

Our student of the week nominations are:

- N1-
- N2-
- N3- Theo Clarke-Twell
- N4- Jamie Bowers
- N5- Corey Edmunds
- N6- Dominika Trocha

Our winner is Jamie Bowers, she was nominated for being focused and always working hard

Vancouver

Congratulations to V1 on winning the Ultimate Form Challenge! As it was a Nelson versus Vancouver final I had to remain neutral in my support. A special thank you to Charlie Lake for representing your form every year and good luck for your Ultimate Challenge against the teachers next week!

Well done to Alex Apostolov you have received the highest points in the Academy in one day.

Our student of the week nominations are:

- V1- Connor Stevenson
- V2- Lily King
- V3- Robyn Boughen
- V4- Sam Hildon
- V5- Tatianna Burns
- V6- Georgina Harris- Saramangthunga

Our winner is Robyn Boughen for always being well behaved, on time and for always getting it right!

Enjoy the sunshine, have a great weekend!

Cresswell and MacArthur House update – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

We enjoyed an assembly delivered by a Student Ambassador from the University of East Anglia. He made students aware of opportunities available for them to attend Summer Schools.

These are totally free with accommodation, meals and transport provided. All students interested were given information on availability, how to apply and the deadlines. If your son or daughter brought home a leaflet please encourage them to apply as soon as possible as this is a wonderful opportunity to experience University life.

Nelson and Vancouver Houses experienced an assembly from a group of young people who are touring with "Breakin Convention" a critically acclaimed international festival of hip hop dance theatre. Mr Hodgkinson will be taking a group of Year 7/8 students to see them at the Corn Exchange on the 24th May. If your son or daughter would like to go tickets are £5. It looks amazing, you can check it out at breakinconvention.com or they need to see Mr Hodgkinson.

Congratulations to V1 who won the Ultimate Form Challenge on Monday. It did look as though N5 were going to run away with it but once V1 got going they were excellent.

Well done to all students who took their Drama and Music GCE exam this week and good luck to those taking the Art exam next week.

Thank you to Cresswell Student Receptionists this week:

Harry Appleton, Oliver Archer, Riley Barlow and Todd Cudworth, Ryan Gipp, William Girdlestone, Ricardo Fortes and Vadim Ganeev.

Students with the highest achievement points this week:

Cresswell	Dareks Knospe
MacArthur	Hannah Evans

Next week candidates for Head boy/girl will be canvassing for votes. We have Edward Dew from Cresswell, Millie Lines and Livija Badjevaite from MacArthur hoping to be successful. Voting will take place on Friday, good luck to all candidates

Cresswell Student of the Week nominations and Form Tutor comments:

- C1 Ellie Mae Hall - Showing great maturity in studying her GCSE's and ensuring she catches up with any work she has missed.
- C2 Lydia Allan - Positive attitude to all tasks. High quality work. Large number of achievement points; no behaviour points.
- C3 Hope Dickens – Working really hard towards her exams.
- C4 Emily McGhee - For taking necessary steps without hesitation, where necessary to represent the form group. She volunteers and ready to act when the need arises to support the form group
- C5 Melissa Walpole – Ran in the GEAR run last Sunday with her father raising money for charity.
- C6 Charlie Webb – Focused young man who always participates in form.

The winner has to be Melissa Walpole. She completed the run in a very respectable time. Well done Melissa.

Apologies if your son or daughter ran. I have not mentioned them only because I did not see them or know they were running.

Cresswell and MacArthur House update – Compiled by Mrs Defty cont:

MacArthur Student of the Week nominations and Form Tutor comments:

- M1 Louis Jaques - Being a super form captain and inspiring the rest of the team and form.
- M2 Daniel Grange - For his positivity and helpful nature.
- M3 Agata Kulesa - Quietly gets on with tasks in form and is always smiling. In addition she has no behaviour points.
- M4 Lewis Kershaw - Always bright and cheerful and obtained great marks in his Ninja challenge this week.
- M5 Chandice Wilson - Incredibly supportive of a friend.
- M6 Viktorija Truksinaite – Polite young lady, great in form activities.

Well done Louis a thoroughly deserved Student of the Week.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine.



Sports News:

Rounders Leagues:

Rounders league is under way, with the girls playing their first fixture away against Nicolas Hammonds Academy.

Game Results:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 10
Lost 12 – 8	Won 19 – 10	Lost 12 - 5

The next fixtures are:

Thursday 12th May Away VS Smithdon
Thursday 18th May Away VS Downham Market Academy
Wednesday 8th June Home VS Smithdon
Tuesday 14th June Away VS KESA
Thursday 16th June Home VS Litcham
Tuesday 21st June Home VS St. Clements
Wednesday 22nd June VS Thomas Clarkson Academy



West Norfolk Athletics Competition:

The annual West Norfolk Athletics Competition for Years 7 – 10 will be held at Lynnsport on:

Thursday 26th May 12:00 – 6:00pm

If you are interested in representing the school in an event whether that is track or field please see a member of the PE team or come to the Training session on a Wednesday after school.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with sports news, fixtures and results follow us on twitter: **@KLA_PE**

Sports Events:

Tuesday 10th May:

Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders
Training

U13 Cricket Vs NHA (Home)

Wednesday 11th May:

H.I.T.T. Training

Thursday 12th May:

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls Rounders
Fixture Vs Smithdon (Away)

U14 Cricket VS NHA (Away)

Friday 13th May

Cycling club

PE TRIPS:

There are 6 places left on the Year 9 & 10 PGL Trip in July. The trip consists of four days doing Outdoor Adventurous Activities including, climbing, abseiling, Jacobs ladder, raft building, leap of faith, zip wire and obstacle course. If you are interested in going please see a member of the PE team.



Clubs and Activities:

Tuesday's & Thursday's

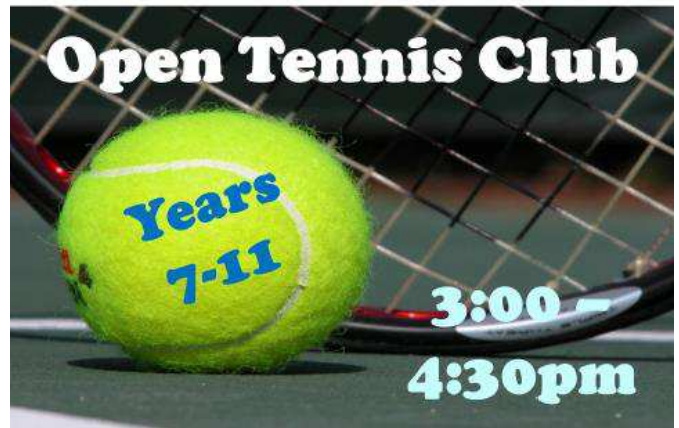
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Cricket
Years 7-10
3:00 - 4:45pm

Monday - Thursday

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Open Tennis Club
Years 7-11
3:00 - 4:30pm

Wednesday

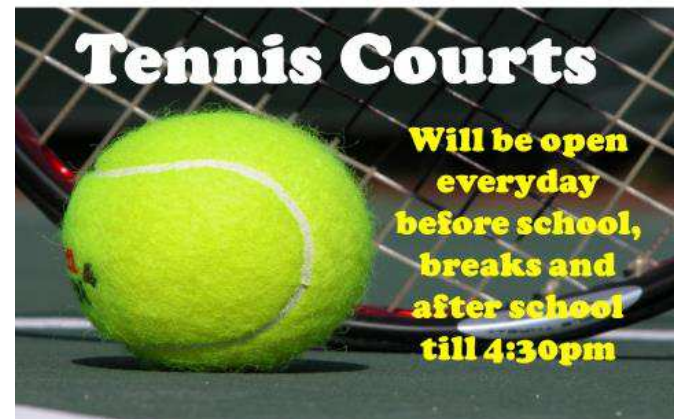
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H.I.T.T Training
Years 7-11
3:00 - 4:30pm

Monday - Thursday

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Tennis Courts
Will be open everyday before school, breaks and after school till 4:30pm

Tuesday

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Years 7-8
3:00 - 4:45pm
Rounders

Thursday

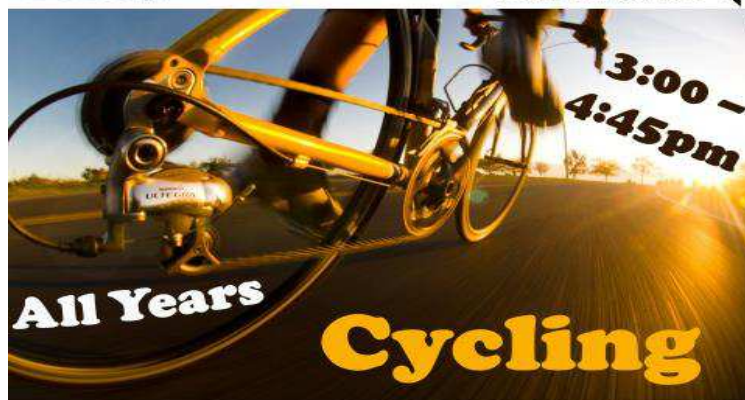
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Years 9-10
3:00 - 4:45pm
Rounders

Friday

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3:00 - 4:45pm
All Years
Cycling