

# Parent Bulletin

Friday, 10<sup>th</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	92%

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 11,312

2<sup>nd</sup> Vancouver 11,085

3<sup>rd</sup> MacArthur 11,028

4<sup>th</sup> Nelson 10,998

Over 44,447 reward points have been gained by the students since the start of term, plus the staff have sent out 255 praised post cards.

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  
Principal

## 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!

## Safer Schools Invite:

Dear Parent / Carer

Norfolk Constabulary have commissioned Theatre specialists 'AlterEgo' to tour schools and other suitable venues in our area throughout October and November with their new production 'County Lines- reducing harm in relation to serious and organised crime'.

You may be aware of Norfolk Police's 'Operation Gravity' campaign which was launched in December 2016 to target the transportation of Class A drugs in the county and the violent crime associated with it. Norfolk Police have also been working with partner agencies to support those vulnerable members of the community who are being exploited by criminal groups.

Young people can be influenced by the lifestyle that drug dealing can offer, therefore it is vital we provide the education and support needed to prevent this from happening.

We will be delivering this presentation to all Year 8 students in Norfolk and there will be six public performances in Norwich, King's Lynn and Yarmouth for members of the public.

**The KING'S LYNN public performance will be on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, at King's Lynn Academy.  
You are all very welcome to attend.**

Norfolk Police has previously worked with Alter Ego to produce the highly acclaimed Chelsea's Choice play, educating young people about Child Sexual Exploitation and we are confident the issues around County Lines will be explored in an entirely relevant and suitable manner for this age group.

The 40 minute production and post-show Q&A will raise awareness of:-

- Healthy Relationships and peer pressure
- Drug couriering - methods and consequences
- Where young people can go for help and advice

Hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Pc 285 John Bolderstone.  
Safer Schools Police Officer  
Kings Lynn Academy and KES Academy

## Year 8 Geography:

Year 8 are making a Slum next week in Geography, please could you bring in clean 'junk' recycled material as soon as possible, i.e. yoghurt pots, boxes, plastic bags etc. to classroom S10.

Thank you

Mrs Daffeh

## GCSE Drama and Music Students:

### Misunderstood

This week a group called Misunderstood visited KLA, a great afternoon of entertainment and a serious message was participated in by GCSE Drama and Music students. Misunderstood performed a number of their songs and talked about the issues around Cyber Bullying.

### 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 performed 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 also discussed why diversity should be celebrated and the fundamental British Values.

Misunderstood gave 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) were also touched on in discussion. The workshop was very interactive and got the pupils involved.



#it was brill is the message going around on Instagram.

## Library:

Starting this week, we have been inviting students into the Library, before school, to read, get warm and drink hot chocolate! All free! This 'Breakfast Reading Club' is open every day, Monday to Friday, between 8.00am until 8.30am in the Library.



The 'Genre of the Fortnight', continues to be sets of books that we hold in our library to encourage reading groups and share reading. With reading groups it is usual to discuss the book after everyone has read it, with each group member reading part of the story and then communicating the story to the group. This is a very enjoyable way to improve literacy and communication skills, with students deciding what they are going to read and then having to share what they have read with others. This can lead to some very interesting discussions!

Some of the books included in the 'Genre of the Fortnight' are –

- Binny for Short McKay, Hilary Book Level 4.3
- Boy in the Tower Ho-Yen, Polly Book Level 5.3
- The Company of Ghosts Doherty, Berlie Book Level 4.8
- Jessica's Ghost Norriss, Andrew Book Level 5.3
- My Brother Is a Superhero Solomons, David Book Level 5.4
- Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth Boyce, Frank Cottrell Book Level 4.0
- A Trick of the Dark Collins, B.R. Book Level 4.9
- Whispers in the Graveyard Breslin, Theresa Book Level 3.8
- The Wind Singer Nicholson, William Book Level 5.4

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

We have the Alter Ego Drama Co coming into KLA on the 14<sup>th</sup> November to do a performance for Y8 students. It is about the dangers facing young people with criminal behaviour across County lines. All Y8 students will watch the performance in the morning and there will be another performance here at KLA for parents if they wish to come along in the evening at 7pm.

Mrs Westbury and Pc Bolderstone led our KS3 assembly this week, the focus was around how things can get out of hand quickly! They gave examples of how social media causes a lot of issues and can sometimes result in fallouts/fighting. Pc Bolderstone spoke about how in school we can deal with things like this, but out in “the real world” things would be very different and criminal charges would be likely in some cases. The aim of the assembly was to inform children that we take violence very seriously and we will not have it in our school, KLA has great students and staff and there is ALWAYS another option other than violence. I would like to thank the students for their respect and focus throughout the assembly.

The weather has certainly turned over the last few days, please can I remind all students that they still need to wear blazers at all times. Some students are coming to school in their winter coats and forgetting their blazer!

I have really enjoyed seeing the Y7 and Y8 students making the most of our after school clubs, we have many different clubs on offer. If your child/children would like to join any club just ask them to pop and see the teacher or myself for more information.

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7JMA Ruby Jeffries. Ruby is a polite and mature young lady who can always be counted on to carry out tasks sensibly and with enthusiasm! She is a delight to have in the form.

7KPO Lilly Kershaw. An enthusiastic, polite young lady who is always on the ball, trying her best to improve and to contribute to lessons.

7MIL Selene Coote with an incredible 115 Achievement points!

7SBW Courtney Russell for a seriously impressive amount of achievement points

Well done Selene that really is an impressive amount of achievement points, keep up the good work!  
Congratulations!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

8ABL Nathan Clark, in lessons and form he is always trying his best to get his work correct. Always willing to ask a question and use what he knows. Focused and conscientious.

8CMC Catherine Castro for always remaining focused on the form tasks set.

8EBL Shakain Self for her effort with the Pixeledge task which she has really thrown herself into. She has organised herself and followed the instructions well.

8RCL Ella Mason, for always working hard and doing it with a smile!

8HDR Mitchell Morgan, for showing a positive attitude to all form tasks and always being polite and courteous, great improvement from last year

Well done Catherine it is great to see you doing so well this year!

Have a great weekend everyone!

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

### Assemblies:

Year 11 were given information, from KESA staff and previous KLA students, about the forthcoming Open Evening at King Edward VII Academy on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

They will have the opportunity to tour the sixth form centre, talk to staff and students and see what subjects/courses are available. Please check out the KESA website to book and register for sessions. Students can book up to six sessions.

Another assembly was held for Year 11 where they were given more information. This time about the availability of summer schools at the University of East Anglia. Several of our students have taken advantage of this in previous years and gained valuable insight into university life. I will let you know more information and dates for applications when I receive it.

Please encourage your children to consider this as it is a great experience and all free.

Also The College of West Anglia are hosting an Open Day this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 9:30 to 12:30 at the main campus.

Students interested in sports are invited to Alive at Lynnsport from 9:30 to 12:30.

You can look at what is on offer and book online at [cwa.ac.uk/OPENDAYS](http://cwa.ac.uk/OPENDAYS)

I had the pleasure of delivering Year 9 and 10 assembly this week speaking about the history and importance of the poppy. I encouraged students to buy and wear a poppy. Also to take time on Sunday at 11:00 to observe two minutes silence in remembrance of those who gave and are still giving so much for us.

Achievement points: Georgia Fairchild, Danas Skupeika, Abbie Perry, Oliver Tickner, Louie Younge and Fausta Derenciute. Well done.

Please remind your sons/daughters to attend the breakfast reading club held every morning in the library. Hot drinks are served.

### Student of the Week nominations:

#### Year 9

9 LDA Tayla Wilkinson for being a helpful member of the seminar group.

9 CBA Katie Scoles, Katie quietly gets on with everything in form, she's a pleasure to have.

9 HGL Summer Rose for high quality and effort in Maths.

9 AGI Megan Wake. Hard working, reliable and makes useful contributions to form discussions.

9 SHA Oliver Lindsay for really getting into the spirit of student voice in form on Mondays.

Winning for Year 9 we have Megan Wake.

#### Year 10

10 HCO Toby Howard. Great help in preparing an assembly.

10 ACU Casey Grimes. For having a big increase in reward points! Well done!

10 CPR Paige Wake. A pleasant and helpful student.

10 JMY Joseph Harpley for his excellent behaviour and always quietly getting on with his work.

For Year 10 Toby Howard.

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

### Year 11

11 DEN Alex Grimes. Alex presented to the class last week his clear career goals. He wants to join the army and then move onto the SAS. When he spoke he showed great passion and focus it made the rest of the form sit up and listen.

11 LBE Alisha Chappell. Determination.

11 DSC Saba Zaheer. Growing in confidence, always polite and helpful.

11 RGI Henry Beck, great attitude to his learning and 100% attendance.

11 RES Charlie Gray. Charlie is effectively using seminar time to prepare his post-16 choices on Help You Choose, including writing a personal statement to support his applications.

Finally for Year 11 Alex Grimes

Have a great weekend.