

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 13th 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 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 Attendance target is still 95%. We are currently at 94%.

House attendance since September;

Nelson	91.3%
Vancouver	94.5%
Cresswell	93.9%
Macarthur	93.4%

Congratulations to Cresswell house for reaching 95.4% attendance last week. Well done.

Please call me on 01553 774671 choosing option 1 if your child is going to be absent. Leave a short message including your child's name, form and reason for the absence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to raise our Attendance.

Have a great weekend.

UEA Summer School:

There are a few places left on each Summer School, the deadline has been extended to Monday 16th May at 9am (postal applications that arrive on this day, but after 9am will be accepted). If there are any students in Years 9 and 11 that are interested in this please encourage them to sign up to the free UEA Outreach Summer Schools by applying online here: www.uea.ac.uk/outreach/summerschools (paper applications are available on request). Please see attached document for more information.

Update on the Alton Towers:

I am sure all students who are going on the Alton Towers trip in the summer are already looking forward to it. Thank you to everyone who has already paid in full for their trip, this is just a reminder that the final instalment of £30 is due by Friday 20th May, before we break up for half-term. Please could all money/cheques be sent to Mrs Fysh in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.

Thank you for your support.

Carolyn Fysh

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:

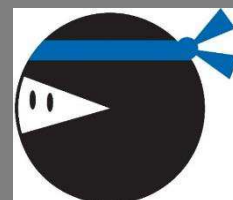
Monday 23rd May 2016 – GCSE English Literature Exam Unit 1

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 Alana Brearley, Morgan Saggars, Ollie Faulkner, Kian Sharpe and Archie Russell – well done to all for your hard work!

Numeracy Ninja's Leader Board:



The scores to date at 13th May 2016 are:-

In the lead at the moment we have Cresswell with 3277 points

In second place we have MacArthur 3099

Third place goes to Nelson with 3072

And bringing up the rear at the moment is Vancouver with 2867 points. The new scoring system is showing that there is very little difference in some of the positions, so literally every point counts! Keep up the good work everybody.

The top ten individual forms are:-

M1 609

C2 580

V5 580

C5 573

C3 567

N5 544

M2 541

N1 536

V6 533

N2 527

Keep up the good work everyone.

Junior Maths Mastermind Challenge:

On Thursday 12th May 2016, King's Lynn Academy hosted their annual Junior Maths Mastermind Challenge.

This is a competition for Year 4 and 5 pupils to show off their maths knowledge. The event saw competition between Reffley Community School, Howard Junior, Middleton VC Primary, West Winch Primary, and St German's Primary. Each of the primary schools came along with their own supporters to make up the audience.

This year's participants were Matthew James Year 4 and Tommy Mullane Year 5 from Howard Junior; Jaden Ellis Year 4 and Mason Frary Year 5 from Reffley Community School; Hallie Bunting Year 4 and Frederic Lo Year 5 from West Winch; Ellie Rippon Year 4 and Jason Bennett Year 5 from Middleton VC Primary; and representing St German's was Ryder Upcraft Year 4 and Jude Lindsay Year 5.

The individual Year 4 winner was Hallie Bunting from West Winch scoring 12 points, and the individual Year 5 winner was Frederic Lo also from West Winch with 20 points. All the schools were represented by some excellent mathematicians, who all did their schools proud. Well done to them all.

Each school's combined totals were:- Middleton - 14 points, St German's – 19 points, Howard - 20 points and Reffley – 21 points



With a combined total of 32 points, the overall Junior Maths Mastermind Trophy for 2016 for the third year running, went to West Winch Primary School

The picture shows Mr Essex – Head of Maths at KLA, presenting the certificates and trophies to Hallie Bunting Y4 and Frederic Lo Y5 from the winning school - West Winch Primary. Questionmaster Mr Andrew Gibson is in the background.

Organiser, Mrs Carolyn Fysh, Numeracy Co-ordinator said she received some great feedback after the competition. The staff and students who attended all said the competition was great and they couldn't wait to do it again next year!

Carolyn Fysh
Numeracy Co-ordinator

Prom – Friday 1st July:

Prom tickets are on sale now until Friday 27th May, available at break and lunch time from Reception. A valid Prom Passport is need to purchase a ticket; available from Mrs Thomas at seminar time/before school only

Tickets are £24 each and include a welcome drink and nibbles, two course dinner and dancing. The event starts at 6pm until 10:30pm.

Payment can be made by cheque (made payable to King's Lynn Academy) or cash, all monies must be received by Friday 27th May. Menu choices can be made when purchasing a ticket

Mastermind Special Testimonial Challenge for Charlie Lake:

King's Lynn Academy recently held a Maths Mastermind Special Testimonial Challenge for Charlie Lake.

Charlie Lake has been a student at King's Lynn Academy for the last 5 years.

The testimonial was arranged to celebrate the fact that Charlie has won every Inter-House Maths Mastermind for his House within KLA, and every Inter-School Maths Mastermind representing KLA for all the 5 years he has been a student here at KLA. That in itself is no mean feat. A very fitting tribute to a student whose maths knowledge is outstanding and remarkable.

The Challenge had been set to see Charlie compete head-to-head against Mr Rimmer - KLA Head of School, and Mr Essex KLA Head of Maths – testing their maths skills and knowledge. The event was played in front of Charlie's form - Vancouver 1, all Year 11's and invited guests on Thursday 12th May 2016.



The competition was very tense and exciting, with a few surprises along the way, including some embarrassing photos - not only of Charlie, but also Mr Rimmer and Mr Essex when they were children at High School. This brought lots of laughter from the audience, and a wonderful atmosphere to accompany the event. This event also brought some light relief to all Y11's as they prepare for their forthcoming GCSE's. At the end of the competition the final scores were:- Charlie Lake – 19 points, Mr Essex – 11 points and Mr Rimmer – 7 points.



The photograph shows Charlie Lake, centre, with Mr Barney Rimmer left and Mr Richard Essex right, after the competition with his memorial trophy and certificate.

Organiser of the event, Mrs Carolyn Fysh – Numeracy Coordinator at KLA, reported that the whole event was superbly received, with masses of positive and wonderful comments.

Charlie is very soon to be sitting his GCSE's, and KLA would like to wish him the very best of luck with all his exams. We are sure that Charlie's future will certainly involve maths!

UEA Mentoring Celebration Event:



12 students from Year 9 have been involved in a 10 week programme delivered by UEA where they have been mentored by university students every Wednesday at KLA.

As we have come to the end of the 10 week programme, Sarah Wren, Darcey Rose, Jasmine Abraham, Jasmine Reeve, Maisie Hancock, Joshua Roberts, William Lake, Christopher Stebbings, Niki Cooper, Sara Albuquerque, Lewis Cottam and Lewis Dixon all went to UEA on Tuesday 10th May.

Our morning started off by students experiencing two workshops which allowed them to involve themselves into the style of university. The first workshop was a trading game. Students were mixed with one other school and had to trade resources such as scissors and paper in order to be the most powerful. There was even a world bank and natural disaster announcements! The winners of this game were the team made up of Sarah Wren, Jasmine Abraham, Jasmine Reeve, Maisie Hancock and Darcey Rose. After the game, we then went onto our second workshop which was all about the science of sound. It was a fascinating lecture where students were left confused and amazed at how we interpret and understand sound.

Parents then joined us for a buffet lunch before we embarked on a campus tour. Students and parents had a look round some of the key areas such as the Sainsbury's Centre where the Avengers movie was filmed! Parents and students even got to have a sneak peek at some student accommodation.

After our campus tour we went to a lecture theatre where parents and students were able to ask questions to a university panel about finance, choices, applications, budgeting and much more.

Finally students were presented with their certificates for completing the 10 week programme.

It was a fantastic day. Well done to all the students for completing the programme!



Nelson and Vancouver House update – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

We were very lucky this week to have Hannah Robinson from the UEA in for our assembly this week. She was telling the students about “Uni life” and informed the students about various summer schools they are holding this year! There are dates for Year 9, 10 and 11 students, we are very fortunate that the UEA will cover all costs. This is a terrific opportunity for everyone, if you would like more information please see attached document or contact the school for the web address with all of the details.

Nelson

Charity update- we have a local gentleman who will soon be gaining a lifelong friend in his hearing dog. It would be great if they could pop in to school for a visit once things have settled, I will keep you posted.

It was our turn for student receptionists this week. Thank you to all students that helped, you all represented Nelson with top marks!

Well done to Hannah Evans for receiving the highest points in one day!

Student of the week nominations are:

N1- Josh Andrews

N2- Kaitlyn Senter

N3- Libby York

N4- Upaz Riaz

N5- George Pooley

N6- Callum Eke

Our student of the week is Callum Eke, well done Callum you represent the Academy at many sporting events, you are a great team player.

Vancouver

PC Bolderstone and other staff members will be taking on the insane terrain challenge to raise money for Alzheimer’s society, if you can spare any donations please visit their just giving page.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Bolderstone

Vancouver students will be student receptionists next week.

Congratulations to Harvey Larkin you received the highest points in a day.

Student of the week nominations are:

V1- Evelina Kislovskaja

V2- Harry reeve

V3- faith Richmond

V4- Sam Hildon

V5- Rebekah Hustler

V6- Ellie Gaskins

Our student of the week is Harry Reeve, nominated for receiving the highest points this week in the form group and having a positive attitude towards KLA life.

Lastly, it is my honour to congratulate Charlie Lake (Y11) on winning the Mastermind challenge this week against Mr Essex (Head of Maths) and Mr Rimmer (Head of School). Charlie kept his cool and answered all the questions super quick, winning with a very impressive score of 19! Mr Essex came in second with a score of 10 and Mr Rimmer was third with a score of 7. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Charlie over the last couple of years, he is an excellent role model to all students! Well done Charlie.



Cresswell and MacArthur House update – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

From Monday the GCSE'S exams will be in full flow. I wish every success to all Year 11 students and well done to those who have completed their Art and Drama exam.

On Tuesday I watched three groups perform at the "Rock School Performance". This was part of their music qualification. They were all very good and I know Ms Davies was enormously proud of their commitment and progress. Well done to: Briah Bush, Tommy Pearce, Lewis Edwards and Phoebe Smith from Cresswell House and Bryant Haring from MacArthur House.,

Thank you to Mr Blows who delivered a highly entertaining assembly on Thursday. The theme was fear and learning and how we should not let our fears impact on our learning. Also that learning is life long and we should not waste a day or minute.

As it was our assembly we were unable to watch Charlie Lake, Vancouver House, in his testimonial Mastermind against Mr Rimmer and Mr Essex. Charlie has won the school and inter-school Mastermind for the last five years. He went out in a blaze of glory with a convincing win. Congratulations Charlie.

Students among the highest achievement points this week:

MacArthur	Padraig Denmark, Hannah Evans, Rhys Young, Jack Dixon and Dareks Knospe
Cresswell	Joe Pearce and Holly Rowe

Nominations for Student of the Week and Form Tutors comments.

- C1 Tamazin Bacon – Trying hard to improve.
- C2 Jessica Bainbridge - For successful completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- C3 Brianna Stebbings – For all her hard work helping in the library.
- C4 Jasmine Wright - A splendid character. She makes a great effort with her GCSE work. I wish her success.
- C5 Joshua Roberts for completing his mentoring programme and being such a good representative of the school at UEA yesterday.
- C6 Charlie Webb – Delightful young man who has 207 achievement points.

The winner is Jessica Bainbridge well done.

- M1 Megan Barnes – Delivering an assembly after school to parents.
- M2 Maddison Hawes - For the excellent example she sets to other students. Always working hard. Making the most of the time that she has.
- M3 Tegan Crouch - Tegan has tried really hard with ninjas and got a black belt for the first time this week.
- M4 Abigail Mason –Always hardworking, pleasant and polite.
- M5 Alexander Palmer-Silcock - Whilst in town on Saturday, Alex saw a young boy in a shop who appeared very anxious and very stressed. Alex approached the boy and discovered the boy had autism. Alex calmed the boy down, comforted him, and sat with him until his mum came back.
I think many people may have turned a blind eye but Alex went out of his way to help. For this reason he is M5's SOTW.
- M6 Bethany Ross - Hardworking, polite girl who always tries her best.

There was no deliberation this week. The winner has to be Alexander for his kindness.

I will report next week on the Head Boy/ Girl results as we will not know until the end of the day.

Finally very well done to Zygimantis Masiulis, MacArthur House, who achieved 100% in the first part of his ECDL exam this week. He was justifiable very pleased with himself.

Have a lovely weekend.



Sports News:

Rounders Leagues:

Rounders league is well under way, with the girls playing their second fixture away against Smithdon High School.

Game Results:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Draw 16 – 16	Won – 21 ½ - 10	Won – 17 ½ - 14 ½	Won – 12 – 11 ½

The next fixtures are:

Thursday 18th May Away VS Downham Market Academy

Wednesday 8th June Home VS Springwood

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 coming 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:

Monday 16th May:

YEAR 11 GCSE BOOSTERS
3 – 4:30PM

Tuesday 17th May:

Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders Training
U13 Cricket Vs Dereham (A)

Wednesday 18th May:

H.I.T.T. Training

YEAR 11 GCSE BOOSTERS
3 – 4:30PM

Thursday 19th May:

Year 7, 8, 9 Girls Rounders Fixture
Vs DMA (Away)
U13 Cricket VS Northgate (H)

Friday 13th May

Cycling club

PE TRIPS:

There are 5 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

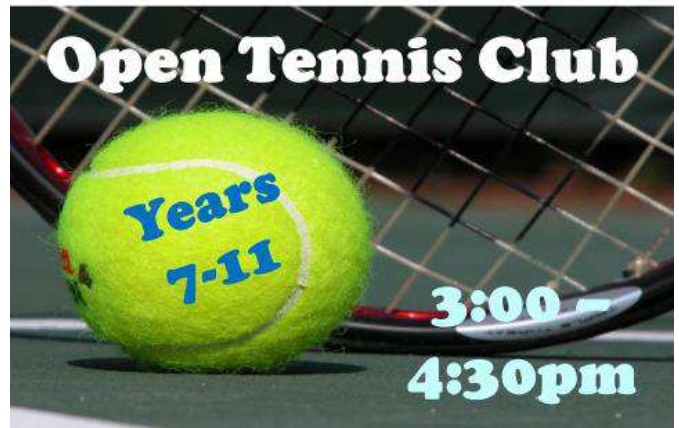
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Cricket
Years 7-10
3:00 - 4:45pm

Monday - Thursday

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

Wednesday

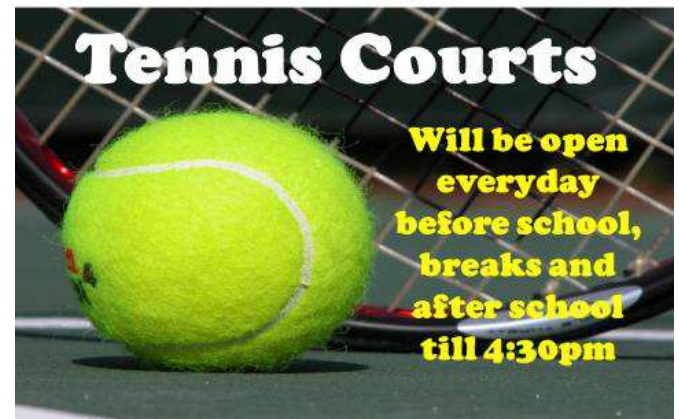
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H.I.T.T Training
Years 7-11
3:00 - 4:30pm

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



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Year 11: 6–8 July 2016

Year 9: 28–29 July 2016

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Year 10b: 24–26 August 2016

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