

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 14th July 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

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 21st July – Last day of term – non-uniform day

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September - Staff training day

Wednesday 6th September – First day back for students

Attendance:

Year attendance is as follows;

Year 7	93%
Year 8	93%
Year 9	93%
Year 10	91%

Well done to Years 7, 8 and 9 for joint top. We have 5 students who have attended 100% since September and 291 who have had Good Attendance of 95% and above.

The Green Dot Attendance Challenge is working well. 18 out of the 30 students have improved their attendance. Look out for the Praise Postcards arriving on your doormats. The student who has improved the most will receive a £25 Nando's voucher. Hopefully, we will continue next year with another group of students who will have the same chance.

The new texting system in place is working well. Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to tell us of any changes with contacts numbers. We can only text the primary contact number on our systems. If you are not sure if you are the primary contact then give me a call and I can check for you.

Some parents are leaving messages on the old absent line or Reception. When you ring the school to report an absence, please use option 1. 01553 774671 option 1 as Reception is a very busy place in the mornings dealing with all other enquiries. You can also email me at lorraine.roberts@kingslynnacademy.co.uk

Please remember that any absences must be reported asap to Mrs Roberts. Appointments should be made after school where possible and supported with the appointment slip. Thank you to those parents who are keeping us informed of any absences and any future medical appointments that are unavoidable during the school day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Roberts

KLA Library:

This year we are running two reading competitions for our students to participate in!

We have a large selection of new books for them to choose from!

Students may enter both competitions!

Buddy up with a Book and a 'Bestie' competition -

- Each friend chooses a book they want to read
- when they have finished reading the book they have chosen, they have to write a review
- then swap books with their friend
- read their friend's chosen book and write a review
- compare reviews! Reward – 'teamwork' badge for all participants.



Solo competition –

- Choose book
- Write a 100 word review for the book – review will be kept in front of book for other students to read.

Reward – praise postcard for all reviews

We will be offering high street vouchers for the best entries of both competitions!



Drama Department:

What a fantastic event to end a busy year. KLA took part in the Fly Playwriting Project that show cased on 10th July at UEA. The play, 'The Truth Behind the Dare' was written by the CRE8@KLA team last month, with the support of two new young writers Emily Pillow and Mark Anthony Karan from UEA, as part of 6 new plays being performed. It was an excellent opportunity for the students and their friends to see the production at the UEA Theatre.

The year began with a trip for KS3 students to see 'The Railway Children' at the King's Cross Theatre, London in October, it was an amazing show including a fully running steam train driving through a traversed theatre space.

KS4 were dancing in the aisle when they went to see 'School of Rock' at the New London Theatre in February.

During this same period a group of 19 students (Yr. 7-11) were working hard to prepare for the school production of 'The School Film' performed 3 times after school in March and to a number of English Classes, as a support for their work studying 'Great Expectations'. This Ntconnections project culminated with their performance of the show at the Playhouse in Norwich in April.

Of course we must mention the exhilarating trip to New York, where apart from seeing most of the major sights (including the Statue of Liberty and Top of the Rock) the students also took part in a 'Cats' workshop with one of the actors from the show and then watched the show on Broadway.

As CALSA (Cultural and Arts Leaders in Schools and Academies) for West Norfolk if any parent or school would like support for their Performing Arts project/s please get in touch and I can see what can be done to help.

I am already planning next year's performances and trips, such as the New York 2019 trip.

CRE8@KLA takes place after school every Wednesday and is open to ALL students. Come along, everyone is welcome.

Rewards update:

House totals since 18th April.

1st Cresswell 10,986

2nd Nelson 10,771

3rd MacArthur 10,705

4th Vancouver 9,343

Over 41,805 reward points have been gained by the student's since 18th April.

Next week is the start of our rewards assemblies, with some surprises on the way!!!

Many thanks

Mrs Thomas

Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

We have been busy at the academy, nominating students that will be recognised for their hard work in our rewards assemblies next week. It is always such a lovely way to end the school year celebrating the student's success, good luck to all students!

I have not asked staff to nominate a Student of the Week, as we have focussed on the reward nominations this week.

I am preparing to hand over the Y8 students to Mrs Defty as she will be their head of Key stage as of September. I am reminding all students to enjoy the last week of this academic year, especially those on trips! We all look forward to seeing the photos when everyone returns.

This week many of our students were invited to the Diploma Awards Ceremony at The Corn Exchange. The event took place on Tuesday evening, sadly I was unable to attend but would like to thank Mrs Defty and Mrs Thomas for all of their help during the evening.

Well done to the following students for receiving the award for outstanding achievements:

Max Andrews, Zoe Ashton, Millie Bareford, Therese Burns, Liam Burt, Nathan Clark, Elise Clayton, Erin Curl, Leanna Fitzgerald, Joshua Footer, Alexander Haslam, William Histon, Scarlet Jones, Kasandra Kozyreva, Laurie Meads, Bailey Nash, Megan Osborne, Noah Partridge, Jessica Peel, Phoenix Sherry, Megan Tomney, Gemma White, Tom White, Isabel Wright, Josh Andrews, Harry Appleton, Nicole Barraclough, Thomas Beeby, Tatianna Burns, Luke Caley-Smith, Shannon Cook, Abbie Cubbit, Aime Eracleous, Megan Golding, Harvey Gray, Harry O'Neill, Daisy Patnell, George Pooley, Maksims Prohorovs, Katie Rattenbury, Uphaz Riaz, Kaitlyn Salmons, Jonathan Senter, Ryan Smith, Brianna Stebbings, Justina Svaplyte, Harry Whiley, Brooke Williams and Rosie Williams.

We will be having a non-uniform day next Friday (the last day of term), it has a "summertime" theme and students will not have to pay!

Have a great weekend!

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

During assembly this week P.C. Bolderstone, our Safer Schools Police Officer, spoke to the students about the rise in Norfolk with hoax 999 calls.

He made them aware of the seriousness of this, the possibility of calls being traced and prosecution. The cost to the emergency services is enormous and it is always possible that whilst responding to a hoax call a serious situation could arise that they are unable to attend.

Ms Scoles, Mrs Westbury and Mr Endersby spoke about a trip they are arranging to Venice in March 2018. If your son or daughter took a form please ensure it is returned with the required deposit as soon as possible. Venice is a wonderful city and the experience will enhance their cultural and social skills.

Mrs Fysh presented certificates to all students who were among those with the highest scores in the Numeracy Ninja challenge which has been running all year. The winning house award will be presented at the whole school award assembly next week.

On Tuesday evening I had the privilege of attending The Eastern Multi-Academy Trust Diploma Awards Ceremony at the Corn Exchange and announcing the winners, my colleague Mrs Thomas presented the awards.

Well done to the following Year 7 and 8 students:

Max Andrews, Zoe Ashton. Millie Bareford, Therese Burns, Liam Burt, Nathan Clark, Elise Clayton, Erin Curl, Leanna Fitzgerald. Joshua Footer, Alexander Haslam, William Histon, Scarlet Jones, Kasandra Kozyreva, Laurie Meads, Bailey Nash, Megan Osborne, Noah Partridge, Jessica Peel, Phoenix Sherry, Megan Tomney Gemma White, Tom White and Isabel Wright from Year 7.

From Year 8 Josh Andrews, Harry Appleton, Nicole Barraclough, Thomas Beeby, Tatianna Burns, Luke Caley- Smith, Shannon Cook, Abbie Cubitt, Aime Eracleous, Megan Golding, Harvey Gray, Harry O'Neill, Daisy Patnell, George Pooley, Maksims Prohorovs, Katie Rattenbury, Uphaz Riaz, Kaitlyn Salmons, Jonathan Senter, Ryan Smith, Brianna Stebbings, Justina Svaplyte, Harry Whiley, Brooke Williams and Rosie Williams.

It was an enjoyable evening as it is always good to see student's hard work and determination rewarded. In each year group a Diploma Champion is chosen and presented by the Mayor of King's Lynn. These went to Joshua Footer and Katie Rattenbury.

Well done to all winners we are very proud of you.

Photographs from the ceremony can be purchased from:

paultibbsphotography.co/diploma

On Wednesday we held a non-uniform day to raise monies for the House charities. Over £400 was raised.

Student of the Week nominations.

9 LAM Aiden Pearce. He is the Year 9 champion for Mario Kart. He takes part in the final on Wednesday.

9 ACU Harvey Morton, for continued passion in catering lessons with Mrs May.

9HCO Alex Hall. 30/30 for every numeracy ninja session since September.

9 JMY Callum Bentley.

9 SRW Lilly Wyatt. 291 positive points and is working extremely hard this year.

This week's winner for Year 9 is Alex Hall.

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Year 10

10 DEN Lewis Hurley and Megan Thorburn. Both of these students worked incredibly hard to organise a non-uniform day and a bake sale to raise money for the Alzheimer Society charity. Both attended a presentation event where they described their efforts to Dame Kelly Holmes. 10DEN are very proud of the two of them. Well done.

10RGI Joseph Golding for always being polite and punctual and having over 250 achievement points.

10KJM Liam Sparkes. A quiet, well behaved consistent student deserving of recognition.

10CAB Matthew Earl. Quietly gets on with everything.

10CBA Arnas Navickas for maintaining the balance between his points.

10EBW Darcy Rose for her mature approach and attitude to her learning.

For Year 10 this week Matthew Earl.

Next Friday, 21st July is non-uniform day. There is no cost just a way to end the year. The theme is summertime special, so come dressed for a holiday.

Have a great weekend.