

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 15th April 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:

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4th May – HPV Vaccinations

Friday 6th May – Head Boy/Girl Election

Monday 9th May – GCSE Exams Start

Thursday 12th May – Junior Mastermind

Thursday 19th May – Diploma Day

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:

Welcome back to a new term. Attendance for the whole school is 94%. We still need to keep pushing as much as possible to reach our target of 95%.

House Attendance for this week is promising. Well done to Vancouver and MacArthur for reaching our target.

Vancouver 96.1%

MacArthur 94.8%

Cresswell 96.4%

Nelson 91.5%

Many students had 100% attendance, Praise Postcards arrive in the post this week. Well done to all our students who are in school everyday. Thank to parents and Carers for your continued support in making sure you child attends everyday.

Please contact me on 01553 774671 option 1 if your child will be absent from school or if you have any concerns regarding attendance issues.

Have a great weekend.

Show My Homework Update:

With recent changes to our academy website I have been made aware that it has caused a few issues with parents being able to access their SMHW accounts. If you are experiencing problems please try to log in directly from the SMHW website and not the link on the school website.

If you have been using the app you may need to delete and reinstall it on your device and search again for King's Lynn Academy.

If you are still experiencing problems please don't hesitate to contact me on 779623.

Many thanks,
Mr Aldous

HPV Injection:

On 4th May the Year 8 girls will be receiving their first HPV injection. Over the next few days they will be bringing home a consent form. Please fill this in and return to Mrs Roberts ASAP. Girls cannot have the injection without a signed consent form.

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

Welcome back to the first of English Countdown Bulletins...

Important Dates:

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

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

These are the first two key dates for English exams for your child and by now, they should be revising daily (little and often). Priorities are to be re-reading the texts (listed below) and completing the revision booklets, issued in February.

Of Mice and Men

To Kill a Mockingbird (Mrs Starling's class only)

Blood Brothers

A Christmas Carol

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 Harry Reeve, Jordan Hammond, Ollie Winn, Ashley Coe-Robertson, Josh Rann and Jake Crick – well done to all for your hard work!

Harry Potter Year 7:

There are quite a few outstanding payments left, it is essential we receive them the company has requested payment.

Many thanks in advance,

Mrs. H Lockey & Mrs. C McLeish
Visit Leaders

Year 10 & 11 Catering Exam:

The following students completed their practical Catering exam yesterday.

Nick Peters, Tommy Pearce, David Briers, Robyn Boughen, Briah Bush, Michel Cruz, Cameron Goodrum, Alana Brearley, Abbie Claxton, James Panter, Deanna Lunness, Viktorija Truksinaite, Kaitlyn Senter, Iris Duarte, Ellie Mae Hopkins and Jack George.

They were ALL exceptional and the quality of the food they produced was of restaurant quality. They all deserve to be congratulated.

Well done, excellent effort!

Mrs Lockey & Mrs May



King's Lynn Academy becomes a Member of the UK Youth Parliament:

In March, Year 10 student Harvey Luker was campaigning to become a member of UK Youth Parliament. It was a hotly contested campaign against a student from Springwood High School. He worked really hard on his campaign producing a video that was shown at both King's Lynn Academy and King Edward VII Academy, visiting Howard Junior School and Grey Friars Primary School to talk to Year 6 students. Young people had a week to vote for their chosen candidate. Harvey did a fantastic job! When the result was announced Harvey was declared the winner by more than 200 votes.



Today Harvey had a celebratory lunch with Scarlet-Lilli and Mille who had helped him on his campaign. This gave Mr Rimmer and Mrs Prett the opportunity to congratulate him.

We are incredibly proud of Harvey and look forward to seeing his work and progress as he now undertakes his role.

Ultimate Form Challenge:



The “Ultimate Form Challenge” began this week, with very exciting competitions on both Monday and Tuesday.

Monday saw the first challenge between M2, M3 and M5. M5 took the lead, followed closely in pursuit by M2. When the final gong went the scores were M2 – 65, M3 – 0, M5 – 65. The competition then went into a ‘one question shoot-out’; with M5 just beating M2 to the buzzer, adding 10 points to their score. It was a very gripping ending to a very exciting heat. Well done to M5 - Mr Essex’s form for going through to the ¼ finals.

Tuesday was the turn of V1, V2 and V4. V1 and V4 were equally matched throughout the rounds, with the lead changing with each round. At the final gong the scores were V1 – 50, V2 – 0, V4 – 50. Again, just as Monday, the competition went into a ‘one question shoot-out’. The winning form was V1- Mrs Starling’s form, adding 10 points to their final score, sending them through to the ¼ finals stage.

Thursday saw the turn of C1, C2 and C5. A very evenly fought match between these forms. The result could have gone any way. The final scores were C1 – 45, C2 – 35 and the winners C5 Miss Green’s form – with 50 points, who will go through to the ¼ finals stage.

Friday saw the last challenge for this week with N2, N3 and N5 going head-to-head. This was a very anticipated heat, as N5 are the 2015 reigning champions – they were obviously up to retain their title. N3 and N5 were jostling for first place, with N5 just taking the lead in the final round. The final scores were N2 – 0, N3 – 50 and N5 – 60. So N5 – Mr May’s form go through to the ¼ finals.

A very exciting start to this competition this week. The competition lasts for three weeks, with the final being held on Tuesday 3rd May when the 2016 Ultimate Form Champions will be crowned. I look forward to the next few weeks.

Carolyn Fysh
Numeracy Co-ordinator.

Nelson and Vancouver House update – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Welcome back to you all, I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break.

I have some exciting changes to tell you all about! I would like to introduce two new members to the Nelson and Vancouver team.

Both House’s now have an assistant Head of House to help with House charities and the House identity. Mr May from the PE department will be working with Nelson and Miss Watts from the PE department will be working with Vancouver. I am very much looking forward to working with them both and I can see exciting times ahead. Please note that I will still always be the first contact for parents/carers and the students, this will not be part of the assistant’s role.

Mr Blows and Mr Rimmer lead the assembly for me this week, thank you very much Mr Blows for covering for me at such short notice! Mr Rimmer popped in to speak with the students about Academy expectations.

Well done to Michael Haslam (Nelson) and Summer Rose (Vancouver) for achieving the highest points in a day. This is an excellent start to the term, keep up the good work.

Nelson students have helped us this week with their receptionist duties, thank you to you all.

Have a great weekend.

Cresswell and MacArthur House update – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

I hope you all had a good break. Students have returned looking very smart.

Thank you to all parents/carers that attended the Year 8 parents evening on Wednesday.

This week saw the start of the Ultimate Form Challenge, organised by Mrs Fysh. The first round was held on Tuesday between M2, M3 and M5. It was a very exciting contest won on the last question by M5.

Thursday was the turn of C1, C2 and C5. C5 triumphed in a very close game.

Thank you to all the students who were brave enough to take part and good luck to M5 and C5 in the next round.

This week's assembly was about Modern Day Slavery delivered by a representative from the Soroptimists Society. She spoke about this unacceptable practice and how girls are more vulnerable throughout the world. Thank you to Miss McNeill for organising this.

Well done to Michel Cruz and Paige Self, from Cresswell who were among the students with the highest achievement points this week.

Welcome to George Miller who joined the Academy this week in Year 8.

Nominations for Student of the Week will recommence next week.



Congratulations to Isabella Thurnell, pictured left, who was very successful at the weekend. She won two national clay pigeon shooting titles competing in the English Open Double Rise Championship taking the Ladies and Colts categories. She may well be the youngest winner and her proud parents are waiting for confirmation. Well done Isabella and good luck with your next competition in May.

If your son or daughter would like me to mention any of their out of school achievements in the bulletin please email me and I will include them.

There are a few changes to both houses.

Ms Carnell has been appointed the assistant Head of House for Cresswell and Mr Endersby for MacArthur. Well done to both I look forward to working with you.

Thank you to Ms Watts and Mr Essex who are moving from MacArthur to Vancouver House for all your hard work and support.

However, I am still the first point of contact for all parents/carers and students.

Have a good weekend.



Sports News:

Year 7 Race Cycling Initiative:

This week saw the Launch of a 6 weeks cycling initiative. The aim of the scheme is to develop students cycling proficiency and introduce them into world of racing. Students in year 7 have been given the chance of this exciting opportunity.

Rounders Leagues:

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS: Rounders fixtures start week beginning 25th April. Please come to training/ trials next week if you would like to be selected for the teams. After selection training will commence on a Tuesday or Thursday with a game every week.

Trials Nights:

Tuesday 19th April – Year 7 & 8 Girls
Thursday 21st April – Year 9 & 10 Girls.

Cricket Leagues:

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 7, 8 & 9 BOYS: Cricket fixtures start week beginning 18th April. If you are interested in playing the U13 & U14 cricket leagues please see either Mr May or Mr Endersby.

PE Curriculum Summer Term:

The curriculum for PE this term consists of the following:

Year 7 1,2,3: Athletics, Rounders and Tennis
Year 7 4,5,6: Athletics, Cycling, Rounders and Tennis
Year 8: Athletics, Tennis and Rounders
Year 9 Core: Athletics and Rounders
Year 9 GCSE: HRE, Athletics and Cricket
Year 10 Core: Tennis, Athletics and Rounders
Year 10 GCSE: HRE, Athletics and Rounders.

Students will need to bring trainers, KLA socks, black shorts and white KLA Polo.

Sports Events:

Monday 18th April:

Staff meetings

Tuesday 19th April:

Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders Training/
Trials.

Boys cricket training/ trials.

Wednesday 20th March:

H.I.T.T. Training

Thursday 21st April:

Year 10 & 11 Girls Rounders Training/
Trials.

Boys cricket training/ trials.

Friday 22nd April:

Cycling club

PGL PE TRIPS:

Letters have been handed out to year 9 & 10 GCSE PE students for the four day 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.

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



Clubs and Activities:

Tuesday's & Thursday's

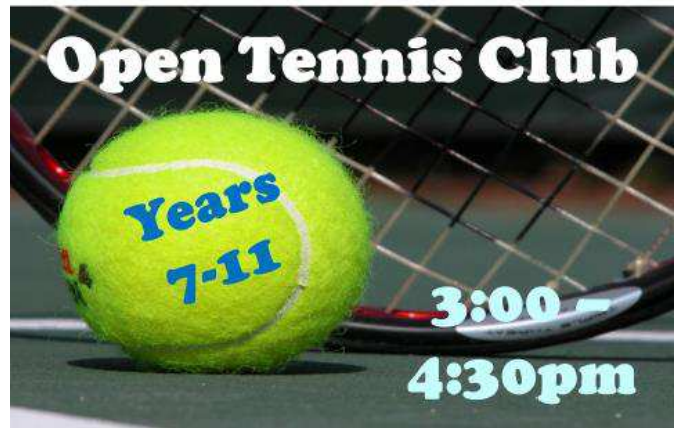
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Cricket
Years 7-10
3:00 - 4:45pm

Monday - Thursday

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

Wednesday

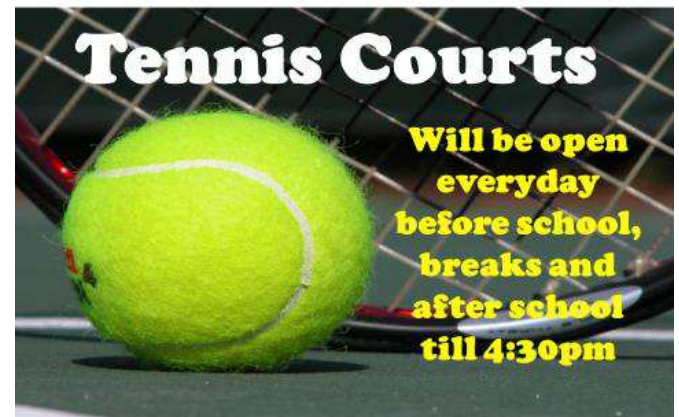
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H.I.T.T Training
Years 7-11
3:00 - 4:30pm

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

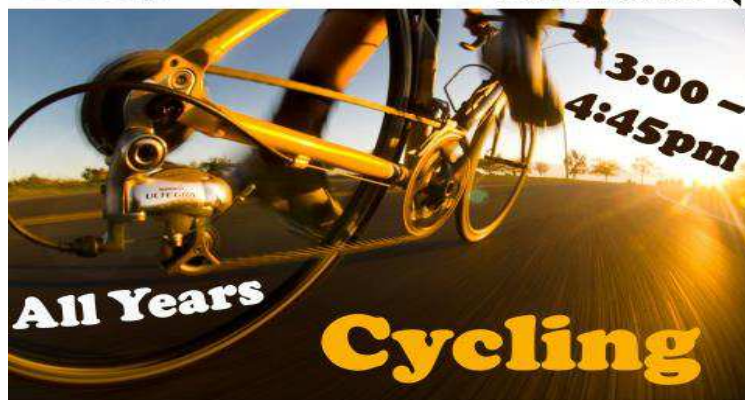
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Years 9-10
3:00 - 4:45pm
Rounders

Friday

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3:00 - 4:45pm
All Years
Cycling