

# Parent Bulletin

## Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 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 September is 94%.

Attendance since the beginning of term is as follows:

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|---------|------|
| Year 7  | 98 % |
| Year 8  | 95 % |
| Year 9  | 93 % |
| Year 10 | 94 % |
| Year 11 | 91 % |

Well done to Year 7 for 98%.

500 students have achieved good attendance since September, which is at least 96%. Out of those, 369 students have 100 % attendance, 105 of those are from Year 7. Well done for a great start to the year.

Apologies if I have caused any concerns regarding sending students back to school following sickness. If your child has diarrhoea and sickness then please do keep them away for the 48 hours. However, if they have just been sick the once with no upset tummy they can come back when they feel better.

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 lovely half term.

Mrs Roberts

## Rewards Update:

House totals since the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are:

1<sup>st</sup> Cresswell 8,487  
2<sup>nd</sup> MacArthur 8,485  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vancouver 8,358  
4<sup>th</sup> Nelson 8,297

Over 33,631 reward points have been gained by the students since the start of term.

Hope you all have a nice half term.

Many thanks

Mrs Thomas

## Year 11 English Revision:

**Year 11 English Revision - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9am - 10.30am. All Year 11 welcome.**

All Year 11 students should have received a 'Mr Bruff's guide to GCSE English Language'. This can be used as revision for the November Mocks and revision in general.

## 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  
Acting Principal

## KLA Library:

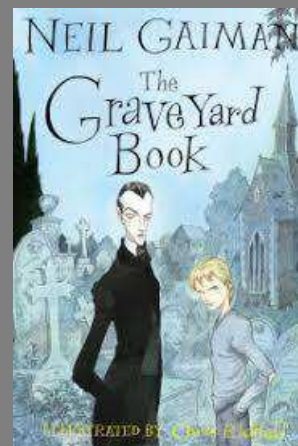
**Halloween Creative Writing Competition - Write a spooky poem OR a scary short story!**

**Entries to Mrs Bowles in the Library by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

The book promotion through to Halloween is a celebration all things spooky!

Books on our front display include:

The Wishing doll B.Sanford BL 3.3  
The Company of Ghosts B.Doherty BL 4.8  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down J. Kinney BL 5.5  
The Graveyard Book N.Gaiman BL 5.1  
Horrid Henry's Nightmare F.Simon BL 3.8  
Jessica's Ghost A. Norriss BL 5.3  
A Trick of the Dark B R Collins BL 4.9  
Whispers in the Graveyard T.Breslin BL 3.8



## Science:

Students studying for their GCSEs from Year 9-11 have the option to buy revision guides, workbooks and answer books through school at cost price. These have proved a useful resource, helping students both in school and when revising at home.

Students will be given revision guide letters in school by their Science teachers, these need to be returned to reception for a receipt and an order will be placed every half term.

Below is a copy of the order form:

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have previously offered the chance for students to purchase Science revision guides through school at a reduced price.

As we are now teaching the new specification to KS4, and are offering students the chance to purchase new specification revision guides, workbooks and answers from CGP.

Students have found these revision guides helpful in preparation for examinations and throughout KS4 as the content is being taught.

The new specification revision guides contain the entire GCSE content, so if the student is studying for GCSE Trilogy (Combined Science) they will need to purchase one revision guide only.

If the student is studying for Separate Sciences, three books would need to be purchased, one for each science.

Below is a list of the available books that can be ordered through KLA, the workbooks may be useful for students to practise exam technique and give an idea of exam questions at the end of Year 11.

If the student is unsure which revision guide to purchase please ask their teacher.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Bell

**Science AQA New Specification Revision guide order** Please order: (please tick)

| Revision Guide                    | ISBN Number       | Price |  | Order |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--|-------|
| Higher AQA Trilogy (combined)     | 978 1 78294 559 8 | £5.50 |  |       |
| Foundation AQA Trilogy (combined) | 978 1 78294 560 4 | £5.50 |  |       |
| Biology AQA                       | 978 1 78294 556 7 | £2.75 |  |       |
| Chemistry AQA                     | 978 1 78294 557 4 | £2.75 |  |       |
| Physics AQA                       | 978 1 78294 558 1 | £2.75 |  |       |
| <b>Workbooks and Answer books</b> |                   |       |  |       |
| Higher AQA Combined               | 978 1 78294 485 0 | £5.50 |  |       |
| Higher Answer Book Combined       | 978 1 78294 490 4 | £1.00 |  |       |
| Foundation AQA combined           | 978 1 78294 486 7 | £5.50 |  |       |
| Foundation Answer Book Combined   | 978 1 78294 491 1 | £1.00 |  |       |
| Biology Workbook                  | 978 1 78294 482 9 | £2.75 |  |       |
| Biology Answer Book               | 978 1 78294 487 4 | £1.00 |  |       |
| Chemistry Workbook                | 978 1 78294 483 6 | £2.75 |  |       |
| Chemistry Answer Book             | 978 1 78294 488 1 | £1.00 |  |       |
| Physics Workbook                  | 978 1 78294 484 3 | £2.75 |  |       |
| Physics Answer Book               | 978 1 78294 489 8 | £1.00 |  |       |

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Science Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Teaching Matters:

Firstly thank you for this half term – we really do appreciate your support with the students at KLA!

There are a number of Teaching and Learning initiatives that we have put in place at KLA this half term and we need to continue to work together to build upon the efforts of students, staff and parents in the next half term.

### Marking & Feedback.

This academic year we have adopted a new set of core principles to do with marking and feedback and the response has been positive. We are now using WWW (What Went Well) and EBI (Even Better If) and this has helped to simplify the process of marking and feedback. Students should now expect consistency in the feedback that they receive in all subjects and most importantly understand how to develop further. I have sampled in excess of 2000 books this term in all departments and year groups and this has led to a number of key developments.

- Use of the KLA sticker to focus the mind to WWW & EBI. This also provides consistency for students in being able to easily identify where the feedback is.
- The EBI is a 'diagnosis' of the work. It provides feedback on what the student needs to do to improve their work further, rather than comments on presentation.
- Staff continue to challenge presentation and effort of students and we now have room '101'. Here books are placed to be reviewed by the Senior Leadership team and the expectation is an improvement should be seen from this point.
- Staff to challenge spellings, ensuring that students correct themselves as part of the whole school literacy drive.
- 'Purple' pen in every page, with student response in 'red'.

Students are being asked to complete homework where possible in their exercise books and I would encourage all parents to look through their books to see the work that is being completed. If you have any concerns or questions please contact me at King's Lynn Academy.

After the half term, I will continue to sample books with the focus being on where the areas above need further development. Thank you in advance for your support!

Barney Rimmer

Head of School

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

Year 11 took part in a GCSE Energizer assembly this week delivered by representatives of National Citizen Service. They did various activities working as a team in order to solve a situation.

Hopefully this will spur them on to revise in the break for their mock exams starting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Achievement points this week - Niamh Wells, Georgia Fairchild and Rachael Poll. Well done.

Nominations for a Student of the Week:

Year 9

9 SHA Connor Howe - Nominated by classmate: For a calm and helpful manner in his college course.

9 CBA Riley Barlow. I've received some brilliant reports about Riley in English – well done!

9 AGI Finley Mayes. For his consistent good humour and positivity.

9 LDA Shannon Cook. For her work in seminar and quality of work in her Geography book.

9 HGL Tegan Crouch. Almost 120 achievement points and no negative points.

This week for Year 9 Finley Mayes.

Year 10

10 HCO Hannah Eke. Positive approach to all activities, 65 achievement points, helpful in seminar time.

10 JMY Jessica Fowl for her excellent attitude towards school and doing her best in lessons.

10 ACU Sophie Page, being a polite and enthusiastic member of the form group, always making sure that she is trying her best.

10 CPR Callum Bentley. Quietly gets on with all asked of him.

For Year 10 Hannah Eke.

Year 11

11 DSC Hugh Gingell, who had a great reason for backing up student choice decision.

11 DEN J-Lo Winters. J-Lo is working really hard with all tasks during form time and showing a good attitude. Well done and keep it up.

11 LBE Liam Sparkes, always gets everything done that he should and has everything that he should.

11 RES Maisie Hancock. Maisie has really started considering her future beyond KLA, and has been making progress on her application to post-16 study (via Help You Choose). Maisie is a very responsible, mature student, who is consistently an excellent role model for students not only in her year group, but across the whole school.

11 RGI Henry Beck. Great attendance, achievement points and work ethic.

Finally for Year 11 Liam Sparkes.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to Miss Poll and her band of trusty helpers as they take a group of students on a Duke of Edinburgh trip this weekend.

I hope you all have a good break.



# Sports News:

**Monday**



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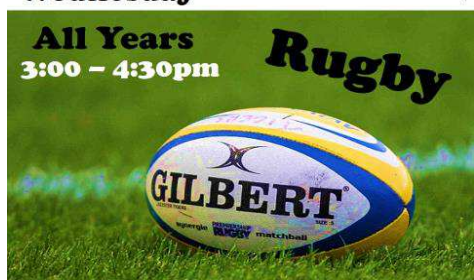
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**Wednesday**



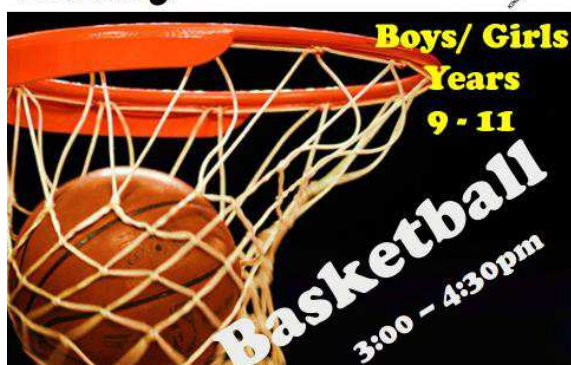
**Wednesday**



**Thursday**



**Friday**



## Sports Events:

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October:**

Badminton Club/  
Trampolining Club

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October:**

Year 11 GCSE PE Booster  
sessions

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November:**

Year 7 indoor 5-a-side  
football (Boys and Girls)

3:00 – 4:30pm

U16 Boys Football Vs  
Litcham (Home)

U14 Rugby Vs Broadland  
(Home)

U16 Girls Netball  
Tournament @KESA

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:**

Year 7/ 8 Boys and Girls  
Basketball Club

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:**

Year 9/10/11 Boys and girls  
basketball club.

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

