

# Parent Bulletin

## Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

### End of Year Message from Alan Fletcher:

It is hard to believe that we have finally made it, but it is time to wish all of our students a happy, safe and restful summer holiday! I would like to also take a moment to thank our brilliant staff for all of their work during a very difficult year.

As we break up for the summer holiday, I also wanted to share a few pieces of information with parents;

- We all know that this has been a year of huge change at King's Lynn Academy, and I am grateful for the support I have been given by parents and the generous welcome I have been given by pupils. We face another year of challenge and scrutiny next year, and there are more changes that we will need to make if we are to continue to improve in our drive to become the 'good' school our students deserve. The two main changes are listed below;
  - **Homework**

We are overhauling our approach to homework for all pupils in September; homework will be much more tightly co-ordinated and our expectation would be that pupils in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8) should be set approximately 60 to 90 minutes per night, rising to 2-3 hours per night for GCSE study in Years 9, 10 and 11. We will closely monitor completion of homework and the quality of marking and feedback of homework to ensure that it has the beneficial impact we expect for all students. We will also be looking to provide facilities for after-school homework support for all pupils.
  - **End of Year Exam results and progress tracking reports**

All pupils currently in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 recently undertook formal end of year exams in all key subjects. These are being marked, and some papers have been sent away to external marking professionals to provide a moderation of standards for KLA pupils compared to other pupils in the same year groups in other schools. Because the marking process is much more intensive than it used to be, it is not possible to send out complete records at the end of the school year; the process will take us well into the summer. As a result, confirmed results and progress reports will be shared with pupils and sent home to parents when we return to school in September. In core subjects this will include analysis of how your child performed in each question, easily enabling us to identify areas of strength and those needing improvement and share them with students and parents. I am working to ensure that the four reports on progress we provide for parents each year are clearer from September and this work forms part of that development.
- From September, we will again be having a 'Principal's Surgery' every Wednesday evening. This is a chance for any parent to come into school to meet with me, between 6-8 pm with no need for an appointment. I am happy to discuss any area causing concern in this time, and I always try to ensure the school follows the matter through to a resolution within a week. These have proved very successful so far, and I have enjoyed meeting those parents who have dropped in.

## Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Staff training day

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – First day back for students

## Attendance:

We now have 20 students on 100% since the beginning of the year. Well done to the students and parents.

I would just like to say a big thank you for your support in helping us to raise our attendance towards the National average of 95%.

It's a fresh start in September and I hope that I can rely on you to ensure that your children attend as much as possible.

I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.

Mrs Roberts

## KLA Library:

To start the holidays we have shelves of new books for our students to choose their summer reading from! To further encourage them to read during the holidays we are offering two competitions.

Buddy up with a friend and read a book each, then swap books, write reviews!

Read alone, pick two books, read, and write reviews!

We are offering a selection of prizes, with the 3 best entries winning High Street vouchers.



## EDP Prom Supplement:

Don't miss out on the EDP Proms Supplement in which our school will be featured on Tuesday July 25th.

This will be in the Eastern Daily Press this Tuesday July 25th. The paper will feature hundreds of beautiful prom photos, it is available to buy from supermarkets, newsagents and petrol stations.

## Science UEA Day at Marshland:

17 Year 8 students visited Marshland who played host to the UEA to promote Science at University and to highlight the many areas that can be studied, rather than the traditional Sciences.

The students participated in several practical's including making hand lotion, extracting their own DNA and making and testing slime.

They listened to a talk about experiences and courses at different universities and picked up leaflets and ideas to consider for the future.

The students were a credit to KLA in attitude and behaviour and all appeared to thoroughly enjoy the experience.

## Numeracy Ninjas:



The following pupils have all been presented with their 'Grand Master' Ninja certificates at the end of term for achieving 6 or more black belt awards. Quite an achievement. Congratulations and well done to them all.

### KS3 - 45

Joshua Cook, Ella Mason, Chelsea-Mae Morton, Bailey Naish, Isabel Wright, Olivia Pulsford-Harris, Joshua Futter, Sophie Eloise Mallett, Egle Simkute, Alex Haslam, Leanna Fitzgerald, Matthew Loft, Kiera-Louise Leonard, Carlos Adao Cruz, Ronnie Howard, Keenan Howe, Jasmine Madder, Matthew Holder, Thomas Green, Jonathan Senter, Nicole Barraclough, Pdraig Denmark, Charlotte Marks, Harry O'Neill, Harry Whiley, Nicholas Bloom, Zack Gathercole, Ben Lanham, Haydn Taylor, Joe McNulty, Callum Moore, Lewis Kershaw, Rosie Williams, Todd Cudworth, Cameron Reed, Charlie Bunnett, Marchin Bialon, Kristian Kowalczyk, Dareks Knospe, Megan Wake, Tatianna Burns, Max Hamer, Ryan Johnson, Josh Stone, Callum Eke

### KS4 - 33

Lily Somerton, Charlie Moore, Harvey Morton, Kyle Locke, Sophie Page, Lucy White, Lewis Palmer, Alex Hall, Richard Newell, Bradley Proctor, Harry Brockwell, Ross Chilvers, Ethan Fowler, Toby Howard, Charlie Long, Bethany Smith, Reuben Webster, Weronika Woznialis, Liam Grey, Harvey Shipp, Hannah Eke, Cleo Dorricott, Adam Bell, Ben Corbett, Josh Roberts, Lewis Dixon, Nathan Clarke, Karis Blewitt, Dafydd Roney Morgan, Oliver Allen, Lauryn Hammond, Tom English, Dianna Barkane, Isaac Shipp

As we break up for summer, the final House results.

Cresswell	15 813
Vancouver	15 368
Nelson	15 335
MacArthur	14 560

So the winning trophy for 2017 goes to Cresswell House. Congratulations and a brilliant well done to you all.

Have a great summer, and stay safe.

Carolyn Fysh  
Numeracy Co-ordinator

## Disneyland Paris - July 2017:

We have just returned from our very exhausting but exciting trip to Disneyland Paris, full of culture and excitement. I am sure all our students have made many lasting memories.

Disneyland Paris itself was the highlight of our trip, with just so many thrilling and exciting things to do. Our evening meal at Planet Hollywood was fantastic, but on our final night we had the unforgettable thrill of watching the Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. The whole atmosphere was amazing with so much fun and laughter. We saw a herd of wild buffalo, authentic cowboys and Native American Indians, Buffalo Bill, Sitting Bull, Mickey and his friends in a vast arena showing us how the West was won. We relived the conquest of the West watching a perilous stagecoach attack, gunfight, showdowns, shooting demonstrations and trick riding displays.....Mr Essex was selected from the audience to go rifle shooting against Annie Oakley – he didn't win! Mrs Fysh was chosen to represent Montana County, she was kidnapped by Chief Sitting Bull and taken away to reappear in a perilous stagecoach attack, eventually being rescued to the cheer of the crowd. All this whilst enjoying a Texas-style barbeque. A thoroughly amazing and exciting way to enjoy our last evening at Disneyland Paris. Great memories of a fantastic evening and a fantastic trip.

I'm sure everyone had an absolutely fabulous time, making so many amazing memories, it was a pleasure seeing so many happy smiling faces.

On behalf of all the adults who joined us on this trip – Mrs Fysh, Mr Essex, Mr Harness and Mrs Lockey, we would just like to thank all the students who came on this trip. You were all amazing. Every student was a credit to KLA, and we are very proud of you all.

Carolyn Fysh  
Disneyland trip organiser



## Harry Potter 2017:



On Thursday and Friday last week thirty nine Year 7 students attended this year's Harry Potter trip. The trip was a massive success and the students did KLA proud. The students were a credit to themselves and to our school as they showed outstanding behaviour throughout and were a pleasure to spend two days with. The trip allowed the students to warm up by experiencing the London Eye 4D experience before enjoying a flight on the London Eye itself. A massive well done must be offered to Liam Tidd and Lottie Hurt for over-coming their fear of heights and giving the flight a go.



The students were then treated to a visit to M&M World in Leicester Square before experiencing dinner in the Forest Gump themed restaurant Buppa Gump. A jam packed first day was concluded with a visit to a theatre in Victoria to watch the live performance of Wicked.



## Harry Potter 2017:

The second day saw the students push on, having had very little sleep at the Wembley Stadium hotel, to the Harry Potter Studios. The students went behind-the-scenes of the film series and saw how it all began before stepping on to the authentic sets and reliving the magic through the eyes of the filmmakers who brought the Harry Potter film series to life.



A massive thank you must be offered to Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hase and the tour guide Derek Angel for joining Mr. Endersby and helping make the trip such a success.

## House Charity Event - Mario Kart Challenge Final:



On Wednesday last week the final of the Mario Kart Challenge 2017 took place. The winners of each year group's competition battled it out to become the Mario Kart Champion 2017. Thomas Chappell (Year 7), Lewis Kershaw (Year 8), Aiden Pearce (Year 9) and Dafydd Roney-Mogan (Year 10) all gave up their own time to take part in a very close and good spirited final. Each student raced one another in a league competition before competing in a winner-takes-all race for the final places on the dreaded Rainbow Road. The third and fourth place final saw Aiden take on Thomas and in a close fought race Thomas claimed third place overall. The final was between Lewis and Dafydd and each player took it turns to lead the race at different points before Dafydd finally finished in first place to claim the championship. It was a great event for these students and something that Miss Carnell and Mr Endersby would happily repeat next year. Congratulations to Dafydd and all of the other competitors for making this unique charity event a pleasure and a success.

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

What a week we have had here at the academy! Students have returned from Harry Potter and one of the Disneyland trips, students and staff have reported they all had lots of fun and everyone represented KLA fantastically! We have students that have left for the PGL trip to France and another trip to Disneyland Paris.

Thursday we had our rewards assembly for KS3, we had so many awards to give out we had to extend the assembly time to fit it all in! It was wonderful to watch the students being recognised for their hard work and determination, I enjoy my job everyday but the rewards assemblies always remind me just how fantastic the students are and how great our academy is!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support this year, it has been a pleasure and I will see you again in September ready to start all over again.

Please remember, if your child/children are having their hair coloured, piercings or any nail art over the summer to check our uniform policies on the website to ensure we start on the right foot in September.

Also a very big thank you to all of the Y7 & Y8 form tutors for guiding the students with me for the last year!

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7RCL Harley Mott, for continued focus and perseverance in a difficult year.

7ABL Elise Clayton for helping out around KLA with Student Commissioners.

7HDR Phoenix Sherry, for always being helpful and polite in form and coming in everyday with a big smile - 7HDR will miss you Phoenix.

7CMC Ellie Mai Collinson who consistently displays a positive attitude in class.

7SGO Courtney Burch Bailey. Consistent and continuously has had fantastic behaviour for learning throughout the year. Always ready to help without having to be asked and is enthusiastic in and out of lessons. A fantastic representative in the school commissioner roll and genuine good nature. Courtney has had a fantastic start to life at KLA.

7EBL Millie Bareford for her phenomenal amount of achievement points (572) and no behaviour points. This is really an excellent achievement and she deserves recognition for it. Not only has she achieved this result but has also been a model student throughout the year in form. I cannot ever remember such a great result all round. She is also a lovely young lady and I wish her every success for next year.

Well done Courtney, I completely agree with Mrs Goodson!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

8AGI Joe McNulty, just for being such a hardworking, awesome student all year.

8DSC Harvey Larkin for working very hard in both Literacy and Numeracy Ninja activities.

8ATA Lewis Kershaw for representing Year 8 in the Mario Karts Challenge and coming second in the whole competition.

8GLA Kaylee King for making a fantastic transition into KLA. Being confident, friendly and polite and making the best of all situations.

8AAN Ricardo Fortes for his constant help during the year.

8SHA Louie Young for his superb progress in Art, he's gone from ARE - - to ARE + this year.

Well done Kaylee it has been lovely to see you settle in and make friends so quickly!

I hope that you have a great summer break, I know that I certainly am looking forward to it.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers, students and staff for their support through the academic year.

Students on the trips had a wonderful time. These trips would not happen unless staff were willing to give up their own time so a huge thank you to them.

There is no Student of the Week this week as we had a KS4 assembly on Tuesday.

Students were presented with badges and rewards vouchers. Well done to all students who were nominated or won awards both in and out of school.

Many are eagerly awaiting Friday's assembly where numerous other awards are given and those in the Top 100 for achievement points have the chance to win a mini iPad.

Mrs Thomas will include a full report in the first bulletin in September.

Finally, I wish you all a happy, safe and sun filled summer.

I am looking forward to working with you again in September.



Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you that the school will be taking part in a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our school, it is called Operation Encompass. Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic violence. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school will receive a confidential phone call from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub before 9am on the morning after any domestic incident where a child at their school has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school have designated Elanor Westbury and Charis Prevett as Key Adults. They have received training from Norfolk County Council to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence to make sure that the right support is available for children and their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact one of the above Key Adults or myself and we will be happy to discuss this further. Further information about the project can be found on our school's website and is available from the school office on request

Yours sincerely,



Alan Fletcher

Acting Principal

