

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 24th February 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:

Monday 27th February – Head Boy/Girl launch

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Monday 6th March – Year 11 Mock exams start

Thursday 16th March – Parent Voice

Friday 17th March – Head Boy/Girl launch

Wednesday 22nd March - Year 11 Mock exams finish

Friday 24th March – ILP and Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March – Monday 27th March – New York Trip

Monday 27th March – Head Boy/Girl interviews

Thursday 30th March – DofE Silver assessed expedition departs

Friday 31st March – Last day of term

Chinese Club:

We run a Chinese club every Wednesday at 3pm in N4 for an hour. It is an amazing opportunity for students especially KS3 and Y9 as they will have some Mandarin language lessons during their French/Spanish classes.

KS3 (Years 7-9) Science Experiment Club:

Ever wanted to know how Science is used outside of School? Come along and experience Science practicals that are used in different places of work. There will be a different focus each week.

This will be in S13, from 3pm until 3:45 with Miss Carnell from Friday 13th January.

Rewards:

House totals since the start of January.

1st Cresswell 4,871
2nd MacArthur 4,838
3rd Vancouver 4,292
4th Nelson 4,158

Over 18,187 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of January, Cresswell are still in the lead. 303 Praised Post cards have been sent home since start of January. Well done.

Mrs Thomas

Attendance:

Whole school attendance has slipped to 93.2%.

There are now 7 families who are in the Processes of Fast Track to prosecution with Norfolk County Council, with several more being very closely monitored. You are at risk if your child's attendance drops below 90% with more than 9 session of unauthorised absences over a 6 week period or a half term. These sessions are counted as am and pm.

Many parents do not realise that their child's attendance can drop with having the odd day off here and there. Before they know it, their child has not completed 2 full weeks in a row. Please be mindful of this when allowing your child to have these odd days off. They do mount up.

Year attendance is as follows;

Year 7	94%
Year 8	94%
Year 9	94%
Year 10	91%
Year 11	91%

Well done to Years 7, 8 and 9 who are top of the leader board.

We are still seeing students taking the whole day off school for medical appointments that are either in the morning or in the afternoon during the school day. Please send your child to school either before or after their appointment. This way they will still get one mark for the day.

Please call me, (Mrs Roberts) on 01553 774671 OPTION 1 if you child is going to be absent.

100 students enjoyed free Pizza over Thursday and Friday for having 100% attendance over the last half term. Over 200 names were put into a randomiser selecting the first 100 students. Well done to all who attend every day. Keep it up!

Mrs Roberts

Year 11 GCSE Religious Studies:

For Year 11 students taking GCSE Religious Studies (WJEC, Specification B), Mrs Gelder would like to recommend 2 revision guides (one for each paper/exam). They are 'Religion and Life' and 'Religion and Human Experience' guides by Gavin Craigen and Joy White, Hodder Education, ISBN: 978-0-340-07563-3 and ISBN: 978-1-444-10760-9 which can be ordered online. Each student has also received a revision workbook from school.

MFL Stars of the Week:

Please find below last week's MFL Stars of the Week:

Year 7 - Malgorzata Rudolf 7CMC

Year 8 - Louie Young 8SHA

Year 9 - Georgia Dix 9HCO

Year 10 - Alexander Palmer-Silcock 10KJM

Year 11 - Henry Pooley 11DSC

The School Production 'The School Film':

The School production, 'The School Film' by Patrick Marber in conjunction with the National Theatre Connections project will be performed on Tuesday 14th March at 15:30 and Wednesday 15th March at 19:00.

Tickets will be available at Reception or on the door. The director Anthony Lau from The National Theatre will be assessing the students work at the Tuesday performance. It would be lovely to have a big audience that day supporting the 16 students who have been working hard on the show since November.

Tom Hodgkinson



World Book Day:

The academy will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 2nd March, with numerous activities throughout the day to encourage reading.

WORLD
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DAY

- Elena Parkin, our local community librarian will be visiting the academy to speak to our students about library membership. Students can be issued with a temporary (three month) membership to enable them to experience what their local libraries have to offer.
- Students are being asked to 'give and share' their reading experiences. If students have finished with their 'book buzz' books we are asking them to donate them to our library on World Book Day.
- Students will need to have their reading books with them as there will be opportunities for them to read and discuss their books with their friends.
- Staff and students will be dressing up as 'book' characters. Please note this is not a non-uniform day. Students will be expect to be either in school uniform or in 'fancy dress'.
- All students will receive a £1 book token.

Year 11 English Intervention:

English Intervention will take place as follows:

English Language	Time	Place
Tuesday	3.05pm - 4pm	Glass room
Wednesday	8.15am – Period 1	Glass room

English Literature	Time	Place
Thursday	3.05pm - 4pm	Glass room
Friday	8.15am – Period 1	Glass room

All Year 11 students are invited to attend.

Please encourage your child to attend.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and continued support.

The English Department

Disneyland Paris and Paris City Tour:

Thursday 13th – Monday 17th July 2017

One place still available

Thank you very much to all parents who have already paid their second instalment for the Paris trip.

A reminder to parents/guardians that the third instalment of £100 for the trip is due by the end of next week. Please send this in with your child in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and addressed to Mrs Fysh.

- £100 by 28th February, £100 by 30th March, and final payment of £69 by 20th April OR
- 2 instalments of £134.50 by 20th April

Please make all cheques payable to King's Lynn Academy

All monies must be paid in full by 20th April at the absolute latest - we have to send all final payments to the travel company on 21st April 2017.

Thank you very much.

Mrs Fysh - trip organiser



Year 9 Vaccinations:

Year 9 students are being offered the Meningitis, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio injection on the 8th March. Consent forms will be given to all students next week. Can you please complete the forms and return to Mrs Roberts ASAP. Your child will not be given the injections if consent forms are not returned.

Many thanks,

Mrs Roberts

Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. I cannot believe how quickly this week has gone, I don't feel we have been away!

Mr Rimmer welcomed us all back with an assembly this week. He talked about raising expectations and spoke to the students about some of the feedback we have had from the students and parents. He showed some fantastic examples of student's homework and told them they should all take pride in their work. I also spoke with them about standards in our canteen as recently some of the Y7 & 8 students have been leaving lots of mess/rubbish and not following the rules. I am happy to say that after the assembly lunchtimes have been much better, well done.

We do not have any Student of the Week nominations but this will resume next week. I have also updated our notice board with the names for Student Receptionists up until the Easter break.

I am very keen to celebrate our students and their success'. If your child has achieved anything outside of school or is particularly proud of something they have made or taken part in, please let me know. I have lots of space on our noticeboard and would love to fill it with student celebrations. Please email me or send something in.

Have a lovely weekend.

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

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

Thank you to Mr May for our assembly this week. Although I missed it, Mrs Thomas who stood in for me, said it was very good. He spoke about how many people strive to be perfect, particularly sportsmen and women, but we need to be careful how we measure this. It is not all about winning but knowing you have done your best and could not have done one more thing.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents/carers at the Year 10 parents evening. Some parents asked me to follow up some queries. I am sure I have done this but I mislaid my notebook. If you are still waiting for a response kindly call or email me with a reminder.

Well done to all students that attended the revision lessons over half term and good luck to all Year 11 in their second mock exams which start next week.

College of West Anglia Rewards

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	COURSE	DATE: 23/02/17
Ross	Chilvers	Level 2 Engineering	excellent work
Richard	Newell	Level 2 Engineering	excellent work
Bradley	Proctor	Level 2 Engineering	excellent work
Nikita	Jarman-Thrower	Level 2 Child Development	Excellent session in nursery
Jessica	Fowl	Level 2 Hair and Beauty	Hard work in theory
Jenny	Ortet	Level 2 Hair and Beauty	Hard work in theory

Students with the highest achievement points this week – Paige Hawes, Jayden Cassidy and Lewis Hurley. Well done.

Have a good weekend.

Dragon Head Raising Day

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Dragon-lóng

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Let's try the Chinese Calligraphy of lóng.



Do you know the Chinese dragons lóng 龍 wake up on the 2nd February of Lunar Calendar and will bring rain to the earth?



Wednesday (1st March , 2017)
3:00-4:00 pm Meet in N5

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