

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 25th November 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 28th November – Years 7 – 10 non-uniform day

Thursday 1st December – Christmas Fayre

Friday 2nd December – Year 11 Mock exams finish

Monday 5th December until Friday 9th December – Inter-House Maths Mastermind

Tuesday 6th December – Celebration evening (Years 8-11)

Thursday 8th December – Parent Voice 5:30pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December – Talent Show

Friday 16th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December – Last day of term

Friday 16th December until Tuesday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 4th January – Staff Training Day

Non-Uniform Day:

Years 7 – 10 will be having a non-uniform day on Monday 28th November. As Year 11 will be in exams they will have their non-uniform day at a later date when their exams are completed.

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.

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.

Children in Need:

A massive thank you to all those students who supported Children in Need on Friday. Due to the combined efforts of the students who offered to sell cakes, and the non-uniform day.

We raised a total of £500.

This is a massive achievement!

Thanks to all.

Attendance:

Whole school attendance is 94.4%, a little lower than last week.

Year 7	96%	Top again.
Year 8	95%	
Year 9	95%	
Year 10	92%	
Year 11	93%	

Attendance meetings have been going well this week, with reviews in 2 weeks' time. If you are unable to make the appointment that has been sent, can you please contact me on 01553 774671 OPTION 1 so we can re-arrange a suitable time.

We have 424 students with attendance of 95% and above. Out of those we have 200 students with 100% attendance. Well done to you all.

Hopefully the flu and sickness bug has subsided and we can all look forward to a healthy run up to Christmas.

Rewards Update:

House totals since the start of this half term:

1 st MacArthur	2,303
2 nd Cresswell	2,290
3 rd Nelson	2,142
4 th Vancouver	2,108

Over 8,851 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of this term, MacArthur has just overtaken Cresswell!! Well done to all our students.

Mrs Thomas

MFL Stars of the Week:

Please find below this week's MFL Stars of the Week.

Year 7 - Phoenix Sherry 7HDR

Year 8 - Christopher Warren 8SHA

Year 9 - Alex Hall 9HCO

Year 10 - Rhys Younge 10CAB

Year 11 - Millie Lines 11HA

Year 7 and 8 Weekly Maths Challenge:

Each Friday Year 7 and 8 will be set a Maths Challenge. This is a non-compulsory challenge for our Year 7 and Year 8 Mathematicians to show they have a mastery level of understanding of applying different topics to problem solving.

The Challenge will be on ShowMyHomework and can also be found outside CF2. The answers can be emailed to lucy.amos@kingslynnacademy.co.uk or hand given to Mrs Amos by Wednesday 3pm.

A winner from each year group will be chosen at random to win Maths Star of the Week. They will be awarded with a certificate, a postcard home and a small prize. All Students with the correct answer will also receive a certificate.

WEEK 6 ANSWERS:

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Then, $\circ = \square + \triangle = 2 \triangle + \triangle = 3 \triangle$

Then, $\diamond = \circ + \square + \triangle = 3 \triangle + 2 \triangle + \triangle = 6 \triangle$

Therefore, \diamond is worth $6 \triangle$.

Congratulations to Ryan Gipp (Year 8) and Noah partridge (Year 7) for winning Maths Star of the Week.

Well done to all who have taken part.

Mrs Amos

Time for You:

Hello everyone,



My name is Liz Henze, the Time for You worker for King's Lynn Academy. Growing up can be a challenge and sometimes things can get tough.

Time for You is a 1-1 emotional support service for children and young people. Sessions are generally on a weekly basis, last for 25 minutes and continue for as long as necessary based on the needs of the young person and of the school. I'm there to listen and support in a confidential yet relaxed and friendly setting within school. Together with your child we will explore ways to help them move forward and find strategies for coping when needed.

I help them develop emotional literacy (encourage them to recognise and name their feelings/emotions) and help your child to develop the tools they need to manage their feelings and emotions.

There can be a waiting list, but if you think your child could benefit from this service, please contact their Key Stage Head.

School Nurse:

The school nurse offers weekly drop-in sessions every Wednesday lunchtime for any student who wishes to speak to her. She can be found in the Intervention Room opposite Student Services. No appointment is necessary!

After half term she will be offering a monthly C-Card clinic for students Aged 13 – 16. For more information about Norfolk's C-Card scheme please follow this link: <http://c-card.areyougettingit.com/your-c-card.aspx>

Free School Meals:

If your child is receiving Free School Meals, please remember it is your responsibility to advise King's Lynn Academy or Norfolk County Council of any changes to your circumstances that may affect your entitlement, e.g. change in employment status or change of benefits, if in doubt please check.

Christmas Fayre:

Our Christmas Fayre is on **Thursday 1st December from 3pm until 4pm in the Central Hall**. There will be a selection of stalls including tombolas, jewellery and sweet stalls along with refreshments. Many of the students will be managing the stalls. It would be fantastic to see as many parents and family members as possible. All proceeds will go to House charities.

HLTA Awards London 2016:

Our Colleague Cindy McLeish attended the Higher Level Teaching Assistant of the Year awards on Monday in London as she was the Eastern finalist for this year. Alongside 8 other finalists she received a certificate of her achievement from MP Andrew Mitchell after a tour of the Houses of Parliament. Although Cindy did not win the National title she is a winner in our eyes and we are extremely proud of her. This was a tremendous achievement to reach the final 9 as there are currently just over 52,000 registered HLTA's in England.

Well done and congratulations.

Staff & Students at KLA



Disneyland Paris and Paris City Tour:

Thursday 13th – Monday 17th July 2017

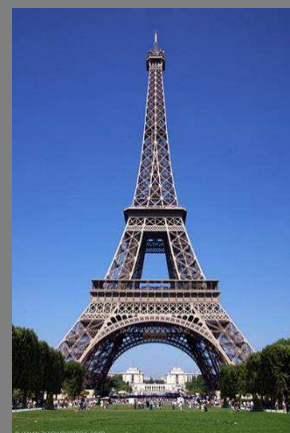


The Maths department are organising a residential trip for Years 9, 10 and 11 (KS4) to visit the wonderful city of Paris. The residential trip will include staying for 5 days and 4 nights at the 'Explorers Hotel' which is based on site at Disneyland Paris resort itself.

We have successfully organised an amazing price through a specialist school trip company.

The cost of the trip is £469, which will include

- Return transport from KLA to Disneyland Paris (including ferry crossing)
- Free shuttle bus to both parks and Disney village
- 2 full days in the Disneyland Parks
- 1 full day in Paris (by coach) visiting many famous landmarks
- Bateaux Mouche River Cruise
- Visit to the Eiffel Tower, with trip to the top subject to availability
- 4 breakfasts and 4 evening meals
- 2 packed lunches – 1 for day trip into Paris and 1 for the journey home.
- Maths Study Pack
- Personal insurance



The travel company requires £100 deposit per student initially, a further £100 by 27th January 2017, with the remainder of the balance to be paid by 21st April 2017. This trip has been promoted now, so that payments can be spread over several months. This can be paid in full, or in further instalments spread through until the 21st April 2017.

Once initial interest and deposit has been paid, more in depth details with proposed itinerary will be issued to parents in due course.

Passports will need at least 6 months left before their expiry date and those travelling will need a valid EHIC card. These are free and can be obtained online. These items will be seen and copied in school by the end of May 2017.

We do hope you consider this wonderful opportunity for your child. This trip promises to be an amazing adventure, and one which will produce many happy memories for years to come.

This offer is limited to just 50 students in Years 9, 10 and 11. As places on this trip are so limited, places will be initially offered on a first come first served basis. Should demand exceed the 50 places, attendance and behaviour may also be taken into consideration when allocating final places. Please book your child's place with a deposit as soon as possible.

More detailed invitation letters have gone out to all Y9, 10 and 11 students.

Mrs Carolyn Fysh (Trip Leader)

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Well done to everyone who contributed to raising over £500 for Children in Need last Friday, especially those who made and sold cakes.

It was good to see many parents/carers at Year 9 parents evening on Tuesday.

Nominations for Student of the Week and tutors comments:

Year 9

9 LAM - Daniela Massisa a hard working pupil, always tries her best.

9 ACU - Alex Smith for having an interesting extended writing task, well done!

9 JMY - Grace Byfield-Stubbs for her excellent attitude in lessons and her outstanding behaviour.

9 HCO - Richard Newell, taking lead role in group activities.

Well done to Grace a deserving winner.

Year 10

10 CAB - Joe Pearce, for listening to feedback from teachers on how he can improve his book work in lessons.

10 EBW - Saba Zaheer over 100 achievement points.

10 CBA - Shannon Payne - Shannon has been doing really well in form.

10 RGI - Joseph Golding he continues to be an excellent member of the form. He is quiet, polite, hardworking, well presented and punctual.

10DEN - Eden Donoclift. Eden is one of the most consistent members of the form. Eden gives every task or activity we complete his best effort and has been consistently improving his maths skills this term during the Maths Ninja challenge.

Year 10's winner is Eden Donoclift.

Year 11

11 KPO - Millie Lines, for her enthusiastic attitude in form, always tries her hardest and makes every effort to improve in all she does.

11RES - Elise Cornwell, Elise has fully embraced her new Maths form, and is taking full advantage of having additional 'top-up' teaching to further her understanding of Maths. Elise is bravely sitting the new GCSE Higher tier in her Maths mock exam, and is determined to succeed. She has an excellent attitude to learning, and is a good example to other students.

11 JHA - Karolina Jankowska, for showing a substantial improvement in her attitude/maturity during seminar and choosing a great career path after leaving KLA.

For this week well done to Millie Lines.

Highest achievement points: Daniela Massisa and Tamazin Bacon.

College of West Anglia Awards:

First Name	Surname	Course	Reason for Reward
Richard	Newell	Level 2 Engineering	For being helpful to the other students and tidying up the workshop, Richard also had a good week in theory.
Bradley	Proctor	Level 2 Engineering	Good week in theory lesson
Reuben	Webster	Level 2 Engineering	Good week in theory lesson
Jenny	Ortet	Level 2 Hair & Beauty	For working hard in all sessions

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Continued...

Several of our students are competing in the Kuk Sool Won championships in Liverpool this weekend. Good luck to Thomas Brown, Abigail Mason – Brown, Sophie Brown, Charlie and Harvey Gray we wish them every success.

Every form now has a brown bag to fill for this year's Purfleet Trust Brown Bag Appeal, we are asking for gifts of toiletries and non-perishable items. The deadline for the appeal is Wednesday 30th November 2016.

Finally it is our Christmas Fayre on the 1st of December. I will be running a raffle stall, if you are able to contribute a prize I would be very grateful.

Have a good weekend.

Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

The Year 7 student receptionists have been amazing this week, I do not know what I would have done without you! Thank you to: Courtney Birch-Bailey, Florie Rose, Bradley Gregory, Kieran O'Donnell, Katie Page, Megan Tomney, Kostas Syuks, Samuel Gorman, Lauren Wilson and Ruby Russell.

Mr Rimmer held our assembly this week, this was a serious assembly about litter dropping. We have been experiencing a lot of litter being left on tables and on the floor by the KS3 students after lunch and break. I have been taking photos of the mess and Mr Rimmer has made it clear that this is not acceptable and set the challenge for it to improve straight away.

PLEASE NOTE- we have a non-uniform day for students in Year7-10 on Monday 28th November. Year 11 students will have another opportunity after their exams. Please send in £1 if your child/children will not be wearing uniform.

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7ABL - Jack Timberlake for a brilliant bit of extended writing.

7HDR - Gemma White for producing a great extended written task, with a detailed argument and good conclusion.

7CMC- Erica Charters for doing a great extended writing task and being MFL star of the week.

7SGO - Florrie Rose. Florrie worked exceptionally hard on the extended writing task, completing the research and making sure that her presentation and the content of her piece were fantastic. She was one of the top three from the form. Florrie also made an extra effort this week to support Yr. 8's in their fund raising for Children in Need and their bake sale.

7RCL - Cameron Richmond. For being enthusiastic about every situation and trying his best at everything.

7EBL - Maddison Walker is a delightful member of form and has a wonderfully positive attitude to her learning.

Well done, Gemma White!!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations

8AAN - Ollie Archer's extended writing task was very well written and he deserves to be student of the week for this.

8AGI - Katie Rattenbury for her extended writing, well done!

8SHA - Krystian Kowalczyk for doing superbly well in Science and Maths tests.

8GLA - Leona Smith. Always has a positive attitude to learning and doesn't let distractions stop her from reaching her goals.

8ATA SOW is Silas Hozier a pleasant member of the form who quietly gets on with any tasks set.

8DSC - Marlea Farrell, great attitude towards learning this week, particularly the extended writing task.

Well done Katie Rattenbury, keep it up!!

Have a great weekend!