

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 29th September 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

Principal's Surgery:

There will be no Principal's Surgery on Wednesday 4th October as we are holding a Year 11 Parental event on supporting your child through exams.

Year 7 Surgery:

On Tuesday 10th October from 3:30pm until 6pm we will be holding a Year 7 Surgery, this is an opportunity for you to speak with a member of ALT to discuss any issues or concerns that have arisen since the start of term. No appointment necessary. We look forward to seeing you.

Year 11 History Students:

With the upcoming mock exams for Year 11 in November, we have been setting homework each week based around practise exam questions.

With November mocks in mind we have produced for each student in Year 11 an exam question guide so that they know how to answer the types of questions they will face in November and the summer exams.

This booklet will be given out next week along with copies of key words and terms that will help them get as high a mark as possible as the exam board award the top marks to students that show "deep knowledge and details".

Students will then just need to revise the content from their books from last year and this year.

Pupils will be given the revision guide, but will be expected to take responsibility for their content revision by collecting their books themselves.

The Humanities faculty will also be open most afternoons after school if any pupil needs to catch up on or improve their notes.

Year 11 Parent Meeting:

Preparing for examinations – Support, Resources and working together...

We are acutely aware that Year 11 is a demanding one for students and parents alike! We intend to provide a greater level of support than ever before to help with this, and would like to share our approach to this with you at an evening event on Wednesday 4th October at 6.30 p.m. in the academy's central hub. This will cover planning revision, using resources aimed at helping prepare for specific subjects, the PiXL approach and dealing with stress, as well as of course offering the chance for you to ask any questions you might have. This will be an important event and we urge all families to try to find the time to attend – parents and students alike!

Attendance:

Overall attendance since the start of September is 94.7%. We still have a way to go to reach our target of above 95%.

Year 7	98%
Year 8	94%
Year 9	94%
Year 10	94%
Year 11	92%

Well done to Year 7 for 98%.

Please remember to contact me via email, lorraine.roberts@kingslynnacademy.co.uk OR 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 bring them in first thing as they will still get their morning registration mark. If it is in the afternoon, again send them in for the morning to get their registration 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 great weekend.

Mrs Roberts

Rewards Update:

House totals since the 6th September 2017.

1 st Cresswell	4,592
2 nd MacArthur	4,568
3 rd Nelson	4,456
4 th Vancouver	4,384

Over 18,006 reward points have been gained by the students since the start of term. A good start to the term!

Many thanks,

Mrs Thomas

Student Commissioners:

I would like to say a massive 'thank you and well done' to all of the Student Commissioners who supported the Open Evening. As usual they were fantastic ambassadors for the school and they received many compliments from staff and students alike. I would like to say an extra-special well done to Abigail Mason-Brown, Abbie Perry and Padraig Denmark, all of whom are in Year 9, who were specifically singled out by our visitors as particularly good tour guides who had really looked after our guests. We really couldn't ask for better!

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Thank you so very much!

What a great morning, the atmosphere was buzzing. The cakes looked sensational, KLA students had been busy baking in school.

The students supported the day by wearing something green and donating a £1.00 plus buying cakes at break time.

This is our fifth coffee morning and everyone is always so generous. I cannot thank you all enough.

Our raffle was a great success, 1st prize of a £50 hamper from The Works was won by Emily Ballantyne in Y7.

TODAY KLA RAISED £1,430 and still counting.

Over the last five years we have raised more than £5,000

Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

School photos went well this week, we will have them out to you as soon as we receive them from Tempest. Today was the Macmillan coffee morning hosted here at KLA, thank you to everyone that attended to support Mrs Thomas, Mrs Defty and this wonderful charity.

I had the pleasure of leading this week's assembly with the theme of friendships. I feel that it can be very hard finding your place in high school and sadly friendships can sometimes bear the brunt of this. Lots of students are making new friends, some are finding it harder than others to make new friends and some students have large friendship groups. I talked about different types of friendships some are good ones and some may not be the best friendships, I used examples of animated characters in movies. Then came the embarrassing photos of myself on the first day of high school, which of course raised a few laughs! All in all it was a great assembly and hopefully the students heard my message about getting along and treating others with respect.

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

- 7JLO Bertie Gathercole. Bertie was the only student from his primary that came to KLA. He has made an excellent start, he has settled very well and has made a great effort to make new friends. Well done Bertie!
- 7JMA Ronni Clifford, for achieving the highest amount of reward points in the academy on Monday.
- 7KPO Amber Bramham. Amber works hard, is conscientious and fully involves herself with all form activities. Amber already has 45 achievement points, and no behaviour points. She is a polite, friendly girl who is an absolute pleasure to have in form.
- 7MIL Alex Loft, he has already achieved 40 achievement points and no behaviour points.
- 7SBW Tyler Mills. Trying really hard to meet the expectations and challenges in school, and is offering lots of useful discussion points in Seminar Time.

Well done Bertie, we are all very proud of you!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

- 8ABL Erin Curl, essentially being incredibly mature and showing real insight in the Pixl edge, this is about being resilient at school.
- 8CMC Katie Page. Katie is a polite conscientious pupil who is especially helpful and supportive within the classroom.
- 8EBL Lauren Wilson, as she really has made an effort with all areas of form and has had a positive attitude towards tasks. Her behaviour has also been excellent and she deserves recognition for this. She has set herself aside from others who could influence her and has to be admired for this.
- 8HDR Tom White for putting lots of effort into the form project every week.
- 8RCL Stanley Wardale, for making a good start in Y8 and being a valued member of the form.
- 8SGO Erica Charters. She's made a super return to school. Always enthusiastic in form, ready to participate and voice an opinion. Homework completed on time, fully equipped and uniform always perfect. A fantastic example of getting it right on a regular basis.

Well done Lauren, I completely agree you have made a great start to Y8!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Year 11 were given information in their assembly about the opportunities available to them at the College of West Anglia. These ranged from apprenticeships, vocational studies to A-Levels.

A broad range of areas and subjects are covered which are listed in the Careers Guide they were given. Also in the pack was a programme of Open Days at the various campuses and the college hopes that they and you will attend. You will be able to look around and talk to employers and tutors.

Thank you to Ms Harper and 9 SHA who delivered assembly on Tuesday to Years 9 and 10. Despite the gremlins in the sound system they did very well. The topic was PREJUDICE and of how we can all be guilty, often without meaning to, of judging someone who we see as different or has a different ethos to ours. Well done to you all.

Mr Hodgkinson is running a Drama Club every Wednesday in S2, all year groups are welcome.

Highest achievement points this week - Naglis Juska, Georgia Dix and Lewis Cottam.

Student of the Week nominations and tutor comments:

Year 9

- 9 LDA Ryan Gipp – Most achievement points in the class and his amazing work with the SMART target presentation.
- 9 CBA Pdraig Denmark - Pdraig has really taken control of the Student Voice task in form this week – well done!
- 9 HGL Samanta Grinevic – Always tries her very best.
- 9 CBR Leona Smith – A helpful, polite and considerate member of the form group.
- 9 AGI Jessica Mae Smith – For such a hardworking and positive start to KLA.
- 9 SHA Kaitlyn Salmons – For her continued progress in her Archery competitions.

Winning for Year 9 Ryan Gipp.

Year 10

- 10 HCO Lucy White, positive approach to all activities, large number of reward points.
- 10 ACU Mia Whitemore – Challenging herself in her Art coursework.
- 10 LAM Hollie Louise Tong – Great start to Year 10.
- 10 CPR Paige Wake – General good all-rounder.
- 10 JMY Mae Dobie for having the highest achievement points in the form so far.

For Year 10 Mia Whitemore.

Year 11

- 11 DEN Tia Benefer-Goodbourn - Tia showed great confidence and enthusiasm this week by nominating herself to record during student voice activity and lead a revision activity the form tried.
- 11 LBE Nikita Papucevics who has settled in so quickly.
- 11 RGI Megan De-Gol - Megan did a fantastic job as class presenter during our student voice session last week.
- 11 RES Lauryn Hammond - Lauryn is a very enthusiastic student, who makes the most of tutor time to ensure she has completed her homework (!) and to ensure she is engaged in whatever task is being completed.
- Lauryn works hard in lesson, and is working well on her GCSE study in Maths.
A mention should also be made of Maisie Hancock and Lewis Dixon who were both speaking at the Open Evening and did an excellent job!

Well done Tia Benefer Goodbourn for Year 11.

Key Stage 4 Round Up – continued...

I have been made aware of the following:

There is funding available to girls for purchases from the Girls High School Trust. This trust was set up many years ago following the sale of the King's Lynn High School.

Students can apply for support to assist them with their education. However, it is only open to girls and young women in need of support. I am told that they receive applications, and grant them, from other high schools but rarely from KLA.

A couple of years ago they funded the purchase of a laptop for a student and often buy musical instruments for Springwood students.

If you need any further information the website is:

<http://wnkgirlsschoolstrust.org.uk/>

If any student needs help in applying I am only too happy to help them.

Finally Friday saw our annual coffee morning. Well done again to Mrs Thomas for organising this, she will report on funds raised.

Thank you to all who supported us and for cakes etc. especially Mr and Mrs Brown who are always overly generous with their time and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

List of Clubs

Club	Time	Room	Teacher
Monday			
Homework Club	3pm – 4pm	N6	Mrs Fysh
Badminton Club	3pm -4:30	Sports Hall	
Trampolining Club	3pm - 4:30	Sports Hall	
Tuesday			
Homework Club	3pm – 4pm	N6	Mrs Fysh
KS4 Science Revision/Homework	3pm – 4pm	S12	Mrs Bell
Football Training/Fixtures	3pm - 4:30 later for fixtures	Sports Hall	
Netball Training/Fixtures	3pm - 4:30 later for fixtures	Sports Hall	
Wednesday			
Homework Club	3pm – 4pm	N6	Mrs Fysh
Creative Writing	12:50 – 1:20pm	Library	Mrs Barber
Let’s Get Cooking	3pm – 5pm	N21	Mrs Lockey & Mrs Parry
KS3 Science	3pm – 3:45pm	S14	
KS4 Science Revision/Homework	3pm – 4pm	S16	Mr Cooper
Art Club Yr 7 & 8	3pm – 4pm	N1	Miss Culley
Art Club Yr 9, 10 &11	3pm – 4:30	N1	Miss Culley
Year 7 Indoor Football Training	3pm – 4:30	Sports Hall	
Hockey Fixtures	After School	Sports Hall	
Rugby Fixtures	After School	Sports Hall	
Thursday			
Homework Club	3pm – 4pm	N6	Mrs Fysh
KS4 Science Revision/Homework	3pm – 4pm	S17	Mr Endersby
Netball Training/Fixtures	3pm - 4:30 later for fixtures	Sports Hall	
Football Training/Fixtures	3pm - 4:30 later for fixtures	Sports Hall	
Friday			
Year 7 – 11 Boys & Girls Basketball	3pm – 4:30	Sports Hall	
KS4 Science Revision/Homework	3pm – 4pm	S11	Ms Harper



Sports News:

Year 7 Rugby Opportunities:

This week in PE lessons the Year 7 groups have had the fantastic opportunity to be coached by the West Norfolk U12 Rugby Coach. Students have learnt the basic fundamentals of rugby;

- **Teamwork**
- **Respect**
- **Enjoyment**
- **Discipline**
- **Sportsmanship**

in a fun and safe environment. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. If you are interested in playing Rugby outside of school, Boys U12s training is on **Sunday Mornings 9.30 - 11.00am** at the West Norfolk Rugby Club or visit the club website

<http://www.westnorfolkrugby.com/> or contact David Clarke - u12team@westnorfolkrugby.com



Sports Events:

Monday 2nd October:

Staff training – no clubs

Tuesday 3rd October:

Netball game: U13 & U15 Vs.
Terrington (Away)

Football Game: U13 & U15 Vs
Terrington (Away)

Wednesday 4th October:

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

3:00 – 4:30pm

Thursday 5th October:

Netball game: U12 & U14 Vs.
Terrington (Home)

Football Game: U12 & U14 Vs
Terrington (Home)

Friday 6th October:

Basketball Club (Boys and
Girls)

3:00 – 4:30pm

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



Monday

0803 1788 84000

All Years Welcome

3:00 – 4:30pm



Badminton

Tuesday & Thursday

0803 1788 84000

Years 7 - 11

3:00 – 4:30pm



Netball

Monday

0803 1788 84000

3:00 – 4:30pm



Years 7 - 11


Trampolining



Tuesday

0803 1788 84000

Years 8 & 10
Training/
Matches



Football

3:00 – 4:30pm

Wednesday

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Football

Year 7 Boys/
Girls
Indoor
Training



3:00 – 4:30pm

Thursday

0803 1788 84000

Football

Years 9 & 11
Training/
Matches



3:00 – 4:30pm

Friday

0803 1788 84000

Boys/ Girls
Years
7 - 11



Basketball

3:00 – 4:45pm