

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 4th March 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:

Saturday 5th March – CWA Open Morning

Saturday 5th March - Second Duke of Edinburgh training session

Wednesday 9th March - Year 10 Meningitis C & Diphtheria vaccinations

Friday 11th March – Head Boy/Girl application Deadline

Monday 14th March – Head Boy/Girl Interviews

Monday 14th March – Parent Voice Meeting

Tuesday 15th March – Rotary Technology Tournament

Friday 18th March – Diploma Day

Friday 18th March - Sports Relief

Friday 18th March – Monday 21st March – Venice Trip

Thursday 24th March – Last Day of Term

Monday 11th April – Summer Term Begins

Parent Voice:

On Monday 14th March 5.30pm we will be holding our Parent Voice meeting. Barney Rimmer, Head of School, will chair the meeting with the main topics for discussion being Show My Homework and Student Commission.

We look forward to seeing you, I would be grateful if you could confirm if you are able to attend at feedback@kingslynnacademy.co.uk so refreshments can be arranged accordingly.

Duke of Edinburgh Training:

The second Duke of Edinburgh training session is, 9-12. It is essential that students attend these sessions. If students are unable to attend, please let Miss Poll know in advance.

Attendance:

The whole school attendance target remains 95%. Our current attendance is 94%.

This week's house attendance is:

MacArthur – 94%

Vancouver – 94%

Cresswell – 94%

Nelson - 91%

It is really nice to see all of the houses remaining above 90% this week. Well done to Cresswell for their increased attendance this week! Please keep on having the conversations with students that attendance counts – they need to be: on time, first time every time!

Year 11 English 'To Dos' and 'Ta Dahs':

Firstly, a huge thank you to all those parents who made Monday's support evening, it was lovely to see you all and I hope you found the English session useful! If you were unable to attend, your child has been given all of the resources that were issued Monday evening to help you understand the content of their two English GCSEs.

As their first Literature mock exam is on Monday, I just wanted to remind you that all revision instruction is on Show My Homework and we have given them specific activities to prepare for Monday's Unit 1 exam on 'Of Mice and Men' or 'To Kill a Mockingbird' (Mrs Starling's set only).

If they are stuck or unable to access this, all 'Mockingbird' students have a revision booklet to work on, and for 'Of Mice and Men' they should use the GCSE Bitesize activities on this link:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english_literature/prosemicemen/

Finally, I would like to notify parents of our Breakfast Booster, on Monday morning – students will be able to access a small snack and refreshment ahead of their Literature mock exam – food available from 08.10.

Student Stars: Our learners of the week are Adam Bramham, Rachel Todd, Ollie Faulkner and Rochelle Bridges – well done to all for your hard work!

Spelling Bee:

Congratulations to the finalists of the Spelling Bee!

Representing MacArthur is Sapphire Jarman

Representing Cresswell is Isaac Shipp

Representing Nelson is Ellie-Marie Pearce

Next week the final round will decide the representative for Vancouver.

Ms Scoles

Director of Whole School Literacy

Sports Relief 2016 – Friday 18th March.

Students in Years 7-10 have the option of attending school dressed as their favourite sport's personality for a £1 donation which will go to the Sports Relief campaign.

Students in Year 11 will be expected to attend school in full uniform due to their mock exams. However, as a compromise, Year 11 will have their own non-uniform day where proceeds will go towards their prom.

Alton Towers Trip:

Update on the Maths department trip to "Alton Towers" in July.

I am sure all students who are going on the Alton Towers trip in the summer are already looking forward to it. This is just a reminder that the second instalment of £30 is due by Thursday 18th March, before we finish for the Easter break. Please could all money/cheques be sent to Mrs Fysh in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.



Thank you for your support.

Carolyn Fysh
Numeracy Co-ordinator

Wallet Find:

On Wednesday, a year 11 student from KES lost his wallet somewhere on the cycle path between Lynnsport and KES. He retraced his steps but could not find it. He reported it to the police who were able to tell him that it had been handed in to reception at Lynnsport by two girls from KLA. The wallet had a substantial amount of cash in it and a bank card. Obviously the KES student was thrilled and, once we tracked down the KLA students, had the opportunity to thank the girls with some chocolates. Well done to Megan Barraclough and Rochelle Bridges we are very proud of your actions!

Nelson and Vancouver House update – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Exciting times for Year 10 students at the Academy, it is that time of year when we start thinking about Head Boy/Girl. We held an assembly to kick start things this week. Please have a chat with your child to see if this is something they would like to put themselves forward for. This is a great opportunity and has so many benefits both for the students and the Academy.

Thank you Mr Rimmer for leading our assembly this week, I especially enjoyed the movie theme and the students enjoyed guessing the film the quotes were from.

Vancouver

Vancouver Students that received the highest points in a day are: Alex Hall, Niamh Wells and Dominic Newman, well done to you all. Letters of congratulations have been sent home.

Student of the week nominations are:

- V1- James Panter
- V2- David Briers
- V3- Faith Richmond
- V4- Connor Ballantyne
- V5- Reece Wood
- V6- Chloe Hall

Vancouver student of the week is James Panter, he has had a great couple of weeks and has completed all of his ECDL.

Nelson

Nelson student Becci James received the highest achievement points in a day, well done Becci. A letter of congratulations has been sent home.

Student of the week nominations are:

- N1- Josh Andrews
- N2- Harley Church
- N3- Karis Cassidy
- N4- Diana Barkane
- N5- Bailey Farrell
- N6- Kian Sharpe

Nelson Student of the week is Karis Cassidy, she is always asking to do extra jobs as well as participating in all form activities.

It is Nelsons turn for Year 7's to be student receptionists next week, I will make all students aware when they are on duty.

Well done to all students for their achievements this week, let's make sure we get Nelson's attendance up to at least 95%.

Have a good weekend!

Cresswell and MacArthur House update – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Cresswell and MacArthur attendance is still over 94% for each house. Hopefully we are coming to the end of the colds and flu season and we can improve on this.

Our joint assembly was delivered by Mr Rimmer. He spoke about his passion for films and how many inspiring quotes come from films and relate to everyday life. He asked the students if they could recognise quotes from films. For example “Great power, great responsibility” - Spiderman, “What we do in life echo’s in eternity” - Gladiator and “Do or do not – There is no try” Star Wars.

Mrs Fysh presented certificates to successful students in the Ninja Maths competition.

Miss McNeill encouraged Year 10 students, girls in particular, to sign up for a talk from a female tornado technician at next week’s careers day. This young lady is very keen to make them aware of the opportunities available to them.

Please encourage your son or daughter to use the book token they were given towards or for a book and to write a story, poem or news report for the Academy Amnesty International Competition. The deadline is Thursday 17th March, it can be real or fictional.

Mrs Previtt held a Year 10 assembly introducing the process for choosing a Head Boy and Head Girl. The successful students will need to be great ambassadors, team workers and role models. The campaign will start after Easter and there will be a whole school vote on May 6th. Please ask your son or daughter to consider putting themselves forward.

All students in Years 10 and 11 have been given consent forms to complete for their vaccinations. If you have not signed the form or it has not been returned could you please do this as soon as possible. Year 10 vaccinations are next week.

Many thanks to all parents/carers who attended the Year 11 help and support evening on Monday or the Year 10 parents evening on Wednesday.

It was the turn of MacArthur House students to be student receptionists this week. As always they were helpful, polite and hardworking.

Many thanks to Jack Dixon, Leona Smith, Tommy Lee Davies, Louie Younge, Oliver Lindsay, Keeley Turner, Isabella Oxby, Joshua Stone, Daniel Grange and Harry Whiley.

Well done to the following students who were amongst the students with the highest achievement points this week:

For MacArthur

Louie Younge

Lauren Back

Sapphire Jarman

Padraig Denmark

For Cresswell

Harvey Gray

Student of the week nominations and form tutor comments:

C1	Shannon Cook	Has over 300 achievement points.
C2	Thomas Hargest	Participation as a student commissioner.
C3	Oliver Faulkner	Doing well with his Geography coursework.
C4	Christopher Warren	Extremely helpful, very pleasant and patient.
C5	Melissa Walpole	Getting an A in her last R.E. assessment.
C6	Joe Pearce	Consistently focussed, great work ethic.

The winner is Melissa Walpole, thoroughly deserved.

Cresswell and MacArthur House update – Continued

For MacArthur

M1	Padraig Denmark	Boundless enthusiasm in class and form.
M2	Hope Carden	Helpful and positive in form.
M3	Kayley Emmerson	Trying really hard to improve her maths Ninja score.
M4	Joshua Barrett	Thoughtful, dependable and helpful, organised a get well card for another member of the form group.
M5	Adam Russell	Excellent role model, great attitude towards his studies and positive feedback from his teachers.
M6	Maxims Prohorus	A well behaved polite young man who always works hard in form activities.

It was very difficult to make a choice this week. However, it was made easier as I was made aware that Megan Barraclough M5, who with Rochelle Bridges from V2 found a wallet on their way to school. These young ladies went out of their way to make sure they handed it in and the very grateful owner sent them chocolates and a thank you card. Well done girls we are very proud of you.

Megan is MacArthur House Student of the Week.

Have a great weekend.



Sports News:

YEAR 11 GCSE PE PRACTICAL MODERATION:

It is this time of the year again when the Year 11 GCSE PE students are now coming to a conclusion of their two year GCSE PE course. On Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March the year 11 GCSE PE cohort will begin to take part in their 3 day practical moderation. Students over the three days will take part in their 4 chosen activities and try and perform to the best of their ability to guarantee the best possible grade out of 10 in each sport. Students will be taking part in the following over the three days;

Tuesday 15 th March	Wednesday 16 th March	Thursday 17 th March
Netball coaching Dance coaching	Fitness circuits Fitness Run Fitness Weights Fitness Row Netball Football coaching/ Ref Football Rounders	Badminton Trampolining Table Tennis Tennis Dodgeball Rounders 2 Basketball Rugby Athletics

We wish the whole of the year 11 GCSE PE cohort the best of luck.

EXAM TOP TIPS:

- Arrive on time
- Prepare yourself the night before, pack the correct kit
- Bring plenty of fluid and eat at the right times throughout the day.
- Try your best and achieve the highest possible grade in each activity area.
- Be confident in your ability and try your best. Remember if you go wrong it is not the end of the world and the examiner will not see everything.

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

Sports Events:

Monday 7th March:

Staff Training

Tuesday 8th March:

U13 & U15 Boys football Vs KES
(Home)

Badminton and Trampolining club.

Wednesday 9th March:

U14 Girls Hockey Training

Thursday 10th March:

U14 Girls Hockey VS KES (@Pelicans
hockey pitch)

U14 & U12 Boys Football Vs KES
(Away)

Friday 11th March:

GCSE Cycling Exam

PGL PE TRIPS:

Letters have been handed out to Year 9 & 10 GCSE PE students for the four day PGL Trip in July. The trip consists of four days doing Outdoor Adventurous Activities including, climbing, abseiling, Jacobs ladder, raft building, leap of faith, zip wire and obstacle course. There are currently 12 places left and will be opened up to the remaining year 9 and 10 year groups.



Clubs and Activities:

Monday

KING'S LYNN ACADEMY



Football
Years 9 - 11
Indoor 5-A-Side
League
3:00 - 4:30pm

A soccer ball sits on a grassy field with a black and white football boot about to kick it.

Tuesday

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All Years
Welcome
3:00 -
4:30pm
Badminton

A hand holds a blue badminton racket and a shuttlecock against a blue background.

Tuesday

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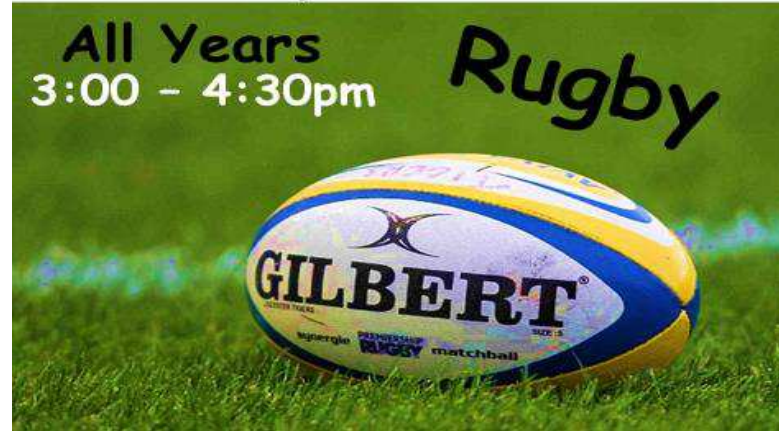


3:00 -
4:30pm
Years
7-11
Trampolining

A silhouette of a person performing a backflip above a trampoline.

Wednesday

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All Years
3:00 - 4:30pm
Rugby

A Gilbert rugby ball sits on a grassy field.

Wednesday

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Years
7-9
3:00 -
4:30pm
Hockey

A blue and white hockey stick and a white hockey puck on a green artificial turf surface.

Thursday

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Boys
Years
7-11
Basketball
3:00 - 4:45pm

A basketball hoop with a basketball in the net.