

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 26th February 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 29th February – Year 11 Help & Support Evening

Wednesday 2nd March – Year 10 Parents Evening

Saturday 5th March – CWA Open Morning

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

Friday 11th March – Head Boy/Girl application Deadline

Monday 14th March – Head Boy/Girl Interviews

Friday 18th March – Diploma Day

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

Thursday 24th March – Last Day of Term

Monday 11th April – Summer Term Begins

Attendance:

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

This week's house attendance is:

MacArthur – 94%

Vancouver – 94%

Cresswell – 93%

Nelson - 91%

It is really nice to see all of the houses remaining above 90% this week. Particular credit to MacArthur and Vancouver for a 2% increase! Please keep on having the conversations with students, reiterating the message that attendance counts!



Miss McNeil

ASSEMBLY

This week, Nelson and Vancouver students heard from Soroptimist International (SI) King's Lynn in assembly. Soroptimist International (King's Lynn) are part of an international group for women with clubs throughout the world. They work for the advancement and status of women both locally and internationally. Over the last few years SI King's Lynn have supported West Norfolk Young Carers, West Norfolk Deaf Association and the local Food Bank, along with a safe house for young girls in Kenya. They serve the local community through their support for local womens' refuges, and assisting with English lessons for migrant workers. They have lobbied and raised awareness on issues such as modern-day slavery and human trafficking.

The aim of the assembly was to raise awareness of human trafficking, and was delivered by Soroptimist, Sue Renwick. It focused on how young people, often young girls, can be easily exploited, sometimes no further than a few miles from their home or school. Sue explained the four stages of trafficking, and how many victims are unable to make the connection between the signs of human trafficking and their experiences as they often believe they are in love, but are actually young and vulnerable. Sue stressed any aspect of a relationship where young people feel uncomfortable is wrong and should be reported and help/support sought.

Sue Renwick emailed after the assembly, "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to the students today and pass on my compliments for their reception - welcoming and attentive as ever!"

If any parents would like to learn more about Soroptimist locally, please contact me for more information, either by email laura.mcneil@kingslynnacademy.co.uk or call 01553 779620

To find out more about Soroptimist International, please visit their website <http://sigbi.org/>

Have a good weekend.

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

Welcome back to the second-to-last full term that your child will have at King's Lynn Academy, before their exams begin!

Students are busy preparing for mock exams, in their lessons and at home they should be revising regularly and checking what revision their class teacher has set them on Show My Homework.

To help you support your child at home, we will be providing parents and students with revision packs on Monday evening at our special Year 11 Information and Support Evening. Please come along to this event to experience live revision sessions and purchase revision guides and exam packs, for your child.

If they are stuck or unable to access this, they can continue to use the GCSE Bitesize activities on 'Blood Brothers' and 'A Christmas Carol', to help prepare them for the March mock exams.

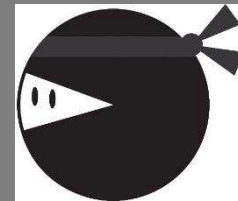
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9mbfRiZ2Bk>

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

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zcs8qty>

Student Stars: Our Learners of the Week are Ernestas Balciunas, Ashley Coe Robertson, Ryan Whiley, Saffron Duggard and Beth Randell – well done to all for your hard work!

Numeracy Ninjas Leader Board:



Scores to date as of 26th February 2016 are:-

In the lead at the moment we have Cresswell with 1948 points

In second place we have MacArthur 1870

Third place goes to Nelson with 1858

And bringing up the rear at the moment is Vancouver with 1725 points. The new scoring system is showing that there is very little difference in some of the positions, so literally every point counts! Keep up the good work everybody.

M1 364
C3 346
V5 345
C5 343
C2 338
N1 333
N4 333
V6 325
M5 320
M2 319

Carolyn Fysh
Numeracy Co-ordinator

Forensic Science Club:

Every Friday afternoon from 3pm until 4pm Miss Carnell will be running a Forensic Science in S13, all students welcome.

Nelson and Vancouver House update – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

I would like to say welcome back to all students, I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. At the time this goes out to you all we will only have just under 4 weeks left before the next break!

Well done to Tyler Cass and Bronte Rose for achieving the highest achievement points in a day

Our assembly this week was led by Sue Renwick from Soroptimist International. Sue was giving students information on healthy relationships and offering tips on recognising when to seek help or advice. The students were very respectful and listened carefully to the information given. Thank you Sue.

PSHE day was a great success on Thursday, the vast majority of students made the most of the sessions and learnt a lot. Thank you Miss Watts and all staff for your hard work!

Don't forget we have the Year 11 information and support evening on Monday next week and the Year 10 parents evening on Wednesday, I look forward to seeing you all then.

Have a great weekend!

Cresswell and MacArthur House update – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good half term.

Thursday was PHSE day where students took part in various workshops or were given talks and advice on relevant and topical issues. Thank you to Miss Watts for organising this day.

Next week we have Year 11 information and support evening from 6:30pm on Monday 29th February and Year 10 parents evening on Wednesday 2nd March. Please make every effort to attend these important evenings.

We have been made aware of an electrical apprentice opportunity in conjunction with the College of West Anglia with a local firm. Any interest student can apply by emailing mary@amblatch.com with their C.V. Over the years several of our students have taken this opportunity. I must thank Mrs Watts one of our parents who always makes us aware of these apprenticeships.

Well done to Kacey Tinkler Cresswell House who was amongst the highest achievers this week.

Thank you to Cresswell students, Katie Hargest, Alfie Harvey, Harry Appleton, Keeley Cawston, Abbie Cubitt, Sharnia Ralph, Charlei Webb, Holly Rowe and Marlea Farrell who did a wonderful job as student receptionists this week.

Have a lovely weekend.