

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 1st December 2017

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

Attendance:

Overall attendance since the start of this new term is 94%. Attendance for the year groups for last week is as follows:

Year 7	91%
Year 8	91%
Year 9	90%
Year 10	89%
Year 11	92%

As you can see by the drop in attendance that we have had many students absent, this is for many different reasons. There are some nasty cold bugs doing the rounds, as well as sickness. Hopefully this will run its course and we can get our attendance back up to where it should be at 95%.

Well done to Year 11's with 92%

Please remember to contact me via email, lorraine.roberts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk or phone 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 send them into school first thing as they will still get their morning mark. If it is an afternoon appointment, again send them in for the morning to get their mark. Please do not keep your child off school for the whole day if it is not necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Roberts

Homework Matters:

Mr Endersby will be providing a drop-in session to discuss any SMHW or homework related matters. This will take place every Wednesday from 6pm until 7pm in the Central Hub with Mr Endersby, no appointment needed.

Principal's Surgery:

I would like to inform you that I provide a weekly 'Principal's Surgery' here at the academy every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.

There is no need to make an appointment – just come into the academy reception and I will be available on a first-come first-served basis, to discuss any issues that may be on your mind.

I look forward to seeing you.

Alan Fletcher
Principal

Rewards Update:

House totals since 6th September 2017.

1st Cresswell 14,324
2nd Nelson 14,274
3rd Vancouver 14,073
4th MacArthur 13,2897

Over 56,600 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of term.

Hope you all have a nice weekend.

Many thanks
Mrs Thomas

Library:

The 'Genre of the Fortnight', starting Monday will be anything Christmassy! Our main display will have a Christmas theme courtesy of my library assistants!



The main book of this display will be 'A Christmas Carol' to tie in with our Christmas competition. The original is by Charles Dickens Book Level 6.7.

Our library assistants will be adding posters to this display advertising books for Christmas presents.

My nomination has to be -

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce, Book Level 4.0 and aimed at Middle Years.

This is a book that is for all the family, it's funny and looks at the world through the eyes of an alien disguised as a dog! Sputnik the alien gives Prez (a young boy) a challenge, to save the world

Christmas Fayre:

Our Christmas Fayre is on **Friday 15th December from 3pm until 4pm** in the Central Hub. There will be a selection of stalls including Christmas decorations, a raffle, skin care products and sweets 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 charity.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in having a stall at the Christmas Fayre please contact reception on 01553 774671.

Christmas Fayre:

My form 11DSC will be raising money for charity, by having a second hand cuddly toy stall. If any parents or students have any unwanted cuddly toys in good condition, please pass them onto Ms Scoles or drop them off into CG7 – we hope to repeat the success of the previous cuddly toy sale a few years ago!

Many thanks for your support!

Diane Scoles

Maths Intervention:

As you are aware pupils in Year 11 have just completed their mock examinations in Maths and other subjects. From next week intervention will be taking place in **CF1 from 3.00pm until 3.45pm**. There will be a topic focus each week which will be shared with Year 11 through their Maths lessons. We would therefore encourage as many Year 11 pupils to attend.

Tuesday, 5th and 12th December – HIGHER students (11M1/11M2/11M3)

Wednesday, 6th and 13th December – FOUNDATION students (11M3/11M4/11M5)

Intervention will then take place each week until the end of the SPRING term.

Any questions regarding this should be directed to Mrs W Gore, Head of Mathematics.

The Rotary Club's Youth Speaks:

Year 9 students participated in The Rotary Club's "Youth Speaks" competition on Tuesday evening at KESA. Nicole Barraclough was the Chairperson, Harry O'Neil the Speaker and Rachel Poll the Vote of Thanks. The team gave a fantastic speech on 'The relevance of the English Literature curriculum'. The students would also like to thank Vadim Ganeev and Kaitlyn Salmons for their help in speech writing. Thanks also to Miss Poll and parents for being there to support the KLA team.

Diane Scoles



Pensioners' Christmas Party:

On 18th December 2017 KLA will be holding its first Pensioners Christmas Afternoon Tea celebration between 12pm and 2pm. This has all been planned by Student Commissioners and they would like to invite local pensioners for a celebration. If this is something that you and your friends would like to attend then please give us a call to let us know you are coming. We look forward to welcoming you!

Parent Bulletin:

After last Easter's very successful trip to New York another visit has been organised for the Drama/Performing Arts students and any other KLA students that are interested in taking part in a visit to New York in 2019.

The price has been kept as reasonable as possible, at £1,118 approx. (the price may vary slightly due to the exchange rates) price includes coach, flight, hotel, drama workshop and theatre tickets. Students will need a passport and visa (ESTA) - details of the possible options are available from the party leader, Mr T. Hodkinson. Spending money is also needed and money for meals whilst away.

A full programme of activities will be offered whilst abroad, and some money may be required for entrance fees to special attractions, but this can easily be paid out of the pupils' spending money on the spot.

Here is a sample of the itinerary we did on the last tour but more details will be forthcoming when a confirmed booking is made:

Day one - Travel from School to London

Flights from London to New York

Meet coach and transfer to accommodation

Evening meal at a local restaurant

Evening in Times Square with street performers and artists

Day two - Walk along 5TH Avenue to the Broadway workshop

Visit Grand Central Station on route to Central Park

Choice of 3 options a) visit the Zoo

b) visit the New York Met Art Gallery

c) stroll and have lunch in Central Park

In the evening watch a Broadway show (last year it was Cats)

Tour of Manhattan Island and the Statue of Liberty. (Extra payment needed)

Walk to the Financial District and Wall Street then onto 911 Memorial, gardens and fountains.

Visit Century 21 department store for gifts and souvenirs.

Watch a Broadway Show

Evening meal at a local restaurant

Day three -Tour of Manhattan Island and the Statue of Liberty. (Extra payment needed)

Walk to the Financial District and Wall Street then onto 911 Memorial, gardens and fountains.

Visit Century 21 department store for gifts and souvenirs.

Evening meal at a local restaurant

Day four - Morning Top of the Rock. 360 degree look at Manhattan (extra payment needed)

Shopping, visit the famous Macy's and get those last minute pictures/souvenirs

Transfer from accommodation to airport

Flights back to London

Arrive back in London on day five

The coach will leave school on 28th March (time to be confirmed when flight is booked), returning to school on 1st April, giving the party a total of 5 days 3 nights at the destination.

At present much of this is provisional and until I have confirmation of 20+ students wanting to attend the trip, the overall cost may be slightly different (it may be less depending on numbers).

If you are interested please ask your son/daughter to collect a letter. A non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required to secure a booking.

The balance can be paid in one amount or smaller amounts as you choose, provided the final payment is made by February 2019 at the absolute latest. More details of this will be given at the first group meeting to be confirmed in December. For financial reasons, we must ask if pupils are able to pay the full amount (please bear this in mind when considering your approval).

Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

It's December! We only have 12 days of school before the Christmas break!

The PE department have asked me to remind you all that the students need to have an outdoor kit as they will continue to do lessons outside even if it is cold. Well done to the Y7's that completed the cross country in school this week, some of the students will now go on to compete in the inter schools competition.

I had a quick assembly with the students this week, sadly it didn't start well. During the KS3 lunch a lot of students feel it is ok to leave their mess over the floor and tables rather than putting it in the bin. The behaviour is not acceptable either so we needed to discuss the rules and clear a few things up. However, I did end on a positive, I have been looking at those students that get it right everyday. I called out all of their names and asked them to stand up so that we could all recognise how fantastic they are! There are too many names to print but they will all receive a certificate from me soon.

We had lots of Y5 students in this week for one of their workshop days, well done to all of the Y7 and Y8 students for being helpful and showing them how friendly and welcoming you are.

This week we had a flurry of snow so we know the weather really is turning. With the cold weather, comes all of the bugs and viruses that go with it. Some students are phoning parents to come and collect them, but not telling me or another member of staff they are not feeling well. Our policy is the student must talk with their class teacher, if they are unwell, they will be sent to me or a first aider. If we feel they need to go home we will always contact you first, it is a safeguarding concern if students just arrange to leave without us knowing. On some occasions just a little time out, or even a call home to ask for medicine is all that is needed. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Year 7 Student of the Week nomination:

- 7JMA Ophelia Woolsey. Ophelia can always be relied upon to do the right thing! She has amassed over 170 achievement points already and has no behaviour points!
- 7KPO James Lanham. James has one of the highest achievement points in the form. He is incredibly hardworking, and always tries his best. He is a polite, thoughtful member of the form, who has some fantastic ideas to contribute. It is a complete pleasure to have James in my form.
- 7MIL Alex Loft. He has just completed a challenge at Lynnsport, in which he has rowed the equivalent distance of rowing the English Channel.
- 7LES Chloe-Anne Bocking, for working quietly and conscientiously in lessons. She often gets overlooked, and is trying really hard to get involved in lessons/discussions. Such a star!
- 7SBW Jack Reddington for his enthusiastic help with our Christmas stall.
- 7THO Emily Ballantyne, very focused and most Positive Behaviour points.
- 7JLO Bertie Gathercole, deserves this as he is always willing to participate, he is very polite and works well with other pupils.

Well done James, there isn't much more I could add to your nomination. We are all very proud of you!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

- 8ABL Max Andrews, had some feedback from lessons –and mine- about some really good work and progression at the moment.
- 8CMC Keenan Bridges for producing some excellent project work.
- 8EBL Daniel Silva Luso, who is not only a very pleasant student, but has tried hard with his Pixledge work this week and worked well with others.
- 8HDR William Histon, for always being polite, courteous and a great role model to have in the form.
- 8SGO Renat Chodos. He is consistently ready to work, has a super attitude in form and across school. Although quiet and unassuming, Renat's determination to succeed is always evident.

Well done Daniel, it is great to hear that you are working hard to complete Pixledge. Keep up the good work!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Thank you and well done to Harry Brockwell, Toby Howard and Oscar Cooke for this week's assembly.

They spoke about diabetes and the number of people living with it asking questions of their peers. Not surprisingly many of us were unaware of the number of children, 29,000, with the condition and that in a lifetime a person would have to inject themselves around 65,000 times.

Achievement points; Ethan Mayes, Harry Brockwell, Ryan Gipp, Jessica Smith, Macaulay Wedge, and Jack Royle

Student of the Week nominations:

Year 9

9 LDA Callum Moore. Always polite and trying hard.

9 CBA Matthew Holden. Matthew always participates in form discussions and has some good ideas.

9 HGL Charlie Webb. Good attitude and great effort with his work.

9 CBR Naglis Juska for help with form activities and for having highest number of positive points this week.

9 AGI Kristiana Zibala, for doing her best to settle well to KLA despite having no English.

9 SHA Louie Younge. Always participating fully in seminar activities, he is a student commissioner, volunteers to help with student voice every week and preparing for the Christmas party.

This week for Year 9 is Callum Moore.

Year 10

10HCO Toby Howard for his ideas and efforts in producing an assembly.

10ACU Kieron Bush for making a great effort with Art so far after changing his option.

10LAM Jack Royle, for really sticking to a subject he was finding difficult and with extra work he has a better understanding. Well done.

10 CPR Lois Goodrum for always putting herself forward to run the Student Voice task each week.

10 JMY Teegan Dale for working quietly in form and completing her Pixl work.

For Year 10 well done to Jack Royle.

Year 11

11RES Karis Blewitt. Karis is taking responsibility for her studies during the Year 11 mock exams, and is preparing thoroughly. Karis has performed well on the first two Maths exams, and this is down to her effort and revision for her mock exams.

I am looking forward to our annual Celebration of Success evening on Tuesday 5th and hope to see many of you there.

Dates for your diary:

The Talent Show on December 13th. Tickets will be on sale soon and if previous years are anything to go by it will be a wonderful evening. As always, thanks to Ms Culley for organising this.

Friday 15th December Christmas Fayre. I will be running a raffle. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, I would be very grateful.

Have a great weekend.