

# Parent Bulletin

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

## Christmas Break and January return:

This year we break up for Christmas on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Lessons will finish early and buses will leave at 1pm. Students are asked to vacate the premises and not to attempt to come on site during the Christmas break.

We will return on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and all year groups are expected at the usual time. There is a staff training day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

## Attendance:

Overall attendance since September is 92 %.

Year 7 95 %

Year 8 92 %

Year 9 92 %

Year 10 91 %

Year 11 91 %

Well done to Year 7 for being top.

Following a 3 week bout of chest/viral infections, tonsillitis, or a vomiting bug we managed to have 384 students with 95% and above. Of those 133 have 100 %. Well done to everyone!

Let's hope that in the new year we can start feeling better and look forward to Spring.

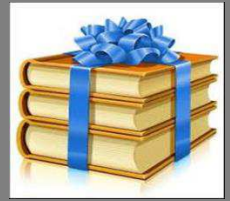
Please remember to contact me via email, [lorraine.roberts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:lorraine.roberts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) or phone 774671 option 1 if your child will be absent from school, or you have any concerns around attendance. Any medical appointments need to be made after school if possible. 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.

Wishing you all very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Roberts

## Library Christmas Writing Competition:



The library is currently promoting a 'Christmas Writing Competition' for all students. So, if your child finds they have nothing to do over the holidays, get them writing! There are two way ways to enter -

- Students can either write their own version of 'A Christmas Carol'

Or

- Students can draw or download a picture and say why this image represents Christmas for them.

For example this image of a Christingle may remind students of Christmastime at their junior school or church. Using this image they can write a Christmas story about it.

All entries must be given into the library by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Prizes will be awarded for the best three!



## Safer Schools:

Greetings all,

Just a few lines from me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and the very best of wishes for the New Year.

Talking of the New Year, KLA (and KESA) will be seeing some changes in relation to my presence and the Safer Schools Partnership in general. After six years my role as the Police Officer working in both schools is being redeployed/redirected to two other schools locally that have never had the level of support and intervention that KLA and KESA have had to date. That means by the end of March 2018 at the latest my role will no longer be around at KLA and KESA.

As Safer Schools evolves and moves forward to new locations I decided that maybe it meant it was time for me to look for another opportunity and opening in my Policing career. I have recently been successful in applying for another position so won't be moving forward with Safer Schools as it leaves here. I am looking forward to my next and new challenge.

I have loved being part of the life of KLA over these last six years. I can't believe it's been that long. I hope in my own way I have been able to add value to the great work that everyone at KLA does. I hope that I have been able to help, support, advise and keep safe children in my time here. Trying to keep them out of trouble, making them realise and understand that certain actions will have certain consequences. Maybe just making that connection with the outside world and trying to portray the Police in the best possible light. If we have had cause to speak re your child or children I hope that I was able to assist you and your child in whatever way was needed at that time.

I wish you all the very best and when I get given my start date to commence my new role I will leave here for the last time heavy hearted but with great memories. I consider it to have been a pleasure and privilege to have worked here. It will always be a time of my Policing career that I will look back on with great affection.

Best regards,

Pc 285 John Bolderstone.

## Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Merry Christmas everyone!

I am sorry there was not a KS3 Round Up last week, I was caught out by the Flu! I also apologise if you tried to contact me last week, I know this can be frustrating but hopefully everything has now settled.

We have had a very busy week here at KLA. The Christmas dinner was a big hit on Wednesday, staff and students had a great time enjoying the festivities whilst filling our tumms! A very big thank you to all the catering team and their extra helpers, it was delicious!

The annual KLA Talent show was also on Wednesday evening and what a show it was! We really do have many talented students here, there were so many Y7 & 8 students. This is one of my favourite events of the school year as it always surprises me how the students show their personalities through their talents. Merissa, Lacey-Anne, Fern, Leena, Matthew, Alex, Freddie, Eve and Ethan you did yourselves proud, you are all winners in my eyes! Thank you to Miss Culley for organising the event and of course all of her helpers too.

As it is the end of the term we had our KS3 rewards assembly on Thursday, so many of the students were nominated for blazer badges. There are too many for me to list, but well done to you all, it is fantastic to see you recognised for your hard work. And of course we have our whole school assembly where one lucky student will win an iPad. All students that are in the Top 100 will be entered into the draw, at the time of writing this I have no idea who the winner is, so good luck everyone!

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

- 7JMA Mantas Kundinovic. Mantas is a lovely young man, who has grown in confidence this term. He works hard and is a pleasure to have in the form.
- 7KPO Theo Hancock. He is a well-mannered, well-behaved member of the form who is growing in confidence, and has some great contributions to form discussions.
- 7MIL Freddie Turner, who is now the captain of the YR7 Rugby team.
- 7LES Paige Morey, Paige has over 100 achievement points and no negative behaviour points this half term.
- 7THO Tommy Mullane, for being keen and supportive in form this week.
- 7JLO Alisha Brown for insightful debate in tutor group discussions and for being a nice, polite and mature young lady.

Well done Mantas, you are a fantastic student and I am delighted to give you this award!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

- 8ABL Egle Simkute, for being nominated and winning International Student at the presentation evening.
- 8CMC Bradley Gregory, who offers constructive suggestions to the class to enhance their work and create more discussion.
- 8EBL Warren Shackcloth for his much improved behaviour in form and work on his PixelEdge.
- 8HDR Jessica Peel, for always being a delight to have in form and going above and beyond with the props for the Christmas assembly.
- 8RCL Therese Burns, for always getting it right and setting a great example to all students.

## Key Stage 3 Round Up – continued...

8SGO Erica Charters. Erica has been fantastic this week in helping Kitija to settle into KLA life. She has been chatting with Kitija, helping to explain routines and generally being a fantastic support to a new student, for whom a new school is made even more daunting due to her currently limited English. Erica is as ever raising the bar for other students.

Well done Bradley, you are growing so much in confidence!

Have a great weekend. As this will be the last update of 2017, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

## Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

An amazing week at the Academy.

Mrs Thomas organised reward assemblies for all year groups. Well done to everyone who were awarded badges or presented with certificates.

Next Tuesday we have a whole school assembly where major prizes/trophies will be awarded. Mrs Thomas will include a full report on our return in January.

Wednesday was Christmas Lunch Day. Thank you to our wonderful catering team who prepared a delicious meal. This was followed by the talent show in the evening.

I am always so impressed with everyone, not only for having the confidence to perform but for their many and varied talents, well done to everyone. A thoroughly deserving winner in Freddie Burt from Year 7.

Christmas Jumper Day was a huge success, with all money raised given to charity.

Highest Achievement points. Kaitlyn Salmons

Student of the Week nominations:

Year 9

9 LDA Joe McNulty. Always contributing to class discussion.

9 CBA Jason Fitzgerald. Positive points are steadily climbing - well done!

9 HGL Summer Rose. An enthusiastic and polite student across all subjects.

9 AGI Isaac Hurley. For his passion with writing.

9 SHA Arabella Gingell. For being the only person to come in the top 10 representing the school at cross country.

Winning for Year 9 Arabella Gingell.

Year 10

10 HCO Harry Brockwell. General helpfulness throughout the term a very pleasant young man.

10 ACU Isabella Clack. Making a positive start in her new form and being so dedicated to her Artwork.

10 CPR Jacob Chilvers. Determination and teamwork in lessons.

10 JMY Charlie Moore. Great attendance and achievement points.

For Year 10 Harry Brockwell

## Key Stage 4 Round Up – continued...

Year 11

11 DEN Megan Thorburn. For her effort and work ethic.

11 LBE Alisha Chappell. Gained most positive points this term.

11 DSC Saba Zaheer. Quietly gets on.

11 RGI Isaac Shipp. Quietly gets on with his work.

11 RES Charlie Gray. Charlie is a very respectful young man, with an excellent attitude to school, and is a very good role model for all students at KLA. Charlie has recently been writing his personal statement for his post-16 applications, and is taking responsibility for his future.

Finally for Year 11 Charlie Gray.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.