

# Parent Bulletin

Friday, 8<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)

## Attendance:

Attendance for the year groups for this week is:

Year 7 77 %

Year 8 76%

Year 9 76%

Year 10 77%

Year 11 72%

As you can see by the massive drop in attendance we have been hit very harshly with the dreaded flu bug. Unfortunately it has gone throughout the school taking no prisoners.

Hopefully with this cold weather on its way it will kill off any viruses and infections and we can all look forward to a germfree, healthy Christmas.

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.

Mrs Roberts

## Christmas Fayre:

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Christmas Fayre which was due to be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Apologies for any inconvenience. Students and staff will still be wearing their Christmas jumpers and donating £1 to help raise money for the Save the Children charity. This is not a non-uniform day, but students can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper and blazer, students will be expected to wear formal school trousers or skirts.

## 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:

There will be no Principal's Surgery on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December due to the Talent Show. We hope you can make it to support the students involved in the show.

Alan Fletcher  
Principal

## Rewards Update:

House totals since 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

1<sup>st</sup> Nelson 15,986  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cresswell 15,885  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vancouver 15,630  
4<sup>th</sup> MacArthur 15,600

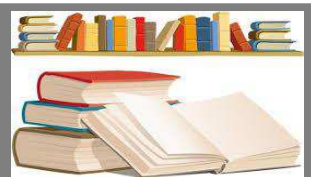
Over 63,137 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of term. This will be the last update regarding rewards this term, we are all looking forward to our rewards assemblies next week. A review of the Rewards Assembly will be sent out after the Christmas break.

Hope you all have a very merry Christmas.

Many thanks

Mrs Thomas

## Library:



The 'Genre of the Fortnight' is anything Christmassy!

Our main bookshelf and display board 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.

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

I would really like to suggest any books by Frank Cottrell Boyce. His books are funny and interesting and three have made the Carnegie shortlist, which is high recommendation!

Cosmic Book Level 4.

Framed Book Level 4.2

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth Book Level 4.0

## 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, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December – HIGHER students (11M1/11M2/11M3)**

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Hampers for the Elderly:



Over the past 4 weeks pupils in 8HDR and 7JMA have been busily making hampers to give to the elderly this Christmas. Today we welcomed Pippa May from 'West Norfolk Befriending' who talked to the pupils about the work the charity does before taking the hampers away ready to be delivered in time for the big day! Pippa was overwhelmed by the effort and thoughtfulness shown by the children and said the gifts would make a huge difference to the lives of the people she visits.

We are both very proud of all the pupils in our forms and would also like to thank their families who have donated so generously!

Mrs May & Miss Drewery

## New York Trip:

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 28<sup>th</sup> March (time to be confirmed when flight is booked), returning to school on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

A very inspiring assembly was delivered by Ms Previtt this week.

She spoke of her own family, their aspirations and goals and how with hard work, self-belief and not letting the tough stuff stop you, you can be whatever you want.

Also, that it is important to understand you are never too young to have goals and ambitions, you need to enjoy what you do and you will do it well.

She acknowledged the work of Megan Thorburn and Luke Hurley who were a part of the Unlocking Potential programme last year. As part of this programme they had to undertake a project to raise money and awareness in the community.

Their goal was to raise £500 for the Alheimers Society. They raised £ 562 which was presented to a representative of the society during assembly. Well done to both of them!

I also spoke about Richard Newell Year 10. He represented KLA at inter-schools X-Country. Despite not feeling well he did not give in and finished a credible 15<sup>th</sup> place. This was not only in his own age group but across Years 10 to 13.

Well done Richard, your parents and the school are very proud of you.

Year 11 had their own assembly delivered by a team from NCS.

They are offering a once in a lifetime opportunity open to 15 – 17 year-olds to be a part of their fun and unforgettable 3 week programme during the summer months.

Week 1: Students will experience living away from home in an outdoor environment, taking part in a wide range of activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and abseiling. They will get to make new friends and build leadership and confidence skills.

Week 2: Nottingham University. Living on campus, experiencing many aspects of university life and developing skills for life.

Week 3: Working as a team to design, plan and deliver a community project. Students will use the skills learnt in the previous two weeks to make a lasting difference.

It all culminates in a graduation ceremony at the Corn Exchange.

It is a wonderful opportunity and it will look good on any CV, college or university application.

All transport, accommodation and food is provided. This three week package would cost around £1500. However, it is government subsidised and students only have to pay £50.

Many students have expressed an interest, completing and returning their forms. They will receive an application pack in the post. If for any reason your son or daughter missed this assembly or have not mentioned it to you, please ask them to see me for a form. By expressing an interest they are not committed but you would be able to discuss this together once you receive the application pack.

I had time this week to join the Year 7 and 8 assembly. What a pleasure it was and well done to Miss Drewery and 8 HDR. The theme was the Christmas Spirit. That it is a time of giving and kindness to others. Matthew Loft played Silent Night beautifully on his flute.

On Tuesday we enjoyed our annual Celebration of Success evening. It was a delight to see many students, across all year groups, have their hard work and commitment recognised. We were joined by many of last year's Year 11 students who were given graduation certificates, acknowledged in subject areas and collected their GCSE Certificates.

I would like to say congratulations and well done to everyone.

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

Highest Achievement points: Megan Golding, Harvey Gray, Kaitlyn Salmons Don- Roy Clarridge.

Student of the Week nominations:

Year 9

9 LDA Daisy Patnell, for hard work and excellent listening skills.

9 CBA Oliver Tickner. Quietly gets on with what is needed in form.

9 HGL Lewis Case. For being extremely enthusiastic in helping to organise a community Christmas party even though he is not a student commissioner. He has gone above and beyond.

9 CBR Jack Dixon. For a number of positive points.

9 AGI Megan Wake. A pleasant and helpful member of the form group.

9 SHA Rachael Poll – Representing the school at Youth Speaks. She did well by all accounts and will be striving to win next year.

Winning for Year 9 we have Megan Wake.

Year 10

10 HCO Weronika Woznialis - Active suggestions for form activities.

10 ACU Kieron Bush – Nominated for the second week running for the extra work he is doing in Art.

10 LAM Katie Harrod, for getting it right all the time.

10 CPR Sophie Fenton, for always getting involved.

10 JMY James Bailey, for always being polite and well behaved.

For Year 10 Kieron Bush.

Year 11

11 DEN Georgia Fairchild. Georgia has taken her mock exams very seriously and when I have seen her in form she has quietly sat and revised without any prompting from me. This only personifies the mature attitude Georgia is consistently showing at KLA.

11 DSC Kayley Emmerson. Always friendly and hard working.

11 RES Oliver Allen. Oliver is an exceptional mathematician, naturally inquisitive and curious, with a fantastic ability to apply mathematics to different contexts and sets a great example of maths across Year 11.

For Year 11 Georgia Fairchild.

We have lots of lost property, all of it unnamed. Please ask your son or daughter to check the table in the reception area if they have lost anything. If they are not collected by the end of term they will be donated to a good cause.

A final reminder for the Talent Contest on Wednesday starting at 7pm. Tickets £2 each or £7 per family.

Friday is Christmas Jumper Day, all are asked to pay £1 with all money raised going to charity.



# Sports News:

## **X-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December KLA students from Years 7 – 10 went to Springwood to represent the school in the West Norfolk X-Country Championships.

Well done to all the runners that went to the event and worked really hard to complete the challenging course.

Two students stood out from the crowd on the day. Arabella Gingell came 10<sup>th</sup> and will be representing the West at the Norfolk Championships in January.



Richard Newell was the only Year 10 student to run for the school and competed against 14 – 18 year olds in the senior boy's event and came a very respectable 15<sup>th</sup>, narrowly missing out to go through to the next round. The students that came in before Richard, were predominately Sixth Formers. This is a fantastic achievement and one we are very proud of.



## **U16 West Norfolk Girls Basketball Competition:**

On Tuesday the school hosted the annual U16 girls' basketball tournament. Several schools entered the tournament and the Girls came 4<sup>th</sup>.

**This week, will be the Year 9 Girls and the Year 8 Boys tournaments.**

## Sports Events:

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December:**

Badminton Club/  
Trampolining Club

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:**

U14 Girls West Norfolk  
Basketball Competition  
@ KLA

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:**

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

3:00 – 4:30pm

Year 9 Boys County Cup  
Football KO- 2:00pm

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:**

U13 Boys West Norfolk  
Basketball Competition.

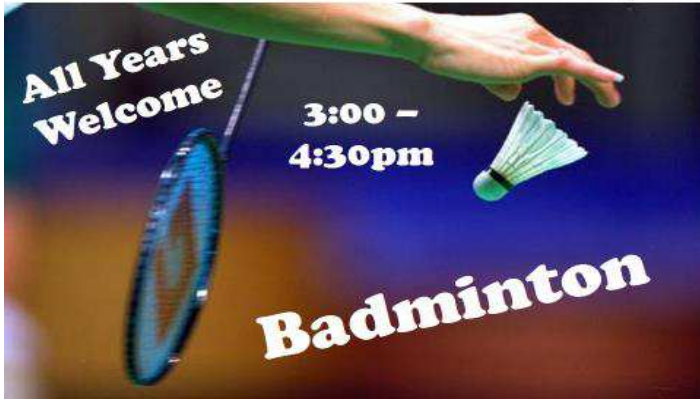
### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:**

Year 9/10/11 Boys and  
girls basketball club.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with sports news, fixtures and results follow us on twitter: [@KLA\\_PE](https://twitter.com/KLA_PE)



**Monday**



All Years Welcome

3:00 - 4:30pm

**Badminton**

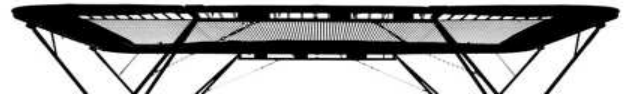
**Monday**

3:00 - 4:30pm

Years 7-11



**Trampolining**



**Tuesday**

KING'S LYNN ACADEMY



Years 11 GCSE STUDENTS

3:00 - 4:30pm

**Multi - Sports**

**Wednesday**



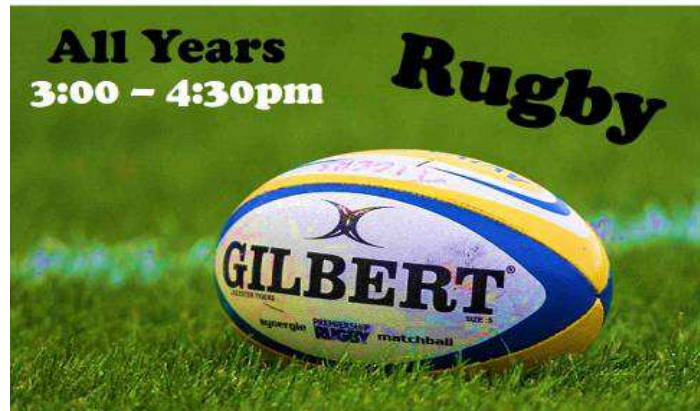
**Football**

Year 7 Boys/ Girls Indoor Training

3:00 - 4:30pm

**Wednesday**

KING'S LYNN ACADEMY

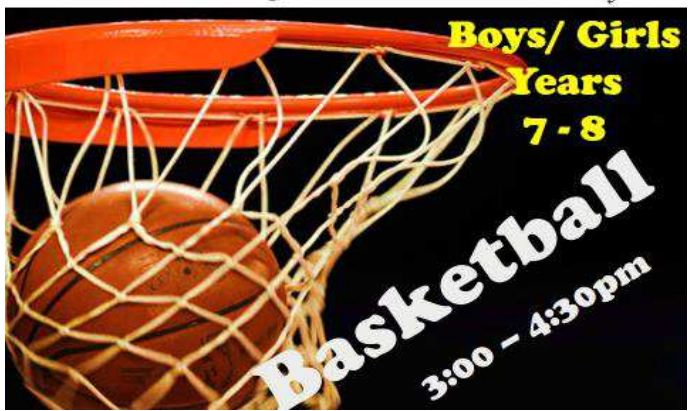


All Years

3:00 - 4:30pm

**Rugby**

**Thursday**



Boys/ Girls Years 7-8

**Basketball**

3:00 - 4:30pm

**Friday**



Boys/ Girls Years 9-11

**Basketball**

3:00 - 4:30pm



# Library Christmas Competition

Two ways to enter!

- 1) Re-write A Christmas Carol
- 2) Get snap happy! Take a snap or draw a picture and write why!

Re-write a 'Christmas Carol'

*Did you know Charles Dickens wrote the story, 'A Christmas Carol' in 1843?*

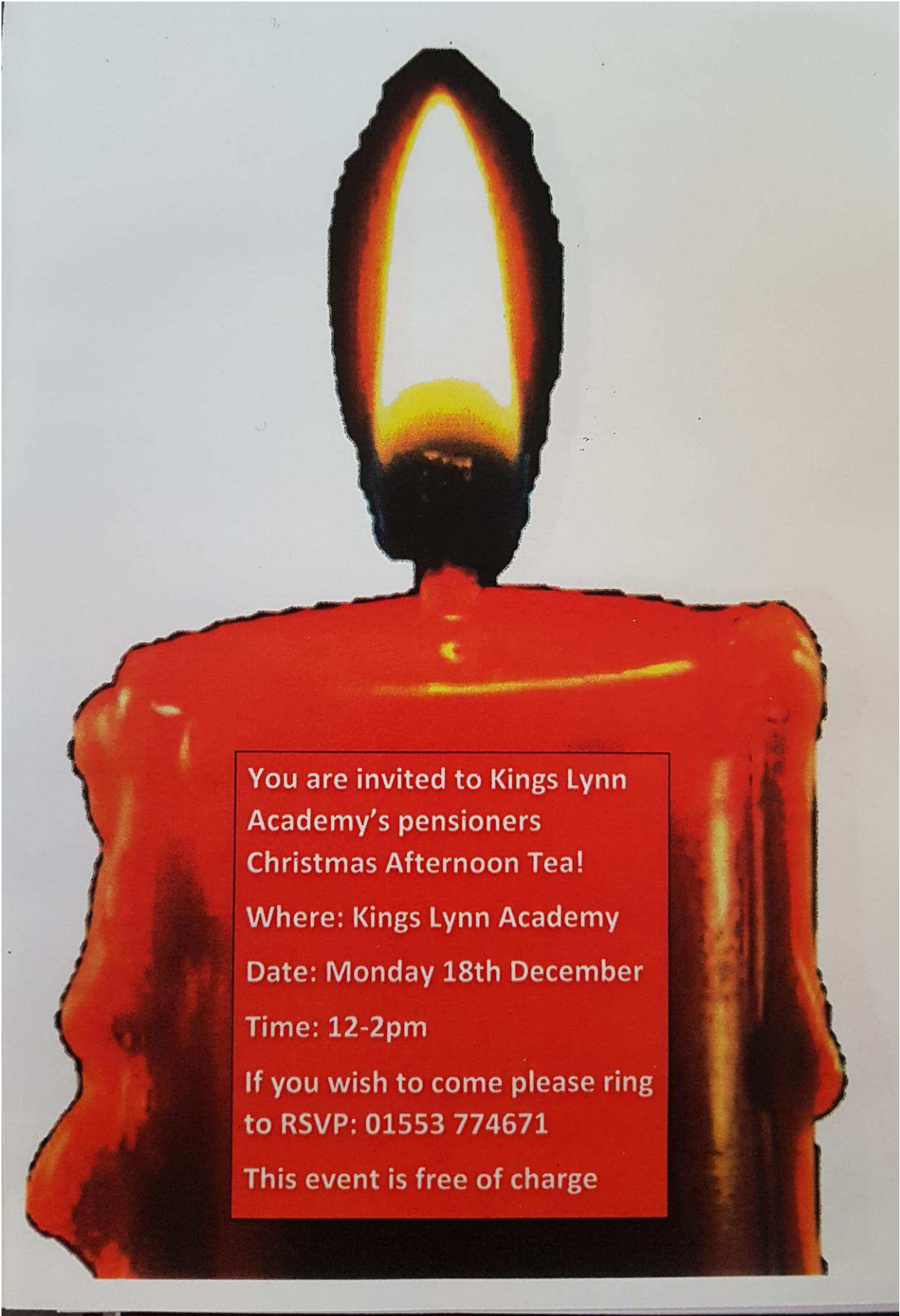
Can you take the challenge of updating this story and re-writing it for 2017?



Get snap happy!

Take a snap or draw a picture to represent Christmas and then write to explain why this image represents Christmas for you.



A lit candle with a red wax body and a glowing flame. The flame is bright yellow and orange, and the wax is a deep red color. The candle is set against a light grey background.

You are invited to Kings Lynn Academy's pensioners  
Christmas Afternoon Tea!

Where: Kings Lynn Academy

Date: Monday 18th December

Time: 12-2pm

If you wish to come please ring  
to RSVP: 01553 774671

This event is free of charge