

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 9th March 2018

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:

Wednesday 14th March – Year 8 Options Evening

Friday 23rd March – Sport Relief – Non-uniform day - Sports attire or sports fancy dress - £1 donation to Sport Relief

Wednesday 28th March – Last day of term

Year 11 English:

English Language and English Literature revision every Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm until 3.30pm in the glass room.

Year 11 Maths:

Maths intervention is available to Year 11 every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3pm until 3:45pm in CF1. Refreshments will be provided. If your son/daughter is unable to attend on these evenings staff are available on other evenings too.

Homework Club:

Just a reminder to parents and pupils - 'Homework Club' is now back up and running since the installation of our new IT system.

This club is available to all pupils after school until 4pm Monday to Thursday in N6.

All welcome.

Attendance:

I would like to say thank you to all parents who regularly send their child/children to school and contact KLA if they are going to be absent.

Please remember to contact me via email, lorraine.roberts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk or call 01553 774671 option 1 (attendance manager).

Rewards Update:

Reward totals since 4th January 2018.

1st Year 8 with 3,506
2nd Year 7 with 3,379
3rd Year 9 with 2,255
4th Year 10 with 1,448
5th Year 11 with 298

Over 10,886 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of this term. We are looking forward to our reward assemblies at the end of term.

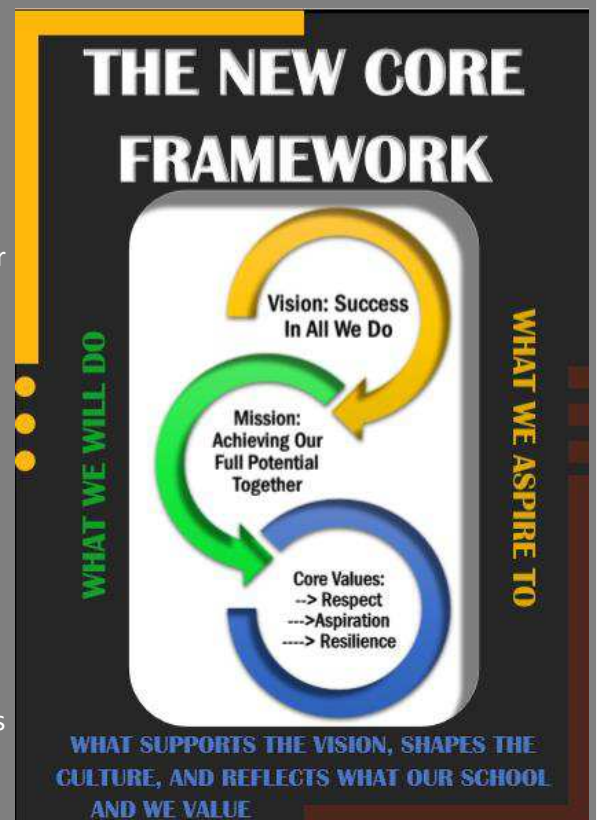
Mrs Thomas

Sycol:

We are fortunate enough to be following the Sycol (www.sycol.com) education programme – a three year plan that is instrumental in supporting us as we continuously seek to innovate and improve what we do.

As part of this, our school, staff and governors have worked together to agree on a clear and challenging vision, mission and set of core values that are now firmly established at the heart of everything we do. This is our culture manifesto, and we use it to drive innovation and continuous improvement within our organisation. With Sycol, we will build, embed and sustain our intended culture of high-performance and trust.

You may have noticed some of our staff wearing Sycol lanyards! These indicate the staff leading the Sycol programme within our organisation. A Green lanyard indicates a leader in their first year of Sycol; Blue that they are in their second year and Black (belt) that they are in their third year. If you would like to learn more about this exciting programme and maybe get involved, please do not hesitate to ask any one of the Sycol leads.



Library:



The 'Genre of the Fortnight' is 'World Book Day' recommended reading books for teenagers. These are five amazing paperbacks! And the good news is that they can be purchased for only £1.50 each using the 'World Book Day' tokens.

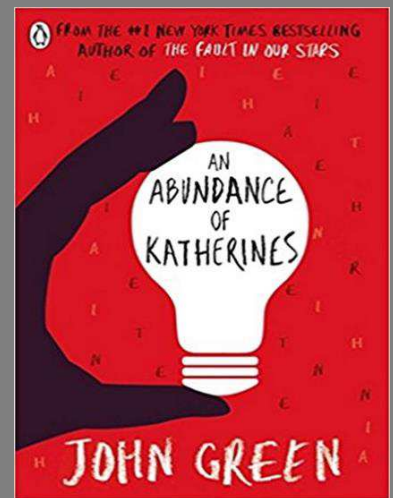
I Have No Secrets by Penny Joelson, BL 4.1

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green, BL 5.6

Gangsta Rap by Benjamin Zephaniah, BL 5.8

Sommoner, The Novice by Taran Matharu BL 6.5

Fly by Night by Frances Hardinge, BL 7.1



Cashless Catering System:

Further to the letter sent via ParentMail earlier this week regarding ICT issues, we have updated our catering system with all purchases made from 7th– 9th February when our systems were down. This has resulted in some accounts being overspent and therefore locked, or accounts may have a lower balance on than expected. Please check your child's balance on ParentPay or ask your child to check it at school to make sure they have sufficient funds for their needs.

Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Some of you may already know that I was in Sweden at the beginning of the week. KLA have been given the opportunity to participate in an International Transition Project with some other High Schools and Primary Schools in Norfolk. I and around 11 others flew out on Sunday to spend some time in two Swedish schools to observe the way they run things. This gave me a great topic for my assembly this week as this trip took me out of my own comfort zone, but it was an opportunity I would have been silly to pass up. I told the students about the trip and some of the very different aspects of Swedish schools, but focused my talk on taking every opportunity that comes our way even though it may be hard and something we have never done before! Although the students did have a good laugh when I told them how I am not the best flyer and gave some silly examples they listened well and will hopefully take my advice.

Year 8 parents please remember we have re-scheduled the options evening for the 14th March from 6pm, I will see you all then.

Just a gentle reminder about uniform, we now have a small supply of ties in school, if you need to purchase one for your child/children. Send in £5 to purchase either from Reception or myself. We have a small group of students especially in Y8 that are replacing their blazers with hoodies, please ensure your child/children always bring their blazer to school, it is compulsory. Thank you all for your continued support.

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7THO Lewis Goldsmith, for trying hard this week to make a difference in form and lessons.

7MIL Rosie Clark, she has attained 17 achievement points in one week

7LES Jason Bennett, for effectively communicating the 'extended break-time' message to all staff and students, putting a smile on all our faces!

7SBW Cain Bailey, for his clown face for the assembly.

7KPO Jake Moore, he has no behaviour points, and is always an enthusiastic and helpful member of form.

7JMA Charlie Mitchell, for being a good friend, working hard and a pleasure to have in form.

Well done Cain Bailey, keep it up!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

8ABL Olivia Pulsford Harris, for working really well in lessons and receiving lots positive comments.

8CMC Ethan Kenyon, who has a friendly, co-operative attitude and is a pleasure to have in form.

8SGO Macy Howard, consistently working hard and being a conscientious member of the class.

8EBL Liam Tidd, for his quiet, peaceful and steady manner. He is always pleasant, polite and should be recognised for no points connected to any sort of poor behaviour or rule breaking.

8HDR Megan Tomney, for consistently working hard and doing her best in all form projects.

8RCL Keenan Bridges, he is always a positive influence in form, turns up and takes part to the best of his ability with a smile.

Congratulations Ethan Kenyon and well done!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

An eventful week or so since the last bulletin. Hopefully following the Beast from the East and storm Emma it will be plain sailing from now on.

Assembly was delivered by Mr McLean, Assistant Principal. He spoke of the ethos of our academy, "Learning without Limits" However, there can be limits such as laziness, fear, and anxiety that can and sometimes do hold us back. It is normal for us all to work hard, it is part of our genetic makeup and we must make sure we find a way to be our best, not find an excuses.

Student of the Week nominations.

Year 9

9HGL Keeley Cawston, always pleasant and polite.

9SHA Tatianna Burns, fabulous job with Student Voice last term.

9LDA Justina Svaplyte, interesting ideas and contributions to seminar time.

9CBA Pdraig Denmark, voicing his opinions in Student Voice, giving well thought out answers.

9CBR Lewis Gant, leading student voice every week.

9AGI Thomas Green, very personable young man who always strives to do his best.

This week for Year 9. Well done to Thomas Green.

Year 10

10HCO Callan Johnston, for good work resulting in a praise postcard.

10ACU Mia Whitmore, enthusiasm check in her new art project.

10CPR Lois Goodrum, taking time to support another student.

10JMY Daniel Wright, quietly gets on with all his work.

10LAM Holly Louise Tong, great work ethic and attitude.

For Year 10. Well done to Holly Louise Tong.

Year 11 have completed their mock exams and will now have to make sure they take advantage of all the extra support and advice offered.

I have been made aware of a further opportunity. This time it is Thurlow Nunn at Campbell's Meadows on the Hardwick Estate. They are looking for technical and business apprentices. It is being held on Tuesday 13th at Thurlow Nunn and they are very keen to encourage girls to join their business.

If you are interested please register at: wendy@gaiainnovation.com this is mainly because they provide refreshments and need numbers.

The College of West Anglia are holding Open Days this Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30.

There will be interactive experiences students can learn about the full range of courses, including vocational routes and apprenticeships. Several local employers will be there promoting their own career opportunities. Students will be able to speak to staff and employers about courses, careers and job opportunities. It is a good opportunity to see what is on offer especially for any student who is undecided at this time.

Have a great weekend and I hope all mothers get thoroughly spoilt, as the advert says: "We're worth it"