

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 30th November 2018

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 4th December – Celebration of Success evening

Thursday 6th December - DofE Bronze parent information evening

Friday 7th December - Year 7, 8 & 9 panto visit

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 13th December – Year 11 parents evening

Friday 14th December – Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 18th December – Last day of term

Attendance:

Attendance for whole school from the beginning of September 95%.

Year group attendance since September:

Year 7	97%
Year 8	95%
Year 9	94%
Year 10	94%
Year 11	94%

Well done Year 7's!

I think we are now coming to the end of the sickness and flu bug and our attendance is starting to climb. Please contact the school every day if you child is absent, stating their name, year group and the reason for the absence. Doctors and dental appointments must be covered by a note or medical slip from the surgery.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Admissions Policy:

Every year we review our Admissions Policy. We are currently consulting on our Published Admission Number for 2020-21, and this is available for anyone who is interested to see on our website, along with information on how to contribute to the consultation should you wish to do so. The consultation document can be found at

<http://kingslynnacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Admissions-Policy-2020-2021-Kings-Lynn-Academy.pdf>

Year 11 English revision is back:

When?

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th December, 3-4 p.m.
Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December, 3-4 p.m.

Where?

CF10 (Miss Poll's room)

Who?

Mrs Tennant

What will we cover?

WEDNESDAYS will be a focus on LANGUAGE (paper 1 and 2 WRITING skills)

THURSDAYS will be a focus on LITERATURE (unseen poetry and poetry anthology)

Year 11 Geography Revision:

First week of the Year 11 Geography revision challenge is active, on Hazards. Key revision materials can be found on Mr. Burton-White's classroom window.

Challenge: Read 2-3 boxes a night and create flash cards.

New York Trip 2019:

Parents / carers please be reminded the remainder of your son / daughter's trip money is looming fast. Also, those of you that haven't already submitted ESTA and passport photocopies could we have them ASAP please. Any problems with these please feel free to let me know.

Many thanks

Tom Hodkinson - Visit Leader

Car park Reminder:

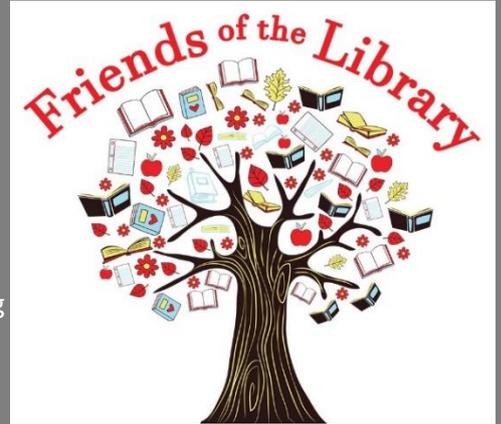
Just a reminder that the first turning into the car park is no entry. The entrance into the school is the turning just past the bus stop. This is to allow a safe flow of vehicles to and from our school and the nursery.

Library:

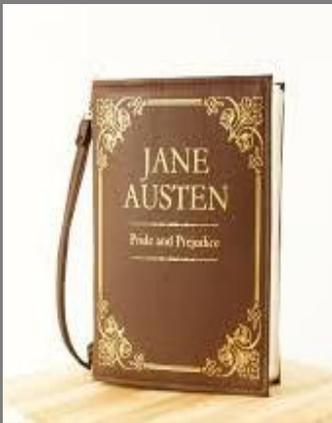
Friends of the Library Reading Club

Every Tuesday lunchtime - readers only session
For 'share reading' and promoting books!

This week and next week, our share reading club will be looking at two books by Nicola Morgan Blame, *My Brain* and *The Teenage Guide to Making Friends*. These books caught the attention of our Year 8's, who will be looking at them to see how motivational the books are and if they can recommend them to other students.



The 'Genre of the Fortnight' starting Monday will be 'Classics'. Classic books are often books we have heard of but not always got around to reading. So we are promoting these books to encourage ourselves to read good literature on a cold winter's evening!



Books on display will include –

White Fang by Jack London Book Level 4.5

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis Book Level 5.4

Just William by Richmal Crompton, Book Level 5.5

Treasure Island (Unabridged) by Robert Louis Stevenson Book Level 8.3

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame Book Level 8.4

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells Book Level 9.1

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen Book Level 12.0

WORD OF THE WEEK

Finding and adapting my voice!

Week Beginning: 3rd December

Last week's winners:
Tegan Shackcloth
Spencer Cole-Mendonca
with 'relicense'.

What is the longest word you can make out of this week's theme?

Letters and scoreboard in the Library!

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 value your opinion and would encourage you to do this at:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Elves to the rescue!

Three of our Student Commissioners were kind hearted enough to enter into the early Christmas spirit at King's Oak Academy on Thursday to give the children presents alongside Father Christmas. Massive thanks to Eve McDowell, Emma Beech & Freddie Burt for being such good sports.

Many thanks

Mrs Lockey.



Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

We will be holding our fabulous Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12th December. Each student will need to purchase a ticket in advance. They are on sale now at Reception, but ticket sales will end on 6th December so please ensure your child/children get their tickets soon! The cost of each meal is £3.50. Students who receive free school meals will have the cost covered, however, they MUST still put their name down for a ticket at Reception.

Thank you very much to form 7SGO for leading our assembly this week with their very important message about resilience and not giving up. Well done to the students that helped with Mrs Goodson and read lines, I know it can be very nerve racking.

We held our first Year 7 parents evening last night, thank you to all of you that were able to make it. I know that the first high school parents evening can seem a little bit overwhelming with so many different teachers to see, but I hope you all had an enjoyable evening.

Just a little note about chewing gum. Lots of the Year 7's are bringing chewing gum into school, please can you support the school by reminding them that we do not allow chewing gum anywhere in school. As you can appreciate it causes all manner of cleaning issues. Thank you.

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7CBA	Alfie Meads	I was particularly impressed with Alfie this week. When he came in to form this week he immediately got his reading book out and started reading! It wasn't reading day, he did it himself. Well done Alfie.
7MST	Connor Self	He is always polite and helpful to others in form.
7SHA	Oakley Took	For coming fourth in the cross country! Fantastic achievement!
7BGR	Dylan Chalke	He is the most helpful person in form and is always really enthusiastic.
7GCO	Gabija Grigaityte	For consoling another student when they were upset.
7AWA	Joshua Newman	For quite simply always getting it right! Keep up the great work Josh.
7SGO	Poppy Frammingham	Poppy showed great determination and resilience, for our form assembly. Not only did Poppy assist in the organisation, but also by contributing her story and partaking in the event. Despite her nerves Poppy carried on, standing in front of her peers and telling her story. Well done Poppy.
7BRH	Rylan Rix	Rylan has worked really hard at school and is always prepared and ready to learn. He is one of the leaders in our form for achievement points, and works really hard to do well in all his lessons. He is a pleasure to have in form because he is polite, kind, and helpful. He currently has no behaviour points, which is a testament to his dedication to school. Well done Rylan!
7NJA	Morgan Cook	For the most positive points in my form last week, and also just being a lovely person, always polite, positive and helpful.

Well done to all students that were nominated, Alfie Meads you are our winner this week. Reading is something to enjoy and it is great to hear that you choose to read. Keep up the good work!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Crowe:

It's the last week of November and it is certainly starting to feel like the run up to Christmas!

The students working for the Prince William Award this week had to work together and think of strategies to help manage stress. After coming up with some ideas, they then had to present these to the rest of the group. I am very impressed with everyone who spoke in front of their peers! It is a very difficult thing to do, so well done!

Mr Bugg took the Year 8 Assembly this week. He was very impressed with how the overall majority of students walked into assembly. Mr Bugg spoke about the support and help we give to the students and how we all want the students to do well and exceed in their lives. At the end of assembly I gave an announcement to the Year 8's about nominations week.

I would just like to say that in Year 8 we have 53 students with 100% attendance, which is excellent, and we also have 59 students who do not have any behaviour points, which is a fantastic achievement! Thank you to you all.

This week the students have been informed that the playing fields are out of bounds at break and lunchtime, due to the poor weather. Please can you remind your children that they are to keep to the concreted areas outside.

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

The following students received Student of the Week nominations from their form tutors.

8RES	Bertie Gathercole	Bertie is always positive, enthusiastic and respectful - and a great role model to all in Year 8. Bertie is consistently getting achievement points, and to date is the highest for achievement points in 8RES. Well done Bertie!
8LBE	Denny Dressler	For having the most achievement points last week and volunteering to take part in assembly.
8JWI	Olivia Moore	For her outstanding behaviour throughout school, her achievement points and her contribution to form.
8THO	Emily Ballantyne	For being supportive and helpful this week in form, having good attendance and having 154 achievement points.
8EBL	Matthew Hill	For having 100% attendance!
8JMA	Corey Cawston	For being a polite and helpful young man who is a delight to have in the group!
8HAN	Alisha Scamp	For earning achievement points!
8CBR	James Keal	For earning the highest number of achievement points in form, this week.

Well done to all of the students who have been nominated for Student of the Week. Congratulations Bertie! You are our Student of the Week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

Another week has past, but sadly so many of us have been hit by the dreaded lurgy. It's the unfortunate time of year when bugs and germs make their way round everyone. It is no surprise that attendance has fallen, however, we cannot stress enough that if your child is unwell, particularly with a sickness bug, they need 48 hours clear before they return to school. I would just like to stress that for every day your child is not in school, you must call or email to state why they are off.

For those in school achievements points have been given in vast amounts! On Monday Year 9 received over 400 points in just one day. Amazing!!!

Our assembly this week was hosted by Mr Wong and his form, 9CKW. The topic was Resilience: Committing to growth. It was a brilliant assembly and they all listened well. It has so many positive thoughts for them to take away.

Student of the Week nominations are in and once again it's a massive well done to you all.

9CMC	Ethan Kenyon	Who always displays a good understanding of topics discussed and inputs interesting ideas.
9CKW	Catherine Castro	For being brave and taking part in the assembly.
9EWB	Ellie-Mai Collinson	Always polite and friendly, on time, 0 behaviour points and 150 plus achievement points. A pleasure to have in the form.
9SHA	Kaiden Lane	For having 0 behaviour points and keeping to himself to quietly just get on with things.
9ABL	Samuel Gorman	For some excellent work in his lessons, making brilliant progress, and a massive improvement for attendance.
9HDR	Benjamin Seaman	For consistently putting in 100% effort and trying hard in Technology and Food Tech.

Congratulations to you all, this week's winner is Sam Gorman. Well Done.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Miss McGivern:

Our whole school theme this week is: Resilience.

The definition of resilience is: “the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.”

I feel this is a very important lesson to learn, especially for this year group. We are learning to build up our resilience ready to be prepared for the final year of high school, and the future.

We have had some really good achievements this week, including coming first in the Rotary Technology tournament. Well done to Don-Roy Clarridge, Callum Moore, Cameron Reed and Spencer Mendonca.

Also, our year took first and second place in the Norfolk cross country championships. Well done to Vadim Ganeev and Arabella Gingell.

Top achievement points this week goes to Hermione Scandrett – 268.

Year 10 Student of the Week nominations from form tutors are:

10KPO	Christopher Warren	Chris comes into form every day with a smile on his face, and lots of great contributions and ideas. He's got 102 achievement points, 0 behaviour, and 100% attendance.
10CFY	Blake Collinson	Blake's attendance has increased dramatically this term, and he has also gained over 100 achievement points. So a very well done to Blake.
10SBW	Sharna Ralph	Improving attendance.
10 LAM	Daisy Patnell	Always doing what she needs to do in class as well as being polite and courteous in form.
10ATA	Jack Dixon	For achieving a massive 34 positive points in one week.
10NBO	Ben Lanham	For enthusiasm in quiz of the week and volunteering in form to chair student voice.

Well done to all students that were nominated and congratulations to Jack Dixon - you are our Year 10 student of the week! Well done!

Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Roberts:

I cannot believe how fast the weeks are flying by. It will soon be Christmas and then 2019. The Year 11's have now been put into new teaching provisions to give them the specific knowledge they need to help them achieve their full potential at the end of Year 11.

We had a great assembly this week, being delivered by the very enthusiastic NCS team from the College of West Anglia. They have 68 students who have signed up and I am still getting more forms back today. It is a fantastic opportunity and looks very good on their CV.

Year 11 parents evening is on 13th December 2018 4pm onwards. Please make sure your son/daughter makes appointments with their subject teachers.

Student of the week is -

Georgia Goldsmith, she is so supportive and such a diligent student. She always helps in form.

Have a lovely weekend.