

SKA WEEKLY

Week 4 – Term 2 2014/15

27th November 2014

SKA CALENDAR

4th Dec Years 12/13 Parent Review Meeting
11th Dec Year 11 Parent Review Meeting

HOUSE TUTOR GROUP

ATTENDANCE 24th-27th Nov

B1 – 94.8%	N1 – 97.4%
B2 – 96.4%	N2 – 99.5%
B3 – 94.3%	N3 – 98.4%
B4 – 94.7%	N4 – 92.3%
B5 – 95.0%	N5 – 98.4%
D1 – 98.4%	N6 – 98.8%
D2 – 91.4%	N7 – 98.3%
D3 – 96.6%	N8 – 95.4%
D4 – 88.6%	N9 – 92.5%
D5 – 95.0%	N10 – 93.7%
F1 – 88.4%	N11 – 98.4%
F2 – 78.6%	N12 – 95.4%
F3 – 94.6%	N13 – 95.6%
F4 – 95.5%	

Week 4 TERM 2 – ATTENDANCE 24th-27th November

Newton	96.7%
Brunel	95.1%
Darwin	94.4%
Franklin	88.8%

E-SAFETY TIP

We would like to remind all parents and students to stay safe online by only adding friends who you know in real life onto your friends list. If you are unsure as to whether you know the person, do not add them to your friends list. We would also recommend students only use Apps that the Academy has approved and are therefore on students' iPads.

PE CLUBS

Monday	Badminton Sports Hall, Mr Pursey
Tuesday	Dance Modern/Jazz/Ballet Activity Studio, External Choreographer
Wednesday	Trampolining Sports Hall, Mr Flack Hockey All Weather Pitch, Miss Courtney and Mr Ineson
Thursday	Basketball Y7/8 Sports Hall, Mr Rowe Rugby All Weather Pitch, Mr Lovesey Netball Miss Paulus
Friday	Basketball Y9 plus Sports Hall, Mr Tompkins

Clubs starting soon..... Gymnastics, more dance and non-contact boxing.

ACADEMY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Academy Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 18th December. The lunch will consist of traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings or a vegetarian option of Vegetable and Cheese Wellington, followed by dessert. The price of £3.40 per student will include a bottle of juice and a Christmas cracker. Students will be able to register and pay for the lunch during the two weeks commencing 1st and 8th December. Please ensure that you allocate this amount to the **SCHOOL TRIPS AND OFFERS PURSE** on your son/daughter's sQuid account. A ticket for the lunch will be issued and your son/daughter **MUST** keep this safe as it will be redeemed for lunch on the 18th December. There will not be any other hot meal option on this day. A limited supply of sandwiches will be available at breacktime only. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be allocated a ticket for the lunch.

AKADEMIA PRO

AkademiaPro is an iPad based student planner App that allows students to record their Independent Learning, store lesson notes, rate their progress and even remind them when it is due in.

As many of you know, both staff and students have been using a planner App over the past year as a pilot for both us and Akademia themselves. A number of staff and students provided valuable feedback about its use and how it could be improved. As a result, you'll be pleased to know that we have decided to continue to use the iPad planner App for both students and staff for another year alongside the traditional hard copy planners. All students will receive their code for the App that should be on their iPad. All they have to do is accept the download and enter the code on the home screen. Their timetable will automatically appear.

AkademiaPro will see huge improvements this year. These improvements are mainly as a result of the feedback they received from our students and staff. I believe that they will have a positive impact on Teaching and Learning and Academy life.

Please take a look at the two phased developments.

The features that are included in phase one are:

- **Automatic timetable setup.**
- **Enhanced Class Progress feedback.** The teacher will be able to tap on the class progress section to display a list of the students in the class and the rating they have assigned for the particular lesson (red, amber, green, or none).
- **Merits.** Teachers will be able to issue merits to students in the class. Upon tapping the merit button, the teacher will be presented with a list of students in the class. They can then select the students who have earned a merit and send this to them. Merits will show on the student device in the lesson, in the subject tab (with running total) and in the timetable day view.
- **Student lesson notes.** The layout of the student's lesson notes will be improved. The student will be able to add pictures and hyperlinks to lesson notes.
- **Teacher Plans.** Teachers will be able to copy the text from a lesson plan to an email and send it to a colleague. Their colleague can then copy and paste the details into a new lesson plan in AkademiaPro.
- **School Policies.** The App will now contain the other important pages of the paper planner such as policies and expectations.
- **IOS7.** All IOS6 style buttons will be updated to IOS7.

Phase Two will be ready after Christmas and will incorporate the following features:

- **Homework submission.** Students will be able to submit homework to teachers via the App.
- **Homework marking and return.** Teacher will be able to review, mark and add comments to homework documents submitted by the students. The teacher will then be able to return the marked homework documents, with additional notes to the student.
- **Assignment Status.**
- **In-App Notifications.**
- **Teachers push Ad Hoc items.** Teacher will be able to push ad-hoc items (eg class exam) to a specific class.
- **Parent or Guardian sign off.** The student interface will be enhanced to enable parents to 'sign off' the student's planner on a weekly basis. This will be controlled via a 4 digit pin code automatically generated by the CMS and distributed to parents.

Thank you for all your feedback and use of Akademia over the past year.

GIFT OF BOOKS FOR THE ACADEMY LIBRARY

We are delighted to advise that we have been gifted a parcel of books for the Academy Library from Kent County Council to commemorate the Centenary of the First World War in 2014. The books, which have been published by the Local History Group of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society, cover the local history in the first half of the 20th Century and it is hoped that they will prove useful in encouraging work on the period. The books are:

The Shock of War. Tunbridge Wells: Life on the Home Front 1914-19

Tunbridge Wells in the Second World War and the Years of Austerity 1939-1953

Tunbridge Wells in 1909. The Year We became 'Royal'.

The books are all available from the Academy Library.

We have also received a copy of *Special Ops Heroes* from Lord Ashcroft, KCMG PC, Tory peer, international businessman, philanthropist and author. *Special Ops Heroes* tells the extraordinary stories behind Lord Ashcroft's collection of SAS and other Special Forces medals - the largest of its kind in the world. The action-packed stories span some sixty years from the exploits of the newly-formed SAS early in the Second World War to the end of the twentieth century. It features several remarkable groups of medals for some of the most audacious escapades of the Second World War as well as more recent medals awarded for bravery in Northern Ireland, Darfur and at the Iranian Embassy Siege in London.