



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



Our third year commenced this week – can you quite believe how far we have come along this journey? It was a truly wonderful experience to welcome our new Year 7 cohort of 240 students on Tuesday morning – they all looked absolutely wonderful in their Business Dress! It was a pleasure to spend the next few days with them, as Tutors and tutees got to know each other, and a range of staff supported our new students in understanding the

'Langley Way'. Friday saw our Year 8 students return to us – though some have grown so much they were barely recognisable – have they been standing in a pot of compost all Summer?

Tuesday also saw our annual address from Mr. Payne, our Sponsor, who conducted an inspiring assembly, using Jenga props; it was also wonderful to hear from our QAT Chair of Governors, Mr. Quayle, and our own Chair of Governors, Mr. Pope. As ever, we are indebted to them for taking time out of their busy schedules to engage with our students, and share their wisdom – I am always grateful for their presence and support.

My thanks go to all parents and carers who have shown such patience over the holidays regarding Business Dress/P.E kits/Bags. Thanks to Mr. Oakes, almost all students were in their Business Dress this week, with some Macron orders delayed. When in communication with them to address these issues, it transpired that many, many orders were placed after the 23<sup>rd</sup> July deadline, slowing up the entire process of fulfilling orders. As ever, we operate in support of you, the parents and carers, and have supported students with any issues they have had this week. For example, with the Macron bags being in a smaller size than we agreed (which we are correcting with them), we have issued students with a temporary satchel-style bag, which will allow them to carry all of their equipment and materials.

Concerning the new P.E kit, I feel that I should explain as much as I can regarding the process of selection and beyond. After receiving a raft of comments about the suitability of the current kit, we (in full consultation with the Parent Academy Contact Team – PACT) selected the Macron kit for its higher quality and durability. It has been unsettling to receive feedback from existing students' parents and carers about the added pressure of having to purchase this kit. We have consistently stated that for current students, there is no need to replace or purchase the new kit until students move Key Stage in Year 10. As with Family Lunch, if families require financial support, we can offer this discreetly – please contact Reception, where we will offer any support we can.

Thursday saw our first run of P.E and Enrichment, coordinated (for the second year now) by our Director of Performing Arts, Mrs. Meredith. There is a veritable feast of activities planned for Year 7 and 8, who will be having their provision on the same day this year. There's too many to name here, but for a flavour, some of what your children will be receiving sessions on this year include: Drama (from the Birmingham Rep Theatre), Tai Chi, Hand-Made Crafts,

World Music, Rock Band, Table Tennis, Art (with our fantastic new Learning Consultant, Mrs Barlow), CSI Forensic Investigations, Musical Theatre and Debating – but there is so much more! What is so heartening is seeing a mixture of external providers and current staff lending their expertise to these sessions – students will simply not get a provision like this anywhere else – I wish my school had offered such a huge series of experiences!

One of last year's highlights was the impact of City Year – our new cohort started this week, looking resplendent in their red jackets! They have started extremely well, communicating effectively with staff and students – after last year's fantastic impact, we hope that this year's colleagues can have make a lasting impression on the progress of our students, led by our incumbent Impact Officer Ms. Ayub and Mr. Karim, our (newly-appointed) Director of Behaviour.

Next Monday sees the return of our Year 9 students for their later 09:00 start and 16:00 finish (apart from Friday, where the day finishes at 15:20) and our very first PACT meeting of the academic year – I am aware that they are keen to welcome any new members to join their superb team! If you would like to attend, please arrive at Reception for 19:00, where Mr. Davis will sign you in and direct you to the meeting.

We pride ourselves on having a strong relationship with the local community, and always try to be the best neighbours we can. Unfortunately, we have had some reports from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking on Moat Road, meaning that drives are being blocked, or yellow zigzags are being parked on. We have seen several parents and carers fined for this when council wardens are on patrol; a situation we want to avoid. Though it has been lovely to see parents wanting to see their children at the start of the day, this shouldn't come at the expense of road safety. Also, though I appreciate that memories might want to be captured, it is important that parents and carers do not take footage or photographs on their devices, as it could represent a safeguarding concern.

This week simply would not have been the roaring success it was without the extraordinary efforts of our staff team. Our fantastic Associate Staff team have kept the Academy running over the Summer, working hard to make sure that we started on a high, and have supported our teams all week – my thanks to Miss Loxton, Mrs. Mee, Mrs. Fields, Mr. Evans and Mr. Davis – we simply would not operate without you. Our new PLD to Year 7, Mrs Fogarty has been a revelation this week – it is as if she has been here forever, so fantastic and supportive has she been. We do things very differently here at Langley – the most pleasing thing is seeing the frowns of confusion at the systems turn into smiles of delight at seeing how wonderful our students are when they are embedded – just wait until you get to teach them!

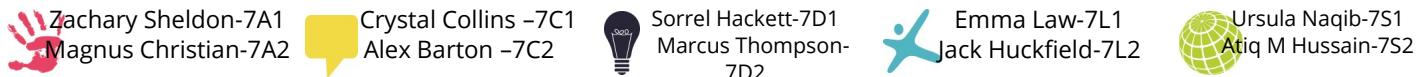
Have a wonderful weekend – we look forward to seeing our Year 7 and 8s at 07:55 and our Year 9s at 08:55 on Monday!

Best Wishes,

**Peter Lee**  
Head of School

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 4th September 2018. They were:



## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 10/09/2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
<b>Monday 10th September</b>	<b>Spicy Beef Enchilada</b> White & Brown Rice Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob Mixed Salad Sour Cream, Salsa & Guacamole	<b>Three Bean Chilli (V)</b> White & Brown Rice Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob Mixed Salad Sour Cream, Salsa & Guacamole	<b>Fresh Red Apple</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th September</b>	<b>Red Tractor Chicken Burger &amp; Bun</b> Oven Baked Potato Wedges Mixed Salad Coleslaw	<b>BBQ Pulled Quorn Bun (V)</b> Oven Baked Potato Wedges Mixed Salad Coleslaw	<b>Strawberry Ice Cream Pot</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th September</b>	<b>Roast Turkey, Sage &amp; Onion Stuffing &amp; Gravy</b> Rosemary Roasted New Potatoes Fresh Broccoli Florets Fresh Sliced Carrots	<b>Roast Quorn Fillet &amp; Gravy</b> Rosemary Roasted New Potatoes Fresh Broccoli Florets Fresh Sliced Carrots	<b>Red, Blackberry &amp; Apple Crumble Slice</b>
<b>Thursday 13th September</b>	<b>Beef Bolognese Fusilli Bake</b> Garlic & Parsley Bread Tomato, Onion & Basil Salad Mixed Salad Vinaigrette Dressing	<b>Italian Baked Gnocchi (V)</b> Garlic & Parsley Bread Tomato, Onion & Basil Salad Mixed Salad Vinaigrette Dressing	<b>Fresh Fruit Salad</b>
<b>Friday 14th September</b>	<b>Tugo's Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V)</b> Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans Ketchup Sachets	<b>Tugo's Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V)</b> Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans Ketchup Sachets	<b>Sweet Belgian Waffle &amp; Chunky Banana Topping</b>

(H) Suitable for Halal (V) Suitable for Vegetarians. The menu is subject to change at short notice.

## RAHMAN'S RIDDLE

Dale's Dilemma has been laid to rest and replaced by a riddle prepared by our new Learning Consultant Mr Rahman.

**The Rahman's Riddle for this week is:**

I was an active guest at all of your summer barbeques this year.  
You could find my better half at the Tour de France.  
In my special family, I am often referred to as 'The King'.  
Not only can I conduct electricity in one of my forms but I am also a girl's future best friend.  
But be careful that my footprint does not ruin your world.  
What am I?

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 11th July at 3:05pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Head of School's decision is final in this matter.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PACT**

Monday 10th September—7pm

**Open Week**

Monday 1st October 2018-Friday 5th October—  
9:15am-11am

**Open Day**

Saturday 6th October—9am-12pm

**Parents' Evening 1**

Tuesday 23rd October—3pm-7:30pm

**INSET Days—Academy closed to all Students**

Thursday 25th October 2018

Friday 26th October 2018