



ACADEMY  
LANGLEY

# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



In last week's Newsletter we praised the virtues of the Year 11 cohort – and this week again has been no different! We finished off the formal exams in the Sports Hall/MUH, and moved towards our vocational and other more practical subjects. Huge kudos to the team, ably supported by Mrs. Evans in attendance, for securing a phenomenal last few

weeks. It proves it can still be done post- Covid – other year groups and families please take note at the resilience, determination and character shown by the Class of 2024!

Last week, the staff team took part in our half-termly cross-Trust CPD sessions cultivated by Tracy Goodyear, and I was thrilled to hear that our very own ECT, Mrs. Carpenter, had the honour of interviewing education royalty in Sue Cowley nonetheless! I look forward to seeing the finished product in January as the next round of sessions are released! On Monday, myself and Mr. Rahman also attended the first national IQM Conference which lucky for us was in Birmingham City Centre. This meant we were both able to come into work for a couple of hours, before braving the Hagley Road (and also the German Market!) to get to the venue. It was a surprise to bump into our old friend Sam Strickland, who was delivering a barn-storming session as he always does, and also network with colleagues from far and wide! Although I was a bit concerned to see IQM working at Goodison Park the very next day – I've heard it's been -10 in that part of Liverpool in recent weeks.

Since we opened, we have always tried to support the fantastic work that SHAPE do locally in capturing student voice – our very own PLC Miss Rowson leads on this for us, and already has the Secondary Conference at WBA booked into her diary for June 2024. Therefore, I was delighted to read in a Sandwell circular that once more Q3 Academy Langley students posted the most responses out of any secondary school in the 2023 survey. I look forward to receiving the £250 voucher, but more importantly reading our individual, tailored, results early in the new year.

Mrs. Morrall, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Dhami will be hosting the Christmas concert next week (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December), this is designed to be a low-key event – not like Bright Stars – but families are welcome to attend. Tickets are free, but we require an Eventbrite acceptance – further details as always on the website.

On Monday, I was also delighted to be able to attend some internal training that Mr. Gee had coordinated, especially from one of our Digital Champions Mr. Hassan, and also Mr. Nash! As part of our Digital Transformation, it is fantastic to see colleagues pushing new ways of working that will benefit the already outstanding teaching and learning that takes place in every classroom every day inside the Academy. Furthermore, Mrs. Underhill building on the work our great friend Barry Smith did with us in the summer term, led us through the next stage of codifying Standard Language – in particular showcasing some WAGOLLS from Mr. Day and Founding Member Miss Smith. I have been so impressed with how all the staff team have got on board with this since September especially – it is making a significant difference in all subject classrooms! We sadly say goodbye to Miss Brindley from the Admin team this week as she moves to be closer to her family – we thank her for the efforts and hard work she has shown every day since joining us!

The winners of three Stars of the Lesson awards in a single day are as follows: Zackariya Sawant (7L1), Alice Turner (9C1) and Khadija Kashif (9A1). Also a special mention to all those students who accrued an outstanding number of Q-Points and rewards as part of our 'Black Friday' last week!

Hopefully by the time you read this address the Parents' Consultation Evening 2 letters will have been issued. A reminder, this is always the last Thursday of half term bar in February and May, and this year we trial a new finish time for the students - KS3 will be dismissed at approximately 14:00 and KS4 at 14:15. Mr. Anderson posted an excellent rationale video on our socials that explains the thinking behind the concept – many high schools only have one event, or two at maximum, per year – we have four! But we need all families to come in and engage with the process. For this event, a range of workshops have been organised by Ms. Longhurst and Miss Beddow, and in addition you can vote in person for our next Parent Governor. Some students will not have their appointments with their Tutor but with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or pastoral staff – we want to see families in person so together we can ensure your child fulfils their potential here at Q3 Academy Langley.

With only two weeks to go until we break up for Christmas (earlier than most schools!), let's have a real push on attendance and ensuring children attend every single day until we break up for that lovely, long, holiday period!

**Peter Lee**  
Headteacher



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 27th November 2023. They are:



Zarlash  
Khan  
7A1



Priyanka  
Patel  
7C1



Skyla  
Edwards  
7D1



Aronveer  
Saharan  
7L1



Harvey  
Hudson  
7S1



Lucas  
Scate  
10C2

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 04/12/2023

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
<b>Monday 4th December</b>	<b>Q3 Baked Chicken Fillet</b> Diced Potatoes Peas	<b>Southern Baked Quorn Burger (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Peas	<b>Mini Shortbread Fingers</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th December</b>	<b>Beef Burger in a Bun (H)</b> Potato Wedges Salad	<b>Quorn Burger in a Bun (V)</b> Potato Wedges Salad	<b>Yoghurt Pot</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th December</b>	<b>Tandoori Chicken</b> Rice Sweetcorn	<b>Tandoori Vegetables (V)</b> Rice Sweetcorn	<b>Gluten-Free Chocolate Cake</b>
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	<b>Plant Based Meatballs (V)</b> Pasta Garlic Bread	<b>Plant Based Meatballs (V)</b> Pasta Garlic Bread	<b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b>
<b>Friday 8th December</b>	<b>Fish Fingers</b> Chips Baked Beans/Ketchup	<b>Vegetable Pasty (V)</b> Chips Baked Beans/Ketchup	<b>Fresh Fruit</b>

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

## TWYFORD'S TRAVELS

**Last week's Twyford Travel's Winner: Amber Hamilton (10L2).**

Well done Amber!

**This week's Twyford's Travel is:**

Constantinople and Byzantium are former names of which major city?

*Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 5th December at 3:30pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Headteacher's decision is final in this matter.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Winter Concert

Wednesday 6th December 2023— 5:00pm-6:00pm

### Parents' Consultation Evening 2

Thursday 14th December 2023—3:00pm-7:30pm

*Note earlier finish times overleaf*

### #WearItXmas

Friday 15th December 2023

### Christmas Holiday

Monday 18th December 2023— Friday 5th January 2024

### Inset Day

Monday 8th January 2024

Students return **Tuesday 9th January 2024** at normal times.

## SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

In tutor time this week, students have been looking at Healthy Relationships. Below is a link to the NSPCC website, outlining how you can support your children with positive, healthy relationships. <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection-schools/promoting-healthy-relationships>

