



ACADEMY  
LANGLEY

# Weekly Newsletter



## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



Academy, take home the Multi-Academy Trust of the Year award! A huge thank you to Miss Binsley, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Beddow, and Staff Governor/Curriculum Director Mr. Singh for holding the fort and locking up with Mr. Davis on the evening!

On Monday we were thrilled to host not only Mark Goodwin from our Central Trust team, but also Tom Bellwood, Andrew Smith, and Owen Malcolm from our friends at Chiltern Learning Trust. Tom is the School Partnership Lead for the Behaviour Hub, and it was wonderful to retell our story since opening and discuss the various challenges in our sector at the moment. This brings me to something that happened on Monday. I am disappointed that a significant number of children, supported by their families, chose to take Monday off as part of a day of action in relation to the on-going horrific situation in the Middle East. As an Academy— following DfE guidance – we have always adopted a politically neutral stance that is instructed of all schools in this country. We have offered students the opportunity to discuss the conflict over two Family Lunches, in Tutor Time and with a special assembly specifically addressing the myriad of issues. Ultimately, what families and students do on a weekend is down to individuals, whether that is attending an organised march or vigil, and as a school we actively promote Active Citizenship particularly in Year 9, but it is an unauthorised absence if taken during the school day at unofficial social media inspired events. Furthermore Mr. Rahman, as our Anti-Racism Lead, also offered himself to students should anyone wish to talk about the conflict and their feelings around the whole situation. All lives lost are a tragedy for the whole world; and as a multi-faith community we need to come together to persuade leaders to commence a meaningful ceasefire and engage in talks to bring lasting peace and end the mindless loss of life.

Mr. Sohail has been doing a sterling job in really promoting good attendance – and a huge congratulation to Jess Lavill (9A1) for being the name drawn out the hat for the Attendance Wheel for this term – 1000 Q-Points to spend in the store that officially opens in January 2024! Although we break up this Friday obviously the site is open for five more days – as ever a huge thank you to all our staff that work 52 weeks a year to help us function. One member of that team who is sadly leaving us to go travelling in early 2024 is Mr. Wood. He initially joined us as an apprentice and has risen up the ranks to be our Exams and Data Officer. His work ethic, commitment and hard work will be sadly

missed by us all, but we wish him well in his new adventure. Just a shame he's leaving the UK as his beloved Aston Villa mount a title charge...

I had the pleasure of Time 4 Tea with some footballing superstars this week, fresh from their sudden-death penalty shoot-out defeat in the EFL Tournament at WBA. Well done to Sienna Cooper (7C1), Zoe Doiley (8L2), Lily Dunn (8D1), Enaya Gill (7S2), Harmannat-Preet Kaur (7L1), Olivia Price (8A1), Olivia Prince (8A1) and Maria Lydia Tsipi (8S2). Huge kudos to Mr. Simkins and Miss Deasy for facilitating the tournament. In addition, we had to remove the news from the Newsletter due to a delay in registration, but well done to our Curriculum Director for signing for WBA! Boing Boing! Leila Palin (7A2) also regaled us at Time 4 Tea, with tales of dancing at the Winter Gardens Blackpool, last weekend.

In staffing news, I was delighted to hear that my colleague Nicola Daniel, following a national recruitment process, has been named the Substantive Headteacher at Queen Mary's High School in our Trust. We say goodbye to our trainees who leave us this week: Mr. Rahman, Miss Daley, Miss Ali, and Mr. Singh and Mr. McGrath who will return later in the year.

The winners of 3x Stars Of The Lesson awards in a day are as follows: Akeel Ahmed (10S2), Arin Ako (7A1), Seth Allan (7S1), Taranpreet Bhandal (9C1), Callum Dunn (9C2), Blake Goseley (8L1), Muhammad Hasnain (9C2), Malaika Ishaq (9D1), Kimren Kalsi (9D2), Shannon Kang (10A1), Orhan Kartal (7L1), Gurneal Khaira (9L1), Taran Sandhu (9D1), Jovan Shergill (7C2), Ryan Thabel (9D2) and Alice Turner (9C1). Please look out on our social media feeds for updates on the last day regarding our new Head Boy and Girl for 2024! This time of year also marks us saying goodbye to colleagues leaving us for pastures new – Mr. Whitmore-Day moves across our Trust now he is part of OLC, and we thank him for his hard work especially around Digital Transformation. Miss Richards and Mrs. Khogali have both been amazing Learning Consultants in Art and English respectively – we wish them well in their future endeavours and they will be missed by us all!

It leads me just to wish all families a relaxing and peaceful Christmas period. As a Christian Ethos Academy, this is an important part of the calendar for many of us - the birth of Jesus Christ – and teaches us so much about focusing on God's unconditional love, a good mantra for us all as we head into 2024. Whether you are celebrating or not, we wish all families a wonderful period and a prosperous New Year – students return at their normal times on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

**Peter Lee**

**Headteacher**



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 11th December 2023. They are:



Cienna  
Lloyd  
9A2



Jai-C  
Gidda  
9C2



Priyana  
Kaur  
9D2



Kiera  
McDermott  
9L2



Harmanjit  
Sangha  
9S2



Alice-Mary  
Horton  
10D2

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 08/01/2024

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
<b>Monday 8th January 2024</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>		
<b>Tuesday 9th January 2024</b>	<b>Chicken Korma (H)</b> Rice Green Beans	<b>Vegetable Korma (V)</b> Rice Green Beans	<b>Yoghurt Pot</b>
<b>Wednesday 10th January 2024</b>	<b>Beef Bolognaise</b> Pasta Garlic Bread	<b>Vegetable Bolognaise (V)</b> Pasta Garlic Bread	<b>Vanilla Ice Cream</b>
<b>Thursday 11th January 2024</b>	<b>Quorn Dippers (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn/Ketchup	<b>Quorn Dippers (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn/Ketchup	<b>Mini Chocolate Muffin</b>
<b>Friday 12th January 2024</b>	<b>Margherita Pizza</b> Chips Baked Beans/ Ketchup	<b>Margherita Pizza (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: Rashmeet Kaur (8D1).

Well done Rashmeet!

This week's Twyford's Travel is:

Using the five clues below guess the country.

- This country borders the Baltic Sea.
- It is the eighth largest country in Europe yet it is the European Union's most sparsely populated country.
- In 2021, the country was named the happiest place in the world for a fourth year running, according to an annual UN-sponsored report.
- They love their coffee in this country! The average person consumes 12kg of coffee yearly, the highest in the world. That's twice as much as Italians drink and three times as much as Americans consume!
- The population regard their country as the home of Santa Claus, or Saint Nicholas, and he lives in the northern region of Lapland!

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 9th January 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

**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.

**Half Term**

Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

## SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

With the Academy being closed for the next 3 weeks for the Christmas holiday, please use this directory of lots of helplines and support groups for mental health and wellbeing. Some are specific to an issue, others give general advice and support to families.

[Family Information Service Hub](#) | [Mental Health Advice and Support](#)  
([sandwell.gov.uk](https://sandwell.gov.uk))



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