



Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



Happy New Year to students, families and all who engage with this publication weekly, either via paper copy or online, including the virtual newsletters too! It was fantastic in 2024 to start the year off with an Inset Day – we didn't do this in 2023 – and great to welcome several new colleagues

for their first official day. I am sure all families will join with me in offering a warm “hello” to two new Learning Consultants – Ms. Smith (English) and Mrs. Johnson (MFL). We have a new Student Support Champion Ms. Barker, and also a new dynamic duo looking after I.T. provision – Mr. Allen and Mr. Lacey from our friends at OLC. A huge thank you to Mr. Bastone for all his work since October here in the building, and for his time spent supporting us and inducting the new members of the team. Furthermore, we welcome on teaching placement: Mr. Hussain (Computing) from University of Warwick and Mr. Weatherill (P.E) from Birmingham City University.

The Inset Day was an opportunity to reflect on the year-to-date and look ahead to a short term (even a “Spring Sprint”, a phrase coined by our CEO Mr. Parkes in his welcome back message!) of just ten weeks until we reach Easter. I am also grateful to our colleague, Executive Head Ms. Featherstone for inviting several pastoral colleagues over to our sister site to hear from the indomitable Mr. Pink on a variety of male/boy related CPD topics – I hear the training was excellent!

It was a busy week in the run up to the holiday period – I am sure many of you have seen our Christmas Family Lunch video that was on our socials – it's been viewed over 50K already and really encapsulates the event – as always thank you to the Digital Creator for his efforts! I was thrilled to hear Miss Rowson announce our new Head Boy Hatem Elmallah (10L2), and Head Girl Phoebe Komeng (10L2), on the last day. They will be supported by their deputies Mahmood Bah Bah (10L2) and Phoebe Hinton (10A1). Our new prefects are as follows: Mariam Anhu (10A2), Mehreen Butt (10L2), Lucy Hadley (10C2), Amy Horan (10A1),

Bianca Sardan (10L1), Gabriel Capper-Steventon (10C2), Callum Cotterill (10D2), Bishaan Dhariwal (10A2), Hargun Singh Risham (10C1) and Arthur Turner (10A1)! I look forward to working with them in 2024, and was delighted to hear that Miss Rowson will accompany Mr. Giles on a trip in the coming weeks down to our friends at Eton College as part of their leadership journey in 2024.

Miss Gilhooley updated me over the Christmas period that Simran Kaur (7D1) was successful in our Antarctic competition, and had her design photographed all the way over there! Again, please see our social media feed for an image of this! The winners of three Star of the Lesson awards in a single day are as follows: Wijdan Bakkar (9C2), Rhianna Barker (10S2), De Niel Kusi (9C1), Alice Turner (9C1).

Friday was an exciting day for Mr. Gee, Mrs. Underhill, and myself as we travelled the short distance to The Hawthorns to be part of the induction conference for P.E.I.A and the metacognition strand. Presenting was the world-famous educator Doug Lemov, and like when we saw him in Lichfield last summer, he inspired and challenged in equal measure. We are looking forward to working with colleagues from the Windsor Academy Trust, and others in Sandwell and Walsall over the next 18 months, as much of Doug's TLAC work has been the cornerstone of our pedagogical practice since we opened in 2016.

A huge thank you to those families who have kept up to date with their Family Lunch payments, and a reminder that we have pushed back the deadline to match the traditional January payday. Mr. Rahman has done a sterling job, alongside our catering provider Sodexo, to keep the daily price of the meal to match what we receive for FSM – just £2.41. I saw the other day that the McDonald's Saver Menu is now a whopping £3.99, and don't even get me started on a meal deal at Tesco or similar... as ever, if you are experiencing difficulties please contact us and we can always offer support.

Have a great weekend, and we will look forward to welcoming back the students for the first full week of the term on Monday morning!

Peter Lee

Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 8th January 2024. They are:



MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 15/01/2024

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 15th January	Q3 Baked Chicken Fillet Diced Potatoes Peas	Southern Baked Quorn Burger (V) Diced Potatoes Peas	Mini Shortbread Fingers
Tuesday 16th January	Beef Burger in a Bun (H) Potato Wedges Salad	Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) Potato Wedges Salad	Yoghurt Pot
Wednesday 17th January	Tandoori Chicken Rice Sweetcorn	Tandoori Vegetables (V) Rice Sweetcorn	Gluten Free Chocolate Cake
Thursday 18th January	Plant Based Meatballs (V) Pasta Garlic Bread	Plant Based Meatballs (V) Pasta Garlic Bread	Strawberry Ice Cream
Friday 19th January	Fish Fingers Chips Baked Beans Ketchup	Vegetable Pasty (V) Chips Baked Beans Ketchup	Fresh Fruit

(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: Jacob Whitehouse (7A1).

Well done Jacob!

This week's Twyford's Travel is:

How tall is Mount Everest?

- A. 6,849 m
- B. 7,849 m
- C. 8,849 m
- D. 9,849 m

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 16th 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



Ethos Week

Week commencing– Monday 5th February 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Blood Brothers Performances

Thursday 22nd February 2024 & Friday 23rd February 2024

Year 9 Pathways Evening

Thursday 7th March 2024

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Here at Q3 Langley we ask all students to have a safeguarding card which is kept in their lanyard. We ask students to write at least one staff member on this card that they feel is their trusted adult inside the Academy. Please speak to your child about who they have nominated as the person they feel they can speak during the Academy day if needed. This could be their Tutor, PLD, PLC, SSC or Learning Consultant!