



ACADEMY
LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



The first full week – Cycle 1, Week 1 – is always a highlight of any academic year, and 2023/24 delivered again! Attendance has been phenomenal – in particular a huge thank you to Year 7 students and families. A reminder again, we have received a couple of absence requests during term time – this is unacceptable and will not be

approved. I fully understand the difference in price going during the school holiday and out of season, but one of the reasons we structure our term as we do with an extended (12 day!) October half term and (24 day!) Christmas break is that families can take advantage of lower prices. Please engage with our Term Dates accessed via the QR Code on the reverse of this Newsletter.

At this time, I must pay tribute to our colleagues from both Sodexo and Solo, who as part of the managed service contract provide catering and cleaning services respectively. The Sodexo team are getting to grips with serving over 1,500 meals this academic year, which is why we have run the vegetarian option this week, with full meat option returning on Monday. In times of rising and rapid food inflation we have also reached an agreement this academic year to match the cost of a student meal to the amount we receive for Free School Meals. This way everyone is included and all students sit and eat as a community every single day. This is what we do at Q3 Langley, and what makes us so unique as a school. We are very clear about this from day one, and thank the overwhelming majority of families for supporting us in this initiative.

I spent Time 4 Tea with two superstars this week - Isabel Jaloweki (11L2) had sourced her own work experience with Sandwell Library services, as well as her Dad's place of work. It was great to hear about all the activities she got up to! Likewise, Oscar Beckingham's (9A2) cricket exploits continue this time with making his debut for the 3rd XI Men's team – taking wickets and scoring runs! Wow! In addition, I met with the following KS3 students who have achieved a GCSE in Modern Foreign Languages this summer: Fabian Silk (8L1-Polish), Joshua Martin (8L2- Portuguese), Cacer Dzieminski (9A1-Polish), Chung Yao Lee (9D1-Mandarin) and Pratik Kumar (9A2- Italian). We always love to hear about your child's exploits outside of the Academy day – please continue to let us know what they are up to!

In some staffing news, I was delighted to interview and appoint Mr. Benyon as Personalised Learning Champion, joining Mr. Smith's Year 9 team – he has made such a strong start to life at Q3 since joining us in February and long may that continue! Our two new

PLDs – Mr. Smith and Miss Round have started life brilliantly as well – it's great to have them both here at long last!

Walking around the building and dropping into lessons, I have been delighted to see so much positivity, progress and calm learning - a huge congratulations to the first students this year to receive three consecutive Star of the Lessons in one single day – Seth Allan (7S1), Jayden Allbutt (10A1), Rohan Bains (9L2), Liam Harris (9L2), Parveen Kaur (10L1), Jagmeet Singh (8D1), Harvin Sogi (8L2) and Lewis Thompson (9L2).

We have issued several important letters this year, as always please head to the Letters Home page and check the bottom of your child's bag when they get home. One was about students who cycle to the Academy – please ensure they have a helmet. Talking of safety once more, we received communication from concerned neighbours about inconsiderate and dangerous parking from families dropping off or picking up their child at the end of the day. I thank those people who observe all the rules of the Highway Code when in and around the Academy and don't lead to the numerous complaints we receive to Reception almost on a daily basis! A reminder also that students should not be using Barnford Hill Park unless they are being picked up by a family member, and as always, any issues please contact us to discuss further.

A huge thank you to everyone who engages with our social media feed – and a reminder to share please with friends and families what is happening in the life of the Academy. We are heading into our Open Evening and Open Week period. Open Evening is on Thursday 28th September 2023 and will run from 18:00 to 21:00. I will be delivering three separate talks at quarter past the hour. Prospective families will be able to tour the site, watch live lessons (we don't waste your time with imaginary science experiments that rarely happen in the life of a secondary school, or dress staff up as characters from history) and speak to the staff team and students alike. There is no booking system, and the talks are first come, first served. Open Mornings run the week commencing 2nd October from 09:00 to 11:00 daily – you need to book a slot via Eventbrite to attend these – where you get to see the Academy during a normal day.

Have a great weekend!

Peter Lee

Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Viktoria
Papuga
7A2



Jovan
Shergill
7C2



Phoebe
Perry
7D2



Harry
Barker
7L2



Lily
Hobson
7S2



Tarnpreet
Kaur
11D2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 18/09/2023

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 18th September	Q3 Fried Chicken Burger Potato Wedges Salad	Quorn Southern Burger (V) Potato Wedges Salad	Yoghurt Pot
Tuesday 19th September	Tandoori Chicken (H) Rice Broccoli	No Chicken Tandoori (V) Rice Broccoli	Vanilla Ice Cream Pot
Wednesday 20th September	Beef Bolognese Pasta Garlic Bread/ Coleslaw	Vegetable Bolognese (V) Pasta Garlic Bread/ Coleslaw	Gluten-Free Chocolate Cake
Thursday 21st September	Quorn Dippers (V) Skin-on Fries Peas & Sweetcorn	Quorn Dippers (V) Skin-on Fries	Mini Shortbread Fingers
Friday 22nd September	Traditional Fish & Chips Baked Beans Ketchup	Vegetable Pasty and Chips (V) 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: Laila Adams-Flash (7A1)

Well done Laila!

This week's Twyford's Travel is:

Using the five clues below guess the country.

- 1) This country has the world's second largest coastline.
- 2) It's the only place to observe the Komodo Dragon in the wild.
- 3) This country is home to the world's largest Buddhist temple.
- 4) The world's largest volcanic lake is located in the country.
- 5) This country is the hottest activity spot on the Pacific Ring of Fire.

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 19th September 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



Year 11 Parent Briefing

Monday 25th September 2023—4pm or 5pm

Open Evening

Thursday 28th September 2023—6pm-9pm

Open Mornings

Commence Monday 2nd October 2023

Book via Eventbrite

Parents' Consultation Evening 1

Thursday 19th October 2023—3pm-7:30pm

Students finish at 2:30pm

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Here at Q3 Langley we are part of the Operation Encompass partnership between police and schools. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incidents. Follow the link for more details. <https://www.operationencompass.org>

