



Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



On Monday morning, I was met with lots of concern about my mental health and wellbeing from both staff and students alike who support Manchester United, following their last-gasp 4-3 FA Cup victory! The threat of a day in Right Path didn't seem to stop the comments throughout the week however! It was a bit too late for last week's copy of the Newsletter, but the MFL Numeracy Challenge Round 2 was a success, and

we have two winners (one from Spanish and one from French) who will go on to represent Q3 Langley in the final in July. Spanish: Gurnoor Singh (7L2) and French: Taavi Bhusal (7A2). It's really impressive how quickly they can do the calculations in a second language (Gurnoor in particular was incredible - 15 correct in one minute). A huge thanks to Mr. Lennard and Miss Johnson for organising and running the event!

I am delighted to welcome a raft of new staff to the team this week. At long last Mr. Swancott joins us on the Site team doing the split shift daily during term time. He has previously performed the role at Holly Lodge, and we are thrilled to add extra capacity – particularly useful over the Easter period! We are also joined by a new Student Support Champion – Mrs. Ratti. As ever, we thank our teams for her induction before we post them to a specific year group. We officially welcome back Mrs. Cooper from maternity leave – great to have her back in the building in the run up to GCSE exam season! Talking of which, we are running five days of Year 11 intervention during the Easter break. Please check for a letter your child has been issued – as always it is uploaded to the Letters Home section on the website, and also further details available on our socials.

I had an exciting Time 4 Tea this week with the whole cast of Blood Brothers! We issued them with their special pin badges that they can now proudly wear on their Business Dress - a lovely keepsake, like we have done previously with the cast of Matilda and We Will Rock You! I wonder what our 2025 production will be...?

Well done to the winners of three Star of the Lesson awards in a single day: Aadam Aadam (10S1), Oscar Beckingham (9A2), Vivek Kainth (10L1), Andrei Marin (8S1), Ibrahim Meer (10D1) and Adam Rehman (7A2).

Year 9 Pathways forms for preferences were due in this week – as ever, a huge thank you to Mr. Mills for facilitating this with the support of the Year 9 pastoral team. And thank you to the students who have returned their forms ahead of the deadline – it is important we get as many back in as possible to enable the timetable to be built over Easter so we can map group sizes etc. and offer as many places as possible.

I shared some staffing news with the birth of Mrs. Hayer's first child

last week – a gorgeous photo of Yuvraj was posted and received so much love from the Q3 Family! I hope all are doing well. Also, this first weekend of the Easter holiday sees a wedding for a stalwart of Q3 Langley – and former JET at our sister site – Miss Binsley is tying the knot with her long-term fiancé Tom. We wish them all the very best for a special day and huge congratulations!

Sadly, it's that point in the year where we also say goodbye to some staff. Ms. Gilfedder is leaving us to return to Ireland, and as mentioned last week Mr. Smith departs to become Head of Sixth Form at Swanshurst School in Birmingham. Miss Smith – a Founding Member no less – who returned last year to help us with some maternity cover in ACE, leaves us with all our best wishes and thanks. Lastly, someone who joined us a trainee in 2017 – Miss Ball – initially as an English Learning Consultant, but latterly teaching R.S, departs on promotion down to the West Country and to be closer to family. We will miss her – I never thought a day would come where we'd say goodbye to her! All go with our very best wishes for their considerable efforts over the years! We also say a temporary 'Goodbye' to Miss Lester as she starts her maternity leave, we look forward to an update in due course!

I was delighted to read some wonderful news about someone from our Central Team Conrad Bourne – who has done so much to support us in the field of SEND since the merger. He has won the National NHS SEND Award for SEND Leadership – a wonderful testament to the impact he has across our sector. It was also great this week to host three local Primary schools – St Hubert's, Rood End and Devonshire for a morning of PE inspired activities – a huge thanks to Mr Davis and the rest of the PE team for facilitating!

Finally, over the last few days several colleagues – Mr. Gee, Mr. Anderson, Miss Gilhooley, Mrs. Underhill, Mr. Seaton and Mrs. Goodman have been off-site and receiving Teach Like a Champion training, as part of our PEIA work with our friends at the Windsor Academy Trust, held at a place very close to my heart – the Poundland Bescot stadium! I thank them for their efforts and can't wait to hear all about it.

So, that's us broken up for Easter – bar those who work 52 weeks a year, and colleagues and students in for Year 11 Revision activities. For those celebrating Easter – He is Risen!

Best wishes,

Peter Lee
Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 18th March 2024. They are:



Mohammed
Eisa
7A1



Joshua
Lee-Keow-
Hunt
7C1



Nicole
Wright
7D1



Mia-Louise
Hill
7L1



Ryan
Jhutie
7S1



Aires
Francisco
Candongo
10A2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 08/04/2024

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 8th April	Sausage Casserole Baby Potatoes Green Beans	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake (V) Green Beans	Mixed Biscuits
Tuesday 9th April	Cajun Chicken (H) Rice Sweetcorn	Dry Aubergine Curry (V) Rice Sweetcorn	Yoghurt Pot
Wednesday 10th April	Minced Beef Pie Diced Potatoes Peas & Carrots	Southern Baked Quorn Burger (V) Diced Potatoes Peas & Carrots	Mixed Biscuits
Thursday 11th April	Roasted Vegetable Shawarma (V) Couscous Pickled Cucumber Salad Mint Yoghurt	Roasted Vegetable Shawarma (V) Couscous Pickled Cucumber Salad Mint Yoghurt	Yoghurt Pot
Friday 12th April	Margherita Pizza Chips Baked Beans	Margherita Pizza (V) Chips Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit

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

WHITE'S WALK-IN

Last week's White's Walk-In winner: Jacob Whitehouse (7A1).

Well done Jacob!

This week's White's Walk-In question is:

How did the Ancient Greek "father of medicine" Hippocrates diagnose his patients?

A – By drinking their urine?

B – By tasting their ear wax?

C – By eating their nail cuttings?

D – By smelling their arm pits?

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



Easter Holiday

Monday 25th March 2024 - Friday 5th April 2024

Students return **Monday 8th April 2024** at normal times.

Year 11 Parent Briefing

Monday 15th April 2024 – 16:30-18:30

INSET Day

Friday 19th April 2024

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Agencies within Sandwell have put together an updated 'All Age Mental Health Directory' of services that you and all members of your family can access. Information on the services and how to access these can be found on the QR code attached. There is a wide variety of free services available within the borough and we would recommend you exploring this for further support outside of school.

