



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



We returned following the “Spring Sprint” to more of a “Summer Slog” due to the length of this half term after the Easter break. This will also see Eid ul-Fitr, and we hope all students, families and staff had a wonderful day celebrating on Wednesday. Easter as ever was a busy time on the Academy site – with lots of preparatory work from our

friends at Sodexo and Solo respectively. In addition, Sound Innovations continued their work on the transformation of the old Lecture Theatre space into our new Dance Studio – I was able to share this with the Prefect team on Tuesday who were blown away thus far! Lastly, we were all delighted to hear the wonderful news that our Chair of Trustees, Kevin Davis, has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands!

We welcomed some new and returning faces this week who have joined the team. Miss Evans comes into our Administration function to work alongside Mrs. Evans specifically in attendance! We are delighted to finally replace Mr. Wood with Mrs. Kaur, who joins us as Exams and Data Officer just in time for the summer season! Mr. Albon returns in a full-time role as Curriculum Director (Raising Attainment), and Mrs. Pinfield has increased her working week by one day to support us in the Science team – we are really grateful for that!

I was thrilled to hear the news that Miss Lester gave birth over Easter to baby Zachary – we cannot wait for her to pop in so we can meet him in person! I can also confirm that our #Wearitodds socks day raised £322.96 which we will donate to the Mencap charity in due course.

Mr. Rahman asked me to provide a few updates in this week's Newsletter and associated video versions. Firstly, a reminder that the Summer 1 Family Lunch payment deadline is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 – and all previous debts need to be cleared by this point. A reminder we have worked incredibly hard this academic year to keep the price low to the FSM amount of £2.41 – I was in town over Easter and saw a meal deal at WH Smith coming in at a whopping £5.99! As ever, if there are issues and personal circumstances please contact us for support, help and guidance. Secondly, we issued a letter on the penultimate day regarding setting of detentions via ClassCharts. Families need to engage with the slight tweak and ensure they are regularly – daily would be best – checking the app. Finally, we are hosting a Year 9 Citizenship parent meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April – we would like

all families to attend this if possible, as we strive to support your child in their first GCSE.

I have had the pleasure of Time 4 Tea this week with Dylan Hopwood and Liam Harris who entered the SHAPE Talent competition and are selecting GCSE Music as an option. Congratulations to our Careers Winners: Faith Green (11L1), Tarnpreet Kaur (11D2), Simran Bath (11S1) and Alan Joy (11L2). Furthermore, Mrs. Taylor reported back from the Celebrate Research Project work that took place before the holiday and how the following were excellent ambassadors: Katyrebeka Okyne Lath (9L1), Oscar Beckingham (9A2), Mia-Louise Hill (7L1), Hargun Risham (10C1), Meena Allan (9A2), Kimren Kalsi (9D2), Phoebe Komeng (10L2) and Georgie Komeng (9A2). Also, Seth Allan (7S1) did a fantastic job organising the Year 7 Easter Egg collection – Headteacher Commendations to one and all!

Congratulations to the winners of three Star of the Lesson awards in a single day: Owen Cutler (9L1), Zackariya Sawant (7L1), Jovanveer Singh (9S1) and Nicole Wright (7D1).

Over Easter you may have seen our social media content regarding our #Venice2024 trip – which was a resounding success! The students received so many positive compliments for their behaviour and as ever, a huge thank you to Miss Stockdale, Mr. Snell, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Davis, Mr. Benyon and Miss Deasy for running the 6-day trip to Italy! I was also delighted to hear that Miss Deasy has left WBA but returned to Stourbridge FC Women's team.

The Year 11s have returned fantastically well after Easter – Monday's attendance was excellent for example. We are also hosting a Parent Briefing – which in effect replaced the Parents' Evening at the end of last term - on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 16:00-18:00. This is a Market Place style event – you just need to turn up – there are no appointments! We will be distributing lots of critical information and a special surprise for all students on the night! This is also your last chance to ask any pertinent questions to the Subject Leads who will all be present at the event. I also want to say a huge thank you to the MFL team this week, led by Mrs. Alu, the invigilators and of course the students for their efforts on the MFL Speaking Exam Mocks. Only two weeks to go until their real GCSE MFL Speaking Exams, starting week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April!

I hope all students, families and staff celebrating Vaisakhi on Saturday have a wonderful time on the day, and whatever else you are up to over the weekend. We look forward to the students returning refreshed and ready for the next week – a reminder we have an Inset Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Best wishes,

**Peter Lee**

**Headteacher**



## STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Dylan  
Kiernan  
8A2



Muneet  
Dosanjh  
8C2



Simranjeet  
Kahlon  
8D2



Kavi  
Sood  
8L2



Jacob  
Williams  
8S2



Rhianna  
Yunis  
11D1

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 15/04/2024

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
<b>Monday 15th April</b>	<b>Piri Piri Chicken</b> Rice & Peas	<b>Spicy Bean Burger (V)</b> Rice & Peas	<b>Mixed Biscuits</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	<b>Teriyaki Chicken (H)</b> Rice Sweetcorn	<b>Macaroni Cheese (V)</b> Garlic Bread	<b>Yoghurt Pot</b>
<b>Wednesday 17th April</b>	<b>Chicken Korma</b> Turmeric Rice Green Beans	<b>Sweet Potato Chana Masala (V)</b> Turmeric Rice Green Beans	<b>Mixed Biscuits</b>
<b>Thursday 18th April</b>	<b>Vegan Sausage Roll (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	<b>Vegan Sausage Roll (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	<b>Yoghurt Pot</b>
<b>Friday 19th April</b>	<b>Traditional Fish Fingers</b> Chips Mushy Peas	<b>Vegetable Nuggets (V)</b> Chips Mushy Peas	<b>Fresh Fruit</b>

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

## PARSLOW'S PUZZLE

The final White's Walk-In Winner: Jake Curtis (7S1). Well done Jake!

Introducing Parslow's Puzzle, a mind-bending question set by our wonderful Operations Officer, Miss Parslow.

This week's Parslow's Puzzle question is:

In a town, each day for five days, the population doubles. If the town starts with one person, how many people are there at the end of the fifth day?

- A) 32
- B) 64
- C) 128

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



### Year 11 Parent Briefing

Monday 15th April 2024 – 16:00-18:00

### Year 9 Citizenship/Belgium Meeting

Thursday 18th April 2024 – 18:00

### INSET Day

Friday 19th April 2024

Academy closed to students.

### Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Academy closed to students.

## SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

This is a reminder that Q3 Langley works with Operation Encompass to help with information sharing. This system is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse. For more information about this service and how they provide support, please scan the following QR Codes.



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