



ACADEMY  
LANGLEY

# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



Monday evening kick-started the week with the return of our annual Autumn Year 11 Parent and Student Briefing. In this evening Mr. Mills, Mr. Giles and I signposted the route map ahead for the cohort. This year we were delighted to be joined by ex-alumni – Vyron Akoto, Marcus Thompson and Brannon Fell. The confidence and insight into what

makes a successful year were mind-blowing and added so much to the evening. I also have to say a huge thank you to families – we recorded over 80% attendance on the evening – wow!

On Monday, we welcomed our latest PGCE colleagues from the University of Wolverhampton – Ms. Daley in P.E and Ms. Ali in Maths could not have picked a better school to embark on their teaching career. As always, I thank Mrs. Underhill for all her efforts, and Miss Hanson and Mr. Hassan too for subject-specific coaching until the end of the placement.

Monday was also an important day as we hosted some colleagues who had come all the way from New Zealand to visit Q3 Langley! Over recent years, we have hosted colleagues from the length and breadth of the country, but these certainly have clocked up the most air miles to come and observe what we do. As ever, the students were absolutely fantastic and a credit to us all – the team were left blown away by the 'warmth' of all interactions they saw during the day. It was great to network and discuss the challenges and similarities in our education systems with Tony Giles (Principal), Caroline Armstrong (Deputy Principal), Adele Holm (Head of Y7 and 8) and Selma Nicholson (Literacy Lead). Although I am worried now that my Senior Leadership Team have requested a reciprocal visit to the other side of the world that was duly offered in return!

Early on Tuesday morning we also put on a premier screening of our new Promo video filmed in conjunction with our friends at Musta Media. Mr. Hadley (Vice Chair of Governors), who has a starring role alongside Lucy Hadley, were also joined by staff members who featured! Look out on our various social media channels for it ahead of our Open Evening/Week events. A huge thank you to Florence Slade (11L2) for a tour de force voiceover! A future star in the making...

Tuesday also marked the European Day of Languages here at Q3 Langley. A huge thank you to Mr. Day and all the MFL team, alongside our colleagues from Sodexo for cultivating the menu change on the day. As an EBacc school – with over 80% of KS4 students studying a language at GCSE – we were keen to seek any opportunity to promote the importance of languages.

Tuesday break time also saw a special Time 4 Tea with the winners of the New Intake Summer Challenge. I was discussing with Miss Binsley the standard of entries submitted this year – unbelievable effort from families, and of course, the following students - we loved reading each and every one! A1 – Cameron Hyde, A2 – Tommy Turner, C1 – Harry Street, C2 – Reeya Lackhanpal, D1 – Simran Uppal, D2 – Phoebe Perry, L1 – Mia-Louise Hill, L2 – Tyron Takhar and Je'Von Earl-Penn, S1 – Jayah Samra and S2 – Harjot Singh Sehajpal. I also enjoyed Time 4 Tea discussing their swimming exploits with Sam Huckfield (8C2), Freya Robertson (8L2) and Oliver Robertson (7D1) – complete with medals too! Well done to those three! Such dedication!

Tuesday and Wednesday saw the effects of Storm Agnes – a reminder please ensure your child comes to school with an umbrella like so many students do!

The Stars of The Lesson this week are as follows: Ellis Corker (10L2), Georgie Komeng (9A2), Priya Lal (11S1), Mia Mallard (11S1), Humza Muhammad (9L2), Lewis Shilton (10L1), Kunal Sood (8S1), Alice Turner (9C1), and Jake Wright (7D2).

Open Evening 2023 was an unrivalled success as always. There was standing room only for the presentations, and the buzz around our stunning Academy was palpable. A reminder to any prospective families - we still have a handful of Eventbrite tickets remaining for next week's Open Mornings that run daily from 09:00 to 11:00 approximately. Please head to our website to book your place!

Today is a bittersweet day as we say goodbye to our former Curriculum Director, Mr Albon. His legacy is to leave the highest performing Maths Department in Sandwell that he has helped mould, craft and shape. Personally I will miss his warmth, kindness, professionalism and dedication. I hope one day he will be able to return to us in some capacity but he leaves with all our best wishes for him and his family.

**Peter Lee**  
Headteacher



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 25th September 2023. They are:



Ceira  
Babbington  
9A1



Zeinab  
Azeem  
9C1



Taylor  
Leggatt  
9D1



Jaismin  
Kaur  
9L1



Khushneet  
Marok  
9S1



Lilly-Grace  
Raybould-  
Cooper  
11D2

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 02/10/2023

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
<b>Monday 2nd October</b>	<b>Minced Beef Chilli Con Carne</b> Braised Rice Garlic Bread	<b>Veggie Chilli Con Carne (V)</b> Braised Rice Garlic Bread	<b>Yoghurt Pot</b>
<b>Tuesday 3rd October</b>	<b>Thai Green Chicken Curry (H)</b> Steamed Rice Green Beans	<b>Thai Green Veg Curry (V)</b> Steamed Rice Green Beans	<b>Chocolate Ice Cream Pot</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th October</b>	<b>Southern Baked Chicken</b> Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn	<b>Southern Baked Quorn V)</b> Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn	<b>Gluten-Free Madeira Slice</b>
<b>Thursday 5th October</b>	<b>Vegan Sausage Roll (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Peas	<b>Vegan Sausage Roll (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Peas/ Ketchup	<b>Mini Chocolate Muffin</b>
<b>Friday 6th October</b>	<b>Fish Fingers</b> Chips Beans	<b>Vegetable Pasty (V)</b> Chips	<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:** Orhan Kartal (7L1)

Well done Orhan!

**This week's Twyford's Travel is:**

Using the five clues below guess the country.

- One-third of this country is still covered in forests and woodlands.
- There were once over 20,000 castles located across this country. However, 60% of them are in ruin, and about 15,000 castles remain.
- The capital city is 9 times bigger than Paris and more bridges than Venice, with 1,700 bridges compared to 409 bridges in Venice.
- The country is one of the world's leading book nations. Publishing around 94,000 titles every year.
- The country has over 300 different kinds of bread and over 1,200 types of cake.

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 3rd October 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



### 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

### Half-Term

Thursday 26th October 2023—Tuesday 7th November 2023

### Inset Day

Monday 6th November 2023

Academy closed to Students.

## SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

As the Autumn begins to set in, it is important to keep warm. With rising energy costs however, we understand that this can be difficult. Follow the link for tips about small changes we can make to save money while staying safe and well.



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