



ACADEMY
LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



The last full week of this half term has flown by again, and as we head into our Digital Transformation over the weekend, I must pay tribute to the preparatory work completed by Mr. Whitmore-Day as he transfers across to Our Learning Cloud. Furthermore, our Site team of Mr. Evans, Mr. Davis and Ms. Dawson have helped out by operating an opening shift pattern

over this weekend to enable much of the technical work to get completed ahead of Monday's going live. For the three days that we return, we will not have access to the internet meaning that our telephone lines will not be in operation, and lessons will look a little different to normal! The keen-eyed observers amongst you will note that it is our KS3 Assessment Week – so again a huge thank you to the administration team for supporting with a mountain of photocopying ahead of the three days. A reminder that our extended half-term holiday starts when students finish at their normal times on Wednesday 25th October, and they will not return until Tuesday 7th November 2023 following the Inset Day the day before. We hope this 'Big Move' will enable better support across our Trust, and also in the experience for staff and students alike as we move into the digital age!

I had the pleasure of Time 4 Tea this week with the Summer Challenge winners from Years 8 and 9. Well done to Year 8: 8A1 – Amelie-May Cottle, 8A2 – Eliza Mahmood, 8C1 – Emmanuela Dwamenah, 8C2 – Jacob Innis-Lloyd, 8D1 – Jagmeet Singh, 8D2 – Pal Rana, 8L1 – Umayyah Khan, 8L2 – Karina Basra, 8S1 – Jack Tyler, 8S2 – Grace Lawrence. And in Year 9: 9A1 – Khadija Kashif, 9A2 – Georgie Komeng, 9C1 – Alisha Beckford, 9C2 – Danielle Raybould, 9D1 – Malaika Ishaq, 9D2 – Katrina King, 9L1 – Param Liddar, 9L2 – Dunisha Pawar, 9S1 – Oliver Shepherd and 9S2 – Harmanjit Sangha. In addition, I celebrated with Haroon Dujja (8C1) and Olly McSharry (9S2) - Haroon achieved 30,220 XP this week on Sparx Maths and Olly played gallantly after a tough tackle in a football match against Bristnall Hall Academy! Stars of the lesson include: Akeel Ahmed (10S2), Nihal Banga (7D1), Amelia Jayne Cadman (11D1), Dylan Cheema (9C2), Bouchra Cherif (8A1), Jorban Dhillon (9D1), Haroon Dujja (8C1), Raegan Evans (11A1), Kyrin Ghag (8A1), Dyani Higgins (9C2), Anantdeep Kaushal (8L2), Jamie-Lee Maddock (8C1), Avneet Mudher (10C1), Kayden Nelson (10C2), Hugo Pan (10S2), Iman Saghir (10S1) and Kerting Tapela (8S1).

We have taken part in a range of sporting fixtures this week... well done to the Year 11 netball players who narrowly lost in the semi-final of their Netball tournament. For a full run down of other fixtures and results as always keep an eye on our socials!

Several new colleagues have joined us this academic year – and I wanted to pay tribute to Miss Round and Mr. Caine for the excellent way they have settled into life in the Year 8 pastoral team. They both work tirelessly and really have excelled since September, ably supported by Mrs. Underhill, Mr. Lowe, Miss Breen and Mr. Denley. On Monday I was also delighted to appoint – pending all the usual necessary checks – a new member of the English team, Miss Smith is currently working at Gems Founders in Dubai, but clearly fancies swapping the stifling heat there to come back to the West Midlands in January!

Many families may have seen the Department for Education links we shared on our social media channels or at Parents' Evening 1 on the screens that highlighted our Summer 2023 GCSE results. Across so many metrics - progress, attainment and EBacc performance - they are simply stunning. But that only comes from a committed partnership between families, staff and of course students. <https://tinyurl.com/Q3LangleyResults>. It is a huge team effort from everyone, but a huge well done to all our colleagues who lead on curriculum areas (led expertly by Mr. Gee and Mr. Mills): Mr. Singh, Mrs. Goodman, Mr. Law, Miss Gilhooley, Mr. Dale, Miss Deasy, Mr. Stimpson, Mrs. Hawthorne, Ms. Gibbs, Mrs. Morall, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Taylor, Ms. Kooner, Miss Alu, Miss Goodbourn, Miss Stockdale, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Bloor, Mrs. Perrin, Mr. Sahota, Mr. Hassan, Mrs. Khogali, Mr. McOnie, Mr. Khan, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Hornsby and Mrs Cooper. And of course, colleagues who left us last year – Miss Williamson, Mr. Albon and Dr. Lambert.

On Thursday, despite the day clashing with our Parents' Evening, I was joined by members of our Local Governing Body to journey over to our sister site at St. Matthew's campus in Walsall for the annual Governance Conference. As always, it was great to hear from our CEO Dan Parkes and Chair of Trustees Kevin Davies setting the direction of travel for the next 12 months and beyond. Our Governing Body perform a vital and valuable function, and as you will have seen from the literature on Thursday we have a vacancy for a new Parent Governor to join Mrs. Quaye. Further details and expressions of interest can be found on our Letters Home page on the website or QR Code on the reverse of this Newsletter.

As it is a short, three-day week from Monday we will not be issuing a Newsletter next week – so I wish everyone a restful break – and all students will return at their normal start time on Tuesday 7th November 2023.

Peter Lee

Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 16th October 2023. They are:



Oscar
Beckingham
9A2



Riya
Saund
9C2



Mariya
Aaminah
9D2



Rohan
Bains
9L2



Sehar
Khan
9S2



Noor
Ali
10A1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 23/10/2023

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 23rd October	Pork Sausages Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables/Gravy	Veggie Sausage (V) Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables/Gravy	Yoghurt Pot
Tuesday 24th October	Beef Burger in a Bun (H) Diced Potatoes Peas	Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) Diced Potatoes Peas	Strawberry Ice Cream Pot
Wednesday 25th October	Chicken Shawarma Khobez Bread Potato Wedges/Coleslaw	Falafel (V) Khobez Bread Potato Wedges/Coleslaw	Gluten-Free Genoa Slice
Thursday 26th October	Half Term – Academy Closed to Students		
Friday 27th October			

(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: Tarman Kaur (7A1).

Well done Tarman!

This week's Twyford's Travel is:

Using your geographical knowledge work out which is the odd one out and why.

- 7
- X
- Y
- C

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 24th 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



Half-Term

Thursday 26th October 2023—Friday 3rd November 2023

Students return at normal times.

Inset Day

Monday 6th November 2023

Academy closed to students.

Students return Tuesday 7th November 2023

Remembrance Service

Friday 10th November 2023

Christmas Holiday

Monday 18th December 2023—Friday 5th January 2024

Inset Day

Monday 8th January 2024

Students return Tuesday 9th January 2024

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Some of our students in KS3 have been looking at the harmful nature of smoking and vaping. Here are some helpful tips for families wanting address these risks with their children.

