



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



I cannot believe it has been three weeks since we came back to the Academy – time really flies! It may seem to students, parents, and carers (and even staff) that the Summer holiday is a distant memory, and our attendance reflects this: we have seen a dip this week. I pay tribute to our Year 8 students, who have been coming to the Academy feeling

slightly under the weather, secure in the knowledge that we will look after them. I hope I can count on parents and carers to support this drive – learning is happening all the time, every day in the Academy, and students need to ensure they are not missing out.

Our Intervention initiative began this week in full, with our City Year mentors being at the heart of the fantastic work carried out – it is already having a marked impact on our students. Furthermore, we saw our first extra-curricular sporting event, as the Year 8 students took part in an inter-company football tournament, organised and co-ordinated by Mr. Payton. I am pleased to announce that in the last moments, of the final game, the Arts Company prevailed – congratulations to the team!

Relating to our extra-curricular offerings this year, we have decided not to open up the Academy to Independent Learning club. As Independent Learning is knowledge-based, and will be tested each week, students do not need to access the internet in order to complete tasks (the main reason we began the club in the first place). The local area has many libraries, who we maintain excellent links with, and these tests can be prepared for at home by students, without the need for the Academy to host them. If parents and carers have any questions, they can contact the relevant PLD for their child's year group (Mr Mills – Year 8; Mrs Meredith – Year 7).

In terms of standards, I have been pleased with how students have presented themselves each day. However, I have noticed that several students are coming to the Academy in footwear that does not match our policy. A reminder – shoes should be plain black, and unbranded. If you are unsure, please contact the Academy.

Reflecting our Academy's ethos, I was delighted to hear from Mr Mills that William Tanner (851) won the Summer Challenge Award. The quality of entries was incredibly high, and 23 Year 8 students will be invited to a celebration event with Dr Badyal in the coming weeks.

In the next week, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our Harvest festival – all collected items will be donated to the Smethwick Food Bank. Students will receive a Q-Point (up to a maximum of 5) for their donations – we will take everything to the Food Banks ourselves. Tutors will be recording donations – I wonder who will be the most philanthropic...

The Academy's Open Week begins on Monday, from 09:15 until 11:00 each day. If you have any friends, relatives or colleagues interested in sending their child to the Academy (in Year 5 or 6), please encourage them to pay us a visit. On Saturday 30th September, between 13:00 and 16:00, we will also be hosting our Open Day – spread the word! A thanks in advance to all those students (and their parents and carers) who will be helping us out on the day – they really are the best advertisement for what we are doing here. This newsletter will be handed out to all visitors during Open Week – I extend my warmest wishes and welcome you to our wonderful Academy.

It was lovely to host two BEd students this week on short placements, organised by Mr Anderson. Ms Tooms visited us from Winchester University, and Mr Foxall from Birmingham City University. In their time here, they waxed lyrical about our students; we wish them all the best in their future careers in teaching.

We have had a slight change to our Sodexo team this week, with Mr Alto joining us as Head Chef on a temporary basis. Having worked with us over the last year, and Q3 as a whole for many, we know he will continue to provide delicious meals for all of our students.

Have a super weekend – we all cannot wait for Open Week and the chance to meet so many new visitors to the Academy!

Best wishes

Peter Lee

Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 18th September 2017. They were:



Devinder Sunner
7A1



Abigail Morton
7C2



Arjun Kandola
7D2



Konnee-Chee
7L1



Amrita Shoker
7S2

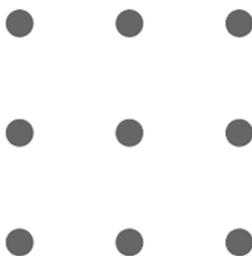
MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 25/09/2017

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Meat</u> | <u>Vegetarian</u> | <u>Dessert</u> |
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| Monday 25th September | Cheese & Tomato Omelette New Potatoes Mixed Salad | Baked Potato | Pancakes |
| Tuesday 26th September | Roast Chicken Roast New Potatoes Carrots Gravy | Roasted Quorn Fillet (V) Roast New Potatoes Carrots Gravy | Fresh Fruit |
| Wednesday 27th September | Roast Vegetable Khobez Flat Bread (H) (V) Mixed Salad Chips | Roast Vegetable Khobez Flat Bread (H) (V) Mixed Salad Chips | Lemon Drizzle Cake |
| Thursday 28th September | Grilled Peppered Chicken Rice & Garden Peas | Reggae-Reggae Three-Bean Chilli (H) (V) Rice & Garden Peas | Jam Doughnut |
| Friday 29th September | Breaded Chicken Burger Mixed Salad Baked Beans | Stuffed Jackets (H) (V) Grated Cheese Mixed Salad Baked Beans | Chocolate Muffin |

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

SAHOTA'S SOLUTION

The winner of Sahota's Solution this week was Abigail Clowes of Arts. (7A2) Well Done Abigail!



Can you go through all 9 dots with four straight lines?

You can't take your pen off the paper.

You can start where you like.

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 26th September at 3:05pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Head of School's decision is final in this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Open Mornings

Monday 25th-Friday 29th September

9:15am-11:00am

Open Day

Saturday 30th September 1pm-4pm

Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 19th October 3pm-7:30pm

Assessment Week

W.C - 16th October 2017

Christmas Fete

2nd December 2017