



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



It was fantastic to meet with our PACT members this Monday to discuss the ongoing planning and preparations for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December – save the date in your diaries please! Not only may you be able to pick up some lovely items, but everything you do (including your time) shows support of us here in the Academy. Mr. Mills and his family, I hear, are looking to continue their free-spending exploits from the Summer Fete!

Last Friday, our hugely valued friend Mr. Garfield (from our Great Barr site) and the indomitable

Mr. Evans headed to West Bromwich to collect our exhibited items from the Made in Oldbury display. It was fabulous to be able to show off these pieces at Parents' Evening last year – our friends Brendan and Kate worked with over fifty students last year, crafting pieces to reflect our local heritage.

Attendance continues to be an important issue in the Academy, as we strive for the high standards of the beginning of the year. We have published the Sandwell Council guidance in relation to absence on our Academy website, as we are increasingly concerned with students who are absent for one to two days. Even if students are not feeling 100%, we urge you to send them in: we can arrange for them to be completely comfortable in the Academy. We are happy for students to head to medical appointments during the Academy day, or in certain instances, be picked up in the afternoon if unwell. Furthermore, I remind parents and carers that if you do have to report an absence, please call the correct number for the Attendance Office to speak to Mrs. Fields (or leave a message if necessary).

We hosted a former student (and University of Birmingham graduate) Greg Woodin this week, who surveyed members of staff for his Masters work on meta-cognition. It was great to speak to him about his work, and catch up with someone who is the embodiment of all we hope for our current students. In addition, some students have received a letter this week, regarding their participation in a World Health Organisation survey.

I was also pleased to host some Year 12 Sociology

students last Friday, accompanied by Mr. Mills and Ms. Chamberlain, from our Great Barr site. I hope that the students got lots of positives from their time with me – they remarked on how incredible the conduct and behaviour of our students was on their tour.

I am thrilled to announce several Head of School Commendations this week. Camron Butler (8C1), Xiomara Lewis (8A1), Kai Matthews (8D1) and Aman Ali (8A1) truly embodied our Academy ethos, seeking for that which is good, right and true by supporting a student involved in an incident with someone from a neighbouring school. I would also like to recognise Elizabeth Rose (8L1), whose spirit, determination and positivity as she recovers from a broken arm, is an inspiration to us all. That, during this time, she has only missed one afternoon all year (which she was very frustrated about) highlights what a role model she is. Finally, last week saw Eugenie Jackson (8L1) awarded due to her philanthropy during fund-raising for the Shoebox Appeal. An excellent week for Year 8 – I wonder if some Year 7 students are soon to follow...

With regards to the Shoebox Appeal, we hosted a bake sale last weekend, where half of the funds went towards the fees required to send the boxes around the world as part of Operation Christmas Child. The other half will be donated to a Scoliosis charity, championed by one of our students. We are looking to fill the boxes with various items for young people: stationery, toys, toiletries, socks, gloves, hats (more can be found by speaking to your child). The deadline is Thursday 16th November for donations – any queries should be directed towards your child's tutor.

Finally, it pleased me to see that several students were wrapping up for the cold weather with gloves, hats and scarves (as well as their Academy coats). Can I please remind parents and carers that these items should be dark-coloured (reflective strip additions are absolutely fine) in accordance with our Business Dress Policy.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend!

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 6th November 2017. They were:



Jonah Kumar
7A1

Omar Mahmood
7C1

Gurkirat Dosanjh
7D1

Myandeep Sandhu
7L1

Chloe Johnson
7S1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 13/11/2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Monday 13th November	Chilli Con Carne (Lamb) Braised Rice Sweetcorn	Three Bean Chilli (V) Braised Rice Sweetcorn	Chocolate Doughnut
Tuesday 14th November	Roast Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Gravy	Roasted Quorn Fillet (V) Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Gravy	Fresh Fruit
Wednesday 15th November	Baked Pollock Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans	Glamorgan Sausage (V) Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Carrot Cake
Thursday 16th November	Lamb Bolognaise Penne Pasta Garlic & Parsley Slice	Roast Vegetable (V) Penne Pasta Garlic & Parsley Slice	Blueberry Muffin
Friday 17th November	Chicken Burgers Seasoned Wedges Baked Beans	Spicy Bean Burger (V) Seasoned Wedges Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Cookies

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

SAHOTA'S SOLUTION

The winner of last week's Sahota's Solution is Jaspal Kharbow (7L2). Well Done Jaspal for winning the double roll-over!

The answer for last week's Sahota's Solution was:

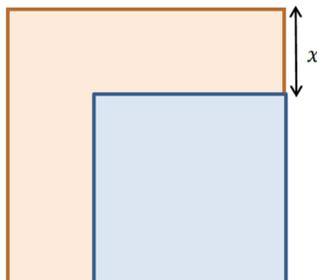
The car arrives 30 minutes earlier.

This week's Sahota's Solution is:

The area of the blue square is 32cm^2 .

The area of the orange region is 40cm^2 .

Find the distance marked x in the diagram.



Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 14th November 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

Lille Trip Parents' Meeting

Monday 20th November 6pm-7pm

P.A.C.T

Monday 27th November 7pm-8pm

Christmas Fête

Saturday 2nd December 12pm-3pm

Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 5th December 3pm-7:30pm