



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



As we head into the final week of our first term, it fills me with pride to consider the journey all of our students have been on, adapting to the new challenges of Secondary school life (even those who have been with us for over a year). They truly are maturing and developing into fine young

people and citizens of the local community. I also reflect on our incredible staff team – from Associate to Senior Leadership, without whom none of this would be possible!

Our friends from Challenging Education, who visit schools and academies, providing vital, external feedback for development, joined us recently; having read the draft report, I am delighted that the visit was a resounding success, with improvements identified from last year addressed by our talented staff team. When I, and Mr Gee, walk around the Academy on a daily basis, we are consistently thrilled with the level of engagement from the students, as well as the challenge, interest and passion injected into the lessons by our Learning Consultants.

We were delighted to welcome Miss Walsh from our Great Barr site this week – she is the PLD for the Lifestyle Company, as well as leading R.E. She joined Ms. Cox and Mr. Karim to discuss behaviour systems, and delivered a fascinating NQT session to our Langley and Great Barr cohort. It is terrific to see our Academy trust coming together, working together, and helping the lives of our students together.

I have high hopes for excellent attendance at our second Parents' Evening of the year – we are proud of our 90% attendance figures, as it represents the commitment you show to your child's learning. A reminder – you will be seeing the Core Learning Consultant that your child has Period 1 on Monday & Wednesday (as detailed in the letter) but you will have an opportunity to come into the classroom, and look through their books. Furthermore, we have a range of other activities and events, with our PACT at the heart of things, and an opportunity to complete our Parent View survey.

As the end of term approaches, we say a fond 'au revoir' to Miss Burgess, who goes on Maternity Leave after the Christmas holidays. We were very happy to appoint Ms. Deasy, from the University of Wolverhampton, who will complete her placement at the Academy. She visited us last week; we were very impressed with her enthusiasm and positivity towards the students! As this goes out to you, I will be on the train, returning from the SSAT National Conference, where Mr. Slack and I presented together; I thank him for his continued commitment.

Next Friday is our #WearItChristmas day (meaning that our Lille students will sadly not be able to take part) where students may wear a Christmas-related item. Items that are not sanctioned include: hair colouring, nail varnish or make up. Otherwise, we are not suggesting that parents and carers purchase costly Christmas jumpers, though a donation of a pound is requested, which will be donated to Save the Children. Any queries, please contact the Academy before next Friday.

After our job adverts went online recently, we have been overwhelmed with the level of interest, combined with visits of prospective candidates. Each visitor has commented on the students' exemplary manners and work ethic, which swells me with pride and happiness. We will be holding our first series of interviews next week, as I hope to appoint more high-calibre staff to join our inspirational staff team.

Tomorrow is one of my favourite days of the year – the Christmas Fete! The PACT have worked tirelessly to organise this event – you will receive a flier with more information with today's newsletter. There is no requirement or expectation to attend, but it is always a wonderful event, with over 50 stalls organised! Students do not need to wear Business Dress – I hope you join us for a fun day...

Best wishes

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 27th November 2017. They were:



Eve Handy
8A1

Manraj Sanghera
8C1

Ibrislam Mehmood
8D1

Jessie-Leigh Jenns
8L1

Edison Pitt-Kerr
8S1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 04/12/2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Monday 4th December	Chilli Con Carne (Lamb) Braised Rice	Three Bean Chilli (V) Braised Rice	Fresh Fruit Bag
Tuesday 5th December	Cheese & Tomato Pizzas (V) Chipped Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizzas (V) Chipped Potatoes	Ring Doughnuts
Wednesday 6th December	CHRISTMAS DINNER Roast Turkey in Gravy Potato Croquettes Peas & Fluted Carrots Stuffing Balls Pigs in Blankets Cranberry Sauce	CHRISTMAS DINNER Roasted Quorn Fillet in Gravy Potato Croquettes Peas & Fluted Carrots Stuffing Balls Cranberry Sauce	Mince Pies & Choc Ice Stars
Thursday 7th December	Chicken Burgers Seasoned Wedges Baked Beans	Spicy Bean Burger (V) Seasoned Wedges Baked Beans	Blueberry Mini Muffin
Friday 8th December	Lamb Bolognaise Penne Pasta Garlic & Parsley Slice	Roast Vegetable (V) Penne Pasta Garlic & Parsley Slice	Freshly Baked Cookies

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

SAHOTA'S SOLUTION

There was only one correct answer for last week's Sahota's Solution—however there was no name on the answer sheet!

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

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This weeks Sahota's Solution is:

Ahmed, Boris and Carl have some marbles.

- Ahmed and Boris together have 65 marbles.
- Boris and Carl together have 48 marbles.
- Ahmed and Carl together have 55 marbles.

How many marbles do they have in total?

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 5th December 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

Christmas Fête

Saturday 2nd December 12pm-3pm

Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 5th December 3pm-7:30pm

#WearItChristmasDay & Lille Trip

Friday 8th December

INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Academy re-opens at 8am for ALL students.

Wednesday 3rd January 2018