



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



This week has been another momentous one in the journey of the Academy, as we held the second Assessment Week of the year – I am so proud of the efforts of our students! It was genuinely thrilling to see students take such a conscientious attitude to their studies: their use of Quest for Knowledge Booklets, revision materials from Learning

Consultants, self-quizzing strategies and even, in several cases, their own notes and flash cards was a delight to behold. We have been very happy, across the board, with student performance – this wouldn't have been possible without the calm and purposeful atmosphere, with the City Year and SEND teams supporting students who needed it. This really is a week that fills me with confidence that our students will make excellent progress here in the Academy.

I am delighted to congratulate Megan Cameron (8S1) for receiving a Head of School Commendation this week. I have first-hand experience, having taught her this year, of Megan's fantastic attitude and development this year; receiving three Star of the Lesson awards in a day (meaning in each of her lessons) equates to the award conferred on her today. I wonder who the next one will go to...

At the start of this year, we advertised, within the Academies Trust, for an Assistant Vice Principal – I am delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Mr. Mills to this role, as of September 2018. Though this will mean he will relinquish his PLD role, I know he will continue to add to the educational experiences of not just his current year group, but the Academy as a whole. I have known Mr. Mills for nearly a decade, and truly respect him as a professional – his experience on multiple leadership teams, and as a Senior Leader in Education, not to mention his barnstorming interview, convinced me that he will add considerable depth and strength to the team. We are nearly, already, fully staffed for next year – we will update you with additions to the staff team as and when they are secured.

We held our first Governors' Meeting of 2018, after which I have been asked to relay their thanks to the staff team for their incredible endeavour. I have received five expressions of interest for the Parent Governor role; we will be holding an election soon to determine who will take this key place on the Governing Body.

Today, you will have received a letter detailing the building work that will commence as of 5th February. Our

construction provider, Interserve, will deliver assemblies to the students in the coming weeks, and our Project Leader, Jez Rodgers will be available at Parents' Evening 3 to answer any questions. It's great to have Jez still with us – he has been part of the construction process since Phase 1 – we are lucky to have him see through the entire project with us! Furthermore, I received the excellent news from our Chef, Mr. Alto, that the Sodexo team received a 5-star hygiene rating for their last inspection – congratulations to them!

This week, Dr Badyal held the first Academies Trust Senate meeting, with our Head Boy and Head Girl, Ben and Nathania, representing Langley. Also, in terms of student leadership, Miss Smith delivered a wonderful assembly on the SSAT Leadership Qualifications, as well as holding the Student Council with our Excellence Leaders. In addition, one of our students, Levi Anderson (7A1), was filmed by BBC Newsround as part of a Windrush Anniversary special documentary. Levi will have the opportunity to visit Jamaica to find out about his heritage, as well as his family's movement to the U.K. I'm sure you will all be watching eagerly!

You may have seen on social media that our PACT have purchased several items for our students. In addition to a Post Box on the second floor (to accommodate more Year 8 student voice submissions), they have purchased a third Table Football for us – you will be delighted to hear that I am still unbeaten this year! Of course, this wouldn't be possible without the PACT, and the generosity of those who support during our Academy events. Our Chairperson, Mrs. Irish, was able to visit the Academy to join us for a tour with Ms. Cox, and enjoy Family Lunch. Her praise, which was wonderfully effusive, is on the PACT Facebook page – please head over to have a look! As ever, we welcome any parent or carer to the Academy for Family Lunch or Breakfast; feel free to join us!

I wish all families a fantastic and relaxing weekend – we are well into the half-term now! The students deserve a well-earned break after their efforts on the Assessments the last five days.

Best wishes

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 15th January 2018. They were:



Megan Gilbert
8A1

Grace Burgoyne
8C1

Kai Matthews
8D1

Keira Booton
8L1

Jenna Stevens
8S1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 22/01/2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Monday 22nd January	Chicken Korma Turmeric Rice	Mixed Vegetable Korma (V) Turmeric Rice	Ring Doughnut
Tuesday 23rd January	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes Broccoli Florets Gravy	Quorn Fillet (H) (V) Roast Potatoes Broccoli Florets Gravy	Fresh Fruit
Wednesday 24th January	Meatballs In Tomato Sauce Penne Pasta Garlic Slice	Quorn Pieces In Tomato Sauce (V) Penne Pasta Garlic Bread Slice	Jelly Pot
Thursday 25th January	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes	Pancakes
Friday 26th January	Chicken Tandoori Pitta Seasoned Wedges Mixed Salad	Quorn Fillet Tandoori Pitta (V) Seasoned Wedges Mixed Salad	Chocolate Muffin

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

MORRISON'S MYSTERY

The winner of the Morrison's Mystery was Noha Fara (7C1). Well done Noha!

The answer for last week's Morrison's Mystery was:

Knowledge

This week's Morrison's Mystery is:

At the turn of the 19th Century, a notorious murder trial takes place in London. The prosecution have a key witness who can accurately describe the events of the incident and identify the murderer. Yet, the defence have one central objection: the witness was not there; in fact, they were in a different house, separated by a brick wall. How can this be?

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 23rd January 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

P.A.C.T

Monday 5th February 2018—7pm-8pm

Parents' Evening 3

Thursday 15th February 2018—3pm-7:30pm

Ethos Week

W/C Monday 12th February 2018

RAF CCF Meeting (Year 8)

Monday 5th March 2018—6pm-7pm