



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



Another exciting week has seen many visitors to the Academy. Firstly, you may have seen on social media the work that our A.C.E students have been doing as part of the Within Walking Distance heritage project, working alongside long-time friend of Langley, Richard Franks. I thank Mrs. Dhansey for organising this enriching, fascinating event, as well as Miss Williamson, Mrs. Gaur, Mr. Walker and Miss Millward for

their support on the students' tour around the local area. Related to the local community, I was thrilled to see a post from one of our fantastic Governors, Mr. Mee, has been viewed over 12,000 times on Facebook!

Another terrific, new event that we hosted this week was the Enterprise & Careers Event for our Year 8 students, on Friday. Miss Lucas, the Student Support Champion for Year 8, has worked tirelessly arranging speakers, visitors, and organising the entire event. Students were able to interact with professionals in the real world – feedback given was that our students conducted themselves admirably. Also, it was a pleasure to welcome Luke Phillips from Sytner BMW in Oldbury – a great chance to speak about what we are doing with an influential member of the local community (who, incidentally, has a great taste in cars!)

We have been overwhelmed with the response to our advert for the P.E Learning Consultant role – I have already welcomed many candidates to view the Academy, as well as several applications – considering the advert closes on Sunday, I am looking forward to a raft of excellent candidates. Additionally, we welcomed long-time friend Mr. Carline and Ms. Evans from the University of Wolverhampton to discuss Sporting Pathways, and how we can strengthen our links with the university; we were certainly excited to see them featured in the Commonwealth Games Closing Ceremony!

Miss Smith hosted a Student Council Meeting with the Excellence Leaders on Wednesday, with me happy to share the news that on Friday 11th May, we will be hosting a Royal Tea Party to celebrate the impending nuptials of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Invitations will be sent out in due course to this exclusive event – I thank Miss Clay for designing them in such a beautiful manner.

Tuesday saw another important day in the journey of Q3 Academy Langley, as we (led by Mr. Karim) welcomed Gary Tomlinson, Advisor Teacher from Inclusion Support, and Jude Brisbrown, who work at the Connor Centre, on behalf of the Local Authority. We had a delightful and spirited discourse about Inclusion in education, sharing our successes, as well as where we continue to learn and develop. We are always happy to receive guests to the Academy, with our students continually making us extremely proud. In fact, I was delighted to hear that

Mallika Taak (7A1) received a Head of School Commendation for receiving three Star of the Lessons in a single day—what a wonderful ambassador she is!

Miss Pastor could not believe the weather last week – it was almost like being back in Madrid, according to her! To reiterate – students may bring water bottles into the Academy, which can be filled up during Family Breakfast in the morning, and during Family Lunch. During P.E and Enrichment, additional water will also be provided to students, to ensure they stay hydrated all day, though we do emphasise the importance of being responsible, and ensuring that water is taken when needed – we are not relaxing our rules on when students may go to the toilet during lessons. On a daily basis, we review the weather, and whether or not we can adjust our expectations – students may, when given permission, wear caps to keep the sun off their heads, for example. All considerations on our part are incumbent on students using such items in a sensible and mature manner. As ever – if you have any queries or concerns, please contact your child's tutor.

I was truly happy to see some fabulous cross-site work within the QAT this week, as members of the MFL team headed over to Q3 Academy Great Barr to observe some GCSE work. This is vital, as specifications have changed, and these opportunities allow us to continually evaluate and improve our own systems at Langley. This long-term thinking is present across the entire staff team, as an enormous proportion of them will be Examiners this summer, continuing their professional development. Moreover, I thank the SEND team at Great Barr for hosting our team this week – we are enriched by the strength of the QAT.

We have a piece of bittersweet news to share, about one of the unsung heroes of our QAT. Miss Blake, who works as part of the HR team, is leaving us this week, having secured a promotion to a role in a school in London (that boasts a Beckham as one of its cohort). She has been an extremely valuable member of the team, adding her professionalism, warmth and humour – particularly when playing Never Mind the Buzzcocks in interviews! She will be missed – the door is always open to her at Q3 Academy Langley.

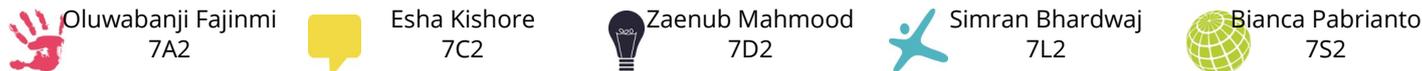
A few reminders about upcoming dates. Next Friday (4th May) is an INSET day, where the Academy will be closed for students. Also, Monday 7th May is a Bank Holiday, meaning the Academy will also be closed. A four-day weekend means students get a well-deserved rest, but also, that we hope attendance will continue to be excellent. We hope to see all students in on every single day – our attendance has really picked up in the past few weeks!

I wish you all a fantastic weekend; we look forward to welcoming students back bright and early on Monday morning!

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 23rd April 2018. They were:



Oluwabanji Fajinmi
7A2

Esha Kishore
7C2

Zaenub Mahmood
7D2

Simran Bhardwaj
7L2

Bianca Pabrianto
7S2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 30/04/2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Monday 30th April	Cumberland Sausages Gravy Mashed Potatoes Garden Peas	Glamorgan Sausages (V) Mashed Potatoes Garden Peas	Fresh Fruit
Tuesday 1st May	Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding Gravy Roasted New Potatoes Carrots	Roasted Quorn Fillet (V) Yorkshire Pudding Roasted New Potatoes Carrots	Freshly Baked Cookie
Wednesday 2nd May	Cajun Chicken Wraps Potato Croquettes Mixed Salad Salsa	Roasted Cajun Vegetable Wraps (V) Potato Croquettes Mixed Salad Salsa	Mini Muffins
Thursday 3rd May	Build Your Own Hunters Chicken Half Baked Jacket Potato Mixed Salad	BBQ Quorn Fillet Half Baked Jacket Potato Mixed Salad	Ice Cream Pot
Friday 4th May	INSET DAY—ACADEMY CLOSED TO STUDENTS	INSET DAY—ACADEMY CLOSED TO STUDENTS	INSET DAY—ACADEMY CLOSED TO STUDENTS

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

DALE'S DILEMMA

The winner of last week's Dale's Dilemma was Daniel Hunt (7D2). Well Done Daniel!

The answer for last week's Dale's Dilemma is:
Queen Elizabeth II.

The Dale's Dilemma for this week was:
I devised the first prototype for a helicopter.
My best work is found in the Louvre.
My name lives on in a reptilian martial artist.

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 1st May 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

INSET Day—Academy closed to students

Friday 4th May 2018

Bank Holiday Monday—Academy closed to students

Monday 7th May 2018

P.A.C.T

Monday 14th May 2018—7pm

Parents' Evening 5

Thursday 24th May 2018—3:05pm-7:30pm

Half Term

28th May—1st June 2018

Summer Fête

Saturday 9th June 2018—12pm-3pm