



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



It staggers me to consider that we are already halfway through June – where does the time go? Another packed week has seen Tutor Time focused on the World Cup, which kicked off in Russia yesterday. All Tutor Groups, thanks to Mr. Payton and Miss Deasy, have drawn two teams each – with Russia and Saudi Arabia as my picks, I am planning an alliance with 7C2, as Mr. Iqbal drew my tip to win, Brazil! With football in mind, I was truly humbled by a gift from our Head Boy, Ben Philpott (8L1), who presented me with a personalised message from Liverpool F.C., signed by the whole team! Those who know of my allegiances will be unsurprised that Mr. Evans had that up in my office in a matter of moments – thank you so much Ben.

There have been a number of enquiries about our new P.E kit, supplied by Macron. Their online store can be reached by visiting: <https://macronstorewestmidlands.com/shop/club-shops/q3-academies/>.
Macron will be present for sizing and purchasing at New Intake Evening 2 on Thursday 12th July (for incoming students) and Parents' Evening 6 on Thursday 19th July (for current students). The cut-off date for ordering the new kit online is 23rd July, and Macron have informed us that ordering and payment can be processed on-site by cash or card payment on 19th July. To reiterate for current students – there is no requirement for them to purchase the Macron P.E kit until they reach their next Key Stage (Year 10), though we request that if students have outgrown their kit and require a new one, parents and carers order from Macron. Please follow our Facebook feed for updates.

The Summer Fête was a roaring success – thank you so much to the phenomenal PACT for organising the event, and all those who attended – it was great to see you all! I would especially like to thank the children of the PACT, who were superb ambassadors for the Academy: they helped set up, clear away, and acted with great poise, positivity and politeness all day. I was delighted to award them Head of School Commendations for their efforts. My particular highlight was taking part in the Table Football tournament where, finally partnered with someone at my prodigious skill level (my six-year-old, Charlie), I reached the semi-finals, only to lose out to the dynamic Discovery duo of Amanroop Virk (7D1) and Thomas Barton (7D2)! This event, hosted admirably by Gabriel Potter (8D1) (who actually defeated me in a one-on-one encounter) was won by Jessie-Leigh Jenns (8L1) and Greta Daniels (8S1) – great job girls! It was lovely to welcome Mr. Potter to Family Lunch this week – I hope he enjoyed his visit! I look forward to with relish to seeing what PACT come up with for the Christmas Fair...

Friday saw the ending of Ramadan – I wish all staff and students, as well as their families, a blessed Eid, as the celebrations continue over the weekend. I am so impressed with the moral fortitude displayed by our students who have observed the fast during this time, and we look forward to welcoming them back to Family Lunch on Monday. For those wondering about attendance – we are able to code Eid as an authorised absence, similar to a medical appointment – but it is still an absence, and does affect 100% attendance. Several students last year joined us for part of the day, before leaving in the afternoon, to ensure their attendance was not affected.

It was wonderful to welcome Mrs. Soma-Jassi back to the Academy this week – seeing her back with the students was genuinely heart-warming.

Additionally, it has been fantastic to welcome Mr. Foxall to the Academy, who joins us as a Learning Consultant for A.C.E – we are thrilled that he has come to us earlier than many others, as he has made a real impact. I really look forward to welcoming our Newly Qualified Teachers (Learning Consultants) in July, such as Miss Binsley, who you may have seen at the Summer Fête!

I have been dismayed at the number of parents and carers requesting term-time holidays – our attendance (and absent students' progress) has been negatively impacted by this all week. At Q3 Academy Langley, there is no time wasted – there are no DVD lessons; no down-time in terms of the learning. We ensure that our students come here to learn every day, and that we give them lots of time off for holidays (Year 8 students will get 7 weeks this Summer) – the perfect opportunity to take advantage of a getaway deal. My staff cannot take time off for holidays, and we do not expect our students to either.

I was truly pleased to hear of the exploits of Amelia-May Irish (8C1) this week. In addition to being an excellent, dedicated student, who helped the PACT this weekend, she has been working hard on her musical practice, as well as preparing to appear at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this year! I am so proud to hear what our students get up to – well done Amelia!

Last week, we mentioned the plight of Causeway Green School, who suffered severe flood damage of the half-term break. I am happy to report that we will be supporting our neighbours (and friends) by hosting their Year 2 cohort until the end of the academic year. I thank all staff for their flexibility and diligence during this time – we are excited to welcome some little ones to the Academy! Though we are still growing, we understand how important it is to seek for that which is good, right and true at any opportunity – our ethos is lived at Langley, not 'laminated'!

I was not able to be in the Academy for a couple of days this week, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Badyal for altering her diary with short notice to hold the fort – not that it takes much holding with our amazing cohort – whilst my wife had an operation. Her wisdom and support is always gratefully received, particularly as we have not been graced with her as much as we would like this year! Dr. Badyal fed back how impressed she was with the quality of teaching, and learning – such praise from an Ofsted Inspector is extremely reassuring to the Leadership Team and me. Several members of staff were impressed with the final observation lessons for our NQTs - I have heard of many terrific lessons, from the likes of Mr. Sahota, Miss Wheat, Mr. Iqbal and Mr. Seaton! In fact, our English Learning Consultant's lesson was so impressive that the observer, a former headteacher, remarked to Mr. Dawes that he could imagine seeing such challenge in a top set Year 11 lesson at a grammar school – well done Mr. Seaton! I am so proud of our fabulous teaching team!

I wish all families – including those from Causeway Green – a wonderful weekend. We look forward to meeting 60 of their students next week, as well as their fantastic staff, as they join Q3 Academy Langley!

Best wishes,

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 11th June 2018. They were:



Javae Aspinall
7A1



Ashanti Lawrence
7C1



Jasmine Coote
7D1



Kai Southall
7L1



Samanta Serkinaite
7S1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 18/06/2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Monday 18th June	Beef Chilli Taco Shells Cheese Salsa Mixed Salad	Quorn Chilli (V) Taco Shells Cheese Salsa Mixed Salad	Jam Doughnut
Tuesday 19th June	Roast Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Gravy	Roasted Quorn Fillet (V) Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Gravy	Fresh Fruit
Wednesday 20th June	Chicken Burgers In A Bun Tomato Sauce Seasoned Wedges Baked Beans	Spicy Bean Burger In A Bun (V) Tomato Sauce Seasoned Wedges Baked Beans	Mini Muffins
Thursday 21st June	Pasta King (V) Grated Cheese Garlic & Parsley Bread Slice	Pasta King (V) Grated Cheese Garlic & Parsley Bread Slice	Freshly Baked Cookie
Friday 22nd June	Baked Pollock Chipped Potatoes Tomato Sauce Baked Beans	Glamorgan Sausage (V) Chipped Potatoes Tomato Sauce Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Shortbread

(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 Chloe Johnson (7S1). Well Done Chloe!

The answer for last week's Dale's Dilemma was:
Emily Davison.

The Dale's Dilemma for this week is:

I had a 'hand' in knocking Ghana out of the 2010 World Cup.
My bite is definitely worse than my bark.
I was Premier League Player of the Season in 2014.
Who am I?

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 19th June 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 all Q3 Students.
Causeway Green students in attendance.**

Monday 2nd July 2018

PACT

Monday 9th July 2018—7pm

New Intake Evening 2

Thursday 12th July 2018—Times TBC

Parents' Evening 6

Thursday 19th July 2018—3pm-7:30pm

Term Ends

Friday 20th July 2018

Macron cut off date for Online Orders

Monday 23rd July 2018