



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



It would be remiss of me to start this address by not mentioning Wednesday night's dramatic game, as the plucky England lost out to the experienced Croatia in extra-time. As a life-long England fan, I can only express how proud I am of the team – they truly overachieved, and stimulated a passion and love of football that has been so pure this week. Conversations with students have been wonderful – though many

were disappointed, the understanding that failure is crucial part of later success is a lesson that has been profoundly learned this week. It might not be coming home, but when the team does, I will be saluting them!

On Monday, we welcomed Dr. Harrison and Mr. Lewis from The University of Birmingham's prestigious Jubilee Centre for Character Education, as they evaluated our suitability for a Kitemark Award in Character Education, recognising schools that go beyond the academic, teaching their children vital human qualities. Though we will not know the outcome until next year, I received glowing feedback from both visitors about our systems, our staff and most importantly, our students – they could not get over how wonderful they were.

This week saw a bittersweet day, as Mr. Saunders left not only us at Langley (where he visited weekly), but the Birmingham Rep Theatre. He has been a huge part of our growing P.E and Enrichment provision, and though our partnership with The Rep will continue in earnest, we wish him all the best in his new venture in Hull. I also feel I need to pay tribute to Mr. Hard and Miss Ingall (who will be joining us for Sports Day next Tuesday) for their brilliant work across both sites this year. Mr. Gee can tell you how tough it is working across both sites, and though we will be delivering P.E and Enrichment to Year 7 & 8 next year, on a Thursday afternoon, we will be staffing it with Langley P.E staff. At this point, I must thank Mrs. Meredith for her incredible work and flexibility this year – I am so pleased that she will be continuing to coordinate this provision, along with her new role as Director of Performing Arts.

There has been a raft of Head of School Commendations handed out this week. We received some fantastic feedback about Lilly Leech (7S1) from an external visitor, who praised her fantastic articulation of the Academy's ethos during the Enterprise event; Priya Rai (7D1) completed the Race for Life; we are always delighted to hear about our students' exploits, and celebrate them here!

With regards to our students, I would just like to highlight a key concern we have with hygiene. At this time of year, when the temperature is rising, it is increasingly important that students are supported to take care of their personal hygiene. We have received word from neighbouring schools, who have siblings here, relating to outbreaks of nits – I urge all parents and carers to

check their children regularly, and, as they become more responsible for their own hygiene, speak with them about the importance of it.

Our final internal appointment of the year was secured this week, as Mr. Anderson became our Curriculum Director for Science. I have known him since he was a PGCE student at Q3 Great Barr in 2013 – even then, I knew he was special. He has gone from strength to strength in his career, and I could not be happier with my Curriculum Director team. You may have seen Mr. Anderson in action in the recent Get Into Teaching advert online – you can see why our students love him so much!

Letters went out this week, outlining Zero Week, starting on Monday. This week will be jam-packed with vital activities, with a final Core lesson, and a visit to each of their Horizon/Innov8 lessons. I spoke with the staff team about my expectation that no time be wasted this week – we will not let up on the learning until the end of the year! Students in Year 9 have 7 weeks this Summer, with the Year 8s receiving nearly that much – we are incredibly generous with holidays, meaning there is no need for students to take any time off that is not absolutely necessary – all learning time is precious! In addition, letters outline the arrangements for September – please keep them for future reference. Next Friday, we will be finishing at around 14:30, as we will say our goodbyes to any departing staff and having a BBQ!

Thursday was a wonderful day, as we hosted a touring theatre production, our final Governors' meeting and our New Intake Evening 2, as we welcomed our new cohort of 240 students and their families to the Academy. Our PACT, as they have all year, offered their time to support on this hot evening – with my five talks, my voice was practically gone by Friday morning! It was truly heart-warming to see so many smiling faces, buoyed by excellent SATs results – we look forward to welcoming them to the Q3 Langley family in September!

Next Thursday sees our sixth (and final) Parents' Evening of the academic year – we pride ourselves on the rich conversations about students' progress, and the excellent attendance that we have maintained through the year. At the event, which runs in a unique way to any school I have worked in, there are opportunities to engage with the PACT, with the option of purchasing cut-price stationery; you can even leave feedback on your child's work in their book! If, for any reason, you cannot make the event, please let us know – the relevant Learning Consultant will make arrangements for an alternative meeting, or phone conversation with you, as students will receive their Interim Report 4.

Have a wonderful weekend – I hope you find something fun to do in place of watching football!

Best Wishes,

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 9th July 2018. They were:



Mallika Taak
7A1

Deeyah Mannan
7C1

Safah Mahmood
7D1

Angelina Hunter
7L1

Ehzaaz Hussain
7S1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 16/07/2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Monday 16th July	Chicken Rogan Josh Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread Turmeric Rice	Butter Bean Pasta Bake (V) Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread	Ring Doughnut
Tuesday 17th July	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes Broccoli Florets Gravy	Quorn Fillet (V) Roast Potatoes Broccoli Florets Gravy	Apple & Grape Bags
Wednesday 18th July	Pasta King (V) Grated Cheese Garlic Bread Slice	Pasta King (V) Grated Cheese Garlic & Bread Slice	Jelly Pot
Thursday 19th July	Chicken Tandoori Pitta Seasoned Wedges Mixed Salad	Quorn Tandoori Pitta (V) Seasoned Wedges Mixed Salad	Flapjacks
Friday 20th July	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans	Pancakes

(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 Matthew Duzan (7C2). Well Done Matthew!

The answer for last week's Dale's Dilemma was:
George Washington

The Dale's Dilemma for this week is:

I was the last Absolute King of France.
My palace has 700 rooms and cost approximately \$2 billion to build.
I was executed by guillotine by history's first 'terror'-ists.
Who am I?

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 17th July 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

Parents' Evening 6, plus Macron sizing

Thursday 19th July 2018—3pm-7:30pm

Term Ends

Friday 20th July 2018—14:30 finishing time for students. Full details sent via letter this week.

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Monday 23rd July 2018

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