



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



Saturday's Open Day was an enormous success – we estimate that around one thousand people crossed our threshold through the week as a whole, a huge success! Despite the inclement weather, Saturday was tremendous – our Head Boy and Head Girl, Ben and Nathania, compered the event superbly, with a raft of Student Guides (and students taking part in the Live Lessons) doing us proud, embodying the Academy ethos. It was also

wonderful to welcome Mrs. Perry, one of our QAT Lead Practitioners, who supported the Science Department; having worked with her at Q3 Great Barr in the past, it is great to see her back in the Q3 family! Days like these only work if all the staff operate together, but the reality is that the day would not run at all if it weren't for the exceptional Site Team of Ms. Dawson, Mr. Davis and their steadfast leader, Mr. Evans, as well as our superb Administration team! In fact, the glow of the event, and the prospective parents we welcomed for Family Breakfast on Monday, was almost enough to mitigate the pain at starting my Monday morning with both of my wing mirrors removed – almost...

Tuesday saw our continuing relationship with the Police strengthen, as they delivered some impactful staff training on conducting home visits. So many people in the area see the Police as a negative, punitive force, but we understand that the Police are educators and partners in supporting communities and preventing crime – it is a pleasure to see them forming an integral part of the multi-agency approach that supports the entire community. We also welcomed a former colleague of mine, Mr. Parker, who assessed our staff minibus training – we thank him for supporting and approving our P.E staff, who will be able to transport students to their fixtures. Speaking of which, I am delighted to report that our Year 8 team won 3-1 against Holly Lodge, with our Year 7 team finding themselves at the wrong end of a back-and-forth 5-3 defeat to the same opponents.

Wednesday saw Mr. Gee hosting some members of the Erasmus programme from Lightwoods School; they hailed from nations across the continent – from Iceland to Spain! We enjoyed showing them the 'Langley Way', as well as how we have innovated our Key Stage Three offer to students. I can only say that I look forward to my return invite; failing that, I am sure Miss Pastor will invite the whole Lee family out to visit her in Spain!

I also met with Ben Gallier, part of Ambition School Leadership, this week. Mr. Dawes, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Fogarty and Mr. Alexander are current members of their programme – I noticed with great interest that Sir David Carter, former National Schools Commissioner, will be joining their organisation in the near future. With our already blooming relationship with Claire Carter, I can honestly say that no matter what happens in pop culture, my favourite Carters are part of ASL!

I spent much of Thursday enthralled in the huge variety of opportunities offered in our Enrichment provision, coordinated by Mrs. Meredith. Dr. Badyal and I were marvelling last week at the range of activities and experiences that students could access. In essence, due to our timetabling, Enrichment forms the equivalent of

an extra-curricular (beyond the normal lessons and curriculum) offer, meaning that all students get this exposure, not a fortunate handful, as might be the case elsewhere. I am aware that it is these moments that give our children an insight into what the world has to offer that other places simply cannot – horizons are broadened; skills are developed; hearts and minds are expanded!

Thursday evening also saw our first Governing Body meeting of the academic year; I am ever indebted to those who give freely their time and expertise to support our Academy. Furthermore, I must thank our Parent Governor, Mr. Forrester, for both his support of me and for attending our Open Day, representing the Academy with great aplomb. I feel so fortunate to have such wise and inquiring minds around the table – long may it continue.

We hope that Monday 15th October will see our new building partners, Spellar Metcalf, moving onto site. In a wonderful piece of news, our Project Lead from the First Phase build, Jez Rodgers, will be seeing through the next stage of our construction – I cannot wait to see the steel erected for our brand-new Specialist Teaching Block! It was unsettling to hear from several parents and carers across our Open Week that a neighbouring school was reporting that we had run out of money and would not complete our build – certainly not seeking for that which is good, right and (most of all) true. Sandwell is utterly committed to providing the full build of the Academy, and securing the finest facilities we can for our young people.

We have quite a few Head of School Commendations for three Star of the Lesson awards in a day – congratulations to: Mehrine Hussain (9S1), Paddy Capper-Steventon (8L2), Shannon Atkar (9L1), Caitlin-Leigh Redfern (8L2), Gabriel Potter (8D2), Rohan Thatal (8S1) and Olivia Jefferson (8L1). Some students have received this award twice already this year, a real statement of their quality. With hundreds of students in the Academy, I urge you all to push yourselves – you might just find yourself in this Newsletter!

One of our key aims in developing our students' wider understanding of the world is to pursue philanthropic avenues – we have raised a great deal for charities in previous years. With that in mind, Friday 19th November will see Q3 Academy Langley's #WearItPink day – students, for a contribution of £1, may accessorise or replace a part of their Business Dress with a pink item. Students may, for example, wear a pink tie, pink socks, a pink jumper or badge. However, we will not allow students to wear pink hair colouring, nails or make-up, as these do not fit in with our Academy's ethos – if you have any queries about suitable items, please contact your child's Tutor.

Letters for Parents' Evening 1 went out this afternoon to students, for our event on the final Tuesday of this half-term (23rd October). We have always had phenomenal attendance for these evenings – it is a chance to speak to your child's Tutor (for the first), and with six events this year, gives you a wonderful chance to communicate with us about your child, as well as attend a range of attractions and workshops. We look forward to seeing you!

I hope you have a fantastic weekend – we look forward to seeing the students bright at early at 07:50 on Monday!

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 8th October 2018. They were:



Javae Aspinall
8A1



Angel-Janyce
Achaempong
8C1



Simran Thiarai
8D1



Nimra
Hussain 8L1



Samanta
Serkinaite 8S1



Jacob Smith
8S1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 15/10/2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Monday 15th October	Grilled Peppered Chilli Chicken & Salsa Seasoned Wedges BBQ Beans	Southern Baked Quorn Burger (V) Seasoned Wedges BBQ Beans	Fresh Apples
Tuesday 16th October	Pork Sausages in Red Onion Gravy Mashed Potato Sliced Carrots	Quorn Sausages in Red Onion Gravy (V) Mashed Potato Sliced Carrots	Mini Chocolate Doughnut
Wednesday 17th October	Cajun Chicken Wraps Potato Croquettes Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob	Bean & Vegetable Wraps (V) Potato Croquettes Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob	Fruity Feast Flapjack
Thursday 18th October	Pasta King (V) Grated Cheese Garlic Bread Slice	Pasta King (V) Grated Cheese Garlic Bread Slice	Raspberry Jelly Pot
Friday 19th October	Oven Baked Breaded Pollock Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas Tartar Sauce	Glamorgan Sausages (V) Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas Tartar Sauce	Cocoa Brownie Cookie

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

RAHMAN'S RIDDLE

The winner of last week's Rahman's Riddle was Emma Law (7L1). Well Done Emma!

The Rahman's Riddle for this week is:

Use the first letters of each answer below to identify a famous science fiction movie:

The international space station is one of these.

We use this to see planets and stars.

A rocky body that we believed killed the dinosaurs.

A form of heat transfer through transverse waves.

2 atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen make this.

The branch of science is about space and the universe.

The colour of the rainbow before orange.

The sixth planet of the Sun.

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 16th October 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

#WearItPinkDay

Friday 19th October 2018

Parents' Evening 1

Tuesday 23rd October 2018—3pm-7:30pm

INSET Days—Academy closed to all Students

Thursday 25th October 2018

Friday 26th October 2018

Half Term

Monday 29th October 2018—Friday 2nd November 2018