



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



Yesterday, we welcomed our friends from West Midlands Police, as they erected the Knife Arch, where students were asked to pass through, and were searched in accordance with guidelines and procedures to ensure they did not have a knife or blade. This was in conjunction with all secondary schools in Sandwell; knife crime is nationally becoming more of a concern, and we align ourselves with all educational providers in sending out zero-tolerance message towards possession of such items, of any sort. We hope that all parents and carers understand the importance of such events, and can be reassured that the Knife Arch will make a return to our (and all other) sites in the future.

Last week, I implored all parents and carers to check their child's bag on a regular basis for any letters and correspondence from the Academy. With Ethos Week upcoming, there is a considerable amount of information to be digested, which was outlined in a letter sent out a few weeks ago. If this has not come to you, or has been lost in transit, all of our correspondence is published on the Academy's website - [www.q3langley.org.uk](http://www.q3langley.org.uk). All students have been told when they need to wear Business Dress and P.E Kit - please speak to your child about that, and the earlier finish for Year 9 students on each day (apart from Thursday when students are on the Dovedale trip). As a result of all students finishing at similar times, the importance of parking considerably is heightened - I was shocked with an interaction with a member of my team this week. One of the Site Team spoke to a driver, who was parked on the Red Route. As per my instructions, they requested the driver to move their vehicle from this part of the road, as the camera visits us regularly, meaning that the driver could incur a fine. To my astonishment, the driver, rather than moving (as they should), actually asked for the Site Team member's name, as they were 'going to report them' to me! I have not received any such complaint, and would be delighted to discuss with the driver the legal parameters of the Red Route...

In a momentous professional (and personal) achievement, our Dance Learning Consultant, Miss Rowson, conducted her first external visit (trip) this week, taking our fabulous dancers to an event at Edgbaston High School for Girls. The students were simply super, taking on board all instruction, and behaving immaculately, as well as learning about different styles of dance. I must also thank Mr. Payton and Mr. Evans for attempting repairs on the Academy mini-bus, and then organising the coach when those efforts proved fruitless! Congratulations Miss Rowson - thank you for continuing to enrich the lives of our students.

On Monday, I attended our PACT (Parent Academy Contact Team) Annual General Meeting, where I was extremely impressed with our Chair, Mrs Irish, and her Summary of the past twelve months. It is truly staggering to consider what the team have achieved since their inception at Langley's opening in 2016. I would like to thank all parents and carers, and community members who support our Christmas and Summer Fetes, and our stationery stalls, raffles and prize-events at Parents' Evenings. Most of all, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the PACT members, who give so selflessly of their time throughout the year - I feel incredibly lucky to have them on board!

Next Tuesday sees our Parents' Evening 3, which we moved from the Thursday because of certain trips (and I am sure many parents, carers and staff will want to observe Valentine's Day!). I am thrilled at the enormous range of workshops and additional services on offer during the Evening - from Parental Workshops, Christians Against Poverty and our friends at Dunham McCarthy, who are offering a free Will writing service, the provision is fantastic! Our attendance for these events should reflect our superb attendance figure, where students will receive their Interim Report 2, a Diagnostic Reading Report, and Year 9 students will receive vital Pathways information from Mr. Mills. An evening not to be missed, which starts at the slightly later time of 15:30.

On Thursday, we held our first Governing Body meeting of 2019, where one of the topics on the agenda was Family Lunch debt. Our Governors are acutely sensitive to those in financial need, but they are as committed as everyone to making sure that arrears are paid off in a timely and manageable manner. With that said, we are looking at ways to ensure that families do not fall into unsustainable levels of debt - watch this space for further news...

Mrs. Fields, who does a wonderful job of monitoring Attendance in the Academy, has brought a worrying trend to me, which has made itself clear over the past couple of weeks, regarding appointments made during the Academy day. On some occasions, parents and carers have just turned up, without any notice or evidence, taking their children out of the Academy without us having any prior knowledge whatsoever. A simple phone call to Reception, short letter or note in a student's Learning Diary (Planner) will suffice - as long as students return to the Academy, we can code their appointment as Medical, thus not affecting their overall attendance. Without notice, it is very difficult to do!

Throughout the week, we have conducted numerous Interview Days for prospective Learning Consultants, successfully offering positions to candidates for the next academic year. I have been delighted with the calibre of the applicants - a number of them are in fact, moving from significant responsibilities in their current schools to work as Learning Consultants, so impressed are they with the 'Langley' way. Their desire to work with us is no doubt influenced by our fantastic students, as well as our Curriculum Leaders - I thank all those who were on interview panels this week. The biggest thanks of all must go to the outstanding, indomitable, tireless, Mrs. Brookes and Miss Pell, who supported the Academy from our Human Resources Department - their work, organisation, positivity and support this week has been simply superb.

Next week is Ethos Week, where it is vital that our attendance is as high as possible. We collapse our timetable to explore a range of different, essential topics, which we would not ordinarily cover in our normal curriculum. I am particularly looking forward to next week's trips and our Parents' Evening, which begins at 15:30!

Best Wishes,

**Peter Lee**  
Head of School

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 4th February 2019. They were:



Sandeep  
Bhinder  
7A1



Jasraj Dhillon  
7C1



Jayden Swanson  
7D1



Tonisha Malhi  
7L1



Arjun  
Sahota  
7S1



Safeena Akhtar  
9A1

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 11/02/2019

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
<b>Monday 11th February</b>	<b>Grilled Peppered Chilli Chicken &amp; Salsa</b> Seasoned Wedges Baked Beans	<b>Southern Baked Quorn Burger (V)</b> Seasoned Wedges Baked Beans	<b>Fresh Apple</b>
<b>Tuesday 12th February</b>	<b>Pork Sausages in Red Onion Gravy</b> Mashed Potato Sliced Carrots	<b>Quorn Sausages in Red Onion Gravy (V)</b> Mashed Potato Sliced Carrots	<b>Mini Chocolate Doughnut</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th February</b>	<b>Cajun Chicken Wraps</b> Potato Croquettes Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob	<b>Bean &amp; Vegetable Wraps (V)</b> Potato Croquettes Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob	<b>Fruity Feast Flapjack</b>
<b>Thursday 14th February</b>	<b>American Style Hot Dog</b> Hot Dog Rolls Relish Grated Cheese Seasoned Wedges	<b>Quorn Hot Dog (V)</b> Hot Dog Rolls Relish Grated Cheese Seasoned Wedges	<b>Raspberry Jelly Pot</b>
<b>Friday 15th February</b>	<b>Oven Baked Breaded Pollock</b> Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans Tartar Sauce Vinegar Sachets Tomato Ketchup	<b>Glamorgan Sausages (V)</b> Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans Tartar Sauce Vinegar Sachets Tomato Ketchup	<b>Cocoa Brownie Cookies</b>

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

## BACK IN TIME WITH BINSLEY

The winner of the last week's Back in Time with Binsley was Manbeer Aujla (7L2). Well Done Manbeer!

**The answer to the last week's Back in Time with Binsley was:**  
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**The Back in Time with Binsley question this week is:**

On February 8th 1587, Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded on the orders of her cousin, England's Queen Elizabeth I.

What is the name of Mary's son who went on to succeed Elizabeth I in 1603?

- A) Henry
- B) Peter
- C) James



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Ethos Week

Monday 11th February—Friday 15th February 2019

### Parents' Evening 3

Tuesday 12th February 2019—15:30-19:30

### February Half Term

Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February 2019

### Year 9 Pathways

Thursday 7th March—16:30-19:00

### INSET Day

Friday 12th April 2019

Academy closed to students.

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 12th February 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.