



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



I hope that you had a lovely, extended weekend – I was interested to hear Mrs. Gaur's thoughts that this should be a regular occurrence, though I am not sure I would trade a lie-in for losing a fifth of my time with your fantastic children! We were delighted to welcome them back on Tuesday, as we looked forward to an important week for the Academy.

As you may well have seen online, we hosted a visit from Ofsted this week. Whilst we cannot share any details regarding specifics or judgements, I can express how well the staff team and students acquitted themselves this week – they were an utter credit to Langley. On leaving, the Lead Inspector even requested that our fantastic students receive 'a million Q-Points'; I am not sure whether or not Mrs Attwood or Mrs Yates, our Finance representatives, can sanction that, but I appreciate the sentiment!

As the Academy grows, so do the opportunities afforded to our students. One such milestone in their journey is Work Experience, which Year 10 will have next year. I can confirm that for the week commencing Monday 13th July 2020, students will get the opportunity to have their one-week placement, to learn about skills and requirements of the workplace. I remember fondly my own time in Year 5 (Year 11 in today's money), spending two weeks at WH Smiths in Birmingham – I managed to catch a shoplifter (perhaps hinting at a future career in law enforcement) and met Rowan Atkinson, who was signing VHS tapes (ask your parents) in his Mr. Bean character – how time flies!

Next half-term, Ms Cox will deliver an assembly, going over the details of Work Experience, and will be contacting parents and carers directly. However, since many students across the area will be taking part in this next year, the earlier plans can be put in place (especially for professional or vocational placements), the better! If you have any queries, or your child requires any support in contacting businesses, please contact Ms Cox.

Our Sodexo lead, Mr. Parker, has informed me that he is currently recruiting additional members for his team for the new academic year. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Reception, or visit the Jobs section on the Sodexo website.

I heard some fantastic news about a true friend to Langley this week. Mr. Price, who works at our Great Barr site, completed his two-year, Ambition Institute Teaching Leaders qualification. This is a significant accolade, and one that we are all extremely proud of – having worked with him since his NQT days, I can attest to Mr. Price's commitment, kindness and quality; we are delighted to benefit and witness his growth and impact.

As stated in last week's address, several staff and students have

been fasting during the period of Ramadan. In fact, many members of our team, in a show of respect, conducted their own fast, before breaking it together in the evening, on Tuesday – this time of sacrifice and reflection is one that has been felt around the entire Academy this week.

Even in an exciting, action-packed week, we are always looking forward to the future. We recently found out that our admission distance (how far students live from the Academy) for our incoming cohort is around a mile – one of the smaller that I have experienced! Though I am thrilled at the prospect of more students being able to take the healthier option of walking (albeit safely), I feel that over the coming years, we might make an impact on local house prices. I am sure our Parent Governor, and property guru, Mr. Forrester, could confirm that upward trend...

With the prospect of even more of our students walking to the Academy, I feel the need to impress the importance of road safety. On a weekly basis, we receive correspondence from the local community, describing near misses with students, or reporting that students have been so engrossed with their mobile phones that they fail to adhere to the Green Cross Code. We have experienced the tragedy that can happen on the roads in our Trust – please reinforce these basic expectations at home with your children.

We are so fortunate to benefit from the expertise and wisdom of our Chief Executive, Dr Badyal, who gave generously of her time to conduct NQT observations this week. All NQTs, who are staff in their first full year of teaching after qualification, are observed by myself and Dr Badyal - we have been simply blown away with what we have seen. Their dedication, creativity, professionalism and consistency is of a level that I have not seen elsewhere in my career. I tip my hat the sterling leadership in this area from Mr. Gee, who has been ably supported by Mrs. Underhill too. These staff are really benefitting from our systems and support, and are adding tremendous value in their lessons too – well done!

Finally, we have some exciting opportunities to share, which we would love you to share widely online. One of our appointed Learning Consultants for Spanish is heading back to their native country, so a vacancy has arisen for September. Furthermore, due to our Pathways outcomes, we are now advertising for an additional Learning Consultant in Geography and Business Studies, due to the popularity of those courses. These roles have arisen later in the year due to organic, unavoidable changes – though I do like to have staffing secured early, I hope that with your help sharing, we are able to recruit some fantastic candidates!

I wish everyone a relaxing and restful weekend – I hope that my staff team get some well-deserved down-time, now that the hurly-burly of the week is done!

Best wishes

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 6th May 2019. They were:



Shevaun Anhu
7A2



Junaid Hussain
7C2



Stefan Marcetic
7D2



Tyler McLean Franklin
7L2



Deako Rawanduzy
7S2



Demarni Dennis
9L1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 13/05/2019

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 13th May	Omelettes (V) Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	Omelettes (V) Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt Pot
Tuesday 14th May	Moroccan Chicken Fillet Carrots Braised Rice	Gluten Free Falafel (V) Carrots Braised Rice	Mini Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday 15th May	Roasted Chicken In Gravy Bap Seasoned Wedges	Roasted Quorn In Gravy Bap (V) Seasoned Wedges	Cocoa Brownie Cookie
Thursday 16th May	Chicken Tandoori Pitta White and Brown Rice Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob	Quorn Tandoori Pitta (V) White and Brown Rice Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob	Fresh Fruit
Friday 17th May	Sausage Roll Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans	Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V) Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans	Ring Doughnuts

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

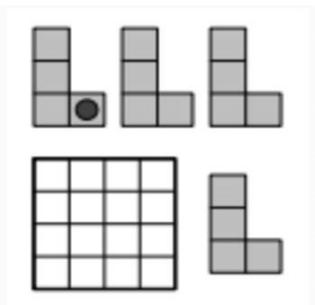
HASSAN'S HYPOTHESIS

The winner of the last week's Hassan's Hypothesis was Atiq M Hussain (7S2). Well Done Atiq!

Hassan's Hypothesis for this week is:

All four L-shapes shown in this diagram are to be placed in the 4 by 4 grid so that all sixteen cells are covered and there is no overlap. Each piece can be rotated or reflected before being placed and the black dot is visible from both sides.

How many of the sixteen cells of the grid could contain the black dot?



Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 14th 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

PACT

Monday 13th May 2019—7pm-8pm

Parents' Evening 5

Thursday 23rd May 2019—3:05pm-7:30pm

Whitsun Half Term

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May 2019

Summer Fête

Saturday June 8th 2019—12pm-3pm