



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



As I reflect across the week, I see that it has been filled with fantastic conversations with our students. I hosted my 'Time for Tea' meetings this week, as well as the praise brunches for our superstar students who were winners of the Spring Challenge too. With the Summer Challenge published at Parents' Evening this week, I am sure that we will have even stiffer competition for those places when they are handed in on the first day

back in September!

During my meetings, I spoke with Alex Atchison (8A1), who regaled me with news of his upcoming performance in 'How To Raise A Teenager' at the Birmingham Rep Theatre – I thank his parents for letting me know of his involvement too. I was delighted to hear that Edison Pitt-Kerr (9S1) and Taylor-Jade Campbell (7A1) are also part of the cast, with Lucy Forrester (9D1) performing in Fame, and Amelia-May Irish (9C1) successful in being cast for Singing in the Rain! As a parent of a child who will be performing in a version of Joseph at the Birmingham Hippodrome in July, I know the sacrifice, hard work and dedication that goes in from all parties – thank you for all you do, and break a leg!

I was following with interest the progress of the Belgium trip, which took place last week, into the weekend – the students had a fantastic time! Mr. Gee, who was the most informed tour guide our students could ask for, remarked how proud he was of all students, with particular mentions for Codie Guest (9D1), Lizzie Rose (9L1) and Ashley Nap-Ogilo (9A1), who laid the wreath. The video we posted has been viewed over a thousand times, with over 10,000 interactions on the Academy Facebook page in the past week – we thank you for your engagement, and hope that you appreciate the steps we take to keep you informed.

Last Thursday (so just after this had gone to print), we received the wonderful news from Miss Pastor and Miss Hicks that we had enjoyed spectacular success in our Spelling Bee, held at Tudor Grange. I am thrilled to report that Talia Behal (7A2) won the Regional Competition, with Rayiah Hussain (7D1) finishing third – both now move to the National Final in Cambridge. I am incredibly proud of the girls, who competed against 13 other schools, and thank Miss Pastor, Miss Hicks and Miss Rowson for their wonderful support.

We explained, last week, how we were entering the recruitment process in Modern Foreign Languages, due to an unexpected change in circumstances for one of our prospective starters. Miss Williamson and I are extremely excited with the calibre and quality of our appointed colleague, who will be introduced in future addresses, once all final checks have been processed. We have also appointed an excellent colleague in Geography, which means that we are fully staffed for next year – this is particularly pleasing, considering our growth in staffing need due to Pathways, and the unplanned changes we have had to make.

Furthermore, we have seen some internal positions filled within our Core subjects over the last week, as Miss Fisher and Mr. Morrison were successful in being appointed as Leader of Learning in Science and English respectively. I have been very impressed with their professional growth and talent since joining us, and look forward to see how they develop in this new, leadership role. We are looking to publish adverts for some internal roles, in our Pastoral and Learning Support areas, in the coming weeks – please keep an eye on our Vacancy tab on the Academy website for more details.

This week, we held our latest Governing Body meeting of the year, where we were able to reflect and discuss areas for improvement, and benefit from all of their experience. Of course, our Ofsted report will not be published until around mid-June, but when they spoke to the inspectors on the second day of our visit, it brought out some rich veins of feedback, as we constantly strive for improvement, to make Langley the best, most well-rounded place it can be for our students.

This week has seen a raft of Three Star of the Lessons in a single day, meaning that the following students are in receipt of a Head of School Commendation: Aron Karikari (7S2), Simran Thiarai (8D1), Aaron Wedgwood (8C2), Paddy Capper-Steventon (8L2), Joshua Williams (9S1) and Megan Cameron (9S1). I am so proud of our students – it is wonderful to see some new names, as well as some students who have continued to embody our Academy's ethos on such a consistent basis.

Parents' Evening 5, held on Thursday, was a roaring success, as the level of conversation had between Learning Consultant, student and parent/carer was so rich and deep – I thank all staff for their superb professionalism throughout the evening. In addition, I thank our Parent Academy Contact Team (PACT), who sold refreshments, stationery, raffle tickets and more, as well as taking part in the Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Parent Survey – we urge you to take part too! Personally, I cannot wait for one of PACT's jewels in the crown, the Summer Fair, on 8<sup>th</sup> June – I hope that you have marked the date clearly in your calendars – we have even placed a special order for sunshine on the day! It was great to see Macron represented and as a reminder for current Year 9 students, they need to have purchased the new P.E kit ready for September

We hope that you enjoy the Whitsun break next week, and our students get some time to relax. For our Year 9 students, there will be Citizenship revision sessions, as their exam date is accelerating towards us! Our Macron sizing event is on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, from 15:00-20:00 in the Quisine – it is essential that P.E kit is ordered in time for Transition Week in July; our final PACT meeting takes place on the first Monday back, from 19:00.

A reminder, there is **NO INSET DAY** on the first Monday after half-term – we expect to see students back at the Academy bright and early on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Best wishes

**Peter Lee**

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 20th May 2019. They were:



Neev  
Purewal  
7A1



Isobelle Phillpott  
7C1



Rhys Hunt  
7D1



Amria Sandhu  
7L1



Jaeger  
Sansoy  
7S1



Simran Mudher  
9A1

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 03/06/2019

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	<b>Cheese &amp; Onion Pasties (V)</b> Mashed Potatoes Sliced Carrots	<b>Cheese &amp; Onion Pasties (V)</b> Mashed Potatoes Sliced Carrots	<b>Mini Jam Doughnut</b>
<b>Tuesday 4th June</b>	<b>Red Tractor Chicken Burger &amp; Bun</b> Oven Baked Potato Wedges Baked Beans	<b>BBQ Quorn Fillet &amp; Bun (V)</b> Oven Baked Potato Wedges Baked Beans	<b>Fresh Fruit</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th June</b>	<b>Roasted Chicken Thigh &amp; Gravy</b> Roast Potatoes Sliced Carrots	<b>Roast Quorn Fillet &amp; Gravy (V)</b> Roast Potatoes Sliced Carrots	<b>Cocoa Brownie Cookie</b>
<b>Thursday 6th June</b>	<b>Sweet Chilli Chicken</b> Braised Rice Green Beans	<b>Sweet Chilli Vegetables (V)</b> Braised Rice Green Beans	<b>Sweet Belgian Waffle</b>
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	<b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V)</b> Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans Ketchup Sachets	<b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V)</b> Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans Ketchup Sachets	<b>Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt Pot</b>

(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 Mahaveer Uppal (7L2). Well Done Mahaveer!

**The answer to last week's Hassan's Hypothesis was:**

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**Hassan's Hypothesis for this half-term is:**

The time shown on a digital clock is 5:55. How many minutes will pass before the clock next shows a time for which all the digits are the same?

Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 4th 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

### Whitsun Half Term

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May 2019.

### Summer Term 2

Monday 3rd June 2019

Students return to the Academy at **normal time**.

### Macron New Intake Sizing Event

Monday 3rd June 2019—3pm-8pm.

### PACT

Monday 3rd June 2019—7pm-8pm.

### Summer Fête

Saturday June 8th 2019—12pm-3pm.