



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



We can only begin this week's address by reflecting on a simply wonderful Summer Fair, our third annual event of its type since opening. Despite the poor weather, over 500 visitors attended, with our PACT's enthusiasm not being dampened in the slightest by Mother Nature's best efforts. It was particularly pleasing to see so many students attend the event, and support the Academy, as we welcomed a new charity partner –

Prostate Cancer UK. As someone who lost my father to the disease, I am thrilled to have them on board, and offer our Academy's fullest backing. I pay a special tribute to those who ran stalls and activities on the day (many of them parents), with a certain Master Gee walking away with a shiny remote control BMW 8 Series, after coming second in the 'guess-the-balloons-in-the-car' game. I am told that his father, our AVP, Mr. Gee, remarked that he wished he had the real thing...

This week has been a momentous one for many students, as GCSE examinations continued. A number of students, supported by Mrs Underhill, have been taking languages GCSEs recently; Wednesday saw our biggest foray into exams yet, with the vast majority of Year 9 students taking their first GCSE Citizenship paper. During the week, we were also visited by the Joint Council of Qualifications, for an Exam Inspection – I am delighted to tell you that we passed with flying colours. I thank Mr. Evans, Mrs. Blake, Mr. Wood and Mr. Mills for all of their work to make sure that we are the most robust exam centre we can be, and thank all members of staff for their diligence and dedication working with, and supporting, our students.

Dr. Badyal joined us on Tuesday (always a real treat for us) to help me celebrate the fantastic achievement of Year 8 students in the JASS Leadership Award. 37 out of 37 students, at time of print, have received the highest, Gold Award. This extraordinarily impressive figure would not have happened without the stewardship of our wonderful PLC for Year 8, Mrs. Kaur, and the work of students and Tutors to ensure that their amazing work was fully evidenced. What a brilliant accolade to achieve in Year 8!

I enjoyed a visit to Shire Oak Academy, in Walsall, this week, as the guest of their Director of School Improvement, Lois Kelly – I supported them with some internal quality assurance. As an Ofsted inspector herself, it was fascinating to gain a further insight into the inspection process, and how another school works; I hope that any advice offered based on our, 'Langley' way, helps them on their journey. Furthermore, I would like to humbly thank those who posted positive comments on our social media platforms, and spoke to me at the Summer Fair, about our Ofsted report – it is clear that many of you have read the report, coming to the same, extremely positive conclusions about how we are supporting your children. I mentioned that the Lead Inspector told me he would send his children here – I also heard that the mother of our Curriculum Director for English, who supported her son (our Mr.

Dawes) to attend one of the finest grammar schools in the country, would have happily sent her son here! I wonder how many De-Qs he might have picked up...

It is always wonderful to share news of student achievement this week, with the following students receiving a Head of School Commendation for three Star of the Lessons in a single day: Gurtirath Bagri (8C2), Jack Huckfield (7L2), Stefan Marcetic (7D2), Raivo Tonkovic (7A2), Qais Joseph (8D2) and Dilon Kumar (9S1) – congratulations! Also, I was thrilled to see Jack Murphy's trophy for his second place finish in the SHAPE Your Talent competition, as well as SHAPE joining our Excellence Leaders (with Miss Smith) to view our Dragons' Den pitch. What a superb week for our superstar students!

This week has also seen our primary school visits get underway, with our transition team of Ms. Cox and Mrs. Fogarty making visits, now that SATS and our Ofsted inspection have reached their conclusion. For the reference of parents and carers of incoming students – we intend to finalise Company and Tutor Group allocation, which will determine which presentation you attend at New Intake Evening 2, by the end of the first week of that month. You will receive a letter detailing the Company, and the time to arrive, in due course; please remain patient!

On Thursday, we hosted the Missionary Air Fellowship for an assembly, delivered to Years 7 & 8. We are gratified that our Sponsor, Mr. Payne, who works closely with the charity, thought of us when recommending that they attend, with us holding the hope that they will join us in the next academic year to deliver some sessions to our students – their Escape Room Challenge, and Flight Simulator, are sure to go down a treat! I actually experienced the Flight Simulator at the Wildfires Festival in May, and it was great fun – it was bittersweet, however, to see that my wife and my two boys managed to land the plane more gracefully than I did!

Friday held a special treat for me, as I welcomed Lorraine Lynch-Kelly and Ros McMullen, from the Midlands Knowledge Hub, to the Academy. The visit was precipitated by the fiancée of our Curriculum Director for English, who generously recommended us as a place where knowledge is at the heart of what we do. For me, meeting Ros, who has been one of the elite 'super-heads' in all my time in education, before she retires at the end of the year, was a great thrill and privilege. Further, it was wonderful to work with Lorraine, and learn about the great work at St Martin's Catholic College, and others in the Hub. I look forward to extending our relationship with them in the future.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend. For all of our students who will be celebrating Father's Day for the fathers, grandfathers and father figures in their lives – a cup of tea or coffee goes a long way! We look forward to seeing you on Monday, where our Year 9 students will be arriving at 08:00, in preparation for their GCSE Citizenship Paper 2!

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 10th June 2019. They were:



Alessia Easton
7A2



Ashmeet Kaur
7C2



Ratmirs Muhametgalijevs
7D2



Joseph Javaheri
7L2



Shamarnie Johnson-Blair
7S2



Sophie Collins
9A1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 17/06/2019

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 17th June	Omelettes (V) Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	Omelettes (V) Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt Pot
Tuesday 18th June	Moroccan Chicken Fillet Carrots Braised Rice	Gluten Free Falafel (V) Carrots Braised Rice	Mini Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday 19th June	Roasted Chicken In Gravy Bap Seasoned Wedges	Roasted Quorn In Gravy Bap (V) Seasoned Wedges	Cocoa Brownie Cookie
Thursday 20th June	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 21st June	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 Sunveer Kaur (7D2). Well Done Sunveer!

The answer to last week's Hassan's Hypothesis was:
12cm²

Hassan's Hypothesis for this week is:

The picture shows the same die in three different positions. When the die is rolled, what is the probability of rolling a 'YES'?

Show your answer as a fraction.



Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 18th 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

INSET Day

Monday 1st July 2019—Academy closed to students.

New Intake Evening 2

Thursday 11th July 2019.

Parents' Evening 6

Thursday 18th July 2019—3pm-7:30pm.

Academy closes at 2:30pm

End of Term

Friday 19th July 2019

For Years 7, 8 and 9—Timing TBC.

Transition Week for New Intake September 2019

Tuesday 23rd July—Thursday 25th July

Timings TBC