



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



we were delighted to accept, and welcomed a range of guests from SHAPE for Family Lunch. We thank Miss Smith, and all students, for their excellent work in this area.

This week has seen some exceptional parental contact, preparing us perfectly for next week's Parents' Evening. Monday saw our final PACT meeting of the year, where we heard about the financial success of the Summer Fair. Despite the inclement weather, and last minute cancellations, the success speaks for PACT's hard work, dedication and vision.

Thursday evening saw one of our most significant events of the year – Intake Evening 2. At this momentous event, our incoming students (and their parents/carers) heard from me, their PLD, and spoke to a range of different people who are linked to life at the Academy. We thank all parents and carers for attending, all staff for their support, and our new students, for their receptive behaviour.

Thursday also saw our final Local Governing Body meeting of the academic year, during which time we were able to visit the new Specialist Teaching Block. I feel continually grateful to our Governors, who were recognised for their expertise during our recent Ofsted report. They all complete this free of charge, and work with us to help our students; they are the backbone of our Academy, and we are so blessed to benefit from their support and time.

With next year in mind, I am thrilled to be able to share news of where certain key staff will be next year. Mrs. Fogarty, after doing an exceptional job with Year 7 this year, will be supporting our new students as PLD for Year 7. Mrs. Goodman, elevated to PLD earlier this year, will be taking over next year's Year 8; Mr. Alexander will be PLD for Year 9, and Mr. Snell with Year 10. I noted with interest how our sister Great Barr site has altered their tutor system from Vertical (students from each year group) to Horizontal (as we currently have) – Ms. Cox and I, coming from Great Barr, have been able to evaluate the merits of both, making the choice for Langley that suited our students, and are pleased that our colleagues have made the change that is right for them. It definitely works for us, as our pastoral teams work tirelessly, specialising in a year group – our visitor from West Midlands Police, P.C. Hughie Treasure, who delivered a charismatic assembly on social media this week, agreed that our students are simply spectacular – as he doesn't have to visit in his law enforcement capacity, it was a treat for him to work with them!

Tuesday this week saw the final round of appointments, both internal and external, for the academic year. We are delighted to announce that Mr. Dale was successful being appointed Lead Professional for History – his skill, intellect, diligence and commitment have been even clearer as I have worked in his team this year. It pleases me immensely to announce that Mr. Payton, who has been on the journey with Langley since the very beginning, becomes Leader of Learning in P.E. I have known Mr. Payton since his days at Great Barr, and his growth as a professional, and contributions to the overall team have been impressive. We also appointed Miss Goodbourn to the additional responsibility involving Educational

Visits, as well as her work as Leader of Learning in French. I thank all staff involved in the process, with a special mention to our great friend, Mr. Price, whose expertise regarding Educational Visits was a huge help in the process. After two appointments to LSA (Learning Support Assistants), I can happily state that we are fully staffed for next year!

Each week, I look forward, with relish, to hosting my #Time4Tea with some superstar students, for achievements inside and outside of the Academy. I was delighted to hear that Jasmine Komeng (9C1) was named Student of the Year for her String Orchestra; Roman Foster (8S1) was promoted for 1<sup>st</sup> Star Cadet; Nicole Collier (7S2) was successful at the Masters of Dance Festival; Riley Taylor (7D1), Jack Huckfield (7L2), Luke Huckfield (8A2), Luca Whaley (8L2) and Ellie Turner (9C1) were successful in the Boldmere Water Carnival Swimming Meet. Finally, I heard that Shanna-Mai Taggart (9S1), when out with her mother, saw a man being attacked. Shanna administered First Aid, and called an ambulance to ensure that he was safe. Also, Emma Law (7L1) received Three Star of the Lessons in a single day – a tremendous achievement! I am so proud of all of our students, and confer their Head of School Commendations with my most glowing praise!

This week, we were delighted to welcome Sophie Devane, from our Sixth Form at Q3 Great Barr, for some work experience this week. For certain Learning Consultants who left Q3 Great Barr to open Langley, Sophie was in Year 9 (our eldest year group) when they departed – seeing her growth, intelligence, kindness and respect made us all very proud. We wish you all the best Sophie!

We have made students aware that the final deadline for the Q-Point Catalogue rewards was this Friday, and have seen a flurry of postcards submitted, as students seek to convert their points into prizes! I thank Mrs. Yates, who has been a huge asset to the Academy since starting, for putting everything together, and coordinating students receiving their items. As a reminder, any unspent Q-Points will be halved, and rolled over to next year, so that when students have the chance to order again in January 2020, they will be able to use some of what they have earned this year.

Next week is our final week of the year, but we do not stop, or slow down! In addition to lessons as normal (meaning students will be learning key things, in a purposeful manner), we have: Q3's Got Talent (hosted by Mr. Karim and some surprise guests), Sports Day (on Tuesday), Rewards Assemblies and Parents' Evening 6, our final chance to speak with you about your child's progress. With the exception of Thursday, where students will be dismissed at approximately 14:30, the days will run as normal, with a normal finishing time of 15:00 for all students on Friday – all students will be receiving at least an additional week's holiday, considering their additional days at Christmas.

At Parents' Evening, we are very excited that our Horizon, Innov8 and Cloud 9 Learning Consultants, who do not teach in the Core, will be available to discuss work and progress this academic year – they will be based in Quisine. We also have our friends from Macron attending, who are offering a final opportunity to sample the sizes for the P.E kit; this is especially important for any Year 9s who have not purchased it yet. I look forward to seeing as many at the event as possible – our last event saw a slight dip in attendance, a trend which we are hoping to buck!

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, I suggest the SHAPE Summer Fest, held at Sandwell Valley between 11:00 – 17:00 – it is free to enter and promises to be a fantastic event! Whatever you choose to do, I wish you a relaxing and restful weekend, and look forward to seeing our students bright and early on Monday, for the final week of term! Time flies...

**Peter Lee**  
**Head of School**

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 8th July 2019. They were:



Manveer  
Sukhnain  
7A2



Harry Cheema  
7C2



Sreya Pabla  
7D2



Jay Chudge  
7L2



Baljeewan  
Singh  
7S2



Shanna-Mai Taggart  
9S1

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 15/07/2019

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
<b>Monday 15th July</b>	<b>Omelettes (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	<b>Omelettes (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	<b>Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt Pot</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th July</b>	<b>Moroccan Chicken Fillet</b> Carrots Braised Rice	<b>Gluten Free Falafel (V)</b> Carrots Braised Rice	<b>Mini Blueberry Muffins</b>
<b>Wednesday 17th July</b>	<b>Roasted Chicken In Gravy Bap</b> Seasoned Wedges	<b>Roasted Quorn In Gravy Bap (V)</b> Seasoned Wedges	<b>Cocoa Brownie Cookie</b>
<b>Thursday 18th July</b>	<b>Chicken Tandoori Pitta</b> White and Brown Rice Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob	<b>Quorn Tandoori Pitta (V)</b> White and Brown Rice Roasted Spicy Half Corn on the Cob	<b>Fresh Fruit</b>
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>Sausage Roll</b> Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans	<b>Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)</b> Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans	<b>Ring Doughnuts</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 Thomas Barton (8D2). Well Done Thomas!

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

A ball is dropped onto a hard surface. Each time it bounces, it rebounds to exactly one third of the height from which it fell. After the second bounce the ball rises to a height of 9cm. From what height was it originally dropped?

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

**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