

ACADEMY
LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



I am going to start this week's Newsletter off by referencing some anti-social parking that I witnessed last Friday at the KS3 end of day dismissal. We operate a staggered tutor group dismissal, and also by key stage, to alleviate some of the challenges of managing moving 1,500 pupils from site at the end of the school day. What really disappointed me were the number

of cars parked on the Red Route rather than using the free parking at Barnford Hill Park or parking slightly further away and encouraging children to walk. We always receive our distance calculations from the local authority, and the overwhelming majority of our families live within 1.0 mile of our school – why not consider walking to and from the building every day?

On Tuesday I hold my regular business meetings with Mrs Mellor and Mrs Patel from across our central team. They work tirelessly throughout the year to support the smooth-running operation here – we met three times over the summer holidays – and we were also joined by HR member Ms Bhullar – who again does a superlative job behind the scenes for us. We thank them all for their hard work and commitment.

Mr Davis organised a number of football finals this week, carried over from the 2025–26 season. We were pleased to host Q3 Academy Great Barr here at the Academy. Unfortunately, we came away with a 5–2 defeat, but it was great to get these competitive fixtures back up and running. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

Mr Snell and Mrs Evans were also delighted to reward those students in receipt of 100% attendance during the last academic year. This is a tremendous achievement that shows resilience, grit and determination, and they all received a certificate and a limited edition #Q3LAN10 water bottle that we hope to see in use in the coming days and weeks!

Unfortunately, I had to miss the 100% attendance award as I had been invited down to the House of Lords for the national launch of the KS3 Alliance. It was great to be joined by fellow co-chair Dawn Haywood from Windsor Academies Trust and also our very own Conrad Bourne, as well as other key educationalists from across the sector. We are looking forward to the regional conference in Worcester, and it is a wonderful privilege to be making a small contribution towards shaping education policy, building on our ten years of

experience here. Transition has always been a key part – and often overlooked – of our journey – and yet again I have to say our new Y7s have made an amazing start to life here under the expert tutelage of Mrs Gunn and her team.

Our cleaning managed service provider – Solo – provide an excellent service throughout the whole day from 6.00 AM to 6.00 PM – and one member – Ms Richardson – left us this week for a short while for a medical procedure. It certainly wasn't the same place without her cheery disposition, and I am sure all in the #Q3Family send all our best wishes for a speedy recovery and can't wait to see her back in the building in due course.

The winner of three star of the lesson awards in a single day is: Carmen Vine (7D1). Well done Carmen!

We have received a number of queries – and I've been sent some very interesting Tik Tok videos discussing the new DfE rules on uniform – with particular reference to P.E. Kit. So just to clarify we have the P.E. t-shirt as compulsory alongside a Q3 Macron coat – that acts as an outer layer for PE – but can also mean children are visible as we approach the dark nights and mornings over their Business Dress. We have always said that children can wear dark coloured base layers and we used to sell a branded  3/4 zip top that could be worn on top of the t-shirt. We are allowing students to still wear this – as we now many families had purchased this – or want to hand it down to siblings. Macron now sell a navy – unbadged version – which is fine as is another navy top without a logo or one with, say, an adidas trefoil on it, for example. What we will not allow are other tops – for example a hoodie – as that is inappropriate for P.E. and doesn't match the idea of a uniform for PE. I would assert that, with base layers, a PE t shirt and a Q3 coat, children will be warm enough both inside the building, and outside when running around. As ever, if you have a query pick up the 'phone or, even better, pop in to discuss with your child's pastoral team and we can support you in any way we can!

We head into our Open Evening next Thursday 24th September – and we look forward to welcoming families both old and new to see us from 6pm onwards.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Peter Lee

Headteacher



Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 14th September 2026. They are:



Christian
Cottle
8A1



Govind
Mann
8C1



Sahibpreet
Singh
8D1



Miracle
Mae
Navarro
8L1



Lily
Mainwaring
8S1



Laila
Adams-Flash
10A1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 21/09/2026

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 21st September	Beef and Lentil Bolognese Pasta House Salad	Smashed Butternut Squash (V) Pasta Bake House Salad	Ice Cream
Tuesday 22nd September	BBQ Chicken (H) Salt and Pepper Wedges Spicy Slaw	Quorn Dippers (V) Salt and Pepper Wedges Spicy Slaw	Brookie Bar
Wednesday 23rd September	Roast Pork Crispy Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Vegetable & Chickpea Pastry (V) Crispy Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Fresh Fruit
Thursday 24th September	Margherita Pizza (V) Oven Baked Wedges Garden Peas	Margherita Pizza (V) Oven Baked Wedges Garden Peas	Flapjack
Friday 25th September	Chip Shop Fishcake Chips & Peas Tartare Sauce	Crispy Onion Pakora Burger (V) Mango Slaw Chips & Peas	Double Chocolate Chip Cookie

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

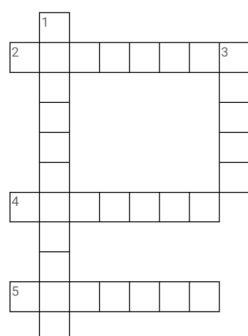


SABIN'S SCRAMBLE

Last week's Sabin's Scramble winner is: Alishba Azhar (8C2).

Well done Alishba!

This week's Sabin's Scramble is:



Across

- 2 A warm baking spice on cakes this time of year
4 For farmers Autumn is the time to..... the crops
5 What type of seed starts in a green spiky protective pod?

Down

- 1 In Autumn some animals prepare for...
3 Hedgehogs are nocturnal so they mainly come out at...

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 22nd September at 15:30pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Headteacher's decision is final in this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Year 11 Parent Briefing

Monday 21st September 2026 - 15:45-17:45

Session one: 15:45-16:15

Session two: 17:15-17:45

Open Evening

Thursday 24th September 2026 — 18:00-21:00

Open Mornings

Monday 28th September 2026—Friday 2nd October 2026— 9:00-11:00

Book via Eventbrite.

Parents' Consultation Evening 1

Thursday 15th October 2026 - 15:00-19:30

Students finish by 14:30.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Suicide Awareness month is observed every September with major organisations campaigning to promote prevention, connection and to access support. This World Suicide Prevention Month, we're sharing one important message: If you think someone might be suicidal, take action, interrupt their thoughts, and show them you care. You don't have to be an expert to save someone's life. Please use the QR code below to access support, where you will find useful resources, and contact numbers.



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