

ACADEMY
LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



It's always a special evening in the calendar – and the longest of the academic year bar Prom, I guess – when Open Evening comes around! As ever my gratitude extends to Mrs Fogarty for her superlative organisation skills but, also, the whole team for such a wonderful showcase for all

families in the local community. As a school we are rightly proud of what we have achieved over the last ten years and last night – standing room only again – was a testament to this. A reminder that our Open Mornings are completely sold out – that has never happened before the actual week – so we will try to squeeze in an extra one before half-term! A huge final thank you to the prospective families who attended and, as ever, we are keen to answer any queries you may have up until the deadline for submitting your application on 31 October 2026. An extra special thanks to former student Brannon Fell – who is not only a member of the Local Governing Body – but he spoke so eloquently at the end of my presentations.

I always enjoy my weekly Time 4 Teas, when I get to celebrate exploits both inside and outside of the academy. Last week I met Rahsaan Higgins (7S2), who is starring in a professional production of Matilda the Musical, and, this week, I had the pleasure of catching up with the Y8 Boys' football team following their narrow defeat in the Sandwell cup. Well done to Thomas Scott Harris (8S2), Miller Robinson (8C1), Kurts Ilens (8D1), Troy Hemmings (8L2), Alberto Zamfirescu (8S2), Travis Taylor– Graham (8L1), Patrick-Gabriel Ilin (8D2), Caleb Karmacharya (8A2), Alfie Watts (8L1), Harvey Dunlop (8D1), George Calvert (8C2), North Somerville (8S1).

Our annual September Y11 Parent Briefing was a success, with even more families in attendance than this time 12 months ago. A huge thank you to the team who stayed behind to facilitate this and Mr Fulwood, Mr Anderson and Mr Gee for their thought-provoking presentations. A bit like Brannon on Thursday, the star of

the show was former Head Girl – Sunveer – who spoke about her inspiring journey into the ultra-competitive world of dentistry as part of the talks! It was great to see her, and we are all so proud of the fantastic adult she has become! And we will be seeing more of her this academic year so watch this space!

I have been lucky to be out-and-about this week – Mrs Hellens actually commented that she “doesn’t see me anymore” after one of my visits on Wednesday. But all jokes aside, it was great to visit Mr Everett over at Shire Oak Academy, especially following the publication of the latest Ofsted monitoring report – huge well done to him and all the team. I also was over the Windsor Academy Trust as part of the KS3 Regional Alliance ahead of our launch conference and even managed to grab a quick cuppa with Mr Moreley (with some nice biscuits too!) over at Oldbury Academy. Finally, today we have been over in Hereford as part of our DfE Attendance and Behaviour work – but, as always, my gratitude is for all the staff back at base keeping the ship afloat! We welcomed a new colleague this week Miss Ahmed Mayesha will be joining our humanities team as part of the NIOT training programme – it has been great to re-connect with Ms Murphy, formally of our sister site at Q3 Great Barr – and new colleagues such as Ms Dail as part of the team there.

Ms Longhurst and Mr Jones reported a strong start for our inaugural Football Beyond Borders cohort, and I look forward to hearing much more about their progress in the coming week. As always, our Umbrella provision goes from strength-to-strength, and I look forward to my regular weekly updates regarding the bespoke provision we offer to so many children in our cohorts.

Next week sees Open Mornings – we cannot wait to welcome prospective families and thanks to the student Tour Guides who no doubt will be the stars of the show!

Have a super weekend...

Best wishes,

Peter Lee

Headteacher



Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 21st September 2026. They are:



Khadijah
Ali
9A1



Aj
Kapoor
9C1



Elouise
Attwood
9D1



Zion
Smith
9L1



Anand
Vilkhu
9S1



Anantdeep
Kaushal
11L2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 28/09/2026

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 28th September	Beef Chilli Con Carne Nacho Crumbs Mixed Rice & Sweetcorn	Mixed Bean Chilli (V) Nacho Crumbs Mixed Rice & Sweetcorn	Ice Cream
Tuesday 29th September	Creamy Chicken, Spinach & Pesto Pasta Bake (H) House Salad	Veggieball Bake (V) House Salad	Chocolate & Orange Brownie
Wednesday 30th September	Glazed Gammon Crispy Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Roll (V) Crispy Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Fresh Fruit
Thursday 1st October	Margherita Pizza (V) Oven Baked Wedges Garden Peas	Margherita Pizza (V) Oven Baked Wedges Garden Peas	Raspberry Ripple Tray Bake
Friday 2nd October	Chip Shop Fishcake Chips & Peas Tartare Sauce	Veggie Burger (V) Iceberg Lettuce Perinaise	Vanilla Cookie

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

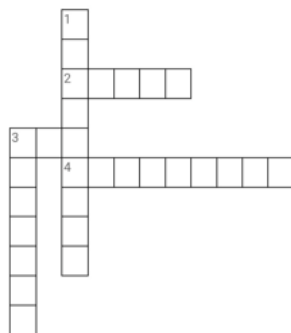


SABIN'S SCRAMBLE

Last week's Sabin's Scramble winner is: Dean Cowie (7S2).

Well done Dean!

This week's Sabin's Scramble is:



Across Down

2 A traditional Sunday dish is a dinner

3 A traditional desert this time of year, apple....

4 A stuffed figure used to keep birds away from eating crops

1 A farm vehicle used in the harvest a combine...
3 An orange large fruit, some carve faces into it...

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 29th 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



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.

Half Term

Thursday 22nd October 2026— Friday 30th October 2026 - Year 11 sessions TBC.

Inset Day

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Academy closed to students.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

If young people are going through a difficult time, it can be really upsetting and scary. The charity 'Mind' can provide information and support to help young people who are going through a tough time. So, whether you need some support or you're supporting a friend, you don't have to feel alone.



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