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THE MERCIAN TRUST

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ACADEMY LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



Another fantastic week at Q3 Academy Langley comes to an end and, as ever, the days have flown by with a myriad of activity both inside and outside the building! On Monday, I ventured over to our sister site for our half-termly catch-up with other Mercian Trust Headteachers and Executive Staff. It is always great to hear about other successes across the Trust and especially the recent reports at both Shire Oak and Aldridge School.

Tuesday saw the long-awaited publication of the Milburn Report, and we were thrilled that the BBC Midlands Today visit from a few weeks ago was featured as part of their bulletins throughout the day, as well as on Radio WM! A huge well done to our former City Year Mentor, Freya Boateng, for being the star of the show alongside the students who were featured. The very same day, we hosted another DfE Visit Day here at the academy and, like last week, our students' oracy and self-confidence were evident and highlighted for praise by one visitor. I held T4T with Lia Hassan (8D1), Uzziah Smith (8D1), Daniel Hanson (7S1) and Harsukh Dabur (7L1), all of whom were praised for embodying our academy ethos and being so welcoming to visitors. A reminder that, if you missed the BBC News report, you can still catch up via our social media channels as well as BBC iPlayer before it expires.

Tuesday also brought further success, with our Under 15 Girls' team crowned EFL Cup champions at Gospel Oak. Congratulations to Keya Anderson (9C2), Alana Lawrence (9S1), Frankie Barker (9S2), Sienna Cooper (10C1), Tia Wiltshire (9D1), Jessica Mahoney (10C2), Harmannat-Preet Singh (10L2) and Amelia-Lilli Price (10C2) on this fantastic achievement. A huge thank you to Mr Simkins, Ms Barker and Miss Coghlan for accompanying and supporting the students throughout the tournament, helping guide them to a well-deserved victory. Thanks also to Mr Davis and Mr Swancott for keeping the site open until the team arrived back. Another impressive trophy to add to the growing cabinet and a testament to the team's hard work and dedication.

Mrs Evans does a phenomenal job leading on all things attendance, but certainly over recent weeks I have noticed how much support she has received in the role from Miss Evans, who not only staffs our 'Late Gate' but is now preparing all the daily reports. We hosted colleagues involved in this function as part of our DfE work, and I am truly grateful to both colleagues for all the hard work, attention to detail and professionalism they bring to our attendance function.

Wednesday afternoon saw the first of three Trust CPD sessions that our staff team engaged with, either virtually or in person. As always, we are grateful to our Central Team colleague, Tracy Goodyear, for collating such a vast array of options for staff to select from, and we are now looking forward to round two in 2027!

The winner of three star of the lesson awards in a single day is: Amairah Shafi (7A2).

On Thursday, I attended the first Sandwell Secondary Heads' Meeting of the academic year for me, as I was down in London at the House of Lords for the last one. I was lucky enough to be given a slot on the agenda to talk about our KS3 Alliance work, which was well timed as it was the National Board Meeting this week. It was great to hear about the regional updates and the momentum that has been building across the country. I look forward to hosting, at our sister site, the next regional steering group alongside Dawn Haywood next week!

On Friday, it was also a thrill to welcome back, for the first time, founding member Mrs Castle for a catch-up over a cup of tea! Mrs Castle, as regular long-standing readers will remember, played an integral part in the set-up and development of Q3 Langley. It was great to hear about her new role and the impact she is having across her academy trust.

Finally, I was delighted to hear from Mrs Grove about her successful completion of a Level 5 qualification this week, achieving a distinction, nonetheless! She has been a phenomenal member of the team since joining us and has done such a wonderful job as Assistant SENDCo to the indomitable Miss Howe. They sure are a formidable double act!

Don't forget that we've got Black Friday next week, with double Q-Points and a whole host of other surprises in store! Who is going to find a Golden Ticket in their Family Lunch Box...?

Best wishes and have a great weekend!

Peter Lee

Headteacher

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Q3 ACADEMY LANGLEY

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 16th November 2026. They are:

Muhammad Mannan 7A2

Jaya-Rose Jakhu 7C2

Kishan Riyat 7D2

Damanjot Pangli 7L2

Saveena Bassi 7S2

Oliver Robertson 10D1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 23/11/2026

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 23rd November	**Beef & Lentil Bolognaise** House Salad	**Butternut Squash Pasta Bake (V)** House Salad	**Ice Cream Tubs**
Tuesday 24th November	**BBQ Chicken (H)** Salt & Pepper Wedges Spicy Slaw	**Quorn Dippers (V)** Salt & Pepper Wedges Spicy Slaw	**Brookie Bar**
Wednesday 25th November	**Roast Pork** Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	**Vegetable & Chickpea Pastry (V)** Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	**Fresh Fruit**
Thursday 26th November	**Margherita Pizza (V)** Oven Baked Wedges Peas	**Margherita Pizza (V)** Oven Baked Wedges Peas	**Fruit Yoghurts**
Friday 27th November	**Battered Fish** Chips Peas	**Onion Pakora Burger (V)** Chips Peas	**Raspberry Ripple Tray Bake**

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

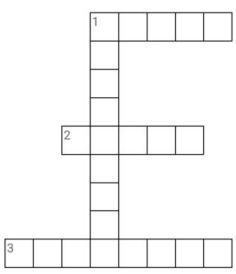


SABIN'S SCRAMBLE

Last week's Sabin's Scramble winner is: Waleed Mahmood (8L1).

Well done Waleed!

This week's Sabin's Scramble is



Across

1 We can report our worries on R U OK....
2 If we are concerned we can tell a trusted...
3 We can keep safe by walking....

Down

1 A service that young people can call if they need help

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 24th November 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

Black Friday

Friday 27th November 2026

Cyber Monday

Monday 30th November 2026

Parent's Consultation Evening 2 - including XMAS Fair

Thursday 10th December 2026 - students will finish early times TBC.

Christmas Holidays

Monday 14th December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027

Y11 by invite only: Monday 14th December - Friday 18th December

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Anti-Bullying Week reminds us that everyone has a part to play in creating a kind, respectful and inclusive school community. If you are worried about bullying, either in school or online, speak to your key trusted adult. Students can also get confidential support and advice through the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

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