

ACADEMY
LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



A really busy week inside – and outside – of the academy starts with another reminder this academic year in relation to inconsiderate parking by a minority of our families, at both the drop off in the morning and at the end of the day. We are an above average-sized secondary school which does

stagger the start and end of our day – partly to help congestion – but we really need the support of all stakeholders to ensure we are abiding by the rules of the road and park appropriately. Sadly, I do not hold any regulatory powers to enforce tickets – we had a request for me to go and turn off the temporary traffic lights the other week – but I don't hold the authority to do this as this would be a great source of revenue for the school!

Late last week, on Friday night, Mrs Evans – our Attendance Champion – shared the latest national FFT Attendance Awards we had received. Not only did we come in the top 10% of All Schools and Similar Schools for the summer term just gone, but we also received the same accolade for the whole of 2025-26. This is a tremendous achievement and recognition for all stakeholders – families, staff and, most importantly, the overwhelming majority of students who achieve such metrics. There is a clear correlation between good attendance – great exam results – and a happier life both during your school days and into adulthood. That being said, I have been disappointed to see a handful of holiday requests during term time come in this week – a reminder we have our extended October half-term and also our longer Christmas period, which means all families can potentially take advantage of cheaper holidays from the operators. We are a nationally leading school in this area – and that is down to the commitment of the current and previous families – it is so important all of us play our part in this now and in the future.

We also received the IDSR update – which is our internal data set and one that is used for all schools around any Ofsted inspection, and I have to say I am thrilled at the results with particular comparison to similar schools, which is a new metric both the DfE and Ofsted and now going

to be using more frequently. A high proportion of our metrics show “significantly above” other comparable schools and, yet again, shows what a phenomenal job staff and families together have achieved in the ten years here at Q3 Langley – we really have been able to #changethenarrative for what is possible for our young people here in Sandwell. We are heading into our final Open Morning next week – and have recorded the most visitors ever seen during this season – a reminder the 31 October deadline is getting ever closer.

I have been off on my travels this week – firstly, down to see our good friends at Coplestone High School in Ipswich on Monday, then off to co-host the KS3 Regional Alliance launch at the University of Worcester, which was great to connect with so many colleagues and welcome national lead Becks Boomer-Clark and Steve Chalke MBE to help kick-start our event! On Thursday, I headed over to our sister site, then off to SIPS in West Brom town centre for the AGM, and on Friday Mr Snell and I were out in Worcestershire supporting another school as part of the DfE Attendance and Behaviour Hub programme! I did make it back for the end of the day – and have to say I especially miss the Year 7s, as I've not been able to be furnished with their usual snacks at break time over the last week or so!

The winners of three star of the lesson awards in a single day are as follows: Mohammed Haqem Ali (7D2), Zane Gray (8D2), Pricham Heer (7D2), Medina Hussain (9C1) and Muskaan Hussain (8C1).

We head into the weekend – I'm particularly looking forward to the EPL returning – I've not liked this three-week break – and what a match to return with on Sunday at Anfield. I really enjoyed Mr Day, Mrs Fogarty, Ms Coleman and Mr Caine's hosting of the Family Lunch topic regarding Man City on Tuesday. Let's hope I'm in a good mood on Monday morning....

Best wishes,

Peter Lee

Headteacher



Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 5th October 2026. They are:



Khadija
Muhtar
8A2



Abubakr
Jhangir
8C2



Taydon
Langford
8D2



Shiloh
Kasote
8L2



Alivia
Singh
8S2



Karina
Basra
11L2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 12/10/2026

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 12th October	Beef and Lentil Bolognaise Pasta Bake House Salad	Butternut Squash (V) Pasta Bake House Salad	Ice Cream Tubs
Tuesday 13th October	BBQ Chicken (H) Salt and Pepper Wedges Spicy Slaw	Quorn Dippers (V) Salt and Pepper Wedges Spicy Slaw	Brookie Bar
Wednesday 14th October	Roast Pork Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable & Chickpea Pastry (V) Roast Potatoes	Fresh Fruit
Thursday 15th October	Margherita Pizza (V) Oven Baked Wedges Garden Peas	Margherita Pizza (V) Oven Baked Wedges Garden Peas	Fruit Yoghurts
Friday 16th October	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.

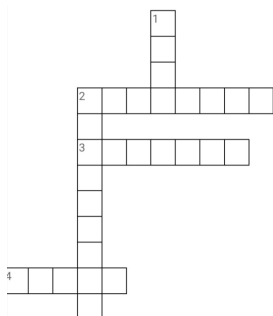


SABIN'S SCRAMBLE

Last week's Sabin's Scramble winner is: Alice Capper-Steventon (7D1).

Well done Alice!

This week's Sabin's Scramble is:



Across

- 2 A small animal with a prickly coat
- 3 Animals that build dams that are being reintroduced to the UK
- 4 Swifts and swallows leave the UK for the winter and fly...

Down

- 1 The name of a male deer
- 2 Something that red squirrels do but greys squirrels don't do in the winter

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 13th 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

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.

Students return on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at normal times.**

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

West Midlands Police are working together with the community to support violence against women and girls. If you've been affected by crime, the Victims' Code clearly outlines your rights at each stage of your journey through the criminal justice system. You can report a crime and gain access to victim support services. If you have experienced abuse of any kind then you don't have to deal with it alone, and it is never your fault. Support is available to help you.

