

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This half term really has flown by; and it feels like we've only just finished celebrating the achievements made during the Spring Term – congratulations to all the students that received certificates and badges based on Spring Term achievements. It's well and truly exam season; congratulations to Year 11 students - their attitude and approach to their exams has been fantastic, and I'm sure they'll benefit from all of their hard work when they receive their results over the summer. Exams for the Year 11s last about 2½ weeks after we return from half term; it's then end-of-year assessments for students in other year groups – good luck to all of them. Also this half term we had the chance to meet the children joining Year 7 next September – it was lovely to welcome them to Team TALA. I hope you enjoy reading about some of what's been going on this half-term in this edition of our Newsletter.



GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Exams, Exams, Exams

It has been wonderful seeing our year 11s working hard and challenging themselves in booster sessions and independent revision. Exams continue after half term and we can't wait for results day!

Year 6-7 Transition Evening

On the 15th May we got to meet our new cohort of students and their parents joining the TALA community in September. The evening was full of important key information and it was a pleasure to meet everyone.

Year 10-11 Transition Evening

To ensure our year 10s have a successful start to year 11 we hosted a KS4 transition evening, giving advice and guidance on how to revise, next steps after GCSEs and supporting students' mental health and wellbeing.

Lanfranc Reunion

On the 16th April we hosted a Lanfranc reunion, inviting ex- students back to visit the school. It was nice to spend time with them listening to their memories of when they attended TALA.

KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Reminder: Attendance is key!

We are looking forward to celebrating those students who have shown real dedication to their education and have reach the milestone of 100% attendance for the last 2 terms. Some of our students are still on track to achieve 100% attendance for the year! Stay motivated, keep coming to school and you will rewarded at the Academy Awards in July.

Key Dates:

Monday 24th – Friday 28th June = Year 10 Mock Exams
 Monday 01st – Friday 5th July = Year 10 Work Experience
 Friday 5th July = New Year 7 Induction Day
 Friday 5th July = Year 11 Prom (5pm-10pm)
 Tuesday 9th July = Academy Awards Evening (5pm-7pm)
 Thursday 11th July = Academy Day & Sports Day 1
 Friday 12th July = Cultural Day
 Monday 15th – Thursday 18th July = French Trip to Loire Valley
 Tuesday 16th July = Academy Day & Sports Day 2
 Friday 19th July = End of term



HIGHLIGHT OF THE TERM

Breakfast for Champions

Celebrating excellent attendance and punctuality!
 Well done to the tutor groups who were successful!



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



TEACHING & LEARNING HIGHLIGHT

As we approach the end of the year, it's a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the overall TALA learning journey, and how each year of learning builds up to the next. It is this journey which enables each student to prepare for their next year of education, and I am happy to say that TALA students are taking this in their stride!

Our year 11s have the incredible, if not slightly daunting, opportunity to demonstrate all that they have learnt in their 5 years at TALA.

Our year 10s are producing flashcards and other revision materials, preparing them for year 11. Well done for the early start!

Year 9 students are now deeply engaged in the preparation for their options choices, with year 8 beginning to seriously think about what they might like to take for GCSE.

Our year 7s are very firmly established members of KS3 now, and are working so hard to develop the necessary skills to excel in the second phase of KS3.

We couldn't be more proud of the 5 year journey our students are on, and look forward to seeing the progress your child makes.

“ Don't let anyone rob you of your own imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. ”



EXTRA CURRICULAR

Update from PE:

A number of Year groups have competed at the Croydon Schools' Athletics this half term – it is always fantastic to have students representing the academy through sport. Well done to the Year 7 boys football team who played against Oasis Coulsdon. Whilst it wasn't the result we were hoping for, the team displayed fantastic teamwork and resilience throughout. #WednesdayWorkouts have been successful with some of the Year 10 girls – this is open to girls from Year 9-11 on a Wednesday morning. The sports leaders have been incredibly busy helping with West Thornton's sports week. They have been helping with space hopper races, bat and ball challenges and target games to name a few. They really are great ambassadors of the Academy!

Drama Trip – Stranger Things

A group of students attended the Phoenix Theatre to watch a performance of Stranger Things, it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see a TV show brought to life in the West End.

HOUSES

The House competition is heating up! Attenborough House is in the lead with **41,205** Achievement Points and **92.02%** attendance.

Hot on their heels, Jemison House boasts **41,146** points and **91.50%** attendance, with Malala House close behind at **40,740** points and **91.50%** attendance. Next term, **Jemison** will choose a charity to support and host thrilling inter-house competitions.

Get ready for an action-packed term full of excitement and school spirit!

TALA Values Award

Complete a challenging physical activity e.g. run, swim or cycle 5-10k.

CAREERS

Years 7 & 8 - All students should now have access to Unifrog. Please encourage students to use the half-term break to complete the quizzes and exploring pathways section on Unifrog. It's never too early to start thinking about career paths and opportunities.

Year 9: All students have now successfully completed their individual careers interviews. Please encourage conversations at home about potential post-16 options and career opportunities, to allow students to begin thinking about their future prospects and career pathways.

Year 10: Students have started to receive their appointments for their careers interviews, and these will continue into the summer term. With the deadline to secure a work experience placement approaching soon, this is a timely reminder for all year 10 students without a placement to finalise one as soon as possible. For help with writing a CV or cover letter, please see the links below. If any of the TALA community would be able to offer a placement, please contact; careers@lanfranc.org.uk

Unifrog: All students should have access to Unifrog. If not, please inform Miss Khan or email the careers team; careers@lanfranc.org.uk

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

Team English:

Year 10s are currently reading Macbeth and learning about the Gunpowder Plot/Divine Rights of Kings. They are learning the context of the play and how the happenings in the Jacobean era helped shaped the lives we now live.

At **Year 9** the challenge of the work becomes evident through the application of the What How Why paragraphs being written in literature and the application of analysis to drive the content being explored. In Language lessons they are using the technique of 'Show not Tell' to create those gothic stories based on the novel Frankenstein.

At **Year 8** students have moved away from just describing words and phrases which writers' use but to explain the effect of specific words and their connotations on the reader. They are doing creative writing which aids in the development of their imaginative talents and aids in the development of their speaking vocabulary as they now have to use more sophisticated words than those they were using in Year 7.

At **Year 7**, we move the children away from the basic sight words they use when writing and start introducing them to tier 2 vocabulary. Each lesson they learn a new word which must be used at some point in the lesson to aid in their spoken and written mode of expression. In Literature they are learning how to identify quotes and pick key words from those quotes to support the writer's point of view.

“Workshops & Information”



Early Positive Approaches to Support (E-PATs) Research Study

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If your child has **additional developmental needs** (diagnosis not necessary) and is **at least 18 months old but not yet 6**, you might like to take part in the E-PATs Research Study.

What is E-PATs?

E-PATs is an 8-session group programme for families that is designed and run by families and professionals working together.

What is the E-PATs Research Study?

We want to find out if E-PATs helps parents and carers of children with additional developmental needs.

This is a randomised study, which means families will be selected by chance (like tossing a coin) to either attend an E-PATs group now or in 12 months' time.

Parents can receive up to **£60 worth of vouchers** for completing questionnaires.



Croydon Mencap is taking part in the E-PATs Study

To find out more please contact
Katherine@croydonmencap.org.uk
 or
LSSJEarlySupportRCT@Kent.ac.uk



Click here to find out more

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ONLINE PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

Jointly run by **Off The Record** and **Croydon Drop In**

Join us online for the following workshops. Sign up via Eventbrite by scanning the QR code below. Cameras and microphones can be turned off.



Transition to Secondary School

Wed 22nd May 1pm

Helping your Child's Behaviour (Primary age)

Wed 5th June 1pm

Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Wed 12th June 1pm

Looking After Yourself for Parents

Wed 19th June 1pm

Introduction to Autism

Wed 26th June 1pm

Introduction to ADHD

Wed 3rd July 1pm



Off The Record also run workshops for parents for support with **Self Harm** and **Emotionally Based School Avoidance** scan the QR code to the left to find out dates, times and how to sign up.



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PARENTING & CARER VITUAL SESSIONS

10:00-10:40 Sunday 2nd June 2024
 16:30-17:10 - Sunday 2nd June 2024
 18:30-19:10 - Tuesday 4th June 2024
 18:30-19:10 - Thursday 6th June 2024

TO JOIN SIGN UP HERE

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScg2BJq5uOLtddhrVx86CGwy_k3w_PrYG1Rha_1AEmUBEzrQ/viewformttle

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Year 7s have continued to show hard work and dedication across their studies this term, we hope that this is reflected in their ATL scores.

Students have been working on the theme of tolerance this half term – both in Assembly and through focussed reading sessions.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

Student	% Present
Charisma 7LPA	100
Gabriel 7MWO	100
Mariana 7MWO	100
Heidi 7JCR	99.55
Aryan 7LPA	99.32
Gabriel 7JED	99.32
Pratheep 7JCR	99.32
Maanuja 7MWO	99.32
Joshua 7LCO	99.32
Kymarni 7LCO	99.32
Bill 7LPA	99.32
Muhammad 7JCR	99.32
Wania 7GDE	98.98
Raya 7GDE	98.98
Leila 7LCO	98.98
Leandro 7JED	98.98
Olamide 7JCR	98.91
Muhammad 7JED	98.64
Sanam 7MWO	98.64
Tikah 7JCR	98.64
Lorenzo 7JED	98.64
Raaviben 7LCO	98.64
Lexie 7JED	98.64
Sanojan 7JED	98.64
Harith 7JCR	98.64

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

7GDE

Most Achievement Points collectively as a Tutor Group (5875)! And best collective attendance (95%)! Keep it up 7GDE



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest conduct points (Achievement Points - Behaviour Points) across the whole year group so far.

Student	Total Conduct Points
Wania 7GDE	397
Muhammad 7JED	388
Radin 7GDE	360
Zain 7GDE	360
Mia 7JED	355
Zerina 7GDE	335
Kaue 7GDE	327
Vladyslav 7GDE	326
Mohammed 7LPA	325
Sameer 7GDE	324
Josh 7GDE	322
Sahla 7LPA	316
Layla 7GDE	314
Raya 7GDE	314
Nadine 7GDE	309
Afrin 7JED	307

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

New Buddy applications open up in Summer 2 – keep your eyes peeled for this and we hope to see some applicants!

End of Year Exams will also be approaching. More information with key dates to follow.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

As we approach the midpoint of this term, Year 8s are overall showing commendable progress and dedication to their studies. Many continue to enjoy their Respect Me programme and FBB. Next half term, Year 8 should continue to maintain their focus and respect for school rules.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest attendance across the whole year group so far.

Serghei	Haris
Sherwin	Insaaf
Amanda	Tamo
Daniela	Rayon
Hakimah	David
Yash	Yassine
Saniya	Maryam
Jalood	Amari
Thanuraj	
Tharun	
Amena	
Angelo	
Vadden	
Ibrahim	
Kavya	
Emmanuel	
Ayush	
Allananzar	
Qaweem	
Erika	
Eduard	
Victory	
Drew	

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

Achievement: 8 LCA (657 conduct points)

Attendance: 8 JAU (92.54%)



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest conduct points (Achievement Points - Behaviour Points) across the whole year group so far.

Haris	Olivia
Ananthan	Valery
Andrew	Mustafa
Yash	Fateen
Yathushagini	Erika
Laura	Angelo
Samiah Rashida	Kavya
Jyoshna	Ansh
Ahmed	Qaweem
Amenita-Nevaeh	Raiya
Vadden	Kourtney
Artem	Jaleel
Arianna	Ayush
Serghei	Allananzar
Eduard	Yassine
Zaynah	
Manuel	
Kelvin	
Chloe	

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Next half-term:

- End of Year exams
- Academy Awards Evening (9th July)
- Academy/Sports Days (11th & 16th July)

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

It's been lovely to see the Year 9s get excited about Prefect applications this term. Lots of excellent, high quality applications coming in, it's going to be a hard choice!

This term, we've also been discussing the importance of reading and the art of de-escalation. Well done Y9s who have been engaging with our reading competition, and putting the de-escalation techniques into practice.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest attendance across the whole year group so far (still at 100%!)

100%

Natalie A	9DAL
Sofia B	9HBU
Raymond B	9JRE
Richmond B	9DHU
Mohammed Eesa I	9DAL
Jordan J	9DHU
Fareed O	9JDE
Payal P	9HBU
Rushi P	9HBU
Edsila P	9JRE
Faisel S	9FOS
Ashvindh S	9FOS
Kenoli Lineeza A	9HBU

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

9DAL

Well done for showing big improvements this year! You guys are now consistently in the top 3 for attendance and conduct.

Good job 9DAL! 😊



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest conduct points (Achievement Points - Behaviour Points) across the whole year group so far.

TOP 15 in Y9:

Payal P	9HBU	452
Kenoli Lineeza A	9HBU	347
Rushi P	9HBU	324
Fareed O	9JDE	320
Hayley S	9FOS	316
Liam S	9DHU	311
Beatrice V	9FOS	294
Kacey W	9HBU	280
Ashvindh S	9FOS	272
Natalie A	9DAL	267
Abira S	9FOS	264
Daniyal A	9DAL	262
Shai S	9HBU	255
Sofia B	9HBU	253
Summer D	9HBU	253

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Year 10 have continued to show hard work and dedication across their studies this term, and this has been reflected in their ATL scores for this half term.

Year 10 students will sit their first full suite of mock exams towards the end of the summer term. Keep it up Year 10 and your hard work will pay off.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest attendance across the whole year group so far.

Thierno	10PAM
Samuel	10CCA
Manal	10PAM
Kiara	10TKI
Adebayo	10KAS
Lindsey	10PAM
Adnan	10PAM
Ordain	10SAL
Md Ratin	10PAM
Kishor	10KAS

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

10DMA
1792 conduct points this term – well done 😊



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest conduct points (Achievement Points - Behaviour Points) across the whole year group so far.

Pedro	10DMA	918
Aslam	10SAL	897
Jemimah	10TKI	670
Nii Amaa	10DMA	653
Kaia	10DMA	638
Kelly	10SAL	601
Theo	10SAL	601
Kiara	10TKI	586
Denis	10SAL	564
Amir	10TKI	524

YEAR GROUP KEY EMINDERS/DATES

- Y10 Summer Mocks – **25th – 28th of June**
- Work Experience - **1st – 5th July**

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Well done year 11, an amazing start to the exam period! All of your hard work is paying off! It's been brilliant to hear all of the positivity amongst the year group.

Keep it up!



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest attendance across the whole year group so far.

100% attendance.

Siejaye H	11AKO
Max M	11FDE
Firoz N	11YSM
Levin S	11SBR
Katie S	11FDE
Neelan A	11SBR
Aset-Kia C	11YSM
Muriel F	11CHO
Tafari M	11SBR
April G	11CHO
Mahtab H	11FDE
Janoyan K	11FDE
Sanoshan S	11CHO
Kimberley S	11VOG
Madhav T	11FDE
Keren-Ann Y	11AKO
Ahmed Y	11FDE

Best tutor group!

Congratulations 11FDE!!



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest conduct points (Achievement Points - Behaviour Points) across the whole year group so far.

Vedika P	11FDE	33
Hekmatullah B	11FDE	26
Kivuila P	11AKO	26
Anay P	11FDE	20
Aaliyah T	11FDE	20
Ieva V	11FDE	20
Reece A	11FDE	19
Arad H	11FDE	19
Max M	11FDE	19
Janoyan K	11FDE	18
Rishi P	11FDE	18
Katie S	11FDE	18
Thao H	11FDE	17
Abeshan K	11FDE	17

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Exams continue!

Prom – 5th July.

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