

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a fantastic start to the academic year we've had - I can't believe we've been back seven weeks already!

Our Year 7 students have settled well, and are a great addition to Team TALA, and students in other year groups quickly got back in to the swing of things with their work and progress strong from day one and already impressing.

This Newsletter represents a tiny part of what goes on at TALA, but gives us a lovely opportunity to celebrate our students' successes and reflect back on their achievements.

My highlights are a new initiative, Tea with the Principal, where selected students get the chance to spend break time with me talking about our school – a real treat for me (and the students are polite enough to say they enjoy it too!).

I'm grateful, as always, for all the support we receive from you, and hope you'll enjoy this Newsletter as much as we enjoy working with your children.



## GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Our KS4 students had the privilege of visiting one of the most iconic landmarks in the world—**Buckingham Palace**. The trip offered an incredible blend of art, history, and culture, making it an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

We are delighted to share the success of our first EAL Coffee Morning! It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with families and offer support for those navigating English as an additional language.

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 7 students have been hard at work designing Science Safety Posters, and the best design has been selected, printed, and proudly displayed in the department!



## KEY REMINDERS/DATES

### Reminder:

Free breakfast continues next half term. You can come along to the canteen each morning between 7:45-8:10am. You don't have to book a place just turn up! We have bagels, various cereals and drinks available. It's a great way to start the day, everyone welcome!

### Key Dates:

- 4<sup>th</sup> November- Autumn 2 term begins
- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November- Celebration Assemblies
- 15<sup>th</sup> November- Y11 mock results issued
- 21<sup>st</sup> November- Y11 Parents' Evening (4pm-7pm)
- 26<sup>th</sup> November- Y11 Geography Field trip
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December- G&T Art Trip to British Museum
- 5<sup>th</sup> November- Nasal Flu Vaccinations (by consent)
- 18<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Music Concert
- 20<sup>th</sup> December- end of Autumn 2 term

## HIGHLIGHT OF THE TERM

# Academy Day



## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

### How to improve Mental Health?

*The Mind Remedy*

Releasing emotions



Proper sleep & Balanced diet



Having a purpose



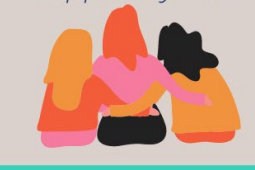
Practicing Relaxation



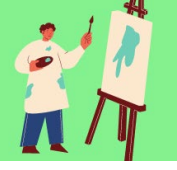
Developing a self concept



Having a support system



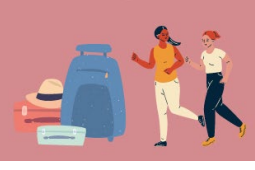
Investing in hobbies



Seeking professional help



Taking a break & being Active



## TEACHING & LEARNING HIGHLIGHT

### Questioning

This term our teachers have been working hard to engage all learners in the learning dialogue.

“Cold calling” is becoming the default method across the school, calling upon named pupils to answer questions rather than just going to pupils with their hands up.

We want all pupils to develop “a voice” in the classroom and have the confidence and space to express their opinions and consolidate their knowledge.

Similarly, pupils are increasingly being allowed to share their ideas with a “talking partner” in the classroom. Answering questions in class can be scary, and this method allows pupils to rehearse or practice answers before being asked to articulate the idea in front of a whole class.

Next term will bring more ideas of how to get everyone included in the learning conversation.

“ We live our comfortable lives in the shadow of a disaster of our own making. That disaster is being brought about us to live our comfortable lives.”



## EXTRA CURRICULAR

### Netball Club

**When:** Every Tuesday, 3:30 - 4:30 PM  
**Where:** Netball Courts

The netball teams are looking fantastic this season! Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting, this club is the perfect way to improve your game and prepare for the exciting matches ahead.

### Trampolining Club

**When:** Thursdays  
**Who:** Year 9 & Year 10 students

A thrilling addition for our Year 9 and Year 10 students—join the trampolining club every Thursday! It's a great way to have fun and build athleticism at the same time.

### Boys Basketball Club

**When:** Starting next term, Fridays  
**Who:** Year 10 & Year 11 students

The boys' basketball club will tip off next term on Fridays! Get ready to train hard and compete with fellow students to make this season a memorable one.

## HOUSES

This half term, our three Houses - Malala, Attenborough, and Jemison have engaged in healthy competition through various interhouse challenges, such as attendance, achievement points, best posters and a wonderful end of half term cooking challenge! We're excited to announce that **Malala House** is currently in the lead!

Next half term, Malala House will also be taking the lead in launching their annual charity pledge, supporting a local food shelter. We'll be seeing which House can raise the most non-perishable goods for this important cause. Last year, we collectively raised 978 non-perishable items!

Watch this space and be ready to take part in the competitive spirit!

## TALA Values Award

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

## CAREERS

The academic year has started strong with KS3 tutor groups looking at labour market information (LMI) in their tutor sessions. Year 11 have had a really interactive first half term with one-to-one career guidance and advice. Additionally, they have had presentations from Warlingham Sixth Form and the Chelsea Football Foundation. A small group of students attended a post-16 options event at Croydon College which provided them with information about local providers, helping them to make informed decisions about their future destinations. Years 8 and 9 have carried out a virtual work experience project during Academy Day and Year 10 have had their Work Experience programme launched.

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

### Team PE

**We are off to an amazing start in PE this term! Students have shown great enthusiasm and effort across all areas of the curriculum, including Football, Rugby, Netball, Fitness and Gymnastics. It's been fantastic to see so many of you working hard in lessons and developing new skills.**

**We've also had a brilliant turnout for extra-curricular clubs, with many of you joining Netball, Basketball, Trampolining and Football. These clubs are a great way to improve your skills, stay active and have fun.**

**This half term has been an exciting one for cross country and bowling competitions and students represented the academy with pride.**

**New clubs will be launched after half term, students should check out TALA news for all updates!**

**#TEAMTALA**

## MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Well done to all the Year 7 students for your excellent start at TALA. We are excited to see all that you will achieve next term. Keep up the hard work!



## ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

Alpha A	7EOM	Lilly A	7VOG
Angel A	7HAD	Kayden M	7RSO
Florine A	7HAD	Alexia M	7EOM
Waleed A	7RSO	Tre N	7RSO
Syed A	7FDE	Rohit N	7FDE
Muhammad A	7EOM	Caleb N	7MKO
Aariya A	7MKO	Scarlet O	7VOG
Josephine A	7FDE	Oluwamayowa O	7FDE
Sohaib A	7RSO	Nana B	7HAD
Muhammad A	7EOM	Michael K	7VOG
Karen B	7FDE	Diem M	7FDE
Tierra B	7HAD	Jal P	7MKO
Elanaye C	7EOM	Ashish P	7MKO
Nicholas C	7EOM	Chen R	7VOG
Kimberley D	7MKO	Montana R	7FDE
Ramatoulaye D	7RSO	Danooshan S	7VOG
Valerie E	7HAD	Anthony S	7HAD
Ilias G	7FDE	Mason S	7EOM
Aaron J	7HAD	Mariya T	7EOM
Abel J	7VOG	Anisha T	7HAD
Amaliyah L	7MKO	Laura Z	7RSO
Aron L	7FDE		
Gustavo F	7EOM		
Leo M	7EOM		
Rayheem M	7VOG		

## TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

Congratulations:  
7FDE!!!



## CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Beloved A	7MKO
Montana R	7FDE
Kimberley D	7MKO
Frankie D	7FDE
Seriyah F	7FDE
Valerie E	7HAD
Amaliyah L	7MKO
Carole-Ann F	7FDE
Josephine A	7FDE
Karen B	7FDE
Aron L	7FDE
Imran S	7FDE
Lilly Ann M	7VOG

## YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Parents evening: January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kingswood residential: 31<sup>st</sup> March

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

There has been a fantastic start to year 8, with so many of the year group having higher attendance and achievement points compared to this time last year. We look forward to recognising and rewarding students throughout the year, so keep it up.



## ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Sahla 8LPA	Zerina 8GDE
Aryan 8LCO	Marcos 8LCO
Joshua 8LCO	Stone-Harley 8LCO
Afrin 8JED	Kaue 8GDE
Wania GDE	Je'Vei 8LCO
Sushant 8LCO	Maanuja 8MWO
Lorenzo 8JED	Abdulazeez 8JED
Nadine 8GDE	Pratheep 8JCR
Sanjivan 8LCO	Devika 8LPA
Aleeza 8JED	Sanojan 8JED
Muhammad 8JED	Vladyslav 8GDE
Aryan Shah	Samira 8LPA
Josh 8GDE	Habiiba 8JED
Layla 8GDE	Abishaan 8LPA
Yusra 8JCR	Joseph 8LPA
Gabriel 8MWO	Kymarni 8LCO
Neyla 8JED	Tikah 8JCR
Mithuna 8GDE	Abel 8LCO
Maliha 8LPA	Olamide 8JCR
Kianna 8LPA	Mohammed 8LPA

## TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

8LCO  
Attendance and Conduct has been impressive throughout the half term



## CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Sahla 8LPA
Aryan 8LCO
Mia 8JED
Joshua 8LCO
Jakub 8LCO
Afrin 8JED
Wania 8GDE
Sushant 8LCO
Amira 8LPA
Lorenzo 8JED
Nadine 8GDE
Sanjivan 8LCO
Amin 8LCO
Aleeza 8JED
Leila 8LCO

## YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Parents evening: February 27<sup>th</sup> .

Kingswood residential: 31<sup>st</sup> March

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Year have been working hard this first half term as they prepare for making their GCSE options and applying for Prefects. We have a lot of students keen on the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and we look forward to hearing the tales of their adventures!



## ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Abdul Prince	Yassine	Bellina	Alman
Qaweem	Sherwin	Bryanna	Ocean
Adnan	Sharvesh	Hakimah	Allananzar
Raiya	Isaiah	Yash	Kwame
Yusra	Jack	Rayon	Sahil
Andrew	Kartik	Alejandro	Jyoshna
Michael	Kavya	Jaleel	Thayna
Joshua	Drew	Masood	Anthony
Deborah	Daniela	Rahman	Chase
Abin	Onur	Manuel	Pawel
Erika	Katie	Siya	Chanel
Aurora	Mustafa	Ayush	Chloe
Angelo	Jahcian	Ayushkumar	Olly
Vadden	Janaya-Lee	Kavya	Amena
Nikhai	Haris	Krish	
	Andreea	Davian	
	Jershon	Laura	
	Samiah	Nicolas	

## TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

**Attendance**  
9LCA – 93.07

**Conduct**  
9AKO - 1190!



## CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Raiya  
Joshua Kwabena  
Erika  
Isaiah  
Kartik  
Haris  
Samiah  
Manuel  
Chanel  
Chloe

## YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Year 9 Celebration Assembly  
4/11/2024  
Parents Evening  
06/03/2025  
Options Evening  
13/03/2025

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

I've been really pleased with how the Y10s have returned this year, settling quickly into their new GCSE classes. Well done to everyone who is taking the start of their GCSE courses seriously and is giving 100% from the very beginning. Keep it up! 😊



## ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Nathaniel A	10HBU	Fred K	10DHU
Hanan A	10JDE	Akshay K	10HBU
Amraaz A	10AGR	Matas K	10DAL
Ridwan A	10DHU	Maria M	10AGR
Zoe A	10AGR	Argjend M	10HBU
Kiyanna A	10FOS	Michaela O	10DAL
Elisa B	10JDE	Richard O	10HBU
Sofia B	10HBU	Richard Kofi O	10DHU
Kelis C	10JDE	Rebecca O	10DHU
Samiullah D	10HBU	Darsh P	10DHU
Gabriel D	10FOS	Maheshan P	10AGR
Jai D	10FOS	Shanai R	10FOS
Lisa E	10JDE	Keona R	10DAL
Aminah F	10DAL	Ricky S	10HBU
Duke F	10DHU	Shai S	10HBU
Nyara H	10FOS	Khailen S	10DHU
Eryn H	10FOS	Ritika S	10DAL
Divina I	10DHU	Tomiwa S	10DHU
Michelle J	10DAL	Julia S	10DAL
Nadia J	10DHU	Declan S	10DAL
Jordan J	10DHU	Laurentiu S	10HBU
Gajaanavan K	10DAL	Asiah T	10JDE
Rayhan K	10FOS	Ashane W	10HBU
		Tegan W	10DAL
		Rachel W	10DHU
		Husein Y	10HBU

## TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

# 10AGR

Well done 10AGR for settling in with your new form tutor and smashing it every week on your attendance and conduct!



## CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Zoya A	10JDE	83
Payal P	10HBU	71
Orion T	10AGR	71
Darsh P	10DHU	66
Arhum A	10AGR	61
Kumara S	10DHU	61
Daniel P	10JDE	58
Maheshan P	10AGR	57
Beatrice V	10FOS	56
Ileana L	10FOS	54
Suaad O	10FOS	50

## YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

30<sup>th</sup> January – Y10 Parents Evening

30<sup>th</sup> June – Y10 Work Experience week (never too early to start thinking and planning!)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

You have made an excellent start to Year 11. Your commitment to learning has not gone unnoticed.

Well done for the completion of your first set of Mock Exams this academic year. It is important to keep focussed and strive to improve. Keep up the great work.



## ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

The students below have obtained the highest attendance across the whole year group so far. 100% attendance with 0 lates

Nabila	11SAL
Thierno	11PAM
Angel	11PAM
Malachi	11SAL
Andressa	11CCA
Kelly	11SAL
Pedro	11DMA
Kanyese	11SAL
Fahim	11DMA
Manal	11PAM
Shujah	11RFO
Beckham	11PAM
Saif	11KAS
Aida Lucie	11PAM
Diallo	
Stefan	11DMA
Bentley	11RFO
Paavala	11CCA

Best tutor group!

# 11CCA

Well done  
11CCA for your  
amazing conduct  
this half term 😊



## CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Kelly	11SAL	155
Aslam	11SAL	105
Kanyese	11SAL	98
Kadyi	11CCA	92
Theo	11SAL	83
Chenaye	11SAL	81
Denis	11SAL	81
Shirat	11CCA	72
Denique	11SAL	67
Andressa	11CCA	65
Aaliyah Des	11CCA	64
Alfie	11SAL	63
Ordain	11SAL	60
Nabila	11SAL	58
Jason	11CCA	57

### YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

- Options interventions will begin after the half term
- Ensure you attend college/sixth form open events
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Year 11 parents evening

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