

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This half term we've had a big focus on listening; all students completed our Student Survey; we've had our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Coffee Mornings; and members of the school's Leadership Team have met with groups of Year 7 and Year 11 students to discuss our school (Year 8, 9 & 10 students will have meetings next half term). We've been delighted with the feedback, and take on board the suggestions we've received to help make TALA even better (keep an eye out for the 'You said, we did' updates).

Our other big focus is on our Year 11 students – we want to keep up the great results seen in their mock exams, and ensure they hit the aspirational targets we, and they, have.

Enjoy this addition of our newsletter, and have a lovely February half term break.



GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Speak Out Challenge

Year 10 students have participated in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, where students prepared and presented a speech in front of their entire year group. The topic was entirely their choice. The winner of this round will go on to represent the academy at the regional final, on 7th March, where our academy representative will compete against all participating Croydon schools. Thank you to Miss Cochrane, a former Jack Petchey winner, for leading this with year 10!

House Updates

Mrs Kataria has been working with House Reps from Attenborough House who have pledged their support to the local Croydon charity 'Mind', aiming to support vulnerable individuals in the local community and destigmatising mental health issues. By aligning with Mind, Attenborough House demonstrates its commitment to fostering a compassionate environment that prioritizes the well-being of its residents, contributing to a supportive community for all.

KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Reminder:

Presentation is key!

Wear your uniform proudly and properly every day to represent Team TALA.

Key Dates:

29th February- Year 11 Parents' Evening (4pm-7pm)

7th March- Year 9 Parents' Evening (4pm-7pm)

14th March- Year 8 Parents' Evening (4pm-7pm)

21st March- Year 9 Options Evening (by appointment)

HIGHLIGHT OF THE TERM

TALA Library Launch

This term marked the official opening of the academy library. We have a huge range of new, classic, fiction and non fiction texts. Come along to the library after school to browse, loan a book, or sit in the library to read. This is also a great place to complete homework. As a reminder- one achievement point per book read and returned! Who can get the most?

MENTAL HEALTH & WELBEING

Handy hints and tips to support mental health and wellbeing across our community.

Did you know, teenagers spend on average **9 hours a day** looking at a screen. This could be their phone, the TV, or their laptop/ computer.

Screen time has a huge impact on an individual's mental health and can lead to feelings of anxiety, stress and worry. For some, screen time can affect one's self-image.

Helpful hints to reduce screen time:

- set a daily limit on the amount of time you spend on your phone.
- do something active everyday out of the house.
- spend time together doing an activity without technology.
- choose a daily topic and discuss it with family and friends.
- turn your phone off at bedtime.

TEACHING & LEARNING HIGHLIGHT

As we edge further into 2024, we are reminded that this is the year our year 11s will be sitting their GCSE exams. With the cohort seriously focussed on the end goal, our teaching and learning is sharply focussed on making sure year 11s have lots of hacks and tips for exam success.

Common examples include humanities focussing on PEQs, English constantly repeating ATQ and science reiterating the importance of using exam vocabulary in answers. How many examples of exam language can your child name?

This is the year for our year 11 cohort to shine, and we have every faith that they will!

“ One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world.

- Malala Yousafzai



EXTRA CURRICULAR

Art

Come along and get creative at Art Club every **Thursday** at 2:40 in T07.

Drama

The School Drama club will be performing the play 'Shout' on **Friday 8th March 5.00-6.00pm** in the school hall.

It's **£2.00** a ticket so please come along and support! The same play will also be performed at Peckham Theatre on **Friday 22nd March**.

Check out the theatre website for more details.

<https://www.theatrepeckham.co.uk/>

Sports Club

Basketball = Year 8,9 and 10 on **Tuesday** at 3:30 in the sports hall.

Basketball = Year 7 on **Friday** at 2:40 in the sports hall.

Football = Year 7 on **Friday** at 2:40-4pm on the 3G.

Rugby = All years on **Friday** at 2:40 on the field.

HOUSES

Achievement Points

Malala House - **26,092**

Attenborough House - **25,325**

Jemison House - **24,599**

Next Term

TALA bake-off

TALA skip-off

Attendance

Malala House – **92.90%**

Attenborough House – **92.50%**

Jemison House - **91.60%**

The competition is intense!

TALA Values Award

Students are still working towards their TALA Values award each week! The next award ceremony is after half term so see which tasks are yet to complete on page 24 of student planners!

CAREERS

Year 9, 10, 11 Careers Fair

Thursday 14th March 2024

Please email careers@Lanfranc.org.uk if you'd like to share your career with our students.

Year 9 Insight Day

Delta Capita London Office

30 year 9s will visit Delta Capita London office and learn employability skills and experience the world of work first hand

Year 11

National Apprenticeship Show

27th February 2024

30 Year 11s will attend the show at Sandown Park Racecourse with the opportunity to meet 100s of employers from all industries!

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

Team Maths:

The maths department are pleased with how students have hit the ground running in 2024, continuing to shine in all their mathematical topics. With so many positives, as the Team Leader for maths, it's been difficult to pick just a few for this month's newsletter! KS3 have been studying a range of topics which have links to the wider world, in particular, year 7 who have been examining the concept of fractions. Students have excelled in applying these fractions to real life concepts. Year 11 continue to work incredibly hard on preparing for their forthcoming GCSEs. It's exciting for us all in the maths department to think that our year 11s were year 7 once too, completing just the same content. In other news, Mr Woodall is completing a piece of research with his year 8 class called 'Realistic mathematics education'- if you're interested in finding out more, do contact Mr Woodall via Edulink.

As always, we are keen to know if your child has been using their mathematical skills outside of the classroom. Please contact your child's maths teacher if you have seen your child apply their skills in a practical setting; we would love to see how our department has been developing not only academic, but real life skills.

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“
YOU SAID.....
WE DID.....
”



You said:

“The 30 day phone confiscation period is too long”

We did:

Reduced the time to 7 days on a first offence.

You said:

“We do not know when our children receive homework”

We did:

All homework is now on Microsoft Teams and Edulink.

‘You said...we did’ highlights changes made within the academy, based on the valuable feedback that we receive from parents and students.

We are all part of Team TALA. As such, we value all ideas which contribute to making our team TALA even more successful.

You said:

“Not enough activities at break and lunchtime”

We did:

“Brought additional resources such as table tennis tables, football goals, basketball hoops and additional seating outside for all to enjoy”

You said:

“The school does not share information with all stakeholders”

We did:

“Introduced the newsletter (half termly) and we have hosted coffee mornings”

You said:

“We need to focus on celebration and rewards”

We did:

“We now celebrate students success every half term covering subject attainment, effort, attendance and achievement through celebration assemblies”

You said:

“Students need support to complete their homework, they do not have access at home to complete it”

We did:

“Invited students to homework club (every day F06) where they can use computers to support their learning. Opened the library every afternoon”

You said:

“There is not enough leadership opportunities in school”

We did:

“We have more leadership opportunities being advertised next term.....watch this space”



MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

There has been a lot of illness this half term, so it is really important that you get a good rest during the break and aim for 100% attendance next half term.

Well done to those that have improved their HW completion this half term!



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

Maliha	Akhtar
Muhammad Musa	Awais
Leila	Bamba
Malakai	Banton
Ayyan Haider	Bhatti
Scarlett	Davis-Haley
Om	Dhobi
Muhammad	Hussen
Remi	Itani
Sushant	Jani
Abdulazeez	Jimoh Edevbie
Wania	Khan
Gabriel	Konde
Nadine	Kouakou
Raya	Krachunova
Marianni	Minaya Vasquez
Harith Saood	Mohamed Naleer
Bill	Nguyen
Nafisa	Nowshin
Leandro	Pinto
Pratheep	Prapakaran
Abishaan	Rajakanthan
Mohammed	Ridaan
Heidi	Salvo
Emilly	Santos
Aryan	Shah
Habiiba Nur	Shirwa
Chanele	Smith
Bibek	Thapa
Maanuja	Uthayakumar
Kymarni	Williams
Joshua	Zdroik

TUTOR GROUP OF THE MONTH

7JED



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Hussen	Muhammad	7JED	315
Jackson	Mia	7JED	243
Saravananarajan	Avani	7MWO	227
Gotowicz	Oskar	7JED	221
Elahi	Radin	7GDE	216
Cordeiro	Kaue Iker	7GDE	211
Bamba	Leila	7LCO	208
Mateik	Vladyslav	7GDE	208
Butt	Sameer	7GDE	205
Khan	Wania	7GDE	204
Black	Stone-Harley	7LCO	199
Mansoor Ali	Afrin	7JED	198
Sarwar	Zain	7GDE	198
Jugdawo	Josh	7GDE	194
Nazeer	Sahla	7LPA	193

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Academy Days 26th & 27th March

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

It was impressive to see so many Year 8s winning awards in the Rewards Assembly this half term. I would like to see Year 8 improve their overall school position for behaviour and attendance as we are currently in 4th place for both.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Joshua Kwabena	100
Erika	100
Amari	100
Serghei	100
Jhosia	100
Angelo	100
Vadden	100
Eduard	100
Yassine	100
Sherwin	100
Ibrahim	100
Fortune	100
Kavya	100
Katie	100
Haris	100
Insaaf	100
Arianna	100
Hakimah	100
Emmanuel	100
Yash	100
David	100
Manuel	100
Ayush	100
Laura	100
Allananzar	100
Maiwand	100
Tharun	100
Eduard	100

TUTOR GROUP OF THE MONTH

Conduct
8JAU
433

Attendance
8JAU
92.30%*

*attendance must be over 95%



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Haris	319
Andrew	217
Anantha Padmanabhan	212
Yash	201
Yathushagini	194
Jyoshna	154
Samiah Rashida	153
Serghei	137
Arianna	136
Eduard	132

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

- Year 8 Rewards Assembly 20th February
- Year 8 Parents' Evening 14 March 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Most year 9s have made a good start to the new year, and there are lots of exciting things ahead.

Pupils have started having individual career interviews to discuss GCSE options and future pathways. Please encourage them to keep having these discussions with you; this is a really exciting and important time for them to be taking ownership of their own future.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Daniyal	9DAL	Fred	9DHU
Natalie	9DAL	Jakub	9JRE
Sofia	9HBU	Amir	9JDE
Raymond	9JRE	Fareed	9JDE
Richmond	9DHU	Payal	9HBU
Gabriel	9ZRA	Rushi	9HBU
Taisa	9DHU	Edsila	9JRE
Aminah	9DAL	Faisel	9ZRA
Mohammed Eesa	9DAL	Shai	9HBU
Abira	9ZRA	Tomiwa	9DHU
Michelle	9DAL	Jesse	9JDE
Jordan	9DHU	Ashvindh	9ZRA
Kacey	9HBU	Kenoli	9HBU

TUTOR GROUP OF THE MONTH

9DHU

Well done 9DHU for showing real progress and improvement. Congratulations for winning the very well deserved film afternoon treat! 😊



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Payal	9HBU	312
Kenoli	9HBU	246
Rushi	9HBU	244
Hayley	9FOS	232
Liam	9DHU	231
Fareed	9JDE	220
Beatrice	9FOS	213
Ashvindh	9FOS	198
Shai	9HBU	191
Kacey	9HBU	181
Daniyal	9DAL	180
Summer	9HBU	178
Natalie	9DAL	173
Abira	9FOS	168
Kaysan	9JRE	168

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

- Year 9 Celebration Assembly – Wednesday 21st February
- Parents Evening – 7th March
- GCSE Options Evening – 21st March

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Year 10 have had a good start to the new year. We will continue to focus on attendance and punctuality next half term (remember this information will be used for your sixth form/college applications). I would like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support with the year group. I hope every one of you and your families has a restful break..



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Zakaria	10CCA	Adebayo	10KAS
Jemimah	10TKI	Beckham	10PAM
Gwen Ama	10TKI	Lindsey	10PAM
Zaviyar	10KAS	Adnan	10PAM
Thierno Jibril	10PAM	Joshua	10TKI
Unur	10DMA	Ordain	10SAL
Muzzamil	10KAS	Md Ratin	10PAM
Kelly	10SAL	Aida Lucie Diallo	10PAM
Kanyese	10SAL	Raheim	10SAL
Tia	10CCA	Kishor	10KAS
Sana	10PAM	Lenoshan	10SAL
Manal	10PAM	Yasir	10CCA
Shujah	10TKI	Ramel	10KAS
Aslam	10SAL	Stefan	10DMA
Kiara	10TKI	Haarun Rasheeth Bentley	10PAM
			10TKI

TUTOR GROUP OF THE MONTH

10KAS

Well done on excellent line ups and ensuring you are ready for the day.



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Aslam	10SAL
Pedro	10DMA
Zaviyar	10KAS
Kiara	10TKI
Theo	10SAL

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

- Year 10 Celebration Assembly – Thursday 22nd February
- Transition Evening – 23rd May
- Y10 Summer Mocks – End of June
- Work Experience -1st – 5th July

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Congratulations, year 11 students! Well done on navigating an intense yet productive half term!

Let's keep pushing in the right direction and gather momentum into your last set of mock exams!!



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

100% attendance and 0 Lates.

Asma	11YSM
Neelan	11SBR
Aset-Kia	11YSM
Thao	11FDE
Serena	11AKO
Kivuila	11AKO
Peter	11VOG
Sanoshan	11CHO
Aarush	11VOG
Aravindh	11VOG
Kacper	11AKO
Keren-Ann	11AKO

Highest attaining students

Asma
Abeshan
Leanne
Princess
Shalame
Kacper
Shiv
Fabiana
Firoz
Siddhartha



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Fabiana	11AKO	119
Siejaye	11AKO	116
Princess	11AKO	96
Kacper	11AKO	95
Jafil Ishaq	11AKO	93
Serena	11AKO	92
Mahtab	11FDE	91
Keren-Ann	11AKO	91
Janoyan	11FDE	89
Ieva	11FDE	89
Eliza-May	11SBR	88
Caitlyn	11SBR	87
Junior	11SBR	85
Katie	11FDE	85

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

- February 29th – Parents evening
- March 18th – Mock exams
- Leavers hoodies are now available to purchase online!

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