

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We've had an extremely busy, and successful, half term and we hope you enjoy our Newsletter. With 800 students, and 100 staff, we have so much to celebrate and be proud of – this newsletter highlights just some of the many events and achievements from this half term, and, for those that are able to, it's lovely to extend that open invitation to join us at one of the Celebration Assemblies taking place at the very start of next half term (details in the letter on our website: <https://lanfranc.org.uk/welcome-secondary/letters/>).

As well as our Newsletters, do keep an eye on our website (now with built in translation software) for other information including dates for this, and the 2025 – 26 academic year (<https://lanfranc.org.uk/news-and-events/term-dates/>).

Thanks, as always, for all of your support – working with your children and helping them in their successes is an absolute delight, and it's made all the more easier when we have your support. From everyone here at TALA, Merry Christmas.



GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Anti-Bullying Week

During Anti-Bullying Awareness Week, we took the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our differences and emphasise that being unique is something to embrace. As part of the week, students created thoughtful and inspiring posters to raise awareness about anti-bullying. Some of their incredible work has been professionally printed and will soon be displayed throughout the school to spread this important message. It was great to see so many students wearing odd socks as a fun and symbolic way of showing solidarity and support for one another during the week. Thank you for encouraging your child's participation in such an important initiative.

TALA Garden

We're proud to announce our students have been working hard building our TALA garden space; this is a great opportunity for students to do something practical and talk about their feelings. We can't wait to see what they grow!

TALA Christmas Music Concert

WOW, we are very proud of our students who performed in our Christmas Concert; it was wonderful seeing their musical talents on show, singing and playing instruments. A wonderful evening!

KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Remember **good attendance** can start at any point. Students who have attended every day in the autumn term will receive an attendance badge in the upcoming celebration assemblies

Key Dates:

Monday 6th January 2025- Spring term starts for all pupils

Monday 6th- Friday 10th January- Celebration assemblies

Thursday 16th January- Year 7 Parents Evening (4-7pm)

Thursday 30th January- Year 10 Parents Evening (4-7pm)

Friday 31st January- Careers Fair

Monday 3rd- Friday 14th February- Year 11 mock examinations

Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd February- Half Term

HIGHLIGHT OF THE TERM

Anti-Bullying Week!

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

It is the time of year that often puts extra pressure on us all. Christmas could affect your mental health if you:

- Find it stressful planning for those around you.
- Feel lonely or isolated during the time.
- Look back at difficult memories surrounding this time.

To ensure you enjoy the festive period make sure you:

- Talk about your feelings.
- Ask for help.
- Keep in touch with family, friends, neighbours.
- Stay active.

TEACHING & LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Teachers have continued to engage learners through inclusive questioning techniques and powerful assessment for learning strategies.

Teachers are frequently "live marking" in lessons, giving instant feedback to pupils on their progress in lessons and dealing with any difficulties or misconceptions in their work.

We have continued to prioritise reading- the library open at more times, all pupils engaging with Guided and Focus Reading.

The best way to make dreams come true is to wake up



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EXTRA CURRICULAR

Netball fixtures:

Years 7–10 have played fixtures against Norbury High and Ark Blake. Both games were a challenge and exciting to watch. We can't wait to see the girls in action again next term.

Football fixtures:

Year 7-10 football teams have had a busy start to the season playing Riddlesdown, Shirley High, Meridian and Harris Crystal Palace.

Duke of Edinburgh

DofE continues to grow within the Academy and we were excited to welcome our new cohort into the programme this term. We can't wait to see them rise to the challenge and achieve their Bronze award.

LGBTQ+

We're proud to announce the launch of our LGBTQ+ club, giving all students a safe space to talk and be listened to.

TALA Voices

Our choir TALA voices have had a fantastic first term, singing at a number of events around Croydon. They also came 2nd in a choir competition winning £250

HOUSES

Malala charity pledge: A huge congratulations to Malala House for organising the item collection for our local food bank, AR Projects. Thanks to the incredible effort and generosity of our community, we have collectively donated an impressive **853 items!** This achievement highlights the power of Team TALA. Well done, everyone!

TALA Values Award
Read and write a book review over the Christmas holiday!

CAREERS

Careers this half term has been fast paced and exciting. Year 9 have had a series of workshops delivered by Barclays. These focused on their future aspirations and how to achieve their goals.

Years 7 and 8 have been looking at how the curriculum relates to various careers. Year 10 have been focusing on their work experience and starting to think about the post-16 choices.

Year 11 have had an assembly from John Ruskin College and are continuing with their post 16 applications and the independent careers advisor appointments.

Our careers fair takes place on **January 31st 2025**, please contact Mrs Budd if you think you can help

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

Technology Department: A Feast of Collaboration and Culture

This term, the Technology Department transformed the classroom into a global kitchen, bringing together teachers and students for a vibrant culinary journey around the world. In an inspiring collaboration, the group planned, prepared, and cooked a variety of delicious dishes, each telling its own cultural story.

Highlights included aromatic Indian lamb curries served with rice, mouth-watering Greek meatballs paired with pita bread and tzatziki, rich Jamaican rice and peas, traditional New Zealand biscuits, and the vibrant flavours of Nigerian jollof rice, accompanied by white rice and spinach stew.

This unique activity was more than just cooking—it was an opportunity to explore diverse flavours, learn about cultural traditions, and foster creativity and teamwork. The energy in the room was palpable as students and teachers worked side by side, bringing each dish to life with enthusiasm and care.

The experience reminded us all that food is not only nourishment but also a powerful connector of cultures and communities. We're so proud of the collaborative spirit that made this culinary adventure such a success!

“Reading at TALA”



Upcoming Events

- World religion day - January 16th
- National handwriting day - January 23th
- Holocaust memorial day - January 27th
- Valentines day - February 14th

Pop by the library to see what exciting things we have in store!

Loan Data

Below are the total number of books loaned since the start of the year!

- Year 7 - 98
- Year 8 - 18
- Year 9 - 70
- Year 10 - 18
- Year 11 - 4

Well done year 7!

Book Suggestion

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

C. S. Lewis

“Someday you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again.”

Library monitor comment

“I think the role is very important as I am contributing towards the success of our school library and helping to maintain high standards so that students are able to find and borrow books that we have to offer. The library is a great place to go to during break, lunch and after school to study, use the computers or just to find a quiet corner to sit and read your favourite book”

(Fern, y9)

Reading Strategy

Celebrate **Jolabokafloð**, the Scandinavian Christmas tradition of exchanging and reading books on Christmas eve!

Don't forget that if you write a book review you can get your TALA values signed!

News in Picture



Well done to MALALA house for donating the most amount of perishable goods!



Congratulations to students who attended Hot Chocolate with the Principal this term!



TALA launch their LGBTQ+ club!



TALA launch the wellbeing garden; we can't wait to see what the students will grow.

During Anti-Bullying week we encouraged students to wear odd sock!



Our choir, TALA Voices, have been representing TALA at local carol competitions. They took 2nd place winning £250! Congratulations to all!

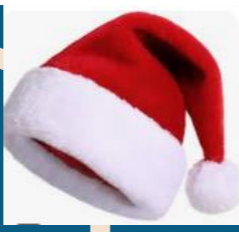


Year 7 & 8 having fun at Jamie's Farm



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“ Anti-Bullying Posters ”



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Anti-Bullying

What is bullying?

Bullying is the repetitive and intentional hurting of a person or a group of people. It can cause impacts on the victim's mental, physical and social wellbeing. For example, things like low self-esteem, anxiety, eating or sleeping disorders and trust issues or aggressiveness towards other individuals are impacts.

The 4 main types of bullying include:

- Physical (Chasing someone's body)
- Verbal (Using harmful words)
- Social (targeting someone's relationship)
- Cyberbullying (online through messages ect)

What to do if you're a victim or know someone being bullied:

- **SPEAK UP!** Be BRAVE, speak OUT! REPORT IT
- Stay around a group of close friends and inform them
- Tell a trusted adult! Whether it's an older sibling, teacher or parent, let them know!!!
- Help others, Be an Upstander

Be a Buddy Not a Bully

Carry out a random act of kindness with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one or more people might do the same for you.

- Diana, Princess of Wales

CHOOSE Respect

Treat others in the way you would want to be treated!

- Courtesy
- Gratitude
- Kindness
- Support
- Empathy
- Compassion
- Listening
- Equality
- Honouring
- Tolerance
- Fairness

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BULLYING DOES EXIST

Be a Buddy, Not a Bully. RESPECT IS EVERYTHING.

INTENT, REPETITION AND POWER.

BULLYING IS INTENTIONAL BEHAVIOUR THAT HURTS SOMEONE ELSE. IT INCLUDES NAME CALLING, HITTING, PUSHING, SPREADING RUMOURS, THREATENING OR UNDERMINING SOMEONE. IT CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE - AT SCHOOL, AT HOME, OR ONLINE. IT'S USUALLY REPEATED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND CAN HURT BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.

SOME EFFECTS OF BULLYING:

- STRESS, ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION
- ANGER OR FRUSTRATION
- LONGINESS AND ISOLATION
- FEELINGS OF REJECTION OR POOR SELF-ESTEEM.
- HEALTH COMPLAINTS
- POOR RELATIONAL SKILLS.

PUT YOURSELF INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES

TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.

BULLYING IS NOT TOLERATED.

STOP BULLYING

LET'S CHOOSE RESPECT!

HELP STOP BULLYING!

"You never look good trying to make someone look bad"

- stand against bullying
- Do NOT just stand there and watch

Respect is key! Don't bully just to try fit in with others.

CHOOSE RESPECT TODAY, FOR A KINDER TOMMOROW

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT A FEW WORDS CAN DO!

Impacts of Mental Health:

- It can result in self harm
- Increases the risk of suicide
- Strains relationships
- Results in lack of focus
- Results in depression
- Affect your physical health e.g. headaches, anxiety, digestive issues

You never know what someone is going through.

Workshops & Information



"It was amazing and I didn't want it to end!"

Aaron
Turtle Opera participant
2023

JOIN OUR FREE MUSIC & DRAMA PROJECT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Four days of workshops with a professional composer and director, creating your own stories and music for an informal performance. A specialist team from Turtle Key Arts will support the group, enabling fun and friendships!

- ▶ FOR **11 TO 15** YEAR OLDS
- ▶ Dates **Tue 18 - Fri 21 Feb**
- ▶ Time **11:00am til 3:30pm**
- ▶ V&A Museum
South Kensington
London SW7 2RL

APPLY NOW! Free
Limited spaces available

COMPLETE THE STEPS TO JOIN.

- Scan the **QR code** to reach the registration page.
- Submit the **online form** and we'll send you a reply.

Call us on **020 8964 5060**

Email ellie@turtlekeyarts.org.uk

Turtle Opera is produced by Turtle Key Arts in collaboration with V&A South Kensington, English Touring Opera and Royal College of Music. Funded by The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust.

Croydon Holiday Activities & Food

Christmas Programme

Enter →

VAWG Education

Our commitment to tackling violence against women and girls.

Are **you** experiencing violence, harassment or abuse in the workplace?

Would you like advice or support?
Email: VAWGEhelp@croydon.gov.uk

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and would like support, please contact FJS@croydon.gov.uk or call 020 8688 0100

YOU'RE INVITED!

CGL Young People's Team warmly invites you to our upcoming drug and alcohol event!

This event is dedicated to equipping the next generation with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions, build resilience, and thrive.

What to Expect

- CGL under 25s service offer including how to make a referral into our service and what our children and family offer is.
- Current drug trends in Croydon and the impact they are having on young people.
- Resilience Building: Explore strategies to foster environments that support mental health, emotional well-being, and resistance to peer pressure.
- Challenging Social Norms: Join discussions on addressing societal attitudes that normalise drug use, including the glamorisation of substances on social media.

This event also offers an opportunity for you to provide feedback, helping us develop a holistic approach to meeting the needs of young people.

Together, we can empower the next generation to lead healthier lives.

We look forward to your participation and attendance!
Please RSVP by email back on croydonyoungpeople@CGL.org.uk

- 📅 18/02/2025
- 🕒 9:00am - 16:30pm
- 📍 Crystal Palace Football Ground
- 🌟 Refreshments and Lunch Provided
- 🔄 Change Grow Live

MESSAGE FROM THE ACO



Well done Year 7, the year group has made an excellent start at Lanfranc. You continue to show outstanding levels of effort around the school. We have been impressed by the amount of students taking up various different leadership roles already!



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

100% and 0 lates

Alpha A	7EOM
Aariya A	7MKO
Josephine A	7FDE
Sohaib A	7RSO
Karen B	7FDE
Kimberley A	7MKO
Frankie D	7FDE
Valerie E	7HAD
Ilias G	7FDE
Aaron J	7HAD
Sera J	7MKO
Abel J	7VOG
Aron J	7FDE
Rayheem M	7VOG
Kayden M	7RSO
Tre N	7RSO
Rohit N	7FDE
Oluwamayowa O	7FDE
Michael K	7VOG
Jal P	7MKO
Georgia P	7RSO
Ashish P	7MKO
Chen T	7VOG
Montana R	7FDE
Mason S	7EOM
Mariya T	7EOM
Anisha T	7HAD
Laura Z	7RSO

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

Congratulations 7MKO for achieving the highest ATL grades across the year group!



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Montana R	7FDE
Frankie D	7FDE
Josephine A	7FDE
Beloved A	7MKO
Imran S	7FDE
Kimberley A	7MKO
Valerie E	7HAD
Seriyah F	7FDE
Carole-Ann F	7FDE
Karen B	7FDE
Diem P	7FDE
Lucas H	7MKO
Mario G	7EOM
Aron J	7FDE
Malleson F	7FDE

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Fri 10th Jan – Celebrations Assembly

Thur 16th Jan – Parents evening, 4pm – 7pm.

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Well done for another positive half term. Many of you have excelled across the school and the top 20 in the year group is constantly changing. Have a enjoyable festive break, ready for a new term and continued success



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Neyla 8JED
Habiiba 8JED
Bill 8LPA
Brave 8MWO
Musaddiq 8JCR
Sushant 8LCO
Stone-Harley 8LCO
Nadine K 8GDE
Zerina 8GDE
Joshua 8LCO
Abishaan 8LPA
Scarlett 8GDE
Wania 8GDE
Harith 8JCR
Lorenzo 8JED
Sanojan 8JED
Aryan 8LPA
Joseph 8LPA
Josh 8GDE
Mithuna 8GDE
Olamide 8JCR
Sanjivan 8LCO

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

8LCO



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
Joshua 8LCO
Nadine 8GDE
Josh 8GDE
Mithuna 8GDE
Wania 8GDE
Mia 8JED
Amin 8LCO
Sanjivan 8LCO
Lorenzo 8JED
Afrin 8JED
Jakub 8LCO
Mohammed 8LPA
Zain 8GDE
Maanuja 8MWO
Aleeza 8JED
Sushant 8LCO
Gabriel 8MWO

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Final residential payment due 1st February
Tutor group assemblies continue

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Year 9 have had a good start to this academic year, diving into new projects and challenges with enthusiasm. Year 9 have shown energy, teamwork, and creativity along the way. It is lovely to see them grow and set themselves up for even bigger things next term!



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Erika
Samiah
Chanel
Amenita-Nevaeh
Manuel
Sharvesh
Isaiah
Bellina
Amena
Daniela
Deborah
Angelo
Vadden
Qaweem
Davian
Abin
Maryam
Hakimah
Adnan
Michael

Jack
Rahman
Yusra
Ocean
Andrew
Ayushkumar
Kwame
Rayon
Kavya
Prince
Ayush
Olly
Sahil
Nikodem
Masood
Abdullah

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

Attendance: 9 AKO - 94.35

Achievement: 9 AKO - 2179



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Haris	214
Erika	156
Serghei	153
Samiah	128
Olivia	125
Chanel	123
Raiya	117
Aaron	116
Fern	113
Eduard	111
Amenita-Nevaeh	110
Ananthan	110
Manuel	109
Sharvesh	108
Laura	108
Rani	107
Osha	105
Kourtney	105
Arianna	102
Valery	102

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Wednesday 8 Jan @ 8:20
Achievement Assembly (open to Parents/Carers)
Thursday 6 March
Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 March
Options Evening

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO



Well done Year 10 for another great term, with continued focus and hard work in your GCSE subjects. Don't forget to order your revision guides!

Congratulations to our new prefects and well done to everyone who has represented the academy so well this term.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Enoch A	10FOS	Mihail L	10DAL
Daniyal A	10DAL	Aleesha L	10JDE
Hanan A	10JDE	Argjend M	10HBU
Amraaz A	10AGR	Thikalya N	10DAL
Fawad A	10JDE	Michaela O	10DAL
Ridwan A	10DHU	Richard O	10HBU
Kiyanna A	10FOS	Fareed O	10JDE
Natalie A	10DAL	Darsh P	10DHU
Elisa B	10JDE	Payal P	10HBU
Sofia B	10HBU	Rushi P	10HBU
Kimario B	10AGR	Edsila Daniella P	10AGR
Kelis C	10JDE	Keona R	10DAL
Gabriel D	10FOS	Ritika S	10DAL
Jai D	10FOS	Gbemisola S	10DAL
Kelly F	10AGR	Tomiwa S	10DHU
Aminah F	10DAL	Hayley S	10FOS
Zohrah F	10DAL	Declan S	10DAL
Abira J	10FOS	Kenoli Lineeza T	10HBU
Michelle J	10DAL	Kacey W	10HBU

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

10JDE

Well done 10JDE for making such a great improvement in your attendance!



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	138
Payal P	10HBU	124
Rushi P	10HBU	116
Daniel P	10JDE	114
Kumara S	10DHU	114
Darsh P	10DHU	108
Ileana L	10FOS	98
Beatrice V	10FOS	98
Thadshajini A	10AGR	96
Kimario B	10AGR	93
Taliyah B	10JDE	89
Arhum A	10AGR	86
Maheshan P	10AGR	86
Ashane W	10HBU	86

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

30th January – Y10 Parents Evening

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

Buy Revision books on Parent pay!

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO



Well done Year 11 on completing your first term of this important year.

You have maintained focus throughout and we hope you can see the benefits in your subjects and results.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Chenaye	11SAL
Jemimah	11RFO
Jasmera	11DMA
Haseeb	11KAS
Zaviyar	11KAS
Angel	11PAM
Kelly	11SAL
Kanyese	11SAL
Rudra	11KAS
Tia	11CCA
Manal	11PAM
Shujah	11RFO
Kiara	11RFO
Mojirade	11DMA
Beckham	11PAM
Lindsey	11PAM
Joshua	11RFO
Saif	11KAS
Aida Lucie Diallo	11PAM
Paavala	11CCA

Best tutor group!

11SAL

Well done 11SAL for continuing to have excellent attendance this term.



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Name	Reg	Total Conduct Points
Kelly	11SAL	267
Aslam	11SAL	180
Chenaye	11SAL	174
Kanyese	11SAL	165
Denis	11SAL	162
Theo	11SAL	140
Kadyi	11CCA	137
Lindsey	11PAM	110
Alfie	11SAL	109
Denique	11SAL	109
Aida	11PAM	104
Nabila	11SAL	100
Sabina	11PAM	91
Laura	11SAL	87

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

CNAT Sport exam 8th Jan

Health and Social Care exam 9th Jan

Next round of Mock exams
Monday 3rd Feb

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