

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We've had a very exciting and eventful half term at TALA – hopefully this Newsletter will capture some of the things your children have been up to, and celebrate some of the successes they've had. Ofsted visited, and we're waiting for their report, but I was extremely proud to welcome those inspectors to come and see what we're up to, and even prouder of the way students interacted with that team – we'll share the report as soon as we receive it.

Highlights from this half term include the Spring Concert, Macbeth performance at The Unicorn Theatre and the trips and activities students enjoyed on our Academy days.

I'm already looking forward to starting next term with Celebration Assemblies (for students in Years 7 – 10) – do join us for those if you can.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.



GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Science fair

To recognise British Science week, TALA hosted their first science fair, showcasing projects students have been working on. Students demonstrated the planning and execution of their experiment. Well done to Payal and Hayley who took first place.

Residential

Year 7 and 8 have had a fantastic time on the PGL residential this term; from Jacob's ladder to buggy building, their resilience was tested. Throughout the trip they demonstrated teamwork and become young leaders.

Speak Out Challenge

Congratulations to Emilija in year 10, coming 3rd in the Croydon Jack Petchey, Speak Out challenge.

Macbeth

Our drama group went to the Unicorn Theatre and performed their Macbeth piece to a packed out theatre! Well done to all involved! Come and watch the performance on Thursday 8th May.

Keep up to date with TALA news and follow us on 'X' (twitter) @LanfrancAcademy

KEY DATES

Tuesday 22nd April- Summer term starts at normal time

Monday 5th May- Bank Holiday (school closed)

Thursday 8th May- School production of "Macbeth- 5pm-6pm

Monday 12th May- HPV vaccinations (Y8)

Wednesday 14th May- New Y7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 22nd May- Y10-11 transition evening (4-6pm)



HIGHLIGHT OF THE TERM

Spring Music Concert!



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

If you ever feel anxious or stressed use the technique below to calm your mind and body.

The 5-4-3-2-1 Coping Technique

Ease your state of mind in stressful moments.

Acknowledge 5 things that you can see around you.



Acknowledge 4 things that you can touch around you.



Acknowledge 3 things that you can hear around you.

Acknowledge 1 thing that you can taste around you.



Acknowledge 2 things that you can smell around you.



#QuitMonday

QUIT & STAY OUT MONDAY

TEACHING & LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Recent learning visits have highlighted our much improved curriculum and also noted how well behaved and engaged pupils now are in lessons.

Our teachers are now well established in using questioning techniques that engage learners, and also in using techniques to adapt the learning for pupils of all abilities.

It has also been noted how pupils feel well supported in their learning and given good guidance in how to improve their work.

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“An understanding of the natural world is a source of not only great curiosity, but great fulfilment.”



EXTRA CURRICULAR

The Year 10 basketball team played their first ever games this term. A defeat away to St Joseph's was quickly followed by an excellent performance against the Croydon league holder Harris CP. An exciting game eventually saw the team lose by a single point, with a shot bouncing out on the buzzer which would have won the game for Lanfranc. The team have trained hard all winter and have shown they can play basketball with the best in Croydon, well done to the team!

HOUSES

The final week of half-term saw an intense battle in our inter-house competitions, with **Attenborough House** emerging victorious—well done! Meanwhile, **Malala House** continues to dominate in Achievement Points, proving that hard work pays off. And a special shoutout to **Jemison House**—your attendance is improving faster than any other House. Can you keep the momentum going? Let's see who comes out on top next!



TALA Values Award
Visit a place of historic importance



CAREERS

An action-packed term with National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week. During National Apprenticeship Week, Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend the National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Racecourse. There were a huge number of exhibitors at the event inspiring and engaging our students. During National Careers Week, staff displayed door signs identifying their previous jobs and initiating conversations with students. Years 7 and 8 had a talk from BAE systems in partnership with the RAF and the Royal Navy. Year 10 took part in RISE workshops during their academy day. Next term our highlight will be Year 10 work experience - if you are able to offer a placement to a student, please let Mrs Budd know.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

From March 7th to 16th, The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy celebrated British Science Week with exciting events that showcased creativity, innovation, and STEM exploration. A major highlight was the Science Fair, where students impressed judges with original inventions. Inspiring STEM talks provided valuable career insights, while staff dressed as famous scientists, sparking curiosity among students. On March 26, Year 7 and 8 enjoyed the BAE Systems / STEM Roadshow, with the robot dog being a crowd favorite. Academy Day on April 1 saw Year 10 students engage in hands-on scientific investigations, honing their problem-solving skills. Looking ahead, a Spelling Bee Competition for Year 7 and 8 will take place after the half-term break—so get ready for some scientific word mastery and a chance to win a prize!

Lanfranc Memorial Garden

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 Learning Changes Lives!



Help Restore the Memorial Garden at Croydon Cemetery for 34 Lanfranc Boys Lost in a Tragic Plane Crash in 1961



The Lanfranc Air Disaster

On 9th August 1961, thirty-four pupils – members of *Lanfranc Secondary Modern School* as it was at that time – together with two teachers, died in a tragic air disaster on their way to Norway. Three air crew also perished in the crash that happened on the Holtæha Mountain in Strand which is near Stavanger in Norway. Travelling from London Airport in a Cunard Eagle Airways Vickers 610 Viking 3B aircraft, the plane, code named *Papa Mike*, crash landed into the mountainside, killing all on board instantly.

The boys, aged 13-16, together with the teaching staff, John Beacham and George Budd, were on their way to a camping expedition in the Norwegian highlands. However, they never reached Sola airport, with the Official Norwegian Commission and British Accident Investigation Board reporting that, 'deviation from the prescribed flight path for unknown reasons' caused the disaster.

The communal funeral took place on 17th August 1961 at Croydon Cemetery on Mitcham Road; thousands of people lined the funeral procession route, laying wreaths in tribute to those who died. It was reported that over 100,000 mourners paid their respects in the days and weeks following the ceremony. A replica of the Norwegian Cross that remains at the site of the disaster was gifted by the people of Stavanger and stands at the Memorial Garden in Croydon Cemetery.

The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy continues to commemorate those who passed away tragically in August, 1961. With a dedicated memorial to all thirty-nine who died in the Academy Main Hall, their lives are remembered by the current academy community and for those to commemorate in the future.

The Lanfranc Boys, by Rosalind Jones, charts the stories behind the boys and those directly affected by the events of August 1961.



Help Restore the Lanfranc School Memorial Garden for 34 Boys Lost in a Tragic Plane Crash

Our Appeal

Over the years, this special garden at Croydon Cemetery, which is regularly visited by many, has fallen into disrepair and is in need of restoration. Our appeal will run for one year between March 2025 and March 2026, the 9th August 2026 marks 65 years since the disaster. Completing the restoration by this date would be particularly poignant.

We are reaching out to the community and beyond to help us restore this memorial garden. Money raised through donations will go towards:

- Repairing stonework
- Planting and landscaping
- Restoring the paving slabs and professional cleaning
- Replacing damaged name plaques and inscription stones
- Removing damaged trees and replacing the broken and missing flowerpots

How You Can Help

Our target is ambitious but to do this sensitively, using skilled craftsmen and approved suppliers, we hope to raise £60,000 to complete all necessary work, including; cleaning, repairs, groundwork, and stone masonry. All funds raised will be held by The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy and managed by appointed trustees.

By contributing to this cause, you are helping to provide a fitting tribute to the memory of the young lives lost and creating a peaceful place of reflection for generations to come.

Every donation, no matter how small, will make a significant difference – Thank you for your support.



See our GoodHub fundraising webpage: <https://app.goodhub.com/lanfranc-memorial>



“Reading at TALA”



Upcoming Events

2nd April: International Children’s Book Day

18th April: Poem in my pocket day

22nd April: Stephen Lawrence Day

23rd April: Shakespeare’s Birthday

23rd April : World Book Night

Loan Data

A massive shout-out to year 7 for borrowing **338** books to date!

Book Suggestion

“Cuts Both Ways” Candice Braithewaite

Race, class and love come together in this bestseller

Library monitor comment

“This is the best school library ever! First of all it’s great for a break, secondly you can do you homework, and thirdly there’s lots of rewards. The teachers are amazing!” Elijah y7

Reading Strategy

A page a day will be the greatest hideaway!

This half term keep up those reading ages by reading a page a day – remember anything counts.

News in Picture

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Learning Changes Lives!



Our DofE students are getting ready for their expedition next term, working out how to put up tents and cooking in the outdoors are vital skills needed for their trip.



Congratulations to Emilija who took 3rd place at the Speak Out Croydon final! Her speech, 'The Leap of Faith' was amazing, and her delivery was brilliant! **WELL DONE Emilija**



Students across the school attended the Unicorn Theatre in London and performed their version of Macbeth. The theatre was packed and the students were given a glowing review (see page 7) Come and see the show at TALA (see page 8)



Students continue to attend Tea or Hot Chocolate with the Principal. Congratulations to those who attended this term!



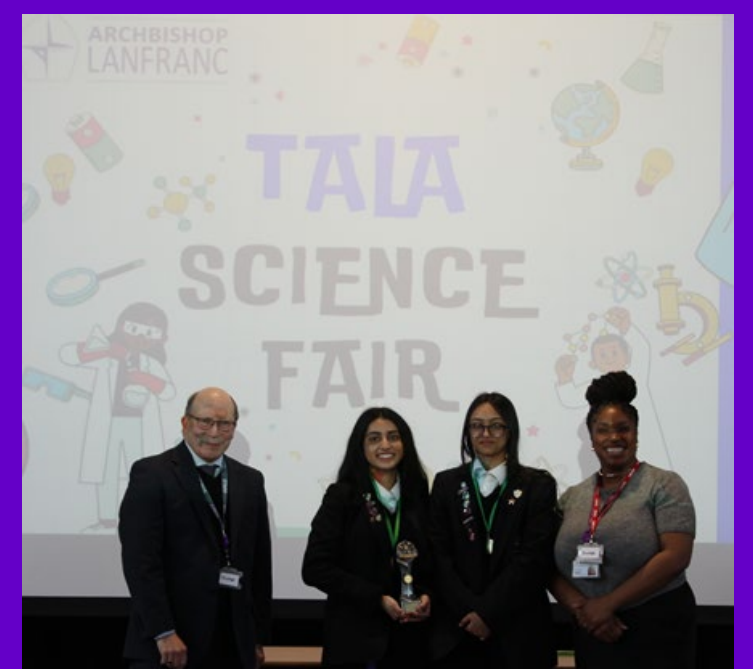
We're proud of our student leadership team and the work they do around the Academy. Student voice is an important part of our school community.



BAE systems, in partnership with the RAF & Royal Navy delivered a STEM roadshow to our year 7 & 8



Year 7 and 8 had a great time on the PGL residential this term, they spent time building positive relationships with their peers and demonstrating our TALA values.



TALA hosted their first Science Faire. Congratulations to Payal and Hayley in year 10 for their project 'Which teacher has the dirtiest desk at TALA'



News in Picture



TALA's Spring Concert!



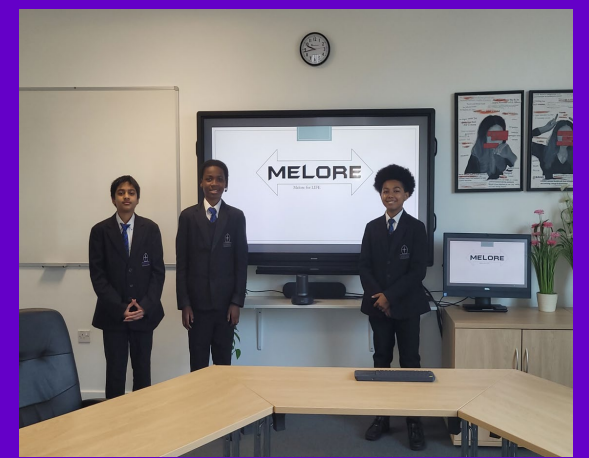
Students across the school showcased their talents at TALA's Spring Concert, the event was enjoyed by all. Well done to everyone who took part.



During Enrichment Year 8s have been designing their own companies and presented them Dragons Den style to our finance team and Mr Trehearn. I wonder if they decided to invest!



Our KS4 Basketball Team have been representing the Academy in the Croydon Basketball League, we're proud of their hard work and dedication during the season.



During Academy day students had the opportunity to attend a variety of trips, including Chelsea Football Stadium, indoor climbing and the O2 climb! Everyone had a great time, and we can't wait to do it all again next term.



Our year 10 GCSE music students had an incredible live workshop with Nicolas Bricht, flautist with the London Mozart Players, it was truly inspirational.



“Review of our Macbeth Performance”



“A TALE OF SOUND AND FURY”

Macbeth
by The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy
at The Unicorn Theatre, 28th February 2025
appraised by Ben Vardy

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you, The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy, on your brilliant performance of Macbeth as part of Shakespeare Schools Festival this spring. It was a joy to watch you shine on your performance night, and I'd like to spend some time now highlighting all the aspects of your production that I loved the most.

I was deeply impressed by the intensity and dramatic depth of your performances. By the end of the play, your production had drawn the audience into a haunting world of death and revenge, leaving a lasting impact.

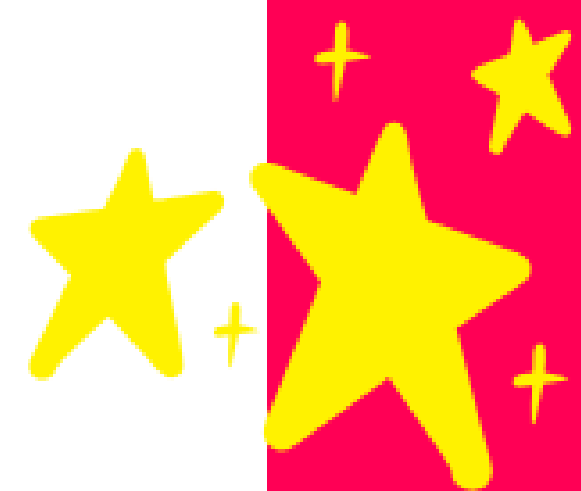
I was also struck by your innovative use of narration, which not only clarified key story moments for the audience but also invited us to reflect on the story's relevance to contemporary issues.

The ensemble movement was another highlight for me. Shakespeare works best when it embraces the spirit of ensemble, and this was clearly integral to your performance. I particularly admired how you used the group to enhance the supernatural aura of the witches, as well as the striking synchronisation during the final battle scene. This not only added energy to the performance but truly transported the audience to another realm.

Your lighting design was both creative and resourceful, with the use of torches creating a moody, cinematic atmosphere that perfectly complemented the scenes in which it was employed. A special shout-out to Katie and Tegan, whose excellent work on lights and sound elevated the entire production. And of course, thanks to your teachers for the beautiful musical accompaniment that added an extra layer of emotion to the performance.

This was a bloody, brooding and extremely creative production of Macbeth from a bold and committed cast. You should all be extremely proud of what you have achieved together. Congratulations!

We are in awe of all your passion, hard work and creativity! What you have accomplished is something truly special, and we are already looking forward to reimagining Shakespeare with The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy again next year.



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“A BLOODY, BROODING AND EXTREMELY CREATIVE MACBETH, FROM A BOLD AND COMMITTEED CAST.”

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Review of our
Macbeth
Performance
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Macbeth



Come and see the Archbishop Lanfranc's
critically acclaimed performance of
Macbeth for one night only!

Thursday 8th May 2025

5.00pm-6.00pm

The hall theatre space, The Archbishop
Lanfranc Academy, Mitcham Road



**"A BLOODY, BROODING AND
EXTREMELY CREATIVE MACBETH, FROM
A BOLD AND COMMITTEED CAST."**



Extra-curricular clubs at TALA

BREAKFAST CLUB AT TALA

Starting your morning on the right foot can set the tone for the rest of the day.

BREAD

BAGELS
MILK
CEREAL
WATER

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WANT TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT IDENTITIES?

WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR LGBTQ+ FRIENDS?

LGBTQ+ CLUB!

- YOUR VOICE MATTERS -

WANT A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN BE YOURSELF?

QUESTIONING YOUR SEXUALITY OR GENDER?

JOIN MR MANOHARAN, MISS ADESIDA, MISS O'MALLEY & MISS KOLADE IN S24 EVERY MONDAY @ 2:40-3:30

FOOTBALL CLUB

COME AND JOIN US
FRIDAY 2:45-3:45
YEAR 7,8,9 & 10

MORE INFO:
SPEAK TO THE PE DEPARTMENT

THURSDAYS - S24

YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB

MISS ADESIDA
MS ALLEN

CHESS CLUB

MONDAY 2:45-3:45
ALL YEAR GROUPS

IN THE LIBRARY

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW GOOD YOU ARE (IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED BEFORE) COME ALONG AND PLAY!

BADMINTON CLUB

WEDNESDAY
2:45-3:45PM

YEAR 7, 8 & 9
MEET IN THE SPORTS HALL

MORE INFORMATION
SPEAK TO TEAM PE!

ART Club

Every Thursday after school in T07 (ART ROOM)
2.40-4.00pm

KS3 and KS4 students

All welcome!

Come and complete work, do your homework, or try something new.

BASKETBALL CLUB

COME AND JOIN US

MONDAY 2:45-3:45
SPORTS HALL
YEAR 7, 8 & 9

FRIDAY 2:45-3:45
SPORTS HALL
YEAR 9, 10 & 11

MORE INFO:
SPEAK TO THE PE DEPARTMENT

Come join us!

Every Friday, Starting 22nd November 2024.

Lunch 1 (12.25 - 13.00) & Lunch 2 (13.15 - 13.50)

School Library

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Humanities Film Club

We'll be watching titles by lots of independent screenwriters, and discussing some of the most pressing issues facing our modern world.

NETBALL CLUB

COME AND JOIN US
TUESDAY 2:45-3:45
SPORTS HALL
YEAR 7, 8, 9 & 10

MORE INFO:
SPEAK TO THE PE DEPARTMENT

START TRAINING TODAY

- GYM
- CARDIO
- TRAINING

Come along to Gym club:

Thursday 2:45-3:45pm
Year 9 & 10

TEAM TALA

TALA TABLE TENNIS CLUB

BRING A FRIEND

JOIN NOW

TABLE TENNIS

MONDAY 2:45PM-3:45PM DANCE STUDIO

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW GOOD YOU ARE (OR IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED BEFORE) COME ALONG AND PLAY!

DANCE CLUB

Come join, and be a part of the dance club

ALL YEARS
THURSDAY 2:45-3:45

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TALA HOMEWORK CLUB

Room: F6

Monday - Friday
All students from years 7-11 are welcome to attend.
Time: 2.40pm - 4:00pm

Mondays and Wednesdays
EAL Homework Club
Session 1: 2.40pm - 3.15pm

Have a go at improvisation

Improve your team work and collaboration skills!

THURSDAY 2.40-3.30 T03

DRAMA CLUB

Play games!

DRAMA KIDS

MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Huge congratulations to all year 7 students! You've navigated new challenges, made new friends, and grown as individuals. Keep up the hard work!



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

100% and 0 lates

Aariya A	7MKO
Josephine A	7FDE
Karen B	7FDE
Kimberley A	7MKO
Flora V	7EOM
Ramatoulaye D	7RSO
Valerie E	7HAD
Ilias G	7FDE
Tre N	7RSO
Rohit N	7FDE
Emmanuel O	7FDE
Georgia P	7RSO
Montana R	7FDE

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.

Montana R	7FDE	421
Frankie D	7FDE	410
Josephine A	7FDE	361
Imran S	7FDE	354
Beloved A	7MKO	345
Mario G	7EOM	337
Diem P	7FDE	335
Alpha A	7EOM	332
Karen B	7FDE	317
Malleson F	7FDE	316

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Final football fixtures:
Dates TBC

Sports day – Final
half term

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

It has been a very busy term with many year 8 students participating in lots of additional opportunities, including sports fixtures, drama, music and residential. It is very positive to see you taking on additional involvement in the school



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Stone-Harley 8LCO	Sanojan 8JED
Mariana 8LCO	Maliha 8LPA
Manav 8MWO	Rohit 8JED
Pratheep 8JCR	Scarlett 8GDE
Mithuna 8GDE	Afrin 8JED
Aryan 8LPA	Harith 8JCR
Sanjivan 8LCO	Niyam 8LPA
Syed 8MWO	Samarth 8JED
Hency 8LPA	Sumayah 8LPA
Abel 8LCO	Muhammad 8MWO
Leila 8LCO	Adanma 8LCO
Bibek 8JCR	Chau 8GDE
Duyghu 8MWO	Ebony 8GDE
Megh 8LPA	Wendel 8MWO
Sanam 8MWO	

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

Congratulations 8LCO!



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Aryan 8LCO
Wania 8GDE
Mithuna 8GDE
Josh 8GDE
Sanjivan 8LCO
Nadine 8GDE
Joshua 8LCO
Sahla 8LPA
Joseph 8LPA
Mia 8JED
Faris 8GDE
Samira 8LPA
Mohammed 8LPA
Layla 8GDE
Pratheep 8JCR

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

Celebration Assembly
24th April

Sports day – Final
half term

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Year 9 ended this term on a terrific note with their participation in the Spring concert. What a talented Year Group! We look forward to seeing you all for their Celebration Assembly when we return after Easter. Have a lovely holiday!



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Prince
Adnan
Yusra
Deborah
Vadden
Sharvesh
Kwame
Michael
Isaiah
Nikodem
Rayon
Masood
Manuel
Ayushkumar
Allananzar
Husna
Bellina
Desmond
Andrew

Erika
Osha
Sherwin
Kia
Drew
Yathushagini
Rahman
Laura
Nancy
Bryanna

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM

Attendance: **9AKO** 94.20%

Conduct: **9AKO**
2223 achievement points!



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Haris	403
Serghei	312
Manuel	283
Guilherme	281
Erika	260
Samiah	230
Sharvesh	227
Chanel	221
Aaron	218
Fern	218
Raiya	217
Olivia	215
Ananthan Padmanabhan	209
Valery	208
Arianna	202
Kourtney	202
Bryanna	193
Rani	191
Osha	188

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

W/C 20 June – End of Year exams

23 April – Celebration Assembly

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Well done Y10 for another term of working hard and aiming high. You only have one term until you are Y11!

Please take note of the dates for Mocks and WEX week, and make sure you are prepared. You **need** to get your Work Experience sorted as soon as possible if you haven't already.



ATTENDANCE SHOUTOUT

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

Kimario B	10AGR	Zohrah F	10LAL
Gabriel D	10FOS	Enoch A	10FOS
Aminah F	10LAL	Fawad A	10JDE
Edsila Daniella P	10AGR	Elisa B	10JDE
Amraaz A	10AGR	Sofia B	10HBU
Jai D	10FOS	Summer D	10HBU
Argjend M	10HBU	Ebun-Ife I	10FOS
Richard O	10HBU	Michelle J	10LAL
Fareed O	10JDE	Kaysan L	10AGR
Darsh P	10DHU	Thikalya N	10LAL
Payal P	10HBU	Rushi P	10HBU
Keona R	10LAL	Tomiwa S	10DHU
Hayley S	10FOS	Kenoli Lineeza T	10HBU
Kacey W	10HBU	Ashane W	10HBU
		Juliya J	10DHU

TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM 10FOS

Well done 10FOS for winning our recent punctuality competition. Well done on reducing your lateness to school – keep it up!



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Mihail L	10LAL	271
Kimario B	10AGR	235
Kumara S	10DHU	223
Daniel P	10JDE	217
Zoya A	10JDE	214
Rushi P	10HBU	203
Payal P	10HBU	198
Thadshajini A	10AGR	192
Ileana L	10FOS	180
Kifny K	10AGR	173
Abira J	10FOS	170
Hayley S	10FOS	169
Fawad A	10JDE	166
Saad K	10LAL	165
Keona R	10LAL	163
Ashane W	10HBU	163
Beatrice V	10FOS	161

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

23rd- 27th June: Mock exams week

30th June -4th July: Y10 Work Experience week

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACO

Well done Y11 for another term of hard work and striving to achieve your best. We all hope that your efforts pay off in your GCSE exams.

Continue this hard work over the Easter Break to ensure you get the best possible grades.



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
Kelly	11SAL
Kanyese	11SAL
Lindsey	11PAM
Aida Lucie Diallo	11PAM

Best tutor group!

11SAL
with 1287 conduct points
WELL DONE 😊



CONDUCT SHOUTOUT

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

Kelly	11SAL	413
Aslam	11SAL	297
Chenaye	11SAL	274
Kanyese	11SAL	259
Denis	11SAL	252
Theo	11SAL	209
Denique	11SAL	202
Kadyi	11CCA	192
Lindsey	11PAM	179
Laura	11SAL	162
Nabila	11SAL	148
Sabina	11PAM	140
Aida	11PAM	140
Alfie	11SAL	134
Aaliyah	11CCA	125

YEAR GROUP KEY REMINDERS/DATES

- GCSE exams start after the Easter break.
- Language Speaking exams w/c 22nd April.
- Prom payment deadline 17th May.
- Prom Friday 20th June.

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