



THE YARDLEIAN



ISSUED MONTHLY - NOVEMBER 2024 EDITION

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome to our third edition of The Yardleian. Since the last issue, many of our staff, students, and families have celebrated Diwali and Gurburab.

We have also marked Remembrance Day, commemorating the contributions of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women involved in the two world wars and later conflicts, including some former Yardleys students.

Students have been actively involved in raising money for Children in Need, and there have been several trips and visits, such as the Geography and Photography field visits. These activities highlight the many opportunities the school continues to offer beyond the classroom.

In the classroom, we remain focused on preparing students for their upcoming examinations and assessment week at the end of this term. It has been another busy but successful term, and we hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights and achievements in this month's edition.

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We paused to remember the brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice. At Yardleys, our Remembrance Wall stood as a solemn tribute to those who served and gave their lives during World War I, including the Cooper brothers, for whom our Cooper Hall is named.

We honoured their legacy and reflected on the courage and resilience they displayed.

Lest we forget.



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REMINDER



HOMEWORK IS LIVE ON SATCHEL ONE

To support your child's learning journey, all relevant information, including assignment details and submission deadlines, can be accessed through the Homework and Independent Learning section of our website.

We encourage you to regularly check this section to stay updated on your child's academic responsibilities.

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WINTRY WEATHER AND SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

The season of wintry weather is fast approaching. As you know, maintaining the safety of our students and staff is a top priority and the school will remain open if it is safe to do so. If there is heavy snow or conditions on the school site are compromised, we may have to close the school or adjust the school day, with an earlier finish time. We will make such decisions as early as possible and inform parents/carers by text message and via our website homepage – www.yardleys-vle.com.

If there is heavy snow or severe inclement weather in the morning, please check our website **BEFORE** leaving home. We will aim to update our website by 7:30 am to inform you of any changes to our normal school arrangements.



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Our Year 11 students recently had the opportunity to attend the **National College and School Leavers Festival** at the NEC. The event offered valuable insights into a wide range of post-school options, from further education to apprenticeships and careers in various industries.

The festival proved to be both informative and inspiring, with our students engaging with exhibitors and speakers, learning about potential pathways for their future. They represented the school brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm and ambition as they explored different avenues for their next steps.

Their proactive approach and eagerness to plan for their futures were truly commendable, and they were a real credit to the school. We are incredibly proud of their involvement and the positive attitude they displayed throughout the event. This experience has certainly inspired many of them to continue working hard as they prepare for the next phase of their education and careers.

The much-anticipated **Staff vs. Students** series began this week with an exciting after-school football match. The staff showcased their skills and taught the students a lesson, claiming a commanding 9-1 victory.

A big thank you to all the staff and students who participated, supported, and cheered on this entertaining event!





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Our **Year 11 Photography students** embarked on an inspiring trip to the Malvern Hills! They explored Priory Park, admired the stunning Malvern Cathedral, visited The Abbey Hotel, and even hiked to the top for breath-taking views. The students captured incredible photos of both nature and architecture—an unforgettable day filled with creativity and discovery!



Our **Attitude to Learning Day** was a resounding success as teachers had the opportunity to engage with parents and guardians.

The day fostered meaningful conversations about students' progress, achievements, and areas for growth. We are grateful for the support and collaboration of families in ensuring the best outcomes for our students.



Our **Geography** students recently took part in a fieldwork trip to Curzon Street, where they explored whether redevelopment in the area is creating social, economic, and environmental opportunities.

The trip provided valuable real-world insights as students assessed the impact of ongoing redevelopment, considering how it affects the local community and environment. This hands-on experience was an excellent opportunity for students to apply their learning to a live case study, helping them understand the complexities of urban regeneration





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SPORTS

The Year 9 football team delivered an outstanding performance yesterday, defeating Darul Uloom Islamic School 4-1 in the Collegiate Cup.

The match saw strong contributions from Haider, Bilal, and the ever-dependable Musa, whose efforts helped secure the decisive victory. Their teamwork and determination were evident throughout, ensuring a memorable result for the squad.



The KS3 girls' football team put on a spirited performance this evening in a closely contested match against BOA. Despite their best efforts, the team narrowly fell to a 5-4 defeat in what was an exciting and competitive encounter.

A big well done to all the girls for their determination and teamwork throughout the game. Their effort and enthusiasm were commendable, and they should be proud of their performance.

Our KS4 pupils had a fantastic day yesterday at Alexander Stadium for a @sportbirmingham leadership event.

They honed their communication and leadership skills through interactive workshops and enjoyed inspiring talks from sports industry experts. A great experience for all involved!





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ASSESSMENT WEEK

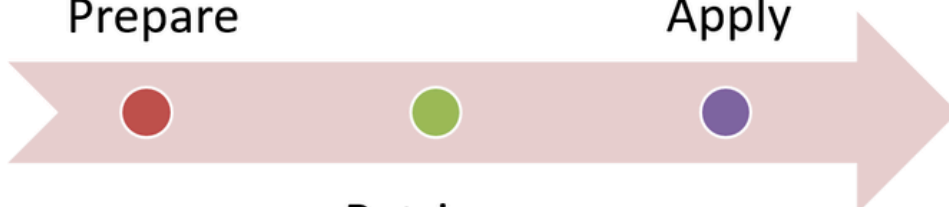
The Revision Cycle

Use your exercise books, knowledge organisers and revision guides to make mind maps or flashcards for each topic

Prepare

Apply your knowledge by answering practice questions without notes but with a time limit

Apply



Retrieve

Test your knowledge using flashcards or look, cover, write, check

Click the link below to find more information on how to support your child with their December assessments

Supporting your child with their December assessments.

ASSESSMENT WEEK VLE LINK

KEY DATES

- w/b 25th November: Year 11 French and Spanish Speaking Exams.
- Thursday 28th November 2024 - Year 7 Parents Evening (4:30-7:30pm) - 'REMOTE'
- Friday 29th November 2024 - Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS)
- w/b 2nd December: Year 11 Catering and Hospitality and Art Exams.
- w/b 9th December: Year 10 and 11 Pre-Assessment Week. Note school will finish at 14.45pm on Wednesday for all pupils.
- w/b 16th December: Assessment Week for all years. Monday-Wednesday school will finish at 14.30pm and 12.05pm on Thursday. No school on Friday.
- Friday 20th December - Friday 3rd January 2025 - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY