



THE YARDLEYIAN



ISSUED MONTHLY - MARCH 2025 EDITION

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

We are approaching the end of another busy term. This edition will provide you with some of the highlights of key events that have taken place this half term. Staff and students have been working, in particular Year 11, in preparation for the summer examinations. I know a number of important religious festivals have and will be taking place and for those celebrating Eid, Baisakhi and Easter, I hope you all have a great time with family and friends. We have included our usual key dates and upcoming events for your reference.

CELEBRATION WEEK

In March, we held our Celebration Week, providing an opportunity to recognise students who exemplify our school's ethos and values. The assemblies recognised the outstanding efforts students who consistently demonstrate hard work, a positive attitude, and commitment to our core values.

The week saw appreciation slips given out between staff and students. This was alongside a form per year group being recognised for having achieved the most positives, with cookies from the canteen, badges and certificates.

We then held year-based celebration assemblies with awards for attendance, subjects, uniform, personal development and around the 3 R's (Ready, Respectful, Responsible)



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YARDLEYS UNIFORM SHOP



If you have any uniform items you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate your donations. Please bring items to Reception and thank you for supporting this initiative, which helps our school community.

NHS CAREERS DAY



Our students attended an NHS Careers Day at the Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum this month. They explored a wide range of healthcare careers, took part in hands-on activities, and gained valuable insights from industry professionals.

This was a fantastic opportunity to inspire our students as the next generation of doctors, nurses, paramedics, and healthcare specialists.

CHILDREN IN NEED

A massive thank you to everyone who donated and participated in our fundraising for Children in Need. Activities included sponsored silence, cake sale, a raffle and lots of sporting events.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £354.06! We truly appreciate your support.





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TOM PALMER

We were thrilled to welcome back author Tom Palmer for another fantastic visit. Huge thanks to Tom for inspiring our Year 7 and 8 students—they loved asking questions and even taking part in a penalty shootout against Ms. Macdonald and Mr. Vaughan.

Tom also spent time with our Literacy Ambassadors, sharing insights into his writing process, his passion for football, and his love of history. A brilliant day all around!



YOUNG WRITERS

Earlier this year, students at Yardleys were invited to take part in Young Writers 'Fight or Flight: Mini Saga' Competition. Students were tasked with writing a 100-word, adrenaline-fueled short story inspired by a dramatic or shocking event. There were many fantastic entries with students really relishing the opportunity to create their own apocalyptic worlds and craft their stories for maximum impact. A huge well done to all students who entered and have been chosen to have their work published - hopefully this will be the first of many publications for these budding young writers!

Asim (10), Maimoonah (9), Aamiliah (9), Rayaana (7), Muntaas (7), Aleesha (7), Ibraheem (7), Aiza (7), Hamza (7), Essa (7), Idrees (7), Hafsa (7), Javeria (7), Moosa (7), Rahuma (7), Yusuf (7), Yahya (7), Umama (7), Maleeha (7), Adisa (7), Saira (7), Rayan (7).



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CATERING

Our school meal service continues to be provided by abm Catering Limited. Their aim is to serve exciting, fresh food using the very best of seasonal ingredients to create nutritious and exciting dishes.

From Easter, there will be a small inflationary increase in the tariff however the meal deal price will be remaining at £2.25. There are a range of meal deals on offer each day, representing value for money. All meat served on site will continue to be halal HMC certified. Please see below details of our current menu including freshly prepared Hot Meals, Street Food, Grab 'n' Go and a range of Deli Baguettes and Sandwiches. We continue to have theme days, with an upcoming Eid celebration on 2nd April.

Free breakfast bagels & cereals

Don't forget – there are free toasted bagels and a variety of cereals available for students each morning from 8:20 am in the Cooper Hall. These free breakfasts will be available on a first come, first served basis and are through the school's participation in the National School Breakfast Programme. Evidence has shown that students benefit from having a healthy, nutritious breakfast each morning to enable them to access learning.

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RECYCLING AND WASTE REGULATIONS

The school are preparing for the new waste regulations that come into force from 31st March 2025. To ensure we meet the new requirements, we have appointed a new waste disposal provider and will be operating a comingled and separate food waste collection. There are new bins in selected venues for staff and students to dispose of their food waste. The food waste, through a process of anaerobic digestion, will then be recycled into fertiliser for farming and green energy for homes. This is all with the aim of reducing the waste that goes to landfill.





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TRUSTEE OPPORTUNITY

We are currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering as a trustee at our school.

The trust board has a focus on ensuring the school meets its aims of academic excellence, educating the whole child and working collaboratively, while maintaining effective financial management and complying with statutory requirements. Our trust board is made up of individuals with different backgrounds, skills and perspectives but all with the common interest and ambition to continually improve the school, the life chances of our students and the wider community. They work as a team, alongside the headteacher and senior leadership team.

What is involved?

Trustees are expected to:

- attend four Full Governing Body meetings per academic year, this can be in-person or via video link, in the evenings
- be a member of a sub-committee responsible for a particular area of work and attend the committee meetings (either once or twice per term depending on the committee), this can be in-person or via video link, in the evenings.
- undertake link governor visits, to get to know the school further, with a particular focus area. Visits are usually three times per year, flexible to suit the trustee and trustees are partnered up to share a responsibility area.

What are the benefits?

- Trustees are provided with a structured induction
- Have access to quality training
- the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the school, making a difference to the lives of our students.

If you are interested in finding out further information, please get in touch with Gemma Webb, Governance Professional on 0121 464 6821 or gemma.webb@yardleys.bham.sch.uk



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SPORTS



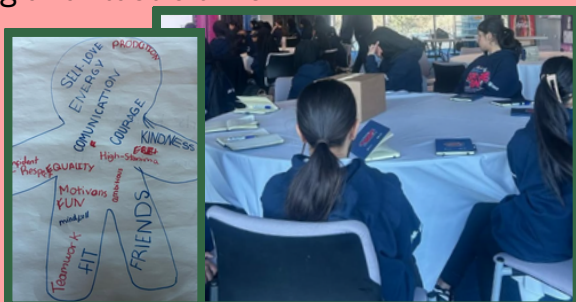
KS3 GIRLS SHINE

Girls in KS3 took part in the FA and Barclays largest-ever football session. The competition was fierce, with our team going head-to-head against 12 other well-prepared local teams. Despite the tough competition, the girls showcased their skills and teamwork, securing an impressive 3rd place overall in this challenging tournament. A special shoutout and recognition go to Rumaysa, whose exceptional performance on the field earned her the title of standout performer.



GO LEAD TRAINING

Year 7 girls attended Go Lead football training at Alexander Stadium, enjoying a theory session followed by an opportunity to practice, enhancing their coaching skills and having a fantastic time!



STAFF VS STUDENTS

The staff-student series continued with an indoor cricket match. After losing the toss, the staff scored 67 all out. Despite some LBW calls by student umpire Roshaan, Burt and Smith were the staff's top scorers. Although the staff took the key wickets of Sattar and Shafil, the students batted steadily to win with two wickets left.





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KEY DATES

- Thursday 3rd April - Year 8 Parents Evening (4:30 - 7:30pm)
- Tuesday 8th April - Year 9 Options Event (4:00 - 5:30pm)
- Thursday 10th April - Year 11 Alton Towers Trip
- Friday 11th April - Last day of term
- Monday 14th - Friday 25th April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 28th April - School reopens to all students as normal
- Friday 1st May - Year 11 GCSE examinations start
- Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday. School closed
- Tuesday 6th May - School open as normal
- Friday 23rd May - Last day of term
- Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May - Half term holidays
- Monday 2nd June - School open as normal
- Thursday 19th June- Year 11 Prom
- Monday 23rd June - Year 10 Exams start
- Tuesday 24th June - New Year 7 (Year 6) Induction Evening
- Monday 30th June- Thursday 3rd July - Year 7-10 Assessment Week



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Find out more by following the link below

- Dates: Monday 14th - Friday 25th April 2025 (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays)
- Bookings Open: From Monday 24th March at www.bringitonbrum.co.uk
- Your Bring it on Brum! (FSM) code is: 3304246

PLEASE NOTE - This is not run by Yardleys School, please contact the local authority for more information.

