

South Lakes Academy

February 2025



Welcome Back!

Students have had a productive return to school for 2025! They have been working hard celebrating Chinese New Year, exploring Holes by Louis Sachar and continuing with the GCSE Biology curriculum.

We have had lots of birthdays this half term. Happy Birthday to Kerry, Kate, Harry and Sophie!



Emily and Harry enjoying some Salt and Chilli Chicken with Egg Fried Rice (cooked by Emily) to celebrate Chinese New Year!

Social Media Use in School

Just a polite reminder that social media should only be used in break times and not during lessons. It is great that our students are making friendships in school but please your young people about safe and responsible use of social media as well as reminding them to take a break when needed. Finally, please remind your young people that Snapchatting pictures of staff and other students are prohibited in school.

Celebrations!

We have had numerous students enter exams this half term. Congratulations to Kyya on passing his English exam. Congratulations also go to Harry and Deon on passing elements of their English exam too.

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports will be emailed to parents after half term. These are reports written by staff to give you an insight into how your child is performing so far this year. As always, please contact Tunde if there is anything you wish to discuss on the report. Emails will be replied to during the hours of 9-3 Monday to Friday.



Faith and Kate creating some Chinese New Year themed Art using acrylic paints!



Attendance

Attendance at school, as you will know, is a huge focus for the government this academic year. We understand that illnesses happen but please do all you can to get your young people in to school, if they have too much time off, they quickly fall behind in lessons which can be tricky to catch up from. Please ensure that any taxis are contacted if your young person is off school/ doesn't need collecting on certain days as this is not arranged by SLA and is run through the council. Let us know if you need contact numbers for the taxis and we can pass this on for your convenience.

Driving Theory Tests

We have lots of students on the roads now. If you want your young people to work on their driving theory tests, please do let us know. We have a brilliant resource that has both the theory questions as well as the hazard perception element of the test, and our staff can support them with this as part of their Life Skills sessions. *(A huge, good luck to Kyya and Emily who have their tests coming up very soon!)*



Conundrum of the month:

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Dates for your Diary

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school after a relaxing half term break on Monday 24th February 2025!

End of Spring term – Friday 4th April 2025

Return for Summer Term – 22nd April 2025

Newsletter planned and produced by Emily and Sophie.

Art of the Month

There has been lots of creativity in Holly's Art lesson this term! Our students have been getting experimental with different types of materials and ideas. Here are some excellent examples from Sophie, designing Pop Art and Impressionism works. Lovely colour mixing techniques!



Exams

Next term is when lots of students will be undertaking exams, whether it be GCSE's or Functional Skills. If you feel like revision at home would benefit your young person, please let us know and we can send homework or revision to do or some useful websites that we recommend.