



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

It feels a somewhat strange writing to you in my final address of this academic year. As a school community we have faced significant challenges and I could not be prouder of how everyone has adapted. A special mention must go to my entire staff who have managed to completely transfer the school into a new virtual world, whilst also maintaining our onsite provision since the wider closure of all schools at the end of March. I must also commend you as parents, carers and your wider family members who have taken on the new role of the 'teacher' supporting our 'home learning' offer. I realise this will have presented many challenges for you, however, without your support and perseverance implementing our virtual school would not have been possible. Finally, to the students, who have had to develop independence as well as an enormous amount of resilience and self-motivation in order to continue their education during this incredibly challenging period. A massive Thank You and Well Done!

At the end of every academic year it is always important to take some time to reflect. As a school we are always looking to evaluate the strengths and of course the areas we could improve upon. I would like all families to support us with this process by completing the online survey, linked to our 'virtual school', available [here](#). This information will be of significant value as we look to revise our approach should there be a necessity to put this in place again.

Staffing:

As ever at the end of an academic year we say farewell to some staff and we welcome others. The following staff will be leaving us this summer and we wish them the very best in their future endeavours and thank them for the significant contribution they have made at LNS:

Mr Atherton (Assistant Headteacher), Mr O'Brien (Teacher of English), Mr Carr (Acting Head of MFL), Miss Rahman (Teacher of English), Mr Roghi (Teacher of MFL), Mr Ahmet (Teacher of Business Studies/Economics), Mr Haykin, Mr Mendoza, Mr Morgan, Miss Steele and Miss Zepeda (All LSA's).

We welcome the following staff in September:

Mr Foley (Deputy Headteacher), Mr Ali (Teacher of Business Studies/Economics), Mr Garcia (Teacher of MFL) Mr Jardim (Teacher of PE), Mr Taylor and Miss Thompson-Sharpe (both Teachers of English), Mr Bubb, Miss O'Hara, Miss Baffour-Mitchell (all LSA's).

September Restart:

I would like to remind you once again of the staggered start that we will be adopting in September:

Date	Activity	Timing	Pastoral groups
Tuesday September 1st	Year 12 Transition/Enrolment	am	Year 12
Wednesday September 2nd	Staff Inset	All day	All
Thursday September 3rd	Year 7 transition	8:40am - 10:30pm	Year 7 only
	Year 8 transition	11:00am-1:00pm	Year 8 only
	Year 9 transition	1:30pm-3:00pm	Year 9 only
Friday 4th September	Year 10 transition	8:40am - 11pm	Year 10 only
	Year 11 transition	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Year 11 only
Monday 7th September	All students back in school	8:20am - 3:10pm	Year 13
	Year 13 transition morning/normal afternoon	8:30am - 3:00pm	

Please note that during the first week your child will only be expected for their specific session e.g. Year 7 will only be in school on Thursday 3rd September 8:40am - 10:30am. All students will return to full-time schooling from Monday 7th September.

Standard Expectations

I am conscious that you will have received a significant amount of information relating to our return in September, however, I must emphasise the standard set of expectations we will have all students:

- Full school uniform must be worn to and from school.
- Shoes must be plain black, have no tags, and must be polishable.
- Black or navy coats with no logos (not to be worn in school).
- No hoodies.
- A suitably sized navy or black school bag. Pouches are not permitted. Year 7, 8 and 9 must purchase the new school bag.

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- Hair must be of a straightforward style, clear of the collar and ears.
- No lines in hair or eyebrows.
- No earrings or jewellery are to be worn.
- Mobile phones are allowed in school but may not be out at any time. All pupils will be asked to switch their phones off before entering the school site. If they are seen in corridors etc. they will be confiscated.

Free School Meal Vouchers

For families in receipt of free school meals all Edenred payments have now been made. The last vouchers you will have received for 2 x £45 on the 13th & 14th July cover the period until 31st August 2020. Please make sure you redeem your vouchers as they will expire over the summer holiday and will not be reissued. Further information can be found on the school website.

Relationships and Sex Education

The new Relationships and Sex Education is compulsory in all schools from September 2020 forming an important part of the pastoral work we do in school and, as with everything we do, we are most successful when we work in collaboration between home and school. In order to ensure we have a Relationships and Sex Education Policy that you can support, we would appreciate your participation in this policy writing consultation. Please read the draft policy attached and complete the questionnaire, asking you to confirm you have read it and also providing a space to comment, if you wish. I would appreciate it if you could complete this before Monday 20th July. The questionnaire can be accessed [here](#).

Holiday Work

The significant disruption caused by the wider closure of the school has meant that we will make work available for students to complete during the summer holiday. Please check your sons 'google classroom' for further details of the work that has been set. Additional lessons are also available through the following links that will allow access to the National Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize and the Greenshaw Learning Trust:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfrjZZrO08ud5b7p4Nf17pQ/playlists>

I will of course write to you if there are any further changes in the advice from the government relating to the wider reopening of schools. Despite the challenges of the last few months we now look to the future with both hope and optimism.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and the governing body, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a very restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully,



Michael Schofield

Headteacher