



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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YEAR 9 Academic review day - Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

At London Nautical School we recognise the significant benefits that partnership working between school and home can have for our students. As well as having the usual Parents' Evening once for the year where there is an opportunity to discuss your son's work with each of his subject teacher, there will also be another day where you and your son can discuss his progress with his individual Form tutor. This will take place in the form of an Academic Review Day. Academic Review Days are collapsed timetable days where students, with their parents/carers, are invited to the school to have a 15-minute, focused discussion with their form tutor about their progress and achievement. During this process, the tutor will guide the student to reflect on their current academic performance in all subject areas and to establish three targets for improvement. Over the following weeks, supported by their tutors, there will be an opportunity in their tutor time to reflect on their progress towards achieving these targets.

There is much research evidence to show that students gain better results if they engage in a focused conversation about how they are doing with the significant adults at home and at school. If they then focus their attention on some key study targets for improvement, supported by those significant adults, this can supplement the work of their subject teacher and lead to deeper learning and better outcomes. This then is an exciting new opportunity to engage with your child's form tutor and gain greater insight into their academic progress. London Nautical School recognises the significant impact that parents and carers have upon the successes of their children and welcome your support in this process. By empowering our students to reflect upon their current performance we can establish purposeful targets that will help them to achieve greater academic success. This model, which has been applied successfully in many schools, develops increased student ownership of their achievements with the additional support of both school and home networks.

The Academic Review Day will take place on **Tuesday 23rd April 2019**. The meeting will take place with his Form tutor through an appointment system.

At the meeting we will: -

- Discuss issues that the Progress Report raises
- Explore the current working levels and compare these to target levels
- Review progress towards current targets set and how to achieve or exceed them
- Explore any other issues arising e.g. attendance, punctuality, behaviour
- Set/adjust action points to help him reach or exceed his target levels

For the day all Year 9 students will be given an Academic Review Day Study at Home Tasks booklet. At least three tasks from the 'Task list' should be completed and shown to his Form Tutor by Friday 26th April 2019.

Please note that if your son does not attend his appointment it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence from school.

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Choosing GCSE options:

Thank you to those parents who attended the year 9 Key stage 4 options evening on the 13th March 2019, I hope that you found the information presented to you and your discussions with staff helpful and informative. A gentle reminder that Options forms are due to be returned to school at reception by the 26th March 2018.

If you were unable to attend options evening, we will be holding a coffee morning Friday 29th March, where you will receive the information presented on this evening and your son's Key stage 4 options choice form.

Timeline for selecting and confirming options:

13th March - Students are provided with their options form and options booklet.

3rd April - Students are to return their options forms to reception.

23rd April - Student options are collated, and each child's option is discussed individually with the Head of Year and senior staff.

23rd April - 14th May 2018 - Finalised discussions with students about their option choices by the Head of Year and SLT.

3rd June 2018 - Students receive confirmation of their finalised options.

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has a full set of equipment (pencils, pens, green pens, ruler, calculator, etc.)
- Valuables should not be brought into school as we are unable to ensure their safekeeping. This includes mobile phones, ipads, and jewellery.
- Punctuality is very important, and boys are often unsettled when they do not arrive to school in time. A 20-minute break detention is given on the day your child arrives late to school.
- Attendance is extremely important; I would really appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly. Equally important is ensuring that your family holiday is not booked during term time as this often disrupts continuity and learning. However, if your child is absent from school, please inform his Form Tutor in writing, either before or after this absence.
- As you are aware, your child has a homework diary. It is important that he records his homework daily and it is signed by you weekly.
- Please ensure that your child attends school in complete school uniform daily and this includes him having his beret which he must have for parade on Mondays. I would also appreciate your child carrying an appropriate school bag (this should be large enough to hold A4 books without having to bend or fold them).

It is our aim to make this an enjoyable and productive year for the students who will be given every opportunity to produce interesting and valuable work and develop their skills across the curriculum in their third year of their GCSE courses. I thank you in advance for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me or your child's Form Tutor if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,
Mr J. Bradstreet
Head of Year 9

Response Slip: *Academic Review Day (ARD)*, – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Return to: Mr Bradstreet via Reception by **Monday 1st April 2019**

Student: _____ (Form: _____)

Preferred appointment time: _____ (between 8:45 – 12:45 and 1:45 – 3:00pm)
(Your actual time will be confirmed by Friday 5th April 2019)

Parent/Carer Signature _____

Contact details, name: _____

Contact Number: _____