



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well at the end of this incredibly busy six weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and engagement with the school. It has been great to welcome families back into school for face-to-face Parents Evenings and we look forward to welcoming all remaining year groups in the coming months. The half-term break presents an opportunity for staff and students to reconnect with themselves, friends and families whilst ensuring that we are ready for the term ahead. This letter contains a number of important pieces of information for your attention:

Hire Bikes.

Further to my letter of the 8th December 2022, when I requested students be more considerate in their use and parking of hire cycles, I'm afraid the school continues to receive complaints about abandoned bikes especially around Hatfield's.

As such, I am forced to no longer permit any journeys to school on hire bikes due to the anti-social practices of a small minority of students.

Uniform Expectations

We have been fully understanding of the issues that many of you have faced replacing items of uniform so close to the end of the school term, including school shoes. On our return after the break we expect all students to be in full-school uniform. Our uniform must be worn travelling to and from school and your son's smart appearance is an important part of upholding our reputation in and around the local community. It has become noticeable of late that students are wearing hoodies on their journey to and from school. Both items are prohibited in school and will be confiscated if they are seen to be worn.

Free School Meals

Eligible families will receive their FSM voucher for the total of £20 over the next 24 hrs to cover meal provision for the holiday week.

Advance Notice - Teachers Industrial Action - 2nd, 15th and 16th March 2023

You will be aware that the NEU have balloted for strike action which have been scheduled action on the above dates. My priorities are to ensure students and staff are safe, that the school provides effective education, and that I protect the welfare and wellbeing of students and staff. As such I will write to at the start of the new term to confirm the specific arrangements for our educational provision on these dates.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a pleasant break, and we look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 20th February.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. M Schofield
Headteacher