



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Families,

As both staff and students look forward to a much-deserved break over the Easter holidays, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you all for your continued support in what has been an incredibly busy and fulfilling term. The end of the term is traditionally the time when we say goodbye to colleagues moving on to pastures new. This term we have just one colleague leaving us, Ms Barron who has been with us since September providing maternity cover for Miss Constable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Barron for her all her contributions whilst at LNS and wish her well at her next school. After Easter we look forward to welcoming back Miss Constable. This letter includes important information relating to our return to school after Easter and an update on our Academy conversion.

Start of Term Arrangements:

- **Monday 15th April 2024 - STAFF INSET.** School closed to all students.
- **Tuesday 16th April 2024** - All students return to school. Students are expected onsite for 08:30am. Please be reminded of our free breakfast service available from 08:00am.

Free School Meals:

For those families whose sons are entitled to Free School Meals, Tesco vouchers have been distributed today, Thursday 28th March 2024, via email. You can reclaim these to the value of £40.00 for the two-week period. If you experience any problems with this system, please contact the school via email admin@lins.org.uk.

School Uniform and Standard Expectations:

As we look forward to the start of the summer term, I must re-emphasise the standard set of expectations we will have of all students:

- Full school uniform must be worn to and from school
- All shirts must have a top button that remains fastened at all times
- 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
- Hair must be of a straightforward style, clear of the collar and ears
- No lines in hair or eyebrows

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- No earrings or items of jewellery are to be worn
- Mobile phones are allowed in school but must be always switched off. All pupils will be asked to switch their phones off before entering the school site. If mobile phones are seen in corridors etc., they will be confiscated

If you are experiencing any issues purchasing school uniform in order to meet our uniform expectations, please contact the school through admin@LNS.org.uk.

Kings College Partnership - My Emotions and Me Over Time:

★ **My Emotions and Me Over Time (MEMO): Study Updates!** ★

This is a reminder that London Nautical School is working in partnership with King's College London on a study called My Emotions and Me Over Time (MEMO). MEMO aims to find new ways to improve adolescent mental health – something our school is keen to support.

Thank you to the 41 parents/carers who have already signed up for MEMO. In total, 285 parents/carers and students across London mainstream secondary schools have joined, making LNS a key contributor to this study.

There is still time to join MEMO and have your voice heard in the field of mental health research. Every person counts as the team aims to recruit 450 participants by June!

★ **What is the MEMO study?** ★

Watch the 1 ½ -minute video summarising the MEMO study: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6BrU-IGeKc&feature=youtu.be>. Parents/carers and LNS students will be paid in e-vouchers.

★ **How to sign up?** ★

Parents/carers can sign up here: https://qualtrics.kcl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_0k5WXPhrZIMzn3E

The research team is currently recruiting Years 8-10, but they will be opening up recruitment to Years 7 and Year 11 after the Easter holidays. Please enquire with the team directly at re-starinfo@kcl.ac.uk.

Academisation Update:

Over the last two months we have been working in conjunction with both The City of London Academy Trust, and the DFE, in preparation of our anticipated conversion date of the 1st September 2024. Having held initial informal engagement events with both staff and our families, the school will now engage all stakeholders in a period of formal consultation from Monday 1st April - Friday 26th April 2024. In support of the formal consultation process, all families are invited to attend a face-to-face meeting at the school on **Thursday 18th April at 4:00pm**. The meeting will be attended by representatives from the City of London Academy Trust including the Chief Executive Officer, Mark Emmerson, along with the Chair of the LNS Governing Board, Duncan Souster, and members of the senior leadership team. In a similar manner to our informal event, we hope this will provide you with an opportunity to share your views and ask any questions

you may have. Attached to this letter is a copy of the formal consultation booklet with a linked questionnaire for your completion. A hard copy of the consultation document is available from the school reception.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and Governing Body, I would like to thank you for your continued support of LNS and wish you a very happy Easter holiday, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the consultation meeting on **Thursday 18th April 2024**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Schofield', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Schofield

Headteacher