



**THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL**

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Dear Families,

Over the last four weeks students have settled impressively into school routines, demonstrating great focus in their learning - thank you for your continued support in making this happen! I am writing to update you on how the school will be responding to the planned train and tube strikes on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023. As with previous strike action, this will undoubtedly create significant disruption for students and teachers commuting into central London. We will therefore need to modify the day slightly, to ensure that staff and students have more time to commute into school safely.

**Train and Tube Strike - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

In order to allow for the potential of disruption to students travel arrangements on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 only, we will be starting the school day at **9:30am**. Please ensure if your son does travel by train or tube that alternative arrangements have been made allowing him to arrive ready for Period 2.

**Start of Day Arrangements (Yr. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11)**

Please be reminded that all students are expected to be present on the school site for **9:30am**, with the first whistle blown at **9:35am**. Students will be escorted to period 2 at **9:37am**, with learning commencing at **9:40am**. If students are late to school the following detentions will be enforced:

- Late - Before 10:00am = 30 minute detention.
- Late - After 10:00 am = 1 hour detention.

Sixth Form students will travel directly to period 2, arriving at lessons for 9:37am in preparation for a 9:40am start.

**Lunchtimes**

We have made some improvements to the lunchtime experience for our students, each year group now sit all together, one year group at a time to meet and socialise over their meal. Please note, students are NOT permitted to purchase drinks only / and or a dessert selection only - we insist that each student has a balanced meal and we are monitoring those students who do not eat regularly at lunch time. Please support the school by reinforcing healthy eating habits at home and if your son does have a packed lunch ensuring this is nutritionally balanced.

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## **School Uniform and Standard Expectations**

We have noticed a significant improvement in the standards of student uniform since our return to school in September. As we approach the winter months can I remind all families that hoodies are prohibited and should not be worn into school. Please can I also ask that you check your sons trousers to make sure they fasten correctly and have a belt which means that they remain at waste level:

- 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.
- 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 and must not be out at any time.
- All pupils will be asked to switch their phones off before entering the school site.
- If mobile phones are seen in corridors, classroom or communal areas, they will be confiscated.

## **Water Bottles**

All students have now been issued with reusable water bottles helping the school reduce its impact on the environment. Please only send your sons with water to drink throughout the school day. Under no circumstance should your son bring fizzy drinks and plastic bottles onto the school site.

## **Mental Health Support Team**

As mentioned in my previous communication, I am pleased to announce our partnership with the Mental Health Support Team. In order for the team to ensure the correct support is available to our students, please can I remind you to complete the short questionnaire which can be accessed [here](#). Thank you to all families that have already completed this.

## **Revision Guides**

To support your son through their GCSE's, we now have a number of revision guides available through Parent Pay to support their studies.

## **Admissions for September 2023 and September 2024**

Please see our [website here](#) for full details about our admissions programme and please let friends and family know we have spaces available for this September 2023.

For students joining in September 2024 our admissions page has all the details for you to apply for a place over the summer.

Our Autumn open events are as follows: -

- Tuesday 3<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Open Morning (9:00am - 11:00am)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Open Morning (9:00am - 11:00am)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Open Morning (9:00am - 11:00am)
- **Saturday** 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Open Morning (9:00am - 12:00am)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Open Morning (9:00am - 11:00am)

If you are not able to make any of these dates please contact [admissions@lns.org.uk](mailto:admissions@lns.org.uk) to arrange a separate visit - if you know of children who would like to join our school midterm, again please contact [admissions@lns.org.uk](mailto:admissions@lns.org.uk) and we will be pleased to help with the transfer.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions at [admin@lns.org.uk](mailto:admin@lns.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher