



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

As we look forward to a well-deserved two week break for students and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school. As always, it really has been a busy first term and I could not be prouder of the efforts of all staff and students who have contributed to such a successful start to this academic year. As outlined in my opening communication at the start of the year, we made some changes to the start of the school day that have significantly improved the punctuality and attendance to school, whilst also providing a productive start to the school day. This is evidenced through the large number of boys across all year groups that have managed to make it into their year groups 'Top 10'. Our culture of 'Positive Reward' is further demonstrated in the 24,607 achievement points awarded across all year groups. Congratulations to all students for their achievements this term.

Free School Meal Vouchers

For eligible families, free school meal vouchers will be delivered by email on the 23rd and 30th October, each to a value of £20.00 (£40.00 in total).

Lunchtimes

We have made some improvements to the lunchtime experience for our students, with each year group now sitting 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.

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.

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:

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- 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.

Additional jumpers and berets for your son are available via school on Parent Pay, other uniform items can be bought from School Uniform Direct

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.

Google Classroom

Please can all parents check that their sons / daughters are able to log into their google classroom account. As you will be aware we did experience some difficulties with our google provider, however, these have been addressed and all google accounts should now be fully functional.

Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) - Year 13

All students in Year 13 will have now received their individual timetable outlining the schedule for the PPEs that start on Monday 13th November 2023. For students in Year 13, it is imperative that they prepare in the right way as the information we receive from these exams will provide both teachers and students essential information that will outline strengths and areas for improvement moving forward.

Key Dates

Please see below for details of your child's parent/teacher evening for this academic year. Further details will be shared with you closer to the event:

- Sixth Form: Thursday 14th December 2023
- Year 7 Parents Evening: Wednesday 28th February 2024
- Year 8 Parents Evening: Wednesday 24th April 2024
- Year 9 Parents Evening: Wednesday 27th March 2024

- Year 10 Parents Evening: Wednesday 17th January 2024
- Year 11 Parents Evening: Wednesday 31st January 2024

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 a few spaces currently available in years 7,8 and 9.

For students joining in September 2024 our admissions page has all the details for you to apply for a place please remember the **closing date is the 31st October 2023.**

Our Open Events have all been completed for this year, however it is not too late, if you would like, to visit the school with your son. Please contact admissions@lns.org.uk to arrange a visit - if you know of children who would like to join our school mid-term, again please contact admissions@lns.org.uk and we will be pleased to help with the transfer.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on **Wednesday 16th November 2023**- we will write to all families at the start of next term with further information.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable and restful break. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions at admin@lns.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. M Schofield
Headteacher