

THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

It has been another incredibly busy week for staff and students at LNS working both remotely and in school. I hope that you are now becoming familiar with virtual schooling and beginning to establish some effective routines. As always this letter contains important updates about the school and some modifications that we have made to our remote learning schedule that will improve our current offer.

Remote Learning Timetables

A reminder that students will continue to follow their normal school timetable but with slightly adjusted start times. We are committed to providing a robust curriculum during this time, the expectations of every lesson is that there will be 45 minutes of teacher contact time with tasks and independent learning being set for the final 15 minutes of each 1 hour lesson.

KS3 (Year 7, 8 and 9)

Period	Lesson start timings	
1	8:45am	
2	9:50am	
Tutor time/Assemblies 15 minutes	11am	
3	11:30am	
Lunch	12:30pm	
4B	1:15pm	
5	2:15pm	

KS4/KS5 (Year 10, 11, 12 and 13)

Period	Lesson start timings	
1	8:45am	
2	9:50am	
Tutor time/Assembly 15 mins	10:45am	
3	11:30am	
4A	12:30pm	
Lunch	1:30pm	
5	2:15pm	

Pastoral Programme

We have modified our pastoral offer to ensure that all students have access to different tutor time activities throughout the week.

Monday	Tuesday (pre-recorded)	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (pre-recorded)
Tutor time	Book Club	Drop in	Assembly	PE

Alongside the time allocated for tutor time, where students will be completing literacy based activities and attending assemblies, we have added in a drop-in session for any student who wishes to speak to their tutor. This will provide another opportunity for your son / daughter to make contact with their tutor and also engage with members of their form group. Finally, we have created a 'Book Club' and 'PE Challenges' which will be pre-recorded and available for students to access on Tuesday's and Friday's.

Exams

In an update to the exams, the Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that any examinations scheduled for February and March will no longer go ahead. This means that our Btec PE and Btec Travel and Tourism exams scheduled for February will no longer take place. This only affects some year 10 and year 11 students. We are still waiting for further guidance around how students will be assessed this summer but we have been reassured that no student will be disadvantaged by not taking the exams. I will of course update you all once I receive this information.

Free School Meals

For the last two weeks families who are eligible for free school meals have been receiving a Tesco voucher each week. From Monday 18th January, we will change over to the Edenred Voucher Scheme through the Department for Education. We will process this on Monday 18th January for a two week period amounting to £30. Please note we have no control over how quickly this will be processed, however, I hope this will be within 48 hours.

Parental Forums

It was great to see so many of you online at our Parental Forums on Thursday evening. Unfortunately due to an issue with our provider limiting our capacity, some parents were unable to access the meeting. Therefore, we will be running an additional Parental Forum on Tuesday 19th January at 5:00pm. A link will be sent to all parents on Monday morning.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Testing in Schools

Thank you to all parents / carers that have completed the consent form which can be found here. It is important that all parents complete this form, including those parents that are not providing consent.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the support you are providing your son / daughter with homeschooling. You are doing a fantastic job and having to deal with some incredibly challenging circumstances. Please remember that we are here to support and can be contacted through admin@lns.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M Schofield Headteacher