



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Section 5 Ofsted Inspection: 23rd and 24th June 2023

As you will know, the London Nautical School was subject to a Section 5 Ofsted inspection on the 22nd and 23rd of June 2023. I appreciate that there has been a significant time delay in sharing this report with you, however, the school was, and remains, unhappy with significant elements of the report. Over the last three months, the school has registered complaints at both the informal and formal stages; this process remains on-going; however, the report has now been published.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents who shared their positive comments with the inspection team and those who took the time to submit their opinions on Parent View. Ofsted recognised that at LNS we have a committed parent body that is both aspirational and fully supportive of the school.

During the two-day inspection, the conduct of all pupils was exemplary. You will find a number of references throughout the report on the positive behaviour of pupils in lessons and around the wider school community. Furthermore, it highlights the positive relationships shared between staff and pupils and references our high standards for personal development and welfare. The strength of our pastoral system and safe inclusive nature of our school are positive features contained within the report.

Despite the positive comments about the pupils, aspects of leadership and management, our duty of care towards pupils' personal development and welfare, the report highlighted the following areas for improvement:

- i) The consistency of curriculum implementation in some subject areas;
- ii) The routine checking of gaps in student understanding to support pupil progress;
- iii) Providing further support for our weaker readers to build their reading fluency and confidence.

The full report is available on our school website.

My staff and I are desperately disappointed by the overall judgement, with specific sections of the report presenting an inaccurate representation of the school. Furthermore, the school takes particular issue with the limited evidence used to support the judgments for the Quality of Education, Sixth Form and Leadership and Management.

As Headteacher, I lead a group of determined staff who are totally committed to ensuring that your son / daughter receives the very best education available to them. I wish to reassure you that the actions that we have taken over the last four years have improved the school significantly.

This is evidenced through the positive Progress 8 score achieved through the GCSE results in the summer of 2023, with both Maths (0.7), and Ebacc (0.55), well above the national average, and significantly above the national average for boys. Additionally, the school was positioned 37th nationally when compared with schools of a similar context.

Finally, I will update you if there is any further progress on our complaint. In the meantime, if there is anything within the report that you would like to discuss, please email my PA, Caroline Knight, at headspa@lms.org.uk.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I thank you for your continued support of LMS.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr. M Schofield

Headteacher