



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Can I start by thanking you all for your support during the last two weeks as the enormity of COVID-19 resulted in the closure of the school. I hope that all families are keeping well and that you have been able to retain as much normality as possible whilst adhering to the Government guidance on social distancing and limitations on journeys.

Home Learning

We hope that you have been able to access 'Google Classroom'. If you are experiencing any issues with this facility please email admin@lns.org.uk and we will resolve these immediately. You will have found that teachers are preparing a range of resources to support home learning and this provision will continue to develop as time goes on. I fully understand that this change in working has been challenging for everyone involved, but it is imperative that all students are doing something everyday and they should now have settled into a daily work schedule. Please continue to check your son/daughters 'Google Classroom' making sure that all completed work is being submitted to their respective teachers.

Parents of Years 10 and 12 should pay specific attention to the revision guide suggestions that have been added to the school website under the section 'School Life/Examinations/Revision Guides'. The 'Teaching and Learning' section provides essential information about the different courses your son/daughter is currently studying, and the best revision guides/websites that can be used to support their learning.

You can also find a number of free online resources to support your son whilst he is being educated at home. Here are just a few that you may find helpful:

- Joe Wicks is offering free morning PE lessons via his Youtube channel every morning at 9am - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XTOiEJoOTYlRfn6rYQ>
- Audible have free children's audio book available to stream - <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
- Learn a language for FREE with Duolingo, also available via their app - <https://www.duolingo.com/>
- Ted-Ed celebrates the ideas of hundreds of teachers and students from around the world - <https://ed.ted.com/>

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- Build skills with hundreds of online courses from top universities - <https://www.futurelearn.com/>
- British Council offer online English Language lessons for EAL students of all levels - <https://www.britishcouncil.org/english/learn-online>
- Online help for homework, revision and learning - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Free online resources specific to the secondary curriculum - <https://bbc.co.uk/teach>
- Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people - <https://www.kooth.com/>

Students Eligible for Free School Meals

Whilst the school is closed we have moved to a voucher based system. If your son is entitled to free school meals, you should have received an email directly from Tesco with a token. This will continue on a weekly basis. If you are eligible for free school meals and you have not received a token, or you are currently experiencing problems with the new system, please email admin@lms.org.uk.

Safeguarding

Please see the school website for all information relating to the safeguarding of all students. If you have any concerns about any of our young people please email safeguarding@lms.org.uk.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the positive messages of support we have received. The media have rightly labelled these 'unprecedented times', however, in the last week we have demonstrated the importance of working together as a community by making the necessary adjustments. If you have any concerns that you are not receiving all notifications, please email admin@lms.org.uk with your most up to date email address.

Stay safe and please check the school website for updates.

Yours sincerely,



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