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Newsletter
8 January 2021

Message From the Principal



Dear Parents / Carers

As I quietly rang in the end of 2020 from home, the most challenging year in my living memory, I reflected on the fact that we are still here, believing in the message of hope that things can only get better. This generation of young people have endured nine months of uncertainty. Their lives have been disrupted in so many ways. Some have become ill themselves or lost loved ones. Most have had experiences cut short due to lockdown. All have lost valuable time in the classroom. Yet through it all, resilience and optimism have shone. Our amazing students continue to inspire staff who have faced the same challenges. We had a few students arrive bright and early Monday morning, ready to start the term. We've had phone calls from parents asking if students need to be in full uniform for online lessons. Even on the toughest days, it only takes an encounter with students and their

families to lift my spirits. The government's announcement Monday evening delaying the start of school openings is just another setback that we face together as a community. While we were hugely disappointed not to be able to welcome back our young people in person, we are delighted to see them logging into their live lessons each morning. I held a whole school assembly online where I outlined my expectations during remote learning and a recording can be viewed on the web site (click on the Live Lessons from Home banner on the top of the home page).

Tutors will be checking in with their students daily and Heads of Year will also ensure that their year groups have what they need to stay well and learn at home. I know there were some issues with logging in to Microsoft Teams and hopefully these problems have been resolved. If not, do get in touch with the school. Staff are in the office daily to answer your enquiries.

For any families who find themselves experiencing serious hardship as a result of lockdown, we have secured a small supply of breakfast boxes that will be available for collection on a fortnightly basis from the Academy. This will ensure that children are guaranteed a nutritious breakfast during this period. If you'd like more information about the breakfast boxes, please email Jon Lynes on jon.lynes@lambeth-academy.org

I know that our exceptionally hard-working and dedicated teaching staff will do their utmost to ensure live lessons are the same excellent standard your children enjoy when they are in school. I am grateful to each and every one of our teachers who continue to perform at such a high level, under hugely stressful and demanding circumstances. I am also deeply reassured by the ongoing messages of support from you so thank you. Finally, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Amy Welch
Principal



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New Timetable from Monday 11 January

The timetable has been adjusted to make it easier for all students to join live lessons and finish at the same time. Please see the new start and end times below:

Tutor time	8.15-9.00 (Years 12-13) 8.30-9.00 (Years 7-11)
Lesson 1	9.00-9.50
Lesson 2	9.50-10.40
Break	10.40-11.00
Lesson 3	11.00-11.50
Lesson 4	11.50-12.40
Lunch	12.40-13.30
Lesson 5	13.30-14.20
Lesson 6	14.20-15.10



Teaching Live Lessons

Teaching staff have set themselves up in front of pcs and laptops to deliver their live lessons. While they would much rather be in the classroom with students, they are making the best of it and enjoying engaging with students via Microsoft Teams.





Keyworker Students In School

While we haven't been able to welcome back all students, we are delighted to have a group of key worker students in school. They access their lessons via school computers and are supported by a senior leader.



Getting to Know You

Name: Ms Cristina Homer

Job: Teacher of Spanish & French

Currently reading: *Education by Tara Westover*

A favourite TV series: Any David Attenborough series

Interesting fact about me: I was born in Germany and have lived there at various times throughout my life.

What I like about working at LA: The students are amazing and they make me smile every day. The staff are so great too, everyone is so supportive of each other.

