

1 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Welcoming Back All Students in September

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to London Academy. As explained at the end of last term there will be a slightly staggered return to school for students. Students should return to the Academy at the dates stated below:

- *Friday 3rd September 2021 – Year 7 students only.*
 - Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) will start at 08:11
 - All other year groups remain at home.
- *Monday 6th September 2021 – all year groups return to school **except year 13.***
 - DEAR will start at 08:11 for Years 7, 8 & 9
 - Lessons will start at 08:41 for Years 10, 11 & 12.
- *Tuesday 7th September 2021 – all year groups continue to come into school **except year 12.***
 - DEAR will start at 08:11 for Years 7, 8 & 9
 - Lessons will start at 08:41 for Years 10, 11 & 13
- *Wednesday 8th September 2021 – All year groups should in school*

The government have updated their guidance for schools with regard to the measures that should put in place to minimise the risk from Covid-19. We will continue to have measures in place to ensure the school community is as safe as possible whilst allowing us to deliver the best possible education and deliver our curriculum effectively. These measures will include the following:

- A slightly staggered arrival time for year groups at the beginning of the day. This is to allow students to have time to wash their hands before entering school. All students will enter through the main entrance only. Entrance times are as follows:

Year Group(s)	Arrival Time
7, 8 and 9	07:30 onwards
10, 11, 12 and 13	08:00 onwards

- Year groups will continue to be in ‘year group bubbles’. This will mean that the majority of their lessons will take place in one Homebase only in order to minimise the interaction between year groups. However, specialist lessons, for example Art and Design Technology, will continue to be in specialist classrooms to ensure the curriculum can be delivered effectively.
- At break and lunch times, communal areas, for example the playground, have been zoned into one year group area only.
- Hand sanitiser is available throughout the school.
- Increased cleaning throughout the day with a focus on commonly touched areas and surfaces.

The government advice with regard to face coverings is that they are no longer required for students and staff in a school setting.



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Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Tests

In accordance with government guidance, if consent has been granted a student will complete two onsite Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests at the beginning of the academic year. Arrangements for these tests are as follows:

- Thursday 2nd September 2021 test one for years 8 – 13
 - (you will receive a text message informing you of what time your child should arrive to school for their test).
- Friday 3rd September 2021 test one for year 7
- Monday 6th September 2021 test two for years 8 – 12
- Tuesday 7th September 2021 test two for years 7 and 13

All staff involved in the testing process have undergone extensive training to ensure the testing is conducted in a safe and secure environment. After these on site tests the home testing model will continue for regular LFD testing (twice per week) until the end of September. At this point the government have stated they will review this. If your child has tested positive within the last 90 days they should not complete the LFD test as there is a risk it will be positive again.

Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Programme

As explained last academic year, I am delighted to say that for all students in years 7 – 10 the school day will be extended to 4.15pm every Wednesday. During this time the Academy's enrichment and extra-curricular programme will be delivered alongside English and Maths intervention for identified students. Year 11 students will continue to have an extended day to help them prepare for their GCSE examinations. These sessions will begin the week beginning 6 September 2021.

Mobile Phones

From Monday 13 September 2021, for years 7 -11, the expectation with regard to mobile phones will be amended. As is currently the case, it will continue to be acceptable for a student to bring a mobile phone into school so parents/carers can communicate with them on their journey to and from school. However, students must place their mobile phone away in their locker at the beginning of the day. If a student is found with a mobile phone on them during school hours then the phone will be confiscated by a member of staff and kept by the school for up to two school weeks. The purpose of this is to minimise distractions during the school day and hence maximise the learning of students.

If during the school day you would like to speak to your child please ring the school or email office@londonacademy.org.uk.

The uniform for year 7 – 11 remains the same and is as follows:

Girls' Uniform:

- Navy blue London Academy blazer.
- Navy blue London Academy jumper.
- London Academy tie.
- Plain white collared shirt.
- Plain black trousers or skirts in a conventional fit, fabric and style (no denim, jeans, corduroy or leggings)
- White socks or black/natural tights.
- Formal plain black leather or leather-look school shoes (not trainers or boots).
- Hair bands must be plain navy blue, black or white and Hijabs must be plain navy blue, black or white.
- Plain navy blue or black outdoor coat (no hooded sweatshirt style jackets) without any logo/stripes etc.

Boys' Uniform:

- Navy blue London Academy blazer.
- Navy blue London Academy jumper.
- London Academy tie.
- Plain white collared shirt.
- Plain black trousers in a conventional fit, fabric and style (no denim, jeans, corduroy or leggings).
- Formal plain black leather or leather-look school shoes (not trainers or boots) with a defined heel.
- Plain navy blue or black outdoor coat (no hooded sweatshirt style jackets) without any logos/stripes etc.

For years 12 and 13 the dress code remains the same and is as follows:

Male:

- Plain white, business shirt with a traditional collar.
- Plain black, navy or dark grey suit/tailored jacket or blazer.
- Plain black, navy or dark grey tailored and full-length trousers (note: the colour of the trousers must match the colour of the suit jacket/blazer).
- Ties must be worn (covering top button/full length).
- Plain black, navy or dark grey formal jumpers may be worn over shirt and tie but must always be worn underneath a jacket/blazer and must be V neck.
- Plain black leather or leather-look, business/formal style shoes (with a defined heel).
- Outdoor coats should be of a plain dark colour (blue, grey or black) with no logos/stripes etc.

Female:

- Plain white shirt/blouse with a traditional collar either long or short-sleeved (with non-see through under garment).
- Plain black, navy or dark grey tailored jacket with collar.
- Plain black, navy or dark grey traditional long/full-length tailored trousers or skirt (to be worn on or below the knee) (note: the colour of the trousers/skirt must match the colour of the jacket).
- Plain black, navy or dark grey formal jumpers may be worn over shirt/blouse but must always be worn underneath jacket and must be V neck.
- Abayas should be plain black, navy or dark grey. A suit/tailored jacket should be worn over an abaya
- Hijabs should be plain black, blue, dark grey or white.
- Tights should be plain black, navy or dark grey.
- Plain black leather or leather-look, low-heeled, business/formal style shoes.
- Outdoor coats should be of a plain dark colour (blue, grey or black) with no logos/stripes etc.

If a student does not have the correct uniform on they will be asked to go home, change into the correct uniform and then return to school.

We look forward to welcoming all students back.

Yours sincerely



Mr Warburton
Principal