



Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, I have a Friday update as always. Thank you to all the parents/ carers that have sent me messages this week. I have read them all and I really appreciate the kind words and support shown. As mentioned last week, as soon as the report is ready, I will share this with all stakeholders and add it to the school website. I will also organise a Time4Us session after school for parents who would like to come in to discuss the report in more detail with the school leadership team. More on this once we have the report to share.

#### Local events of interest

For students keen to explore a career in medicine, I am pleased to share three opportunities for students aged 14-18 to gain valuable medical work experience; however, there is a charge for these courses:

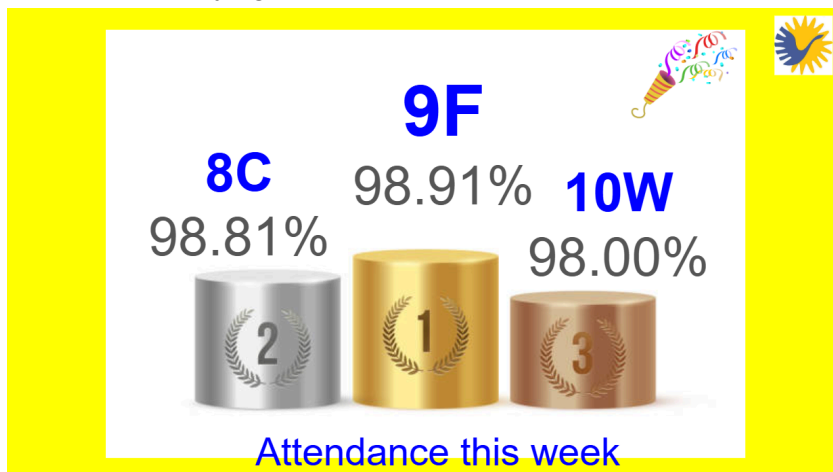
- In-Person Medical Work Experience Course; for more information please see [here](#).
- Weekly Online Medical Course; for more information please see [here](#).
- Surgery Work Experience Day Live; for more information please see [here](#).

#### Achievement Points - Spring term

Congratulations to Year 10 who remain in the lead with 2526 Achievement Points so far this term, helped along by 10S who stay at the top of the leaderboard with 680APs. Particular congratulations go to Zeba (11F) and Kayla (11C) who were each awarded 27 APs this week.

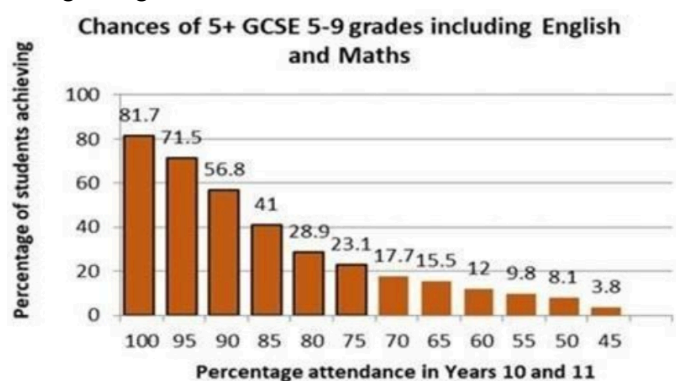
#### Attendance

Year 9 are proving hard to beat on attendance, with an average of 95.4% attendance for the year to date. There was a very tight race at the top of the attendance podium this week:



Well done again 9F!

Students have been using their data analysis skills to learn about the proven link between good attendance and good grades:

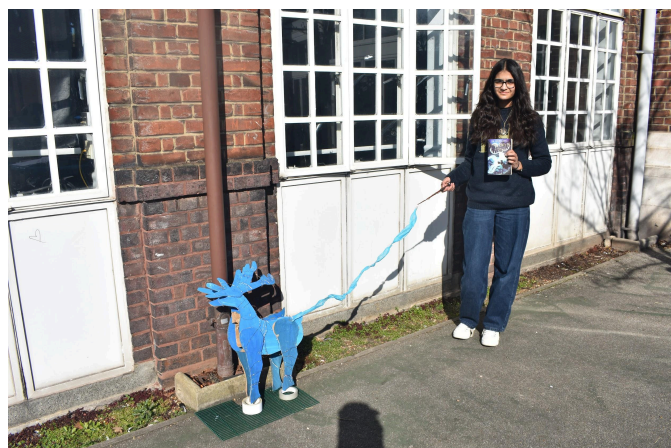


### INSET Day - Wednesday 12th March

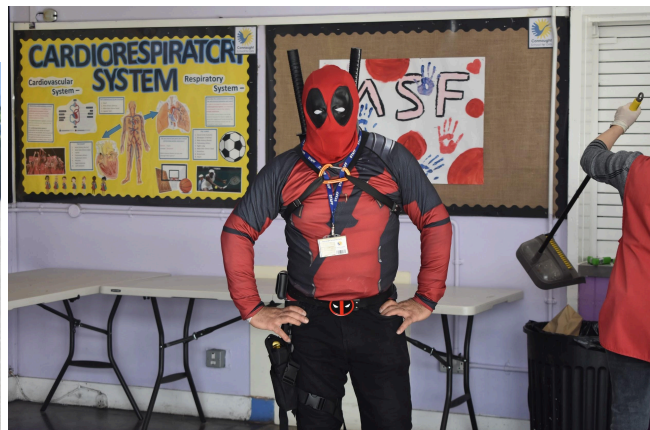
Please note that school will be closed to students on **Wednesday 12th March** as we have a scheduled staff training day. We apologise for an error in the students' diaries which notes this day as Thursday 13th March. Students should attend as usual on Thursday 13th.

### World Book Day events

There was a great turnout for World Book Day with many events going on in school to promote the love of reading, and an array of children (and staff) dressed up as their favorite book characters....







### **Assembly next week**

The theme of next week's assembly will be International Women's Day which is celebrated this weekend on Saturday 8th March 2025 to recognise the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women globally. Bushra Nasir, who was the first Muslim female headteacher of a secondary school in the UK and is a Connaught School governor, will be presenting an assembly on breaking stereotypes.

### **Ramadan school day timings reminder for next week and Eid**

A reminder that during Ramadan the school day will continue to be shortened from its regular time by 20 minutes. A significant proportion of our students fast during this period and an hour to allow time for lunch for all year groups is therefore unnecessary. Afternoon registration/ tutor time will take place as usual and there will be no loss of curriculum time.

Between Monday 3rd March and Friday 28th March (inclusive) the school day will end at:

- 3:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- 2:00 pm on Fridays

If these finishing times are inconvenient, the school library will be open to students until 4:30 pm.

We will have additional prayer spaces available for students at lunch time - we will be using both rooms 1 and 2. One of our school governors has donated extra prayer mats for students to use during this time but students are also welcome to bring in prayer mats from home.

If there are requests for a day for religious observance of Eid on 31st March please contact the office to let us know in advance that your daughter will not be in school on that day.

### **Year 11 School Photograph**

Our school photographers, Bentley, will be in school on Tuesday 11th March to take Year 11's final school photo. A web link will be shared afterwards to purchase copies of the year group photo.

### **National Careers Week**

This week has been National Careers Week, and what a fantastic Careers Week we have had! All cohorts were able to receive guided careers advice and began working on methods to up-skill and enhance their careers knowledge.

Tuesday saw the Year 8 cohort all engage in a Careers Challenge workshop, tasked with designing a new business or organisation that would enhance the local community of Leytonstone. Assigned with a Project Manager, each group was given clear guidance and objectives throughout the day culminating in a grand presentation during lesson five. The decision was not easy but the chosen winners were "YouthWave" who will now be given the opportunity to present their ideas in a national final in July!

Thursday saw our Year 10 students engage in their first Speed Mentoring Workshop with an external partner, Kollab Network! They were given the opportunity to engage with current Industry Professionals with a range of different backgrounds and career experiences. They began to enhance their understanding about the world of work, how their current subject choices align with their chosen career paths along with an analysis into their current areas of strength & improvements.

Students were then able to reflect on their workshop sessions in subsequent lessons and will be able to use this knowledge in their current search for work experience placements!





Elsewhere, members of our Upper School took on opportunities to further develop their own soft skills - communication, teamwork and public speaking - through delivering talks and guidance towards our KS3 cohorts.

11F tutees - Zeba, Hadeel, Maryam, Neda & Zara - popped into Year 9 Form Groups throughout the week to share their own GCSE journey, their experiences in choosing Options and how it aligns with their current career choices. We will aim to increase these guided talks and discussions with our Year 9 cohort ahead of their upcoming Guided Options Choices!

Our Year 10 Careers & Peer Mentor ambassadors delivered a Soft Skills workshop to two Year 7 form groups throughout - 7W & 7S - designed to have them thinking more about the skills they feel they would need in their chosen career pathways. The Year 7s were fully engaged with the task, which will help them ahead of their upcoming RE presentations, as a means to enhance their soft skills e.g. teamwork.

## Extra Curricular Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before school</b>	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET
	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET
				Year 11 Maths revision 7:30-8:20 Room 2 HUS (Week B only)	
<b>Lunch time</b>	Homework Support Room 20 RIC	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20
	GCSE Art and Photography Club Room 17 ELB	GCSE Art and Photography Club Room 17 GIL	KS3 Badminton AGI (Week A only)	Board Game Club Room 42 ELK (Week A only)	KS3 Royal Academy Young Artists Club Room 17 ELB
	Citizens UK Club Room 8 PHI	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week A only)	Geography Video Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week B only)	KS3 History Film Club Room 6 KLE
	KS4 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	KS3 Multi skills sports AGI (Week A only)	KS3 Crochet Club Room H2 RAN	Year 11 French intervention (by invitation) Room 41 FER	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 1 AMR
	Computing Club Room 33 LAK	KS3 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	Computing Club Room 33 ALK	KS3 Dodgeball AGI (Week A only)	Year 11 Chemistry Intervention (by invitation) Lab 4 IQB
	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 2 SIQ	Year 11 Geography Drop In Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Sociology intervention (by invitation) Room 5 KAD	Eco Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Physics Intervention (by invitation) Lab 3 MUJ
	Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Year 11 History intervention (by invitation) Room 6 KLE	Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM	KS3 Humanities Homework Catch Up Room 7 DES	Year 11 Science Revision Lab 5 ALI
	Year 11 Geography Revision Room 39 KHL	Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Dog Club SIL	Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM	Peer mentoring (by invitation) Room 5 KAD
	Year 11 Geography Intervention (by invitation) Room 7 DES	Year 8 and 9 Science Cinema Club Room 8 AMR	Mentoring SAI HoY8 office	Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week A only)	Year 7 and 8 Maths Club Room 4 SW 11C and PET
	KS3 Music Club Room 28 HEA	Year 11 Study Space Room 32 WAL	Music Club Room 28 HEA	Props Club Room 17 GIL	Year 7 Connections Club Library ALI
		Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week B only)			KS4 Music Club Room 28 HEA
		Year 10 Homework Club Room 36 RAH			
	<b>After</b>	Year 11 Maths	Football	Basketball Club	

school	revision 15:30-16:30 Room 1 AUL	15:30-16:30 Playground Leyton Orient/AGI	15:30-16:30 Sports Hall AGI	
	Year 10 English Action Tutoring (by invitation) Room 4 CAR	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring (by invitation) Room 4 LAB		Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM 14:00-15:30
	Boxing 15:30-16:30 Main Hall DIA	Year 11 Art Club 15:30-16:30		
		Year 11 Maths revision 15:30-16:30 Room 2 LAB		

### Science/ PE lesson punctuality and conduct

We will be observing the conduct and punctuality of the students moving across and back from their Science and PE lessons at the annex even more closely. We want to ensure that students are making their way across in good time so that they maximise their curriculum time in Science and PE lessons. During this review, we will trial different lesson protocols, which include students coming to the site within the reasonable time frame of five minutes. Their teacher will meet them at the annex gate and they will line up outside the buildings and then enter their lesson in a calm, orderly and purposeful manner. This review and trial will lead to updated lesson changeover protocols which will be shared with parents and students so we can ensure that we are all working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for the students.

As always, wishing you a great weekend,

Yours faithfully,



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