



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another academic year at Little Ilford School, I want to reflect on the incredible journey we have shared. This year has been marked by remarkable achievements, resilience, and growth. I am immensely proud of our students, staff, and parents/carers for their unwavering dedication and support.

Academic Excellence

Our students have demonstrated outstanding academic performance throughout the year. Their commitment to learning, coupled with our talented staff's exceptional guidance and teaching, has resulted in notable accomplishments across all subjects and year groups. It is a joy to witness their progress and eagerness to learn. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff who have gone the extra mile by providing additional revision, intervention, and masterclasses for our students.

Attendance Matters

While our school attendance stands at 92.6%, surpassing the national average of 91%, we recognise room for improvement. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, our attendance rate was 97%, and statistics before COVID showed that students with attendance below 93% had a 60% chance of success at GCSE. This highlights the critical importance of regular attendance. We encourage everyone to strive for 100% attendance and support our efforts to improve in this area.

Community Engagement

The strength of our school community lies in the active involvement of parents, students, and staff. Your participation in school events, Parent-Teacher meetings, Friends of Little Ilford School (FLIS) meetings, and other initiatives have significantly created a positive and inclusive environment. Your support and collaboration have been instrumental in our student's success, and I am deeply grateful for your trust in us.

Investing in the Future

In our commitment to providing the best possible resources for our students, we have made significant investments in our infrastructure. Last September, we celebrated the opening of C Block, and during this summer holiday, we will be upgrading all our school servers to enhance our IT resources. We will continue to invest in our school site to ensure it remains an optimal learning environment for our students.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Secondary and SEND)

During the six-week break, Newham Council collaborates with various organisations and schools to offer free places at Holiday Clubs. Activities range from sports, drama, cooking, music, arts & crafts, and dance to fun day trips and more! Each club also provides a healthy meal each day. Parents and other family members can also participate in food and nutrition activities. The summer programme and booking details are available here: [[Summer Fun in Newham](#)]

Household Support Fund

The Department for Work and Pensions has announced a Household Support Fund, allowing the Council to offer summer holiday vouchers to all FSM-eligible children (from Reception to Year 11). The school will send these vouchers via text and/or email using Wonde this week.

New Academic Year

The new school year will commence for current students on **Wednesday, 4th September 2024**:

- **Year 8, 9, 10, and 11** students should arrive via the Browning Road gate. Gates open at 7:45 am, with breakfast club available. The school gates will close promptly at 8:20 am.
- Our new **Year 7** students will receive a separate letter detailing their schedule for their first day on **Tuesday, 3rd September 2024**. They will use the Rectory Road entrance for the first two weeks.

In closing, I express my deepest gratitude to our students for their hard work, our staff for their unwavering dedication, and our parents and carers for their continued support. Together, we have achieved great things, and I am confident we will continue positively impacting our students' lives.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,

Andrew Finn
Headteacher
Little Ilford School