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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 courage, commitment and compassion. I am immensely proud of our students, staff, and parents/carers for their unwavering dedication and support.

Academic Excellence and Innovative Learning

Our students have consistently demonstrated outstanding academic performance throughout the year. Their commitment to learning, combined with our talented staff's exceptional guidance and instruction, has yielded notable accomplishments across all subjects and year groups. It is a joy to witness their progress and eagerness to learn.

A significant highlight this year has been our successful implementation of the AI-powered learning platform, **CENTURY**. We are particularly proud to share that Little Ilford School has become **one of the highest users of CENTURY globally**, a testament to our students' dedication and our staff's enthusiastic embrace of this innovative tool. This initiative has been instrumental in encouraging independent learning and boosting engagement, particularly with homework and revision. CENTURY's intuitive layout, diagnostic tools, and flexible grouping options have allowed us to tailor learning to individual student needs, reinforce key knowledge and prepare them for examinations with confidence. We've also begun to leverage CENTURY's robust data analysis capabilities further to refine our teaching strategies and schemes of learning, ensuring a truly data-driven approach to pedagogy. Please see an article regarding this news: [CENTURY](#)

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff who have gone the extra mile by providing additional revision, intervention, masterclasses, and those who have enthusiastically adopted this new technology.

Attendance Matters

We recognise that consistent attendance is closely tied to student success. Our aim remains to encourage every student to strive for 100% attendance and support our efforts to improve in this area, ensuring every child benefits from the whole educational experience we offer.

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 has significantly contributed to creating a positive and inclusive environment. Your support and collaboration have been instrumental in our students' success, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in us.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Secondary and SEND)

During the upcoming six-week break, Newham Council is again collaborating 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



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food and nutrition activities. The summer programme and booking details are available here: [Summer Fun in Newham 2025](#)

Household Support Fund

The Department for Work and Pensions has confirmed the continuation of the Household Support Fund until March 2026, 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.

Supporting Online Safety

Please see the link below (and on our school website) to a Kooth webinar for parents covering young people's use of the internet, social media, and smartphones, exploring how parents and carers can support them to stay safe. The webinar is 30 minutes long. There are two possible dates; if you can't attend either, Kooth will send you the information presented. Helping young people stay safe on smartphones and online: [\[Access Kooth Webinar Here\]](#)

End of Year Report:

The end-of-term report, which reports on your child's progress, will be available on Go4Schools on the last day of term, Friday, 18th July. Please use the link below to access all the information regarding this. <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/parents-students-parents/parents/updates-letters-to-parents>

New Academic Year

The new school year will commence for current students on **Wednesday, 3rd September 2025**: 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, 2nd September 2025**. They will use the Rectory Road entrance for the first two weeks.

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

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,

Andrew Finn
Headteach