



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you again for all of your support this half-term. Over the past weekend, I visited some of our students camping as part of their Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Seeing their resilience after a whole day of hiking allowed me to reflect on how our whole community has lived up to our vision over the past half-term 'We improve and achieve through resilience and self-reflection so that we are role models within the local community and the wider world.'

Another fine example of our students being role models was seeing them live on ITV singing at the closing ceremony of the Windsor Horse Show Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. It was a fantastic experience for them and one I am sure they will never forget.

I also thoroughly enjoyed the Year 7 and 8 Drama event yesterday, another highlight this week with fantastic performances from students! I continue to be impressed with our sports teams, especially with some of the early morning training sessions. Well done to all, make sure to keep it up.

Year 11 examinations

The Year 11 exams are well underway and thank you for all of your support to ensure students are staying focused and using their time wisely. Please see the below information to further support your child.

Exam and assessment arrangements are also a little different this year compared to past exam years to take into account the disruption caused by the pandemic. Please see below some essential tips to help with exam preparation this year. Ofqual have published a [useful guide to exams](#) which explains the support that is in place for students taking exams and assessments. It also provides other information about this year's arrangements.

- All the exam boards have published advance information for the majority of GCSE, AS and A level subjects to help students focus their revision.
- If students take GCSE English literature, history, geography and ancient history, they will be assessed on less content this year.
- In GCSE mathematics, physics and combined science, students will be given a sheet in the exams showing formulas or equations, so they don't have to memorise as much going into the exam.

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If students want to know more, their teachers will be able to explain the changes to each of the subjects, or students can look at Ofqual's [subject by subject guide](#) to see all the changes.

Please ensure you support your child with their exam timetable and where exams are taking place. Ensure they know the rules around what they can and can't do in an exam. For example, taking their mobile phone into the exam is not allowed. Not following the rules could cause them to lose marks or be disqualified from the exam. Please inform them to listen closely to all the instructions given by their teachers. In some instances, as mentioned above, students may be assessed on less content this year. This is the case for students studying GCSE English literature, history, geography and ancient history this year. Make sure your child is confident about what content they are revising and will be assessed on. If they are unsure, their teachers will be able to help.

It is also beneficial to look at old exam papers to make sure students understand what questions they will have to answer and can practise. There are also useful free tools such as [BBC bitesize](#) to aid their revision. Some people find it helpful to stick with one revision style, while for some, it's helpful to have some variety. Students can find some helpful revision techniques, including mind maps and using sounds [here](#). Oak Academy also has a wide range of resources that can help students with their revision. They can access these tools [here](#). Students can also do mock exams, [online quizzes](#), make cue cards, or read textbooks and revision guides. The most important thing is to find what works best for them.

Making a plan of what they need to revise and when they are going to do it is a really good way to make sure they stay on track. Download a [free revision planning tool](#) to help your child plan efficiently. They can then mark out what days and times their exams are. It may be a good idea to identify the key topics they need to revise and plan when they will fit it all in ahead of the exam. It is normal for students to feel a little worried or stressed in the run-up to their exams. There are things they can do to help manage this. Please encourage them to talk to their friends, family and teachers about how they are feeling. We are all here to support and encourage them. Support them to create a revision plan, set targets and focus on the progress they make, as this can help them feel more prepared. Make sure your child takes regular breaks to go outside for a walk or do something they enjoy. Please take a look at the recommendations for useful mental health resources [here](#).



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Holiday activities:

WE ARE ACTIVE.

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Free activities for children and young people to celebrate the up and coming 10 year anniversary of London 2012. Come and try a variety of Olympic and Paralympic Sports.

Sessions include Combat Sports (Taekwondo, Judo, Karate, Boxing), Racquet Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis) and Team Sports (Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, Handball, Baseball/Softball, Rugby).

DATES:

Monday 30th May –
Wednesday 1st June

TIMES/AGES:

12-2pm – 5-11 years
2-4pm – 12-16 years

VENUES:

- Central Park, High Street South, East Ham E6 6ET
- Beckton District Park North, Tollgate Road, Beckton E16 3SW
- Keir Hardie Recreation Ground, Tarling Road, Canning Town E16 1LQ
- Plashet Park, Plashet Grove, Forest Gate E6 1DQ
- Stratford Park, West Ham Lane, Stratford E15 4PT



Book at: http://newham_whitsun_youth_activity.eventbrite.co.uk?s=176503679

For more information: sports@activenewham.org / 07741 293506

HALF TERM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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Newham Food Alliance (NFA)

The Newham Food Alliance is an open collaboration between partners who reach thousands of residents each week with food parcels, meals and other support. If you or someone you know is experiencing financial challenges that are preventing them from getting the food they need, please make a referral to the Newham Food Alliance. If you have any questions, the team are available to receive calls Monday-Friday (9 am-5pm) at 07790 975 086 or email frontdoor@newhamfoodalliance.org

Our Newham Money

Our Newham Money offers support to Newham residents who may be struggling with debt or the everyday cost of living. It is a free, confidential service and is here to help you secure financial wellbeing. www.ournewhammoney.co.uk

As you will be aware it is a Half-term holiday next week from 30th May- 3rd June, I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 6th June. I am also looking forward to the next Headteachers Questions and Answer session with parents on Monday 13th June at 5:30 pm. I hope to see as many parents there as possible.

Have an enjoyable holiday.

Kind regards,

Mr Finn
Headteacher