



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you ahead of Progress Review Day and Rewards Evening. I look forward to seeing you on PRD and want to remind you that I am operating a drop-in surgery from 9.00am – 10.00am and 1.00pm - 2.00pm at Byron Street reception if you would like to discuss anything. As I always say it is nice to hear your positive feedback which staff welcome and any other matters that need my attention. Following some parent meetings and discussions with you we are constantly aware of worries we all share regarding knife crime and safety on the streets. Next term we will be holding a series of sessions and assemblies to ensure all students fully understand both School Policy, the Law to help them stay safe outside of school. On this point students and families are reminded that the school Behaviour Policy and Code of Conduct applies to and from school. In essence under the policy, we can and do apply sanctions if any students conduct does not meet expectations outside of school. The message to students is that they should uphold the 4BEs when coming to, and going home from school.

As you are aware from previous letters our Mobile Phone Policy states phones and electronic devices should be turned off and out of sight for the school day. Any items seen are confiscated and returned the following day. Our policy is displayed around the school site. Again, I encourage you not to give your child a smart phone until at least year 9, instead provide them with a 'brick' phone for personal safety. Students are allowed to send messages to you at the school gate. Do continue to monitor your child's use of social media and the internet. We are the first school in Tower Hamlets to introduce a ban on smart phones for Year 7s. Overall, the research is very clear that the use of smart phones, excessive social media use and gaming is negatively impacting upon children's mental health and well-being.

At the start of term in my whole school address I reinforced the message that we should be inquisitive, curious and challenge media reports, social media and some political messages. Especially following events during the summer. It is vital that as a community we remain united and inclusive, we celebrate diversity and support each other both locally and nationally. Some of the messages and actions recently are concerning. Langdon Park is a fully inclusive community school and we stand against racism.

On PRD there will be a jumble sale taking place and careers advisors in the canteen. You can also go to Net 1 if you need technical support with the SIMS app and Parent Pay. During the summer we carried out refurbishment of the canteen and library so please do and have a look. We have noted a good increase in the uptake of school meals including service at morning break. Currently we have an advert out for a new librarian and are hoping to make an appointment soon. Both the canteen and library are open before school if your child wants to come in for breakfast or also to study.

On Tuesday 21st October it is Rewards Evening and we will celebrate achievements from last academic year. During the summer we enjoyed improvements in A-level and GCSE

results notably more students achieved the top grades. I look forward to seeing you at the event.

The new term starts on Monday 3rd November. Students are expected back at the normal time in correct uniform and fully equipped. We have a very busy term ahead which includes the next Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) for years 11 and 13. Our current internal tracking data is pleasing and this week four year 13s submitted applications to Oxbridge. Over the holiday, please encourage your child to read every day and revise topics from this term. Currently we are reviewing our Home Learning Policy and resources for use at home. It is vital that your child is constantly going back over topics and content taught. We will be providing further revision packs and home learning resources moving forward.

Finally, I want to congratulate Year 7s for completing their first term at Langdon Park. I am sure a break is much needed after a really successful term. My thanks to Year 7 parents for supporting the extended transition in the summer which has really helped with the start to secondary school. We are the only school in Tower Hamlets that offers this initiative.

If any of you (parents/carers) are interested in becoming a Parent Governor we welcome applications. Further details are available on our website.

I hope you and your family have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Langham
Headteacher

