



Principal: Emma Smith

Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parent/ carer,

We are racing at pace towards the Christmas break and life at LAB is busier than ever. Thank you to those who have sent in old board games, colouring books and suitable activities for students to complete during wet break; they have been a great help at those times when we cannot get outside due to the poor weather. If you have a pre-holiday clear out over the next few weeks and find any more, please do send them in as they would be gratefully received.

At the end of this term, we will be sending out an attainment report for all students. This will include target and current grades for each subject, and the results of the knowledge tests completed this module. We will also be reporting on students' attitude to learning displayed through our values, as we did in the transition report sent out in October. We know that understanding a new grading system can be a bit of a challenge and so, as per the last newsletter, we are holding a short information session on Wednesday 5th December at 4.00pm. If you would like to attend please email Cynthia Fasuyi at info@leighacademyblackheath.org.uk with your own name, your child's name and form group. Places are limited so please ensure that you reserve a seat.

If you are unable to attend the session, please don't worry as a full overview of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme assessment process will be sent out with the report.

As you may be aware, this Christmas, Leigh Academy Blackheath will be supporting two charities: **The Met's Christmas Tree Appeal** and **Save the Children**.

The Met's Christmas Tree Appeal was launched earlier this month and we are asking for as many of our students and families as are able to get behind the campaign to give a gift to the Met's chosen charity Embrace (the only national children's charity solely focused on helping children and families affected by crime). The suggested spend for a gift is no more than £20, and donated gifts must not require any batteries and be suitable for any age range. The MET police are also accepting monetary donations for Embrace; these will be combined to create funds to purchase Christmas gifts for as many children in need as possible. Please note that we will be collecting all donations for this appeal in tutor time next **Wednesday, on December 5th**.

For **Save the Children**, we are holding a Christmas Jumper day on the 14th December. Students are invited to wear a festive, Christmas-themed jumper instead of their LAB

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jumper, for a donation of £1 to a charity which strives to help children across the globe. Please note that students are required to wear normal school trousers, skirts, footwear and their blazer on this school day.

Student Government

This week has also seen the promotion and launch of our Student Government: an elected and appointed body designed to promote robust citizenship, as well as to encourage students to take ownership of both their education and wider, academy life. All interested students must apply by letter to Mr Cowie and their Tutor. The best applicants will be shortlisted and invited to deliver a brief speech to their college or tutor group the week beginning 10th December. A student vote will take place to determine the successful candidate. If students have any queries, please direct these to Mr Cowie.

Friends of LAB

Leigh Academy Blackheath is committed to building strong, fruitful, and productive relationships with all stakeholders, and thus is extremely excited to finally be launching: Friends of LAB. We will be holding an introductory meeting on Wednesday 12th December at 4.30pm and invite all those who are interested in getting involved should come along for a mince pie and a cup of tea! If you are able to attend the inaugural meeting, then please R.S.V.P to kelly.horbacka@leighacademyblackheath.org.uk

Last day of term

Our last day of the Autumn term will be Friday 21st December. We will be following our Wednesday timings on this day so the students will leave site at 2pm.

We hope you have a restful weekend,

Best wishes

Emma Smith - Principal

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