Leigh Academy BLACKHEATH

LAB Weekly

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Weekly update
We've just completed our second week of the academic year, and it's been fantastic to see every year group fully immersed in their learning and settling into routines with such energy and enthusiasm. Our Year 7 students have made a seamless transition into life at LAB. They are already throwing themselves into lessons and taking full advantage of the wide range of clubs and societies on offer. It was such a pleasure to meet so many Year 7 families at our 'Meet the Tutor' evening on Wednesday. Thank you for joining us and for supporting your children so warmly in this new chapter of their education. Our Year 12 students have also had an exciting start. Their team-building residential this week gave them the perfect chance to bond with new classmates, challenge themselves with fresh experiences, and develop important skills that will support them through their IB journey. Woolwich Town Hall hosted the RBG Great in Greenwich Award Ceremony on Wednesday evening, where we were delighted to honor the accomplishments of four LAB students. These students are a credit to themselves and our school community, with their diligence and commitment culminating in significant personal successes in their IB and GCSE exams.
Late Detentions
We would like to let you know about a new system we are introducing to support punctuality and ensure every student makes the best use of their learning time. From now on, late detentions will be issued once a week, covering the period from the previous Thursday to the following Wednesday. If a student is late once during this time, they will receive a 30-minute after-school detention. If they are late twice or more, this will result in a 60-minute detention and their tutor will be in touch to offer further support. Our school day begins with lessons promptly at 8:30 am. Arriving on time is important, not just for academic progress, but also for building good habits that will benefit students throughout life. Being just 5–15 minutes late each day can add up to 3–10 days of lost learning in a single year. Missing 10 school days can reduce a student's likelihood of achieving their potential at GCSE by as much as 50%. National research shows that students who attend regularly and arrive punctually are more likely to achieve higher grades and develop strong workplace skills for the future. We value your support in helping your child understand the importance of punctuality, so that they can make the most of their learning opportunities and set them up for success.

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National College Guide

This week's guide is about conspiracy theories and can be viewed here.

Year 7 Cuffley trip: Thursday 18th & Friday 19th September

On Thursday and Friday, Year 7 will be heading out on their 24-hour camping trip at Cuffley Activity Centre.

A reminder of the equipment Checklist:

- Sleeping bag (3-season ideal) and a sleeping mat (if available)
- Old clothes (suitable for outdoor activities and getting muddy!)
- Spare clothes & waterproofs
- Old trainers/boots/wellies
- Towel & wash kit
- Reusable water bottle (1L minimum)
- Torch
- Any medication (clearly labelled)

We are very much looking forward to the trip and the experiences it will bring for the students.

For students not attending the trip, we have put together a bespoke timetable that will take place at LAB. Please note attendance on both days is compulsory.

Greenwich Children and Young People's Community Immunisations Service

Are offering the opportunity for parents/carers to attend webinars which will cover the importance of the flu vaccine, the difference between the nasal flu and the injectable flu vaccine, the MMR vaccine, and how to complete the consent form. There will also be a chance for parents to ask questions at the end. These will be held on;

- Wednesday 10 September, 14:00 – 14:45
- Monday 15 September, 18:00 – 18:45

Home/School Agreement - 25/26

We are pleased to share our Home-School Agreement, a crucial document designed to foster a strong and collaborative partnership between our learning environment and your family. This agreement outlines the shared responsibilities, expectations, and commitments that are vital for ensuring your child's success. We kindly request that you take the time to read through this attached document and then complete the accompanying Google Form by Friday 19th September 2025.

Year 11 Progress Fair

On Tuesday 16th September, all year 11 students will attend the Progress Fair at Woolwich Works. This is an important opportunity for students to see what Post-16 opportunities are available in the local area. Students must wear full uniform. They will attend P1 as normal then head to the Progress Fair with staff. Students will then leave for home directly from there. **If you haven't yet provided a response, please do so via the attached letter. Students not attending the trip are expected to come into school as usual.**

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