



**Date: Friday 14th November 2025**

**Issue: 9**

## Item

### Flu Vaccination - Years 7 to 11 - Monday 17th November

The Greenwich Immunisation team will be joining us on Monday to administer the flu vaccine to students in years 7 to 11. Please see the attached [letter](#) for your information. The closing date for registering is Friday 14th November 2025.

### Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening

Just a reminder that our year 10 parent consultation evening is on Wednesday, 19th November between 3pm and 6pm. If you have not yet had the opportunity to book you are still able to do so via your MCAS account until 9am on Tuesday 18th November. Please find attached the [letter](#) that was recently shared.

We also shared a letter this week relating to the Year 10's careers journey. Please find attached a [link](#) to this letter.

### Year 11 and 13 mock examinations

Just a reminder that our year 11 mock exams begin on Monday 17th November and will run until Friday 28th November. Please find attached the [timetable](#) for your information.

Our year 13 mock examinations will also continue into next week. Please see the attached [link](#) for further information.

### LAB16 Open Events & IB Video

On Thursday we held a very successful Open Evening for LAB16. It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and their parents/carers interested in the benefits of an IB education.

We also took the opportunity to premier our very own feature video commissioned by the IB that highlights the impact of the IB programmes at LAB. If you haven't seen it already, you can find it [here](#).

If you did not manage to attend our open evening, we would like to welcome you to attend one of our open mornings that will be taking place on the dates below. Please visit our website to make a booking for one of these.

#### LAB16 Open Mornings:

- **Monday 8th December 2025, 9-10am**
- **Monday 26th January 2026, 9-10am**



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**Booking required.** To book, please visit our academy website.

Join us at an Open Morning to tour our facilities, have the opportunity to speak to students and staff, and ask questions about the curriculum options on offer.

Find out more about us via our academy website: [leighacademyblackheath.org.uk/lab16](http://leighacademyblackheath.org.uk/lab16)

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## Year 6 Banding Test - Saturday 22nd November 2025

We will be holding our second banding test of the year on Saturday 22nd November.

Please note: This is an invite-only event. Please do not attend unless you have received an official invitation (please remember to check your junk mail). Any questions please email [admissions.blackheath@blackheath.latrust.org.uk](mailto:admissions.blackheath@blackheath.latrust.org.uk). If you haven't yet registered for your child to sit our banding test, unfortunately the application process has now been closed.

## Community Safety

As the evenings grow darker, we ask all parents and carers to support us in reminding students about the importance of community safety when travelling to and from the academy.

Please encourage your child to stay alert and aware of their surroundings, particularly when walking or cycling on neighbouring roads. Students who ride bikes should ensure they have working lights and wear appropriate reflective clothing to remain visible to drivers.

## Student Equipment - Personal Responsibility

To ensure that all students are adequately prepared for their lessons, we kindly request your support in reinforcing the importance of bringing the required equipment to school each day. We understand that oversights can occur, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us to address this matter.

Also with the weather changing we recommend that students bring a coat to school. They are able to store in our cloakroom at the beginning of the day if they choose to. Could we request that all coats are named, this really helps us return items to the correct student in the event that they are lost.

## Student Awards - Bronze

We are looking forward to awarding our first set of Bronze Awards at the end of module 2, and are pleased to tell you that there are currently 137 students on track to receive their Bronze certificates and lapel badges.

To achieve a bronze award, a student must earn 100+ merits, have at least 96% attendance, have received no more than three late marks since the start of module 1, and have fewer than 20 demerits with no supervisions, suspensions or directions off-site.

We look forward to celebrating the students who've met these high standards in December.

## Attendance

As you know, excellent school attendance is one of the key contributing factors in a student's success at school. The government have recently published new guidance on how they will support schools and parents to improve children's attendance through a programme called - Support First. To access some of the new support, please contact your college teams directly, who will be able to help.

Included in the new government guidance are a few changes around holiday requests, absences and fines. These are:

- **Holidays:** Schools are not allowed to approve holidays during term time anymore, except in very rare, special cases.

- **Absences and Fines:** The new rules mean we have to be much stricter about children who miss too much school without a good reason. Missing 5 days (10 half-days) without a good reason over 10 weeks (this could be from holidays, being very late, or other unauthorised absences) could lead to an official warning called a 'Notice to Improve'.

Full details of the government guidance can be found in the link below.

[New DfE statutory attendance guidance - 'Attendance Counts'](#)

To help everyone understand the new changes, the LAT attendance team has produced a helpful guide for parents. The Leigh Academies Trust Attendance Roadmap can be found [here](#).

Our expectations at LAB have not changed, and we aim to see every child at school every day.