

Parent Bulletin - February 2021

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached half term and I want to say thank you to all of the parents and carers who are working with us to support our young people in continuing with their education remotely. We know that it has been a different experience for them and can sometimes present its challenges. However, we are pleased that the vast majority have been engaging with their lessons and understand the routine of the week and how to access their learning.

Please remember that even whilst students are learning at home, we are happy to talk through any issues that your child might be experiencing whether it be with accessing their remote learning or feeling anxious. With that in mind, we would appreciate it if your son or daughter could complete the survey below so that we can gauge more generally how our young people are being affected and if there is anything further that the school could be doing to provide additional support.

- If your child is in Year 7 please ask them to complete [this survey](#).
- If your child is in Year 8 please ask them to complete [this survey](#).
- If your child is in Year 9 please ask them to complete [this survey](#).
- If your child is in Year 10 please ask them to complete [this survey](#).
- If your child is in Year 11 please ask them to complete [this survey](#).

Wishing you a safe and happy half term break

Sarah Morgan
Head of School

Charlotte Robinson
Executive Headteacher

STUDENT LEADERS

After a rigorous interview process, we are pleased to inform you that our new Head Student will be Daunicia Greaves and the Deputy Head Student will be Vinay Hirji. They will be leading the School Council and we shall be asking the students to lead on a small project providing us with feedback about their experiences of remote learning.

Head Student



Daunicia Greaves (IIT)

Deputy Head Student



Vinay Hirji (I1Y)

We also have a small leadership team of students who will support them. These are:

- Bhagmani Singh
- Mahira Hossain
- SavannaMedley
- Rogers Wangombe

We were very impressed with their applications and interview and feel that they will represent our school well. Congratulations to all of them!

Year 9 Options Evening

Our Year 9 Options Evening will take place on **Thursday 25th February 2021 at 3.30pm.** This meeting will be held via Google Meet. Students will need to login to their school Google account to access the meeting. Click [here](https://eastlea.newham.sch.uk/parents/year-9-options/) for the to this meeting. You can also visit our website for further information <https://eastlea.newham.sch.uk/parents/year-9-options/>

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are currently not following the adapted timings of the school day. During lockdown, children of key workers will arrive and exit the school via Exning Road.

School will start at 8.45am and finish at 3pm

Kind regards

Jubair Ahmed

Deputy Headteacher

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS

Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 25th February 2021
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 22nd April 2021
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 13th May 2021

ASSEMBLY/TUTOR TIMES

Day	Time	Activity	Dear Parents/Carers, Students will have two 15 minute tutor times with their Tutors per week and one 15 minute assembly every week. This is to ensure that we are checking on our students wellbeing and this is also so that we can deliver important messages to all students. Year 11 are particularly in need of some clear messages about the way forward at the moment so that they don't lose momentum.
Tuesday	08:45-09:00	Assembly for all year groups	
Wednesday	08:45-09:00	Tutor time	
Friday	08:45-09:00	Tutor time	

REMOTE LEARNING REMINDER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a reminder that your child needs to be logged into their tutor group Google Classroom for tutor time at 8:45am on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays. Links are provided by form tutors for students to join the live tutor sessions. Your child needs to follow the live lesson timetable that has been posted in their Google Classroom or visit the [Remote Learning](#) webpage on our website.

We look forward to congratulating your child for excellent attendance to tutor time and live lessons and for completing all online work.

Warm regards
Vicky Miller
Achievement Leader

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

The National Literacy Trust Family Zone

The National Literacy Trust Family Zone contains a range of unique resources aimed at supporting reading and vocabulary development at home. You can access more information about this at: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

BBC Lockdown Learning

[Lockdown Learning](#) is a collection of learning materials and programmes to support students and parents while at home. By accessing these resources your child can get a headstart on some of the topics that they will cover in school.

Oak National Academy

[Oak National Academy](#) offers nearly 10000 free lessons and resources covering many subjects for students at all stages of their academic journey.

Warm regards

Carlene Rowe

Assistant Headteacher

BEDROCK LEARNING

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support with getting your child involved in using Bedrock Learning. If you would like to view your child's progress on line please use the access code that has been provided by the school.

Here is the [link](#) on how to access further information about this programme.

Warm regards

Carlene Rowe

Assistant Headteacher - Literacy Lead

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

It's February Half -Term and Newham Council wants young people to enjoy their holidays. This is why they have put together a holiday programme that aims to provide young people and families with information about how to stay both physically and mentally safe.

[February Half Term Activities Programme 2021](#)

YOUNG MINDS WELLBEING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

YoungMinds have created a calendar of events that are designed to support your child's well being. You can find a copy of this calendar [here](#)

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

If you or a member of your family is struggling to cope or is feeling overwhelmed, there are a range of free services and resources available to support anyone in your family.

Headstart Newham Mental Health Support Services for Young People

[HeadStart Activities](#)

Newham pop-up CAMHS

Newham pop-up CAMHS: Fortnightly, Saturdays 12-3pm. Offering support and consultation on mental health concerns. Click here for more information and to register.

[Online Pop-Up CAMHS Newham Registration, Multiple Dates](#)

Newham Mental Health Crisis Line

Newham 24-hour Freephone mental health crisis support line. Run by the East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT). Freephone: 0800 073 0066

[Services - Newham Mental Health Crisis Line/Crisis Support](#)

Newham Talking Therapies

<https://newhamtalkingtherapies.nhs.uk/>

Community Links mental health crisis prevention support

<https://www.community-links.org/advice/>

BBC videos and resources to support young people with understanding and recognising mental health problems.

[When I Worry About Things](#)

Newham Educational Psychology Service

More information can be found [here](#).

[Being a parent course](#)

[Kooth](#) is a FREE, anonymous, confidential, safe, online Wellbeing service, offering counselling, information, and forums service for 10-16 year olds in: Newham