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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

Autumn Term Wednesday 2 September to Friday 18 December

Friday 16 October School Closure Staff Training

Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October

Christmas holiday: Monday 21December to Friday 1 January 2021

Spring Term 2021 Monday 4 January to Thursday 1 April

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents Carers and Students,

We finally have some good news for our school community about our learning provision. Our temporary classrooms have now been completed ready for our Year 8 students to begin their full on-site learning from Monday. This also means that our Year 9 students have their exclusive allocated group zone so that they can now return to a school day that they are more used to, with lessons being taught on-site. Thank you to all our Year 8 and 9 students and parents/carers for your patience and understanding, as well as to those members of staff who have ensured that 'normal' lessons have continued remotely for the students whilst offsite.

This week we hosted our virtual Year 7 and Year 11 Parent Information Evenings, following our first virtual information evenings for Year 8, 9 and 10. It certainly feels different not seeing the parents and carers of our students at the school, however the presentations by our Senior Progress Leaders should give you and your child sufficient insight and an overview of what to expect this year. We intend to give you more updates as the academic year develops. Please remember that all presentations are uploaded onto our website if you go to the 'Study With Us' tab and select 'Pastoral', or click on one of the links below. The Year 7 presentation can be found <u>here</u>. The Year 8 presentation can be found <u>here</u>. The Year 9 presentation can be found <u>here</u>. The Year 10 presentation can be found <u>here</u>. The Year 11 presentation can be found <u>here</u>.

I would also like to remind our Year 11 students that, on the same section of our website, they can find out the latest information from colleges in relation to their Open Evenings and tours, which we regularly update.

On a final note in relation to our new ways of working, I am very pleased to announce that our library books are now accessible for students again – albeit in a slightly different way. Students will know via the student bulletin that they can now view the library catalogue online and reserve a book, which will then be delivered to your classroom. We greatly encourage all our students to make use of our library facilities once more.

Wishing all of our school community and those members of our Jewish community marking Yom Kippur on Sunday a good weekend.

Yours sincerely Ms M Davies Headteacher

NB: Please note that the school will be closed on **Friday October 16th** for staff training on remote teaching.

GOV.UK

NHS Test and Trace

NHS Test and Trace has launched the <u>NHS COVID-19 app</u>. The app has been launched to help control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). It will do this by alerting people who may have been exposed to infection so that they can take action.

The app is available to download on smartphones for anyone aged 16 or over. This means that some students in Year 11, students in Years 12, 13 and in further education colleges will be eligible to use the app and benefit from its features. The DfE has produced a factsheet about the app for parents/carers and anyone over 18, which can be accessed here:

https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/parents-carers-over16s-factsheet.pdf

Parents to receive letter from NHS on annual flu vaccinations

This week, parents and carers of children in Year 7 and below will receive a letter from the NHS reminding them that it is time for their child to receive their annual flu vaccination. The letter also provides details of where the vaccinations will take place and the need for parents and carers to provide consent before the vaccination can be administered.

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline opening hours

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Please listen carefully to the available options and select the most appropriate to your nursery, school, or college's current situation.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

SYMPTOM CHART: WHAT TO WATCH FOR Symptoms Coronavirus Cold Flu Gradual onset of symptoms Abrupt onset of symptoms symptoms rang mild to severe Fever Common Rare Common Fatigue Sometimes Sometimes Common

Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
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COVID-19 Guidance

The medical advice is clear: **you must self-isolate if you have coronavirus symptoms or live in the same household as somebody who does**. Do not send any of your children to school if any member of the family has symptoms.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughingepisodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

For more information, please read the further <u>guidance on symptoms</u> and <u>guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19)infection</u>

If anyone at a school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home.

We must **all** follow the guidance, which we have summarised in the table below and which is applicable to all students, parents and staff:

11	What to do if a student has coronavirus symptoms
-	 The student must stay at home and start a 10 day period of isolation.
	 Book a test as soon as possible. To do this visit the NHS website or follow this link arrange to
	have a test and attend the new walk-in Covid-19 test centre based at the Stanley Road car park
	in Leyton, or call 119.
	 Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital unless it is an emergency
2	What will happen and what to do if a student's test is positive and shows they have coronavirus
	· If the test shows that a student has coronavirus, they will be contacted by text, email or phone
	and will be asked to provide information about the people they have been close to recently.
	 The student and all other members of their family must remain in isolation at home.
	 After 10 days if the student still has a high temperature, they must stay at home and away from
	people until they feel better. They can only return to school once they are well.
	 After 10 days if the student has only a cough and/or loss of sense of taste or smell they don't
	have to stay home and away from people any longer and can return to school.
	 Everyone else they share the house with must still stay at home for 14 days from the first day
	that the student felt poorly, even if they feel well themselves, or test 'negative' during this
	period. In this instance, a negative test does not erase the need, as a household member, to
	isolate for the duration of the statutory 14 day period, because they may not have developed
	the virus yet.
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	 Other members of the household can stop self-isolating. If the student feels well and no longer
	has symptoms similar to coronavirus, they can also stop self-isolating and return to school. If the student is unwell for a different reason, such as a cold or flu, they should remain at home and
	avoid contact with other people until they are better. When the student feels completely well.
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4	tests positive for the virus
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Faculty News

English News

The 500 Word Malala Yousafzai Competition is to celebrate and empower young people to self publish their creative writing (short stories, graphic novels, poems, journals).

What makes the competition different from the others?

Once the competition has closed, pupils will vote for their favourite piece, through an interactive voting system on the platform. The four pieces with the highest pupil votes will be the competition winners for 2020!



You can write on a subject or topic of your interest and you can present your writing however you wish and it can be either fiction or non-fiction:

-poem -graphic novel -article -short story

•Please submit your entries to your teachers via teams

•You must submit before the 13th November so your teachers can decide which

four students will be entered into the competition

•We can only have four finalists from each English class

Ms Durham English Faculty

Learning Resource Centre

The library books are still available for you to borrow and read! We have a wonderful selection which will open new ideas, worlds and understanding to you!

This is how to choose, reserve, borrow and return your books: To access our library system, at home or at school, you will have to login to this website; <u>https://www.capita-readingcloud.co.uk/</u>



There are lots of features on this website, including Featured Authors, book lists linked to Accelerated Reader levels and book recommendations.

Reserve books will be delivered to your classroom and you can return books in the book box in the student reception. So, feel free to explore and discover our world of books.

Read, learn and enjoy.!

Mrs Kelly, LRC Manager

Challenge News

Animal Academy - exciting opportunity from the Royal Veterinary College

If you are aged 13 and over and interested in a future career working with animals, this may be of interest:

https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/rvc-is-open-for-all/widening-participation/ opportunities/animal-academy

Let me know if you sign up! Ms Robinson

P.E. News

WHAT IS LYG33?

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for young people aged between 14-21 from acrose London's 33 boroughs, who will be selected from a range of different backgrounds to represent the city's rich diversity. Whether you have competed or volunteered at London Youth Games, or maybe you have heard about the Games and would love to be involved – we are looking for you!

As a member of LYG33 you will be

asked to attend sessions (virtually

different elements of London Youth

Games. There will also be rewarding

for the time being) to discuss

experiences with inspirational

speakers, opportunities to attend

special events and the chance to

take your feedback right to the top!

impacting young Londoners and sport.

LYG33 is an exciting new project designed to empower

young Londoners, giving them a voice to influence the future of London Youth Games and other key issues

QUESTION

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Lucy on <u>lucy@londonyouthgames.org</u>. We look forward to receiving your application!



HOW DO I APPLY?

You will need to fill out a short application here. Applications are open until Friday 9th October. We will be in touch with everyone who applies on the week beginning 19th October.

9 Al National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to held an informed conversation about online safety with their childres, chould they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of, Please visit www.nstionalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



Safety Tips For Parents

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EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in researc and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivota in successfully winning hig profile case in ceurt as well area well are as subject matter expert for industry handbooks.

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NEW FOR 2020* FAMILY SAFETY MODE



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS ---

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LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND **BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

Essential Digital Skills Courses for Parents and Carers

Do you have parents, grandparents and carers in your school community who would like to feel more confident with their online skills?

We are delighted to announce our new Essential Digital Skills courses starting in September 2020. It is more than just a basic IT Course! This FREE* 10-week course is perfect to help adults in your school communities to grow their confidence and stay connected online.

The courses will be delivered across our campuses at Epping Forest, Hackney, Havering, Redbridge and Tower Hamlets.

We understand how difficult it may have been for some parents and carers to be able to support their children during lockdown. Through this government funded course, we aim to provide parents, grandparents and carers an opportunity to develop their digital skills to enable them to support their child's online learning.

The course will cover

- Keeping communities connected through online communication such as e-mail, video calls (Skype/Zoom) and social media
- Helping out with homework: creating and editing documents in apps such as Microsoft Word including images and video
- Navigating and shopping online, including signing up for websites/services
- Feeling safe and confident online

Parents can find out more information regarding the course or apply, by contacting a member of our team on 0330 135 9000,

e-mailing info@ncclondon.ac.uk or

applying directly at: NCC Epping Forest Digital Skills course

Let us be a part of keeping your school community connected, at New City College.

*Everyone is required to pay £30 college membership fee.

Amanda Fox

Schools Liaison Outreach Coordinator

New City College | Epping Forest Campus Tel: 020 8502 8717



Year 11 College Information

For regular updates on college information please see: 'Open Evenings/Virtual Tours' on the Year 11 page of the school website.



The Latymer School

The Latymer School plans to publish a Year 11 virtual tour on their webpage by 3 November 2020:

https://www.latymer.co.uk/admissions/sixth-form/externaladmissions

If you are interested, students are asked to monitor the above link as the intention is to publish our registration form in October 2020.

The Latymer School, Haselbury Road, London, N9 9TN. Tel: 0208 807 4037

Ashmole Academy



Open Evenings for Secondary Transfer and Sixth Form will be conducted on line this year due to the pandemic.

Full details will be available on the Ashmole Academy school website later this month.

Ashmole Academy, Cecil Road, London, N14 5RJ.

T: 0208 361 2703 E: mdo@ashmoleacademy.org W: www.ashmoleacademy.org

New City College

Open Day dates:

COLLEGE Epping Forest

Saturday 21st November 2020 Saturday 16th January 2021 Tuesday 9th February 2021 Saturday 20th March 2021

Visit the <u>Virtual Open Day</u> page on the website where you will find interviews with students. There is also a virtual tour of the campus and an introduction from the Deputy Principal, Phil Hall. Students can also keep an eye on the NCC <u>Campus Events</u> page on the website for other events.

New City College | Epping Forest Campus Tel: 0208 502 8717



Virtual Open Day Saturday 10 October 2020 11am - 3:30pm

An opportunity for Year 11's to explore our wide range of courses and discover their career passions.

Year 11's will also have the opportunity to:

- meet expert teaching staff
- take part in exciting activities
- hear from a wide range of guest speakers including alumni, our student union, employers and our colleagues from leading universities
- receive advice and guidance on careers and progression routes
- Apply on the day

For further detail contact: Parul Begum, Schools Liaison Officer <pbegum@newvic.ac.uk>

Newham Sixth Form College, Prince Regent Lane, London, E13 8SG

Access Creative College



Upcoming Open Event 27 October 2020

Music & Events // Music Tech // Games & Computing // Media & Design

We are now taking bookings for our upcoming event on 27 October 2020 places can be booked here: <u>https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events</u>

Following our COVID safety regulations, we will have limited capacity at our Open Day events, so booking is essential!

Please share with students who have a passion for all things creative!

Parking Guidelines

Although the vast majority of our students walk to school and use public transport, we understand that for certain members of our school community it is necessary for some of our students to be dropped off by car each morning and be picked up in the afternoon. However we would ask that parents or carers who drive observe the following:

1. It is illegal to park, or stop, outside of the school on the yellow zig-zag lines or those extending to the crossing. It endangers the lives of our students as cars pulled up by the side of the road reduce the visibility of drivers to see when children try to cross the road.



- 2. It is illegal to park in the pedestrianised area leading to St Mary's Church.
- 3. We would ask that parents do not do 'drop-offs' at the top of Church Hill Road. The constant stream of cars doing a turnaround at the top of that road not only frustrates our neighbours, but significantly adds to the poor air quality that our students, your children, then have to breath in during the school day.
- 4. Please do not turn around using multi-point turns in the middle of Church Hill. This causes traffic to bank up and the idling and slow-moving cars add to the poor air quality that our school community, including your children, then have to breath in throughout the day.
- 5. If you have no alternative but to bring your child to school by car, or to collect by car please arrange to do it at a distance from the school and in such a way that does not obstruct the surrounding roads, add to congestion and add to the air pollution. It is far better that your child walks the short distance each day and gets to breath cleaner air during the day.
- 6. We have facilities on site for the safe keeping of bicycles and scooters- please encourage your child to use these greener means of transport-or walk!.

For any student with a disability or serious injury that prevents them walking even a short distance, by prior arrangement it can be organised for them to be dropped off at the school entrance.

Highway Code Rule Rule 238 states

You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone). Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

School Calendar Dates for 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

- Wednesday 2 September to Friday 18 December
- Friday 16 October school closed to students for staff training
- Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October
- Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2021

- Monday 4 January 2021 to Thursday 1 April
- Half Term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February
- Easter Holiday Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April

Summer Term 2021

- Monday 19 April 2021 to Thursday 22 July
- Half Term: Tuesday 1 June to Friday 4 June



