



Lady Manners School

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our half-termly newsletter.

Examinations

Let me begin by wishing our Year 11, 12 and 13 students the very best of luck for their summer examinations.

All students, as expected, have behaved impeccably and have worked hard to ensure they achieve the best possible outcomes. Pre-exam revision sessions in individual subjects have been well-received and have helped to prepare students to answer a range of specialist questions. We look forward to celebrating the successes of all our students on our scheduled results days in August.

Trips and Visits

The school is now returning to normality after a very challenging couple of years. Students have been resilient throughout this period and have adapted their learning to different methods and circumstances. Trips and visits are now taking place on a regular basis. Recent trips have included a PD Trip to the Holocaust Centre, a Drama theatre tour in London, a Geography 'Urban Change' event and drama trips to Sheffield and Manchester.

Staffing

We have made a number of important staffing appointments since Easter and look forward to welcoming new colleagues in September, including teachers of languages, science and English. After months of trying to recruit, we are also delighted to welcome a new Duke of Edinburgh Manager to Lady Manners. Mr Manning held his first meeting last week which was attended by over a hundred students.

Ukrainian Students

This term we have welcomed four Ukrainian students to our school. All have settled well and are taking an active role in lessons. Many new friendships are being made and we now have a number of students who are fluently speaking the Ukrainian language (well, a few words at least).

Environment

After half-term, we will be launching an essay writing competition based on climate change. This competition will be open to all students and cash prizes will be available, donated by a former attendee of the school. Funding has also been made available for an environmental project.

We are fortunate to have the support of Dr Fitzgerald, OBE, Director of the Climate Repair Centre, Cambridge, in judging this competition and helping to guide our ideas. The theme is based on the question: "What can Lady Manners School do to reduce the impact of Climate Change?"

The Environmental Council held a productive meeting this week to discuss potential measures to reduce bus idling at school. The outcomes of this meeting were reported back to SLT earlier this week and further meetings are planned before the end of the academic year. Thank you to all students who have contributed to this important work.

Assemblies and School Values

Face-to-face assemblies have taken place throughout the term, including inputs from outside visitors. We appreciate the contributions made by external speakers and recognise the importance of the messages given. Our school values are being continually reinforced through work in assemblies, tutor groups and in lessons. Our core values of 'Aspire, Include, Thrive' are now reflected in our day-to-day practice and we are currently creating a school logo to represent these values. Students across all year groups have provided feedback and their views will be influential in selecting a final design.

Looking Ahead

We have been working throughout the year on developing our structures across the school and will be making a number of exciting changes from September. Further information will be provided in our final newsletter of the academic year.

A number of important events are scheduled to take place during next half-term, including Year 6 transition activities, a Sixth Form Induction Week, and a 'World of Work' event.

On behalf of all staff at Lady Manners School, I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Gary Peat
Headteacher

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