



LGS Headlines

4 September 2020



Dear Parents

Welcome to the first 'Headlines' newsletter of the new school year.

As I write this, students in Years 7-10 and 12 are back on the school site, in the last lesson of the day. It was great to see them back in school - and they look pleased to be back and be with their friends again.

We have particularly enjoyed welcoming our new Year 7s, mindful of the disrupted finish to their time at primary school, and our new Year 12s for a new start after the unexpected end to their GCSE courses.

When Year 11 and 13 join us on Monday we will have everyone back in school. Attendance today has been excellent at almost 98%, which tells us that most parents have confidence in the measures we have put in place to ensure school is a safe place to be for everyone.

The control measures were described in the guide we sent to you and to your sons and daughters last week. My apologies again for the length of the document, but I hope the level of detail we have given you was helpful. We are not going to get everything right immediately, and we know some of our plans may need changing when they are 'road tested' with all the students back on site. Please discuss with your sons and daughters how they feel about the measures, and help them to understand that we are trying to keep them safe, ourselves as adult members of staff safe, and you and your wider families safe. Rates of coronavirus transmission are currently low - but they will only stay that way if everyone in the school community plays their part. This is a chance for our students to demonstrate that important part of our ethos - being responsible and caring.

Last term we provided you with a weekly newsletter through the school closure period. Now we are back in school we won't be able to do so as frequently. Important and urgent information will come through email, with these newsletters providing a more measured and reflective account of life in school. Please also follow us on Twitter - the account is up and running again after a period of rest.

I look forward to meeting you during this term as we hold our normal parents' information meetings online, and hope that you will feel confident that your sons and daughters are in good hands as school reopens.

With best wishes

Mr J Constable - Headteacher

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Welcome!

New members of staff

We are delighted to welcome the following new members of staff joining the school at the start of this term.

Mrs Millington joins the school as Subject Leader for Modern Languages.

Miss Blochard also joins the Modern Languages team as Lead Teacher for French.

Mrs Sahota joins us as Subject Lead for Economics.

Dr Allen joins the Geography team.

Miss Khan joins us to teach Philosophy and Ethics.

Ms Arnold and ***Ms Ludwig*** join the English department.

Miss Caine joins the Music department.

Mrs Howard, Miss Sheu, Miss Rahman and ***Mr Koutsandrias*** join the Science department.

Mrs Dutta joins us as a member of the team of cover supervisors.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our support staff team:

Mrs Hale - providing technician support in the Art department and lunchtime supervision.

Mr Bulau - providing IT technical support through our IT support partner Class Technology Services.

Ms Mann and ***Ms Dosanjh*** have joined the team of lunchtime supervisors.

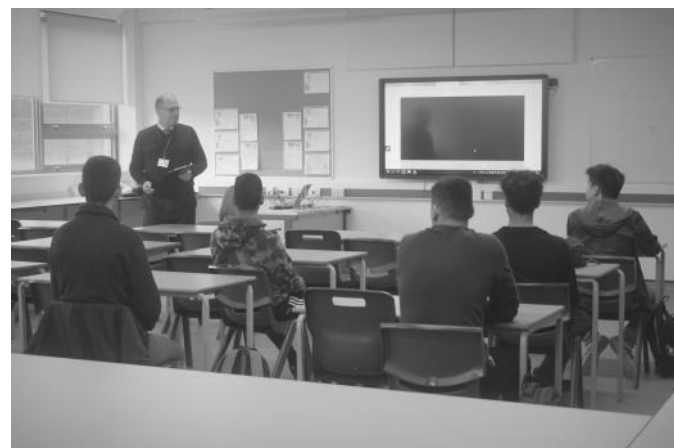
We wish all our new members of staff well in their new roles.

Welcome to new students joining the school.....

Year 7s finding their way round the school on their induction day.....



...and **Year 12s** with their tutors for their induction session on Thursday.





Keeping us all safe

The parents/students guide to our coronavirus control measures a school operation was sent to all parents last week.

A copy can be found on our dedicated website page at <https://www.lgs.slough.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID%2D19+coronavirus+update&pid=301>

If there are any changes to Government or local guidance in connection with controlling the transmission of coronavirus, we will let you know by email and update the guidance on the website.

Please encourage and support your son or daughter to be **responsible** and **caring** and follow the new routines. The rates of virus transmission are currently low - let's all work together to keep it that way.



GCSE & A level outcomes

Parents will be aware of the media coverage of the GCSE and A Level outcomes this year. Following the cancellation of the examinations, students received grades which were essentially decided by the teachers based on a wide range of evidence from students' work in school.

You can find out more about the process, and the outcomes please look at the information on our website at <https://www.lgs.slough.sch.uk/page/?title=Academic+Outcomes&pid=50> and on the individual pages for GCSEs and A levels.

The headline figures - for example the proportion of A*/A grades at A Level, or Grades 7-9 at GCSE, and noticeably higher than previous years, as would be expected following this process. We believe the outcomes are a fair reflection of the grades our students would most likely have obtained had they sat the examinations.

Please note that the Government will not be providing any comparative information about GCSE and A Level grades this year, and there will be no published 'league tables' of outcomes from different schools.

Parking - please help!

After several months without school traffic, our neighbours have now to get used to lots of parent cars in the roads round the school.

Reddington Drive in particular gets very busy and we have already had our first complaint from one of the local residents. Unfortunately a small number of parents do cause problems for us.

We would strongly encourage parents to park some distance away from the school where possible.

You should note that we routinely ask local residents to contact the police if they find their driveways blocked or if parents park inconsiderately.

We will also take registration numbers and report drivers to the police for illegal parking (eg on double yellow lines) or any driving which could endanger our students.

We are encouraging all our students to be **responsible** and **caring**. We would be grateful if all parents could act in the same way towards our local residents.



Building update

Progress on the rebuilding

During the school closure we kept you updated on the progress with the demolition of our old school buildings. Students returned today to a very different view of the school to the one they left in March.

The construction contractors Wates are making good progress on the second building despite some delays during the demolition. Overall, the project is only one week behind schedule, with completion still expected in July 2021.

Over the last few weeks the foundations for the second building have been completed, and the first of the steelwork was lifted into place today.

On the far side of the site, the ground is being prepared for the two new tennis/netball courts, which we expect to be completed before Christmas.

