



**Leytonstone**  
SCHOOL

## ***Family Newsletter***

***Key stage 4***

**Vol. 1—April 2022**

**Half Term 4**

### **Forthcoming Events**

- **20th April:** First day back from Easter break
- **20th April:** Year 11 Support for success event
- **26th April:** PTSA meeting
- **5th & 6th May:** Year 10 Food practical exams - Please make sure your child has their ingredients ready.
- **16th - 18th May:** Mental health awareness week

Dear Families,

Welcome to the launch of the first Leytonstone Family Newsletter!

The newsletter will include key information that we hope will help you to support your child with their learning. We will include important dates for upcoming events and support that is tailored to your child's age. We will also be using the newsletter to report on all of the wonderful things that are happening at Leytonstone School. Following the pandemic, school life has now returned to normal and we are delighted to announce that this year has seen an amazing comeback in school events and extra curricular activities which you will find celebrated below in the news section.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

### **Important notices**

#### **If your child is in year 10 or 11**

All students' reports will be sent on the 1st of April, the last day of term, so please keep an eye out for these and discuss them with your child.

#### **If your child is in year 11**

'Revvv Brek' has started. This is a morning revision session on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8am - 8:30am in the restaurant where students can eat breakfast and revise for exams. All are welcome.

Please see the GCSE Exam Timetable for Summer 2022 here. Students will also be given individual exam timetables nearer the time.

<https://www.leytonstoneschool.org/page/?>

### ***How to support your child with revision***

1. ***Take their phone away for short periods of time so they are not distracted.***
2. ***Ask to have a copy of their revision timetable.***
3. ***Get the snacks on the go.***
4. ***Make sure they have a quiet work the space.***
5. ***Encourage them to take a break.***
6. ***Stay positive.***

We welcome any comments, enquiries and suggestions from our families please send your thoughts to our Family Engagement Partner, Halyna Mentos, at [family@leytonstoneschool.org](mailto:family@leytonstoneschool.org)

For up-to-date information and more photos and details about our events please subscribe to our Twitter account @LeytonstoneSch.

## News

**Musical excellence** - Leytonstone School is proud to have been nominated as a Music Marks school for our commitment to a broad and balanced music curriculum and the value that we place on music!

**Getting political** - A massive thank you to our local MP [John Cryer] for a fantastic visit to our school. The students had some great questions for him and a few are definitely looking to go into a career in politics.

**Mathematicians come 2nd place**—Four top mathematicians had the opportunity to represent Leytonstone School at the annual Year 10 Maths Feast competition. Out of the 20 schools that attended, the Leytonstone team achieved 2nd place overall! Congratulations to the winning team: Mabel Treglown Smith, Jin Hong Xu, Ted Dean and Nils Jackson.



**World Book Day** - Along with the much-loved opportunity to dress up as a book character, World Book Day included a variety of exciting activities this year. These included quizzes, a competition for students to decorate their form room doors and a secret tea party was held for a selection of lucky golden ticket winners.

**We are the champions!** - Year 10 won a very closely fought borough basketball final against George Mitchell, winning 27-23. It was a great team effort and Odayne Daley won the MVP award. This also means that they have won the borough title in years 7, 8 and 10 which they are all very proud of.

**Looking to the future** - On Thursday the 10th of March we hosted a careers fair for all year groups where students had the opportunity to learn from employers about the world of work and ask questions about specific skills that are valued in the workplace.



**Celebrity sighting** - On Thursday 24th February, we welcomed two special guests: Alessandro Babalola (actor) and Annie Jones (Executive Assistant at Soho Theater). Both are ex-Leytonstone School students (head students!) who spoke to students about their journey at Leytonstone, their choices post-secondary school and their current careers. Alessandro Babalola is a well-known actor for his appearance in Wrath of Man, Unforgotten and Top Boy.



**Outstanding achievements in Year 11** - Our very own Joanna Roman (11F) has been professionally signed by Leyton Orient Women's team and will be playing in goal. Daniel Delport 11F has qualified to row for Eastern England. This is an absolutely huge achievement for someone who only took up rowing a couple of years ago. Demi Tru Gabriel 11R has been recognised by local dog charity for her fundraising efforts.

**GCSE Drama trip** - 40 of our GCSE Drama year 11 students attended a performance of Hamilton on Tuesday 8th March to support their GCSE written examination.

**British science week went off with a bang!** - The Science team released a daily podcast. We had a speaker, Tim Adisa come in to speak about his journey to becoming an engineer during the year 10 and 11 assemblies. Our Leytonstone Scientists carried out a range of practicals, including making ice cream and making slime. They also designed futuristic products to help us live on Mars, during Dragon's Den. They took part in a growth task, called 'eggcellent' parenting, which entailed looking after a papier mache egg for a week. We ended the week with a Science Fair, whereby students took part in an art and photography competition, to reflect this year's theme, growth. To end it all, we had a wonderful performance about IK Brunel, by David Hall.



**Staff vs Students** - The PTSA held a Prom fundraising event where students played staff in a football game. ....THE TEACHERS WON!

**Diversity Champions** - The new Diversity Champions group launched last week. This group will help the school to celebrate and represent the many cultures in our community. To join this group please use this google classroom code. "D3ABT3U"



