

Open Week 2019

Open Week Tours Monday 23 September - Thursday 26 September

- Arrival and refreshments from 9.00am – tours begin at 9.15am
- A tour around the school with the Headteacher during the school day
- An opportunity to find out more about different aspects of the school
- An opportunity to visit classrooms and see lessons across the year groups
- An opportunity to ask the Headteacher questions about the school in an informal situation

Open Evening Thursday 26 September (5.00 – 8.00pm)

- Regular Headteacher talks during the evening
- Tours around the subject areas with school prefects
- An opportunity to see different areas of the school and talk to staff
- An opportunity to participate in lots of interesting activities
- Refreshments available

School Uniform Reminder

The majority of our students have returned looking very smart for the new year. We do still have a concern about some of the trousers and skirts that are being worn. Please see below for a reminder of our expectations:

If “trousers or skirts” are purchased from other outlets they should be a similar design. They should **not be** ‘skinny’ (tight all the way down to the ankle), or made of stretchy material e.g. leggings or in the style of, or resembling, black jeans. We appreciate that some shops are selling ‘school trousers’ in these styles, but they are not acceptable as part of the uniform for students at The Thomas Lord Audley School.

Skirts should be black and knee length (as shown on our website) and not the stretch fashion designs or flared.

We will be following up any items that are not suitable in the forthcoming weeks.

If you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us for advice.



LEARNING HOURS LOST DUE TO ABSENCE

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious Cause for Concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

New Senior Staff : Mrs Doherty

In May 2019 I was asked to work at the Thomas Lord Audley school as a Deputy Headteacher (starting in September 2019) responsible for PPG and working with the Department Heads of: English, History and the PE Departments to support students and staff to ensure continuing successes within these particular areas. This is a very exciting opportunity and I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to work in the school.

Prior to this - I started my teaching career in 2003, working in a number of schools across Essex. I joined The Stanway school in 2010 as the Head of English, where under my leadership, results improved year on year. In 2015 I became an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for English, Literacy, Exams, Cover and Deputy Lead for Safeguarding.

I have found the start to my time at TLA to be very settled – students and staff are extremely friendly and are always ready to help at a moment's notice. I was worried about finding my way around (I felt like a new Year 7 on day one!) but quickly realised with the help and support of everyone, where things are. This is a testament to the kind and caring ethos that the school has worked hard to create and something of which I am proud to be a part.

Mrs L Doherty
Deputy Headteacher



New Senior Staff: Mr Pulford

Well what a whirlwind first two weeks it's been here at TLA! The students have arrived back looking refreshed, smart and have settled back into their studies with a remarkable amount of dedication and effort.

Having grown up in Wivenhoe as a child, I spent my own secondary school days in nearby Brightlingsea. I enjoyed my school days a tremendous amount with Maths and PE my favourite subjects. During school I was adamant I wanted to become a physiotherapist but an experience of working in a school after my A Levels soon convinced me that I wanted to be a teacher. Having studied at Anglia Ruskin University I started my teaching career at The Colne Community School and two years ago was promoted to the position of Assistant Headteacher. Away from the classroom I enjoy playing cricket and golf as well as travelling into London to watch my beloved Arsenal FC (sorry Ms Rees!).

When I visited the school on a number of occasions in the summer term, very quickly I realised what a special place TLA is and what an amazing asset the school is to the local community. The students are very lucky to such a dedicated, caring and knowledgeable group of staff around them and we as staff are lucky to have such hard working, polite and humble students to work with.

I cannot thank the staff and students enough for making me feel so welcome and part of the TLA 'family' and I'm looking forward to rest of the academic year.

Mr M Pulford
Assistant Headteacher



Step out into the world with DofE!

Information evenings on Monday 23 September and Monday 14 October, 7.30pm @ Colchester Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester CO1 1SS



- Go on a walking expedition - hike, cook & camp in the great outdoors
- Meet new people & make new friends for life
- Learn leadership, communication and practical skills - the ultimate CV booster!

Ignite your adventurous side



Personal Items

REMINDER — Students must take full responsibility for any personal items they bring into School e.g. mobiles phones & headphones etc

Child Protection Policy

The Thomas Lord Audley School's Child Protection Policy is available via the School Website

Assemblies for week commencing 23 September

This week the House Assemblies are being led by Mrs Doherty.

STEM Activities 2019

STEM is currently at the forefront of careers and job opportunities in the UK. With the development of Technology and Engineering it is important that the students at TLA experience exciting opportunities in these fields. TLA is offering some exciting after school clubs that allows the students to get a taster and develop skills in the key STEM areas; whether that be flying drones, building robots, coding, experimenting, designing and building. We would like to take this opportunity to invite the students to come along and enjoy the after school STEM activities. Please see posters for details or come and see Miss Bryant for further information.

The CREST Awards

Exciting Intriguing Challenging
CREST Awards
 National Accredited Qualification
 With Miss Bryant
Monday
E02
 Gifted and Talented

STEM Club
 All Welcome
 Every Thursday
 E02

Do you like practical work?
 Experimenting?
 Exploration?
 Building?
 Then this club is for you!

3.10-4.10

ROBOTICS

LOTS OF COMPETITIONS
 All Welcome
 Thursday 3.10-4.30
 A12
PRIZES TO BE WON!
 WITH MR BRYANT AND MISS BRYANT



Esoc: Engineering Society

Competitions

All Practical Work

Careers

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15

Mr Appleton
 E01

Like to Design?
 Like to Engineer?
 Like to fly?

Come and learn to build and fly drones.



Drone Club
 with
Mr Williams

Compete in school
 Compete regionally
 Compete nationally

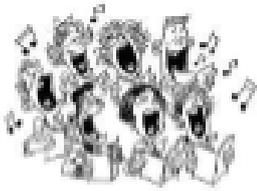
All Welcome
 3.10 - 4.00
 L2

Music Clubs 2019



Ukulele Club

Tuesday Lunchtimes in MU1



Year 7 + 8 Singing Group

Thursday Lunchtimes in MU1



Advanced Vocal Group

Friday Lunchtimes in MU1



Music Tech Club

Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm in MU1



Rock School

Wednesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm

in MU1 & MU2

TLA House Point Totals

1st Austen 5.29

2nd Nelson 4.88

3rd Darwin 4.52

Year 11 in 1st place is 11-LO with 4.21

Last weeks top earner was Alfie Naylor 7A-NC with 15 house points. Well Done!

Attendance Winners

This week's attendance winners with 99.13% attendance were 11N-DB. Congratulations!

Medication in school

We keep a very small supply of paracetamol in school for use in emergencies only. Just recently we had had children requesting Calpol and antihistamine tablets for hay fever. We are not able to provide these so if you know that your child may need them during the day please make sure they have them with them.

We are happy to store these during the day if you do not want your son/daughter to carry them with them during the day. If this is the case we ask that you make sure that they are clearly labelled and handed in to the Student Office.



Where: Library

When: 3:10pm – 4pm
Monday to Friday



Finance Notices

1. Sharp el-531 calculators available via ParentPay
2. Replacement catering cards available via ParentPay
3. TLA school tie and replacement locker key available via ParentPay
4. Easter Multi-Sports Holland Festival - deposit now overdue
5. Music Tuition for the Autumn term is now overdue
6. MFL Mary Glasgow magazine series. Payment is requested by 23 September 2019
7. GCSE Drama Revision Guides available via ParentPay. Payment is requested by 20 September 2019
8. OCR GCSE PE revision guide available via ParentPay

Can we please ask you to check your child's catering card balance and clear any debt.

Diary Dates

Monday 23 - Thurs 27 Sept	Open Week. Daily tours 9.00am
Thursday 27 September	Open Evening 5pm—8pm
Friday 28 September	Non-pupil day
Friday 28 September	Year 6 Taster Day
Monday 30 September	Mersea / Peldon buses leave @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 1 October	Mersea / Peldon buses leave @ 3.45pm
Wednesday 2 October	Year 11 Careers trip to Mersea Homes construction company
Wednesday 2 October	Mersea / Peldon buses leave @ 2.10pm
Wednesday 9 October	Careers Convention @ Colchester Academy
Thursday 10 October	Awards Evening 7-9pm
Wednesday 16 October	Restart a Heart - Year 9 trip to Colchester General Hospital
Thursday 17 October	Year 7 Tutor / Parents' Evening
Monday 21 October	Year 10 Maths Olympiad (NEMO competition)



Literacy at TLA 2019

At The Thomas Lord Audley School we place great importance on developing the literacy skills of all of students. For the past five years, students have had weekly literacy tutor time sessions which have focussed on developing key skills and improving students' confidence. This year as a school we are focussing in particular on reading skills, as research has shown that a young person's reading ability is one of the biggest factors in determining success in their GCSEs.

In the summer term we adopted some whole school strategies on the teaching of reading, which included ensuring we were selecting challenging texts for our pupils, pre teaching some of the key vocabulary in advance of the text and then reading the text aloud to them. Feedback from students was that they found these strategies incredibly useful and they were really helping their understanding of these difficult texts. These techniques will continue to be used in lessons in the Autumn Term. In addition, staff have had further training on how to make the vocabulary 'stick' and help support students recall and have the confidence to use the academic language which they are being taught.

Students in all years can expect to have half termly departmental reading homework set by each of their subjects. These will focus on improving their subject specific vocabulary and knowledge.

Literacy tutor time sessions this term will focus on both developing students' reading skills, for example through the explicit teaching of prefixes and suffixes and also through exposing them to challenging texts which will improve their cultural awareness.

This half term, there is a real focus on competing in their Houses to get the most Literacy House Points. Students can collect these points through participation in a range of tutor time activities, attending activities in the library such as Book Clubs and competing in the 'Get Caught Reading' photo competition, where students have staff have been asked to photograph themselves in unusual or creative places. The entries so far have been very impressive!

Miss Capes
Deputy Headteacher

Being bullied online and advice on what to do

Cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets. Social networking sites, messaging apps, gaming sites and chat rooms such as Facebook, Xbox Live, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat and other chat rooms can be great fun and a positive experience. But what do you do when things go wrong?

Cyber bullying is rife on the internet and most young people will experience it or see it at some time. In <https://www.internetmatters.org/> recent national bullying survey, 56% of young people said they have seen others be bullied online and 42% have felt unsafe online. Cyber bullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it can go viral very fast.

Types of cyberbullying

There are many ways of bullying someone online and for some it can take shape in more ways than one. Some of the types of cyber bullying are:

- **Harassment** - This is the act of sending offensive, rude, and insulting messages and being abusive. Nasty or humiliating comments on posts, photos and in chat rooms. Being explicitly offensive on gaming sites.
- **Denigration** – This is when someone may send information about another person that is fake, damaging and untrue. Sharing photos of someone for the purpose to ridicule, spreading fake rumours and gossip. This can be on any site online or on apps. We even hear about people altering photos of others and posting in online for the purpose of bullying.
- **Flaming** – This is when someone is purposely using really extreme and offensive language and getting into online arguments and fights. They do this to cause reactions and enjoy the fact it causes someone to get distressed.
- **Impersonation** – This is when someone will hack into someone's email or social networking account and use the person's online identity to send or post vicious or embarrassing material to/about others. The making up of fake profiles on social network sites, apps and online are common place and it can be really difficult to get them closed down.
- **Outing and Trickery** – This is when someone may share personal information about another or trick someone into revealing secrets and forward it to others. They may also do this with private images and videos too.
- **Cyber Stalking** – This is the act of repeatedly sending messages that include threats of harm, harassment, intimidating messages, or engaging in other online activities that make a person afraid for his or her safety. The actions may be illegal too depending on what they are doing.
- **Exclusion** – This is when others intentionally leave someone out of a group such as group messages, online apps, gaming sites and other online engagement. This is also a form of social bullying and a very common.

If you are a parent and are concerned about cyber bullying, you can contact Bullying UK on 0808 800 2222

You can also find more information on cyber bullying and tips on how to bring up the issue with your child at <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/your-family/online-safety/parents-guide-to-the-latest-social-media-and-instant-messaging-apps>



TLA Catering Department

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fresh Chicken Burger (Wheat Gluten Milk) Quorn Nuggets V (Wheat Gluten Egg Milk) Savoury Potatoes Baked Beans Sponge (Wheat Milk Egg Gluten)	Beef Enchilada (Wheat Milk Gluten) Cheese Omelette V (Egg, Milk) Croquette Potatoes Roasted Medley of Vegetables Fruit Crumble (Wheat Milk Gluten)	Roast of the Day Roast Potatoes Chickpea & Butternut Squash Curry V Roasted Chantenay Carrots Savoy Cabbage Jam Doughnuts (Wheat Gluten Milk)	Fresh Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce (Gluten Soya Wheat Egg) Quorn Tacos V (Milk Gluten Wheat) Baked Fresh Cajun Wedges (Celery Gluten Wheat) Baked Beans Choc Oat Cake (Wheat Barley Milk)	Sausage in Batter (Wheat Gluten Sulphates) Chips Peas Southern Fried Burger V (Fish) Marble Cake (Wheat Gluten)

Sandwiches

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Bacon Sandwich Cheese Salad Wrap Sausage Sandwich Ham Sub Cheese Sub	Chicken Mayo Sandwich BLT Cheese Sandwich Cheese Sub Chicken Sub	All Day Breakfast Ham Sandwich Chicken Sandwich Cheese Sub Ham Sub	Ham Sandwich Chicken Salad Wrap Cream Cheese & Cucumber Chicken Sub Cheese Sub	Cheese Sandwich Chicken Sandwich BLT Cheese Sub Ham Sub

HOT & COLD FOOD TO TAKE AWAY DAILY

ASSORTED PANINIS

SALAD CART

SPECIALS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DAILY ON THE INFORMATION TVS

