



'Success for Everyone'

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025

New beginnings

Head of School's Message:

Welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful break. As we begin this new term we are excited to reconnect with our Learners. Our focus remains on providing a positive, inclusive, nurturing and engaging learning environment for all.

'Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.' J F Kennedy

Whether our Learners are building towards examinations, building confidence, or navigating transitions – they are encouraged to remember, progress begins with effort.

We are delighted to welcome Simon McBride who has recently joined our team here at EMLM. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in supporting learners with diverse needs and some of our families/carers may have already met him. We are confident that his presence will strengthen our support to our Learners and their families.

Ms Fletcher

If you have any concerns or issues

please contact us on:

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Achievement Certificates this month have been given to learners for:

'Treating others kindly and getting on with your work. Thank you.'

'Participating in Food Technology and following instructions! Well done for all your hard work. Keep it up!'

'Independent use of the dictionary for English work. Very good work, ... keep being a star!'

'Being a great chef! You do so well in Food Technology, and you are a delight to cook with. Thank you.'

'Focusing on your work even when others try to distract you. Year 11 is a big year, and this is only the start, keep pushing yourself and you will achieve all your dreams!!'



Pupil Voice:

Since returning to school our Learners have shared their hopes and dreams for the future, starting with a positive mindset and being brave to try something new.

During a Geography session Learners wanted to explore in the next lesson *'how is wind made and where does it come from.'* *'I want to travel and to explore many countries I see on the map.'*

In a PSHE session our Learners focussed on the choices they make and the consequence of their actions.

'I have learned that knife crime can ruin your life and it's not worth it.'

'I learnt that my actions could impact others, my family and theirs.'



Attendance - Late arrivals...

Punctuality

EMLM school day begins at 9.00 and the Learners are required to be in school by then. If a Learner arrives after the register has closed at 9.10, they will be marked as 'late.'

Every Second Counts!

Attendance and Punctuality: At EMLM, attendance and punctuality are vital to the well-being and prospects of all our learners. We expect every learner to attend school regularly and to arrive on time. All learners must be in school by 9:00am. Punctuality is a lifelong skill, and we are committed to preparing our learners for the future. In higher education and the workplace, punctuality is not only expected but essential. By learning to be punctual now, our learners build strong habits that will carry into their professional and personal lives.

If there are any concerns regarding attendance or punctuality, we encourage parents and guardians to contact the school so that we can provide support and work together in the best interests of the learner.



Curriculum shout out...PSHE

As we begin a new academic year, it's the perfect time to highlight the crucial role that PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education plays in supporting our learners growth and success. PSHE is a key part of the school curriculum in England. It equips our learners with the knowledge and skills they need to stay healthy, safe and prepared for life – and work – in today's world. When taught well, it not only supports our learners' wellbeing but also helps them to achieve their full academic potential.

The Department for Education recognises PSHE as “**an important and necessary part of all pupils' education**” and encourages schools to deliver it using good practice. Research evidence also shows that PSHE makes a real difference: pupils who develop strong personal, social and health skills are better able to manage challenges, leading to improved wellbeing, stronger relationships and, in turn, higher academic achievement.

New beginnings – The start of a new academic year is an important milestone for our learners because it gives them an opportunity to put the previous year behind them—mistakes, difficulties, and underperformance—and begin anew with more focus.

A new start can also boost enthusiasm, helping students to approach learning with a positive mindset after a break. The structure and routine of school life help students build discipline and focus, while each completed year marks a significant milestone that brings them closer to future aspirations. In this way, a new academic year is not just a continuation of studies, but an opportunity for renewal, growth, and achievement.

The new academic year has begun, and our learners have returned to school eager to learn and ready to embrace fresh opportunities. They are forging new friendships and strengthening old ones and have shared 'it is good to be back and, in a routine...' This spirit of curiosity, growth, and connection sets a positive tone for the year ahead, promising many moments of achievement and joy. We are proud of how quickly our learners have settled back to their routines and all our staff are eager to work with each and every one to ensure they reach their full potential.

Services to support families/carers:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/adult/disability-support/practical-support>

<https://lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/p/accessing-support/accessing-support>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

National Domestic Abuse helpline 0808 2000 247

<https://www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/parenting-support/>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/young-people>



Postcards home for...

'Getting on with his work even though he was tired.' *'Calm approach to learning today.'*

'Joining and doing his work with a positive attitude.'

'Your attendance has improved, great work, keep it up.'

'Attending school as we discussed. Well done and keep it up.'

'Being kind and setting a good example!' *'Changing attitude and behaviour.'*

'An amazing attitude towards learning. Well done.'

'Remember to talk to staff, they are here for you.'

'Completing and understanding fractions work, I have never seen you do so much work!!'

KEY DATES

Date for your Diary

Monday 1st September 2025
School closed for Learners -
staff training.

Autumn Term 1

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
to
Thursday 24th October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025
School closed for Learners -
staff training.

Half Term – EMLM closed

Monday 27th October 2025
to
Friday 31st October 2025

Parent Consultation Days
W/C - 20.10.2025
03.11.2025

Autumn Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025
to
Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Holidays

Monday 22nd December 2025
to
Friday 2nd January 2026

Theme Days

21.09.25 International Day of
Peace

26.09.25 McMillian Coffee
Morning