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Latest News

LAE Tottenham Rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED

Following a visit in November 2021, LAE Tottenham has been awarded the highest possible grade of "outstanding" in all areas in the school's first ever OFSTED inspection.

The judgements for each area - the quality of education; behaviour and attitudes; personal development and leadership and management were each rated outstanding - the highest grade possible.

The full report which is published on the Ofsted website [here](#), describes how learners are "inspired by their studies", with the school described as having "a studious environment where they are encouraged and challenged to achieve their best academically, and to contribute to the local community."

As well as the "excellent progress" made academically, the report notes the "ambitious and challenging curriculum" which leads to students learning to "conduct themselves with integrity and grow in their understanding of the diverse communities that they live in".



Speakers and Events

Virtual Speaker from The Department of Clinical Research

On Wednesday 26th January, LAE Tottenham welcomed Assistant Professor, Edward Parker who works at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Edward delivered a virtual talk to Year 13 students about how vaccines are developed, tested and monitored.

Students found the talk to be very interesting and the talk was followed by a visit from the Haringey vaccine bus the following day.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Ed for taking the time out to speak to students about such an important topic.



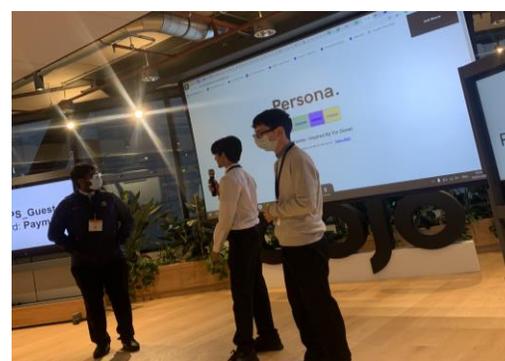
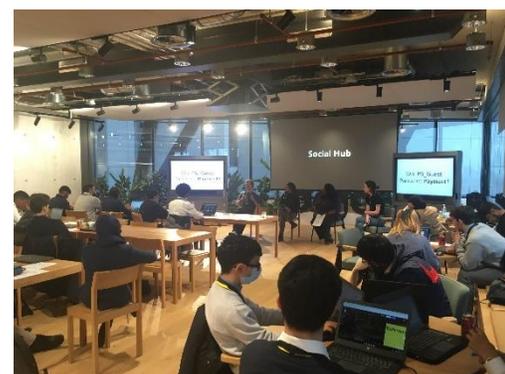
Dojo Coding Workshop

On Wednesday 19th January, students attended an exclusive full day coding workshop hosted by Dojo, one of Europe's fastest-growing FinTech companies and huge supporters of the school.

The aim of the trip was to give students an insight into computer science and coding with leading industry experts. During the session students learnt about careers within the industry and different coding languages, and worked on tasks to develop their skills.

When asked about her visit to Dojo's prestigious offices and participating in the workshop, Raihan from 'Queen Mary' tutor group said: "I was able to learn new programming languages and I enjoyed experiencing life as a Software Developer in a professional environment.

I am also thankful for the new experiences I have developed such as problem solving, critical thinking, presentation skills and communication skills."



"The experience taught me the importance of working together as team and being a great team player, especially when programming, as tasks must be split into sub tasks to make it easier and more efficient.

The entire day was enjoyable and eventful, especially the fact that we were able to make our own website using glitch, which was really interesting." **Taseen, from Al-Azhar tutor group**

A Visit to Oxford & Cambridge

On Tuesday 11th January, 90 Year 12 students visited the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

The day consisted of a Q&A with current students studying a range of subjects, as well as a tour of colleges. This not only allowed students to have their questions answered by current undergraduates, but it further allowed them to experience what life would be like as prospective students attending these universities.

Mominah from 'St Peters' tutor group commented on her experience saying: "I was fortunate to be one of 45 students who visited Pembroke College in Cambridge - the first in person visit since March 2020. I left feeling very much informed on what my next steps are as a prospective student because I received all the important information about the Cambridge-specific application process, to a 'day in the life' of a Cambridge student.

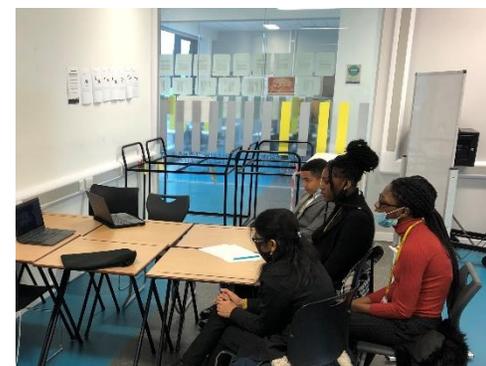
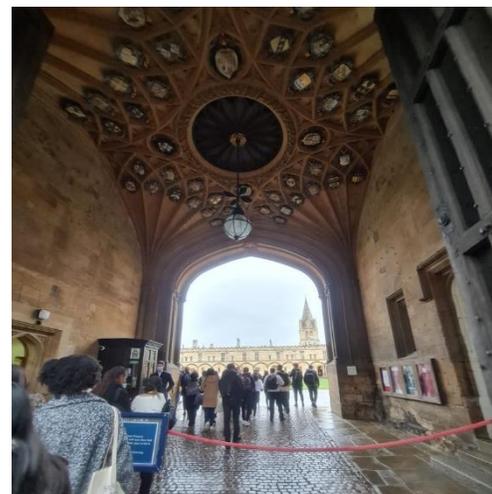
The main purpose of the trip was to highlight to us the very real possibility of applying and studying at an elite, world-renowned university, which I believe was achieved. It has definitely inspired me to apply to Oxbridge, and help debunk the original stereotypes I had of the 'typical Oxbridge student'."

BBC Finance Workshop

Eight Year 12 students took part in Finance workshops with the BBC, as a part of Maths Season 2021-22 on Thursday 9th December.

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, the sessions were held online, and involved a high-octane combination of media knowledge, financial speculation and group work. Both LAET teams excelled when it came to their media knowledge which is evident that they clearly completed many hundreds of hours of preparatory research on classic BBC theme tunes!

Additionally, their bold predictions for how to 'spend a million' of their programming budget were very well calibrated to what actually occurs. These students represented LAE Tottenham very well in proving to be exceptional ambassadors for the school and (hopefully) running the big media organisations of the tomorrow!



More Oxbridge Success for LAET!

Another ten students have received offers to study at Oxford or Cambridge: Christopher O (Maths), Jay C (Biology), Larissa C-E (History), Timothee M (Engineering) and Rania A (English Language and Literature) all receiving offers for Oxford and Rachael (English), India (English), Alvira (HSPS), Ifey (Geography) and Zeeshan (Engineering) receiving offers for Cambridge. Huge congratulations to them as well as all of those who made applications; it is testament to the ambition of these students.

Offers at other leading universities continue to flood in with 10+ at Manchester, Nottingham, Birmingham, Bristol, Exeter, Warwick, King's College and Queen Mary.

With over 100 students awaiting decisions from universities such as King's College and UCL, we look forward to sharing news of further offers as the year goes on.

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On Friday 3rd December, students at LAET celebrated their heritage and cultural customs, an annual celebration day for students and staff. From dancing, to cultural food served at lunch, the day was packed with fun and ambience. Students showed their appreciation for each other's culture by arranging a bake sale, which raised over £100, the proceeds of which went to charities including Tottenham Food Bank. Seconds after the trolleys had been loaded with tasty samosas, pakoras, Nigerian and Ghanaian puff-puff and many other delicious treats, everything sold out!

Commenting on this wonderful celebration, Maryam, from 'Durham' tutor group said: "I think Cultural Day was a great way to unify the LAET community."

"I've only been here two months but this event has made my experience here amazing, and I think that it really helps students of all cultures and heritages to feel included! We truly are a community school." Taseen, from Al-Azhar tutor group.

Students look forward to more fantastic events like this in the future, to help make LAET community stronger and welcoming to future students!



A Conversation About Race

As a part of Year 13's Autumn term "Conversations About Race" programme, we were delighted to welcome Kamal Ahmed to an assembly on Thursday 2nd December. As a journalist who has worked for the Guardian and The Telegraph, as well as a frequent face on BBC News, and latterly recently Editorial Director at BBC News, his views on how the media presents racial issues were fascinating.

He talked about how the profession's relationship with race has changed over the last 30 years. More recently, it has become possible to discuss the issue and solutions more positively, even if at times he was the only black or brown person in the room.

Questions about who decides what is worth covering in the news, as well as concerns about its format, led to Kamal's recent founding of a new News platform ("The News Movement"). He said that the discussions which were taking place at LAET on Tuesdays were the same kind of discussions his team were having. A number of probing questions from students finished the talk, which then led to Kamal's interaction with a group of students who were interested in media careers and questions relating to the Race for a 'working lunch'. He gave the school three copies of his 2018 memoir 'The Life and Times of a Very British Man' and left a lot of inspired students, hopefully some of whom will be deciding the future of the Fourth Estate in the UK in the near future.

Calling All Former LAET Students

If you're a former student of the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity **Future First**, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations, fundraising or even apply to become a governor.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help.

In order to sign up, just follow this link [here](#) and fill in the online form – we promise it will only take a couple of minutes.

Twitter Highlights

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 It's official, we are outstanding! Read more about our first ever Ofsted judgement: laetottenham.org.uk/news/?pid=3&ni...



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 Fun Fact: A famous Instrument Manufacturer, Arnold & Sons, that produced Surgical Instruments and Veterinary Instruments was located in Tottenham, very close to @ChestnutsN15 #magicalhistory



Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and Animal Aspirations

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Pembroke Cambridge Outreach @PemCamOutreach · Jan 11
 An exciting day as we welcomed our first school group to College since March 2020!
 We loved hosting Year 12 students from @LaeTottenham Thank you for all your brilliant questions and for facing a College tour in the rain!
 We're looking forward to lots more events in 2022!

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Looking Ahead

Date	Year Group	Details
Wednesday 02 February 6pm-7pm	Year 12 Parents	Optional Parental Workshop: 'Supporting your child to success' Click here for more details
Thursday 03 February 4:30pm-8:30pm	Year 13	Year 13 Parents Evening
Friday 04 February 9:30am-10:30am	Prospective Students and Parents	Open Morning <i>This is a ticketed event. All tickets are sold out.</i>
Monday 14 – Friday 18 February	All Students	Half Term
Saturday 26 February 9am-12:30pm	Prospective Students and Parents	Futures Morning <i>This is a ticketed event. All tickets are sold out.</i>

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 A big festive thank you to @LaeTottenham for delivering cards & treats to 3 of our care schemes in N London. Our residents also enjoyed an online play, a quiz, bingo & a sing-along; all provided by the amazing students.
 For more on our care, visit bit.ly/2SFQGGU



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