

Friday 22nd August 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians and Agents,

Welcome to the start of a new term at DLD College. For those that have not met me before, I am the Senior Vice Principal, with overall responsibility for students' journeys here at the school, supporting our excellent staff in this regard. I wanted to write to you with some useful information to support you and your child in the year ahead.

Start of term arrangements:

Date	Returning students	Students joining in September
Sunday 31 st August (from 9.00am)	Boarding house opens	Boarding house opens Boarding activities from 12.00pm
Monday 1 st September		Enrolment from 9am (see email from Admissions team for further details) Boarding activities from 4.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd September		Induction for all new students – students to arrive for a 9am start, meeting key staff and getting to know the school. Programme finishes at 4pm. Boarding meeting and activities from 7pm
Wednesday 3 rd September	Day starts at 8.45am: handing out timetables, meeting new members of their tutor group, start of term assembly, lessons as normal. No Co-curricular activities (CCAs) until next	Day starts at 8.45am: handing out timetables, accessing new EduLink system (see below), start of term assembly, lessons as normal. No Co-curricular activities (CCAs)

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	week, all students free to leave from 4.10pm	until next week, all students free to leave from 4.10pm
	Boarding – Study for Upper School and CSA boarders from 4.10pm	Boarding – Study for Upper School and CSA boarders from 4.10pm
Thursday 4 th September	Normal school day	Normal school day
Friday 5 th September	Normal school day	Normal school day
Monday 8 th September	Normal school day	Normal school day
Tuesday 9 th September	Normal school day	Normal school day
	4.15pm – 5.00pm CCA Fair for all students (CCAs start w/b 15 th September)	4.15pm – 5.00pm CCA Fair for all students (CCAs start w/b 15 th September)
Wednesday 10 th September	Normal school day	Normal school day

*some returning students may be involved in supporting the new student activities

EduLink:

EduLink is our school information and communication system which is available as an app for parents, students and guardians. This system will give you access to timetables, school reports, homework, assessment grades, co-curricular activity timetables, records of behavioural points etc. Returning parents and students will be very familiar with this system, as it is how we run our online Parents' Evenings, and how parents can check on academic progress and track rewards and sanctions. A link with individual login details for new parents in the next few days and new students will get help from their tutor with setting this up; in the meantime, please download the EduLink app to your devices.

[EduLink One on the App Store \(apple.com\)](https://apple.com)

[EduLink One – Apps on Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.dld.college)

Timetable:

The key points to flag regarding this timetable are as follows:

- School day starts at 8.45am (Sixth form students must be in school for their first lesson or 11.20am, whichever is earliest)
- Tutor time is at 11.20am every day – this is compulsory for all students
- Lessons finish at 4.10pm

- CCAs take place from 4.15pm

Key Term Dates:

The key school dates for the first term are set out below. We kindly ask that the term dates are followed, as we do not expect any late returns or early departures, which will be classified as unauthorised. Should there be an exceptional circumstance, permission will need to be sought from the Principal in writing, via dldattendance@dld.org

Half term: Monday 20th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025

* This is a two week half term whereas the spring and summer half terms will last one week.

End of Term: Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 4pm

*Please note that the boarding house closes for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 18th December at 10am.

Start of Spring Term: Thursday 8th January 2026 (normal school day)

Expectations (inc. Attendance)

We expect students to have 100% attendance and punctuality to school and class; a reminder that all Upper School students have lessons from 8.45am, so should be aiming to arrive to school by 8.30am. Sixth Form students must be in school for their first lesson or 11.20am, whichever is the earliest. Where Sixth Form students are not in lessons, there are study and social spaces around the school, which they should utilise. Term dates are published on the [school's website](#), and students are expected to honour these. For those here studying on a visa, commitment to attendance is one of the UKVI expectations, and failure to attend will see visas revoked. Please help us to ensure we do not have to sanction students by booking holidays and flights etc outside of term time.

The school is a smoke-free zone, and students found smoking or vaping in school can expect to face a temporary exclusion for their first offence, with repeated offences putting their place at the school at risk. The school takes this very seriously and, as I will highlight to the students, there are sensors in areas of the school, so it is important that they do not smoke or vape on site. Help to give up can be sought from the College Matron.

The school also has a zero-tolerance policy on prohibited substances. As such, in line with the school's [Prohibited Substance Policy](#), the school does carry out testing,

where there are concerns; refusal to take the test is treated as a failed test. If their sample is found to contain prohibited substances, the student should expect to be temporary excluded, with repeated offences seeing them asked to leave the school. Those returning a non-negative test will be subject to follow up tests, at personal expense.

If a boarder is given a temporary exclusion, this must be served away from school; it is the responsibility of parents to ensure they are with a suitable host. A day student would, of course, return home immediately.

Values

We have based our values on 'TRACK': Tolerance, Respect, Academic Curiosity, Community, Kindness. With nearly 60 different nationalities across the student body, students come with different lived experiences and cultural norms, but these values bond our community and enable them to live and study together in a positive environment. It can take some time to settle into new routines and figure out how to best live and study alongside new people; please get in touch with any concerns, so we can help resolve these.

Finally, I wish your child the very best for the academic year ahead. I hope they enjoy their time here at DLD College London, taking advantage of the opportunities and support that they will encounter daily.

Kind regards



Gareth Evans
Senior Vice Principal and DSL