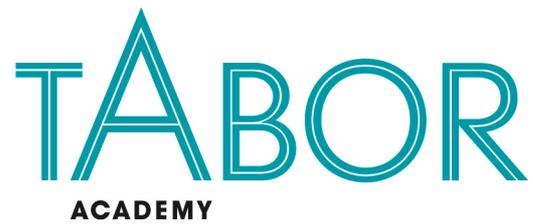


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## Headteacher's Address

Hello, Welcome to Tabor Academy, I apologise that I am not able to meet with you face to face as I normally would do but I am sure that you understand that due to these exceptional circumstances that we are not able to do so.

I am proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of Tabor Academy. It is an honour to spend each day alongside the incredible, nurturing and inspiring professionals who make up our teaching and support staff as well as the inquisitive, courteous and aspirational young people. As a school, we are now beginning to make a real difference to the life chances of our young people, which each and every one of them deserves. This belief is the fundamental driving force behind everything we do. We are committed to providing a rounded, purposeful and high-quality education to all our students and we strive to ensure every student feels happy, safe and secure.

As part of The Loxford School Trust, Tabor Academy follows a back to basics approach, ensuring teaching and learning is the main focus of every day, whilst ensuring high standards were being met in every young person's attitude, appearance and conduct.

Our students will learn respect, to value each other, develop social and moral values which will make them become good citizens. We also encourage our students to develop resilience, by not being frightened to make mistakes and to look out for each other. We have developed and nurtured a real community feel within the school to ensure no student ever feels alone or isolated at Tabor.

We have one simple rule at Tabor, be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing. We expect parents to uphold our values and want you to be supportive of our behaviour systems.

Our environment is calm, friendly and purposeful. We have an ethos of a high level of self-discipline. All children must be in full uniform and all times and yes, we do like the small things, top button done up, shirts tucked in and blazers worn at all times.

We also expect our students to represent the school well in the wider community and strive to instill a sense of pride in wearing the Tabor uniform. We recognise the importance of our local community and are proud to support it in any way we can. Within this traditional ethos, we will also develop and prepare children with the challenges they will face within the 21st Century and with careers that as of today, do not even exist.

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The School offers a wide range of very high quality academic and vocational courses and all students have the opportunity to undertake realistic scientific and business related projects.

Full use is made of the very latest technology and state-of-the-art computing facilities are a feature of teaching in all subjects and are a major feature in the School. We have a brand new ICT infrastructure which includes PCs and a number of Chrome-books which our children are able to use.

We are proud to say that during the lockdown period all children continued their education on a daily basis following their normal school timetable with teachers being able to answer questions through Google Classrooms. Of this, I am immensely proud of my staff and students.

You have high expectations and aspirations for your child; you want them to have a future, and to help them prepare for the future we will be part of that process. Life is changing for all of us. The current economic market places even further value on education.

We do not allow mobile phones to be used in school and parents will have to support us in this measure. There is plenty of time to use all the apps that the children have, but not in school time. Ultimately, Tabor Academy values your child's education and this is the school to choose if you value your child's education.

Sarah Speller

Headteacher

