LaSWAP
THE SIXTH FORM OF CHOICE

13th October 2026

Dear LaSWAP student and parent,

We want to write directly to all LaSWAP students because you may hear discussion over the coming weeks about a report published by Camden Council concerning La Sainte Union.

Camden's Executive Director for Children and Learning has written to the staff, families and governors of La Sainte Union explaining that a report will be considered by Cabinet on 20 October. The report recommends consulting on the future of La Sainte Union because of wider challenges facing schools across Camden and London, including falling pupil numbers and financial pressures.

It does not reflect any judgement that has been made about the quality of education in LaSWAP or at La Sainte Union. In both cases, students achieve more highly and make better progress than almost anywhere else in Camden.

What does this mean for me?

The most important thing to understand is that **no decisions have been made**. Cabinet has not yet agreed to begin a consultation and even if a consultation does go ahead, it would be exactly that: a consultation. Different options would be explored, evidence would be gathered and stakeholders would have the opportunity to express their views.

The options that may be considered include reducing admissions at La Sainte Union for students in years 7 to 11, federation with another secondary school, retaining and reconfiguring post-16 provision, or closure. These are options for discussion, not decisions that have been taken.

Your lessons, courses, examinations, university applications, enrichment opportunities and day-to-day experience continue exactly as planned. We remain fully focused on providing the excellent education and support that you expect and deserve.

For Year 13 students, your attention should remain on your next steps, whether that is university, apprenticeships, employment or other pathways. Our commitment to helping you achieve your ambitions remains unchanged.

For Year 12 students, the same is true. You chose LaSWAP because of the breadth of opportunity it offers and those opportunities remain in place. Your studies, leadership opportunities, enrichment activities and sixth form experience continue as normal.

It is also important to remember that this is not simply a conversation about one school building or one institution. LaSWAP is a partnership that brings together four schools and hundreds of young people. Every day students move between sites, study specialist subjects, build friendships across schools and benefit from opportunities that would not exist without that collaboration.

A report can describe numbers and finances, but it cannot fully capture what LaSWAP means to the young people who study here. It cannot capture the relationships you build, the opportunities you access, the futures you create or the strength of the community that exists across all four schools.

The Consultation

If a consultation does take place, there will be opportunities for students to have their voices heard. Your experiences matter. Your views matter. The perspective of the young people who benefit from LaSWAP every day is an important part of any conversation about its future.

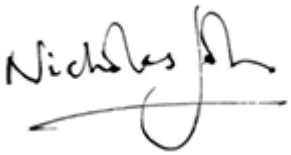
As sixth form students, I know you will approach conversations thoughtfully and maturely. I encourage you to rely on facts rather than rumours, to support one another and to continue demonstrating the resilience, confidence and ambition that characterise our sixth form community. For now, though, our message is simple: nothing has changed about who we are, what we stand for, or what we expect of ourselves.

LaSWAP will always remain an exceptional community because of its students: talented, compassionate and ambitious young people from across our four schools, learning together and supporting one another.

Continue to focus on your studies. Continue to make the most of every opportunity. Continue to support your friends and your wider sixth form community.

And continue to be proud of LaSWAP and of the part that each of our schools, including La Sainte Union, plays in making it such a special place to learn.

Yours sincerely



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