SEPTEMBER 2026 EDITION

LAAT

London Academy For Applied Technology

NEWSLETTER

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FROM Registrar & Accountable Officer



Message from the Registrar and Accountable Officer

As Accountable Officer, I'm proud to say that LAAT continues to make important progress as we prepare for the next stage of our OfS registration process, including the anticipated assessment of quality of provision visit. Our focus remains on strengthening governance, embedding effective risk management and ensuring that our policies, procedures and supporting evidence, through the governance structure, demonstrate a well-managed, student-centred higher education provider.

Looking ahead, our priorities are to build on the foundations established through our Quality Plan and Business Plan, improve the use of student data to monitor progression, continuation and achievement, and ensure that timely interventions support students to succeed. We will continue to work closely with Plymouth Marjon University to strengthen academic quality, enhance the student experience and ensure that our arrangements meet the expectations of both our students and regulators.

Alongside this work, we remain ambitious about LAAT's future growth and the opportunities to develop our partnerships and expand our contribution to higher education in London and beyond. Growth must be underpinned by strong compliance, sustainable planning and a clear commitment to educational quality. Our aim is to build a mature, resilient and student-focused institution in which good governance and continuous improvement support every student's opportunity to thrive

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Plant

Registrar and Accountable Officer

INDUCTION WEEK AT A GLANCE

Five days of connection, preparation and new beginnings

17-24 September 2026 | Brentford

A WARM WELCOME. A STRONG START.

From welcoming returning students to preparing our September 2026 intake, Induction Week brought colleagues from across the institution together to help students feel informed, connected and ready for the term ahead. Academic guidance, practical IT support, wellbeing and student services all played a part in creating a positive start to the September-December term.



“A joined-up welcome, with the right people and tools in place for students to begin confidently.”



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Getting everyone ready for the term

DAY 1 THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Welcome back for progressing students

More than 200+ students from Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 returned to Brentford to prepare for the September-December term. Every student moving from Year 1 to Year 2 was present. The IT team helped students reconnect to SEATS, Authenticator, Teams and Outlook. Assessment, Academics, Admissions, IT, Student Support, Student Finance, Student Experience, Safeguarding, HR and the Executive Leadership Team all contributed to the day.

DAY 2 MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

May 2026 cohort refresher

Students from the May 2026 (Semester B) cohort joined a refresher covering academic expectations, assessment, timetables, careers, student support, IT and student finance. Sessions on safeguarding, academic malpractice and Top Up provided important guidance. Students also collected their ID cards and welcome goodie bags.

DAY 3 TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Refresher programme continues

The second refresher day followed the same programme, with dedicated presentations on plagiarism and Foundation. Across both refresher days.





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Induction Continued..

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Welcome to our new students

We welcome September new Students intake. Students heard a welcome address, met their academic and support teams, set up their accounts with the IT team and joined a virtual wellbeing session.

DAY 5 THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Second new intake day

New students were inducted, including students whose offers were issued on 23 September. This brought the September 2026 intake with many students and with maximum attendance from students. Every student inducted was set up with Authenticator, Outlook and Teams, so they had the essential digital tools ready for the first day of teaching.













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Meet Our New Team



MS SHEIDA
Academy & Profeesional Development Manager
University of Leeds Alumna

With 7+ years of evidenced experience in the education sector, she brings strong expertise in academic quality assurance, programme management, staff development, governance and data-led performance improvement. She has led academic operations across further and higher education settings, improving compliance, reporting and student outcomes.



MR YOGESH
FINANCE MANAGER
20+ Yrs Professional Exp

With 20+ years of professional experience, including 12.5+ years in school finance, Brings extensive expertise in budgeting, financial reporting, governance and compliance across multiple schools. His education-sector finance background brings strong financial and business-management experience to LAAT.



MS SAPNA
Carrer & Employability Manager
16.5+ Yrs Professional Exp

With 16.5+ years of experience across children's services, schools and charities, She brings extensive experience in safeguarding, leadership, recruitment and service delivery. Her background is strongly aligned with the education sector, bringing valuable expertise to student services, pastoral support and people-focused functions at LAAT.



MS SHALINI
Student Finance
11+Yrs Exp (4.5+ in Higher Ed)

Student Finance With 6.5+ years of experience in finance support and operational environments, she brings strong capability in confidentiality, finance record-keeping, data accuracy, queries and compliance.



MR RUPESH
Associate Lecturer
Department of Management Science & Analytics

With around 2 years of project and professional experience alongside a Management Science background from UCL, brings strengths in analytics, consulting, project delivery and technical operations. His analytical and collaborative experience is well suited to supporting teaching, planning and business-focused activities within LAAT.



MR SUJIT
Associate Lecturer
Department of Accounting & Financial Studies

With 14+ years of professional experience and over 6 years of direct accounting teaching experience, Combines education expertise with practical experience in finance, bookkeeping and data analysis. His teaching and learner- support background brings a valuable blend of academic and industry knowledge to LAAT.



MS BINDIA
Student Support
16.5+ Yrs Professional Exp

With 16.5+ years of professional experience, Brings extensive expertise in administration, data management, digital content, quality assurance and stakeholder support. Her strong transferable administrative and systems skills can contribute effectively to LAAT's institutional operations and support services.



Supriya
Student Experience

With experience in business analytics, data analysis and university student engagement, Brings strong Power BI, SQL, Excel and reporting capabilities. Her University of Leeds experience and analytical background can support data-driven decision-making and student-focused insight at LAAT.



MS FAIZA
Student Support
3+ Yrs Professional Exp

With nearly 3 years of professional experience, Brings strong administration, customer service, communication and organisational skills, alongside experience coordinating school-based charitable activities. Her transferable strengths are well suited to a student-focused education environment at LAAT.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

30 OCTOBER
Halloween activity:
Pumpkin Carving and Trick or Treat for Staff members.

6 NOVEMBER
Diwali celebration:
Tower Hill campus; traditional wear, pooja, sweets and lunch provided. Staff from other branches may join.

26 NOVEMBER
Thanksgiving Day:
Coffee and cupcakes; fundraising is being explored.

10 DECEMBER
Christmas Jumper Day:
For staff and students, with a proposed charitable donation.

11 DECEMBER
Christmas party:
Staff celebration and recognition programme.

THANK YOU

HI THERE! THANKYOUSOMUCH FORREADINGOURNEWSLETTER.WE ARE THRILLED TOHAVEYOUAS PART OFOURCOMMUNITY. WE'LL BESENDING YOU HELPFUL ACADEMIC TIPS, STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS, AND EXCLUSIVE CAMPUS UPDATES THAT WE THINK YOU'LL FIND VALUABLE.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY BEING PART OF OUR LAAT FAMILY!