

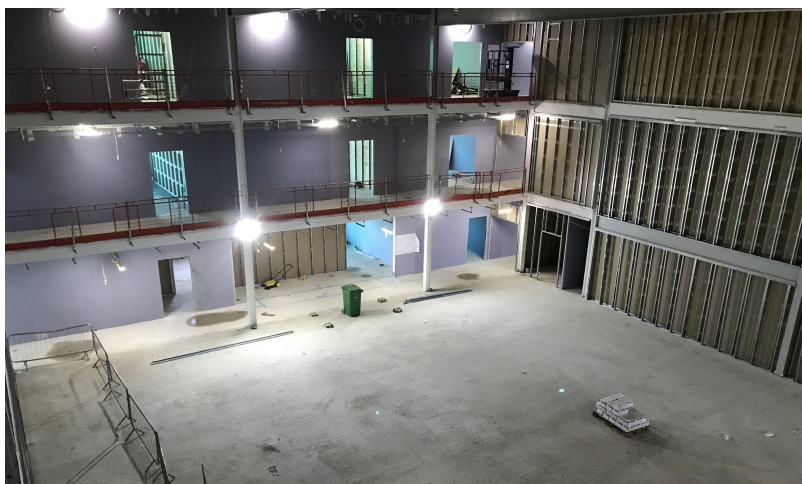


Leigh Academy
RAINHAM

Principal's Newsletter

December 2020

In the final weeks before Christmas the Academy building continues to fly up. The plasterers have moved in, the windows are in and brick skin is making great progress.



Last week I visited the site to finalise the fixed furnishings for the Academy and was impressed by how quickly the building continues to grow and change week by week. All the general and specialist classroom fixed fittings and loose furniture have now been agreed and we are confident that the style of decor will create a clean, modern and mature feel to the building.



Teachers are the third most trusted profession in the UK behind nurses and doctors.



Source: Express.co.uk

This week I launched our recruitment programme for our founding cohort of teaching staff, with the support of our fantastic LAT Talent team. All the available teaching roles are now advertised on the [LAT website](#) and we look forward to receiving a variety of applications from passionate teachers, who will play an integral role in shaping a fantastic learning community for our young people. We will begin the process of interviewing shortlisted candidates for the teaching roles in January and I look forward to being able to share with you our founding teaching staff body in the new year!

2020 has been a very challenging year for our community and I fully appreciate that the pandemic has affected many families in a variety of ways. I hope, however, that over the Christmas break you are all able to find the much valued quality time with loved ones, be it in person or in the new virtual world we have come to embrace.

Many parents may find that they are unable to give their children the Christmas day they had hoped for this year and we should all be mindful of this when we are preparing our children to return to school in January, where they will naturally be keen to share their Christmas experiences. This year, instead, gives us an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas - which is not about opening presents but opening our hearts to others who may be less fortunate than ourselves. As we move into 2021, a year that I hope will bring more joy than 2020, let us all strive to teach our children to be truly grateful for the most important things in our lives, the health and happiness of both ourselves and our families.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Brandy modeling her Christmas jumper on Christmas Jumper Day



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