

LONDON YOUTH ASSEMBLY

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Dear Head Teacher/Staff Member,

I would like to introduce myself to you as Sumaiya Bangura, Chair of the London Youth Assembly. The London Youth Assembly (LYA) is a voluntary federation of existing London boroughs' youth councils, supported by the Greater London Authority (GLA). The LYA is comprised of young people from across London aged 11-18 and up to 25 for those with disabilities. The LYA uses a pan-London approach to confront and tackle issues that resonate with young Londoners. We engage in conversation with and try to influence decisions taken by the Mayor of London and the London Assembly.

This year our priorities are education and mental health and well-being, both with a focus on the impact of COVID-19. Our strategy to address issues posed across education is to release a survey for secondary, sixth form and college students to speak about their experiences within the education system. The survey covers three areas: Quality of Education, Cultural Immersion in Education, and Knowledge, Awareness and Contribution. The results of this survey will be utilised to present ideas and recommendations to the Mayor of London and London Assembly on how they can better support schools and students.

In order to get as much data as possible, that is fully representative of young Londoners, we would be grateful if students from your school could take part in this survey. The data collected will be completely anonymous and used only by the LYA and GLA. This is a chance for your students' voices to be heard on important issues. Based on the results of this survey, we are planning to host a 'Young Londoner's Question Time' event. This event may be of particular interest to students, so it would be great to involve student councils and the wider school community in this event and our wider 'We Move Educated' campaign.

Content from our social media pages is attached to share with your students alongside a video of myself doing a 30-second challenge to explain the London Youth Assembly and the Study on Education.

If any teachers would like to discuss this study or any other topics covered by the LYA, please do not hesitate to get in touch using the contact details below. The survey will be live until Sunday 23rd May. It would be fantastic to hear the thoughts, views and comments of your students to understand the positives and areas of improvement to the current education system across London.

Yours Sincerely,

Sumaiya Bangura
Chair of the London Youth Assembly

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