

From the Second Master: A.J. Tolhurst, BSc, MSc.

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Dear New-boy Parent,

As part of an ongoing monitoring of the School's Bullying Policy, Josh Norman, Head of Second Year, conducted a bullying survey amongst the Second Formers and discussed their feedback in a stimulating session on Staff Day, at the beginning of the Summer term. I attach his paper to this letter because I thought that you might find its contents interesting.

At City of London School, we aim to create an atmosphere in which all boys feel secure and valued. When bullying arises, bullies are confronted with their behaviour in a way that enables them to see the inappropriateness of their actions and the hurtful consequences that ensue. The bullied are supported and, subsequently, monitored. Appropriate sanctions are imposed on those who bully and the Headmaster has stated (in his whole school assemblies) his position regarding those who continue their unacceptable behaviour. It is one of the few issues on which he is prepared to exclude, or even expel boys.

Whilst bullying is not a major problem at CLS, I do feel the need, once again, to share our thinking with you, especially in the light of this revealing survey. Vigilance and good communication between boys, parents and staff ensure that our school ethos remains a friendly one and I therefore encourage you to contact me if you ever have concerns regarding bullying.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A.J. Tolhurst