

Dear LACAS Community,

As 2020 comes to an end, we believe it is vital to reflect on the challenges that our students and staff have overcome during a truly unprecedented year. Teachers and school staff found themselves thrust into positions as front-line workers, and were forced to teach in completely novel and stressful environments. I want to commend our entire team for transforming the physical school space into a virtual one and for their adaptability and creativity with the curriculum and instruction. It is with great pride and gratitude that we can securely claim that our entire team rose to the occasion despite their own family challenges and personal circumstances.

When COVID-19 hit Pakistan in March 2020, LACAS was one of the first schools to implement the switch to online learning. The pandemic and global lockdowns have changed the way we live, learn and work. Yet, despite the distance learning mode, LACAS has done its best to provide a safe space where students can feel connected, interested and excited to learn.

I am happy to share with you through this newsletter the hard work, dedication, and success of our staff and students throughout the previous year, and our plans to continue providing top-tier education through 2021. In going through the contents, you will develop a greater understanding of our efforts and plans for the upcoming academic term. Along with advanced digital upgrades and increased academic engagement our special focus will be on programmes catering to our students' social and emotional needs.

In closing, I want to reiterate my gratitude to the entire LACAS community - our students, our parents our staff and our teachers - for all of their support during these challenging times. We are so fortunate to live in a community that rallies together in times of crisis. It is this community, not a school building, that will keep us safe in 2021 and beyond. Sincerely,



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