Langley Park School for Girls

Enabling everyone to thrive – acting with kindness, determination and respect.



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7 February 2025

Dear Families,

As the month of January has finally come to an end, I cannot help but reflect on the commitments and resolutions many of us will have made at the start of the new year. Some may now have become established new habits, while others may have already have been broken. I would naturally encourage our students to seize every opportunity throughout the year to make positive changes and to embrace the opportunity of a 'fresh start' every day.

Looking back on this week, we hosted the second of our Sixth Form Open Evenings on Tuesday, providing a further opportunity for Year 11 students and their families to learn more about the varied courses on offer within LPGS6. Alongside their teachers, our current Year 12 and 13 students were able to share their knowledge of the course structure and examination requirements as well as their experience of studying A-Levels and vocational courses and Sixth Form lessons. We were pleased to see such a great turnout and the excitement from both students and families. If students need further information, advice or guidance they should talk with their teachers or members of the Sixth Form team in the coming weeks.

On Thursday, we welcomed parents/carers of Year 8 students into school for an informative and productive Parents' Evening. I trust that the feedback and advice from teachers was helpful and that we acknowledged your child's achievements, efforts and identified ways in which they can further their learning and progress. We truly appreciate the engagement and support from all families, which help us to ensure all our young people thrive.

Today's Futures Fair was another successful event, where all students had the chance to meet representatives from various industries, universities, and apprenticeship providers. This event provided a unique opportunity for our students to explore their career aspirations, ask questions and gain insights into the range of options available to them after leaving school. There was a real buzz in the Sports Hall throughout the day and our Year 12 students completed a carousel of talks and additional activities throughout the day. We are grateful to the many local businesses and organisations that supported this event, including former students, parents and friends of LPGS.





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Next week marks the start of our trial exams for Years 11 and 13. We wish all students the best of luck as they prepare for these important assessments. It is a great opportunity for them to get a feel for their upcoming GCSEs, A-Levels and BTEC/CTEC examinations. Please encourage your child to stay focused and make the most of the revision time available. We also encourage students to seek support if they need it at this time.

With half term also just around the corner, we hope students will take the opportunity to rest and recharge before returning to school. We break up on **Friday 14 February** and look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 24 February**.

Important Notice: Return to School After Half Term (Monday 24th February)

When students return from half term, please note that we will exceptionally be having a delayed start to accommodate important and necessary staff preparations and training following the break. The scheduled trial exams will take place as normal and students in Years 11 and 13 with exams taking place will be expected to arrive in school at the normal time. For all other students, **the school day will start at 9:45am** with entry to school from 9.30am. If, for any reason, you cannot make alternative arrangements for your child at this time, please contact the school via e-mail info@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk.

School Fund - thank you for your generosity

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers who have contributed to the School Fund via our JustGiving appeal. Your donations help us to provide essential resources, enrich student experiences and support extracurricular activities. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

The link for donations is available below or via the QR code and we are grateful for all donations.

Langley Park School for Girls School Fund - JustGiving

We will be working closely with our students and staff to decide on our priorities for using these funds to improve experiences for students and our school environment.



'School of Games' Dance Competition

A huge congratulations to the Relive Dance Company for earning 2^{nd} place by 1/2 a point at 'School of Games' Dance Competition against 6 other schools on Friday 31 January at LPBS. Miss Findley and Miss Marcham were extremely proud of the dancers' professionalism and achievement. The Dance Department are looking forward to organising more competitions for more dancers at LPGS to attend in the future.



Last week a number students across Years 9-11 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. We are delighted to have received the results with 96 participants achieving an award (Bronze, Silver or Gold). A special mention must go to Nehara F (Yr 11) who achieved best in school, and Amy R (Year 10) and Holly M (Year 9) who achieved the top score in their respective year groups.

After a successful Maths Challenge, we must also congratulate our top three scorers, Nehara F, Amy R & Dhaani P (Year 10) who have qualified for the Kangaroo; another follow up round of the Maths Challenge. We wish them success in the next round.

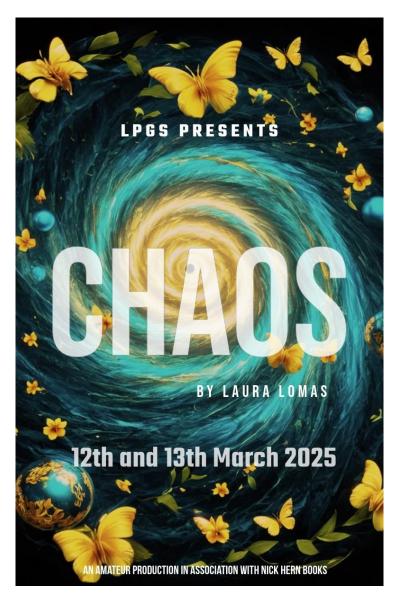
With very best wishes for the weekend.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Chaos Drama Performance



Tickets will be available via TicketSource from 24 February.

Please note, the performance on Wednesday will be at 5.30pm, and Thursday's performance will be at 7pm.

INFORMATION

Teaching Information Event – 14 February

TEACHING INFORMATION EVENT



DATE

14th February 2025



TIME

Drop in between 10am - 12:30pm



Location

Langley Park School for Boys (BR3 3BP)

To register please email administrator@gradteach.uk Looking for a career that makes the difference to the lives of children and young people?
Find out about:



Routes into teaching (Tuition-fee, Salaried and Apprenticeship)



Financial support available



Individual career coaching on the day (please bring your CV if you have one)



Application process guidance

Entry requirements:



Undergraduate degree (2:2 minimum)



GCSE Englsh and Maths at grade C/4 or higher (plus Science for Primary)



A desire to help young people to thrive and achieve

Benefits:



Starting salary for qualfied teachers in Bromley £36,413



Generous Teacher Pension Scheme



Great career opportunities





Parent, Teacher & Friends' Association AGM – Tuesday 25 February



Netball Camp



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 10 – Friday 14 February

Thursday 13 February
Wednesday 12 February
Friday 14 — Thursday 20 Feb
Monday 17 — Friday 21 February
Monday 24 — Friday 28 February

Tuesday 25 February Monday 3 – Friday 7 March

Thursday 6 March

Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 March Monday 17 – Friday 21 March

Thursday 20 March Friday 21 March

Wednesday 26 March - Wednesday 2 April

Thursday 27 March Wednesday 2 April Friday 4 April

Details of sports fixtures can be found on Firefly

Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams

Spanish Exchange Parent Meeting

Y12 Photography Trip

Ski Trip Half Term

Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams

Parent, Teacher & Friends Association AGM

Reading Week (World Book Day)

World Book Day Party Chaos Drama Production Y10 & 12 Assessment Week Year 7 Parents' Evening Mix Tape Dance Show Spanish Exchange

Y11 & 13 Targeted Parents' Evening (by invitation)

Spring Cabaret Concert

End of Term