Langley Park School for Girls

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

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Dear Families,

As we move through the Spring Term, it appears that spring has finally sprung. We have been experiencing much warmer weather, despite the still icy mornings, and it has been lovely to see students enjoying the sunshine in our courtyard and around school at break and lunchtime. I certainly hope that the dry weather continues before the possible onset of April showers (no doubt during the school holidays!).

Our Year 9 students are making important decisions about their futures as they make their guided choices and select their chosen GCSE subjects. On Tuesday evening, school staff were available to meet with students, parents and carers providing information, advice, guidance and responding to queries. Meanwhile, our Sixth Form applications have closed for September 2025 and we look forward to induction events in the Summer Term and to supporting our students in making the transition into LPGS6 and continuing their Sixth Form studies with us.

I have also this week written to families congratulating them on obtaining a place for their child in Year 7 from September following National Offer Day and welcoming them to the Langley Park School for Girls community.

We were invited to bring a small group of students to Hayes School for a student-led Question Time event, where questions had been raised by students across our trust on a range of issues affecting young people in Bromley. On Thursday I joined a panel comprising Liam Conlon (MP for Beckenham and Penge), Thomas Turrell (Member of the London Assembly for Bromley and Bexley), Jared Nehra (Director of Education for London Borough of Bromley), Sarah Lewis (CEO, Impact MAT) and Joe Goodwin from the Metropolitan Police. A lively debate ensued on issues such as knife crime, politics and the relevance of the UK school curriculum with contributions from panel members and students. The insightful questions and thoughtful engagement from all students made me feel incredibly proud and confident in our young people and their role as proponents for, and leaders of, change.

This week, we have also been celebrating reading, with the English Department leading assemblies on the many benefits of books and literature. World Book Day was a fantastic opportunity to share our love of reading and we hope students continue to explore new stories and ideas beyond the classroom.

Looking ahead, on Monday, students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 will take part in an Online Safety Day, equipping them with essential skills to navigate the digital world safely.

I am also thrilled to share the success of our U16 football team who were crowned Kent champions on Saturday in the finals of the Kent Cup.

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U16 KENT CHAMPIONS!

MASSIVE
CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR U16s WHO
WERE VICTORIOUS
ON SATURDAY!

THEY DEFEATED
BARTON COURT GS
3-1 TO BECOME
KENT CHAMPIONS!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with the change from sQuid to My Child At School (MCAS), which appears to have gone very smoothly. We look forward to sharing further information with students, parents and carers next week about our forthcoming Personal Development Day as we finalise arrangements.

Finally, we are eagerly anticipating our Drama Production, Chaos, taking centre stage at Langley. Our talented students have worked incredibly hard and we can't wait to see their performances.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

MCAS Update

As you will be aware, we have successfully transferred from sQuid to MCAS for all payments into school. Please ensure that you have registered for the My Child At School (MCAS) service. If you have not completed this, please log in, input your password then select Reset Password. Once you have access you will be able to top from here. See the user guide here for MCAS app users.

Some important information regarding MCAS/sQuid.

Unfortunately, MCAS does not have an auto top-up facility when the dinner money balance falls below a certain amount. We have, therefore, enabled 'Dinner Money' notifications via the MCAS app when balances fall below £5.00 so that parents/carers are notified to top up. Please ensure you enable your notifications should you wish to use this facility.

A reminder that students must have their ID card to purchase food/drink in school.

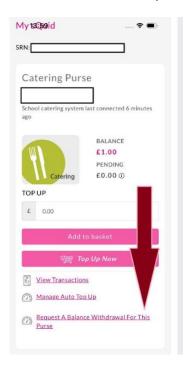
Payments to school for activities, trips and equipment etc, will be made via the MCAS app/website. For trip payments, these will be available to purchase under the 'Trips or Outstanding Payments' icon in the MCAS app. Items such as replacement planners, lanyards and printing credit* can be purchased via the 'Shop'. Please select the item you require and add to basket and checkout.

*Existing printing balances have been transferred on to the printer system and are available for students to use.

MCAS can be accessed via a web browser (www.mychildatschool.com) or the 'MyChildAtSchool' mobile app. The school postcode is **BR3 3BE** and the School ID is **14719**.

Any items (trips, equipment etc) already paid for on sQuid will be allocated against your child and will not need to be refunded and paid via MCAS for the trip or item.

To request a refund of the balance in your 'Catering Purse' on sQuid, please log into your account and request a refund as shown below, it is not possible to transfer these funds to MCAS.



Match Report - Barton Court 1-3 LPGS

The first half was closely contested, with LPGS having the majority of possession and creating a few more chances. However, despite their efforts, Barton Court took the lead with a goal in the 30th minute. At half-time, captain Ruby G offered to sacrifice her own position to mark their most dangerous player, number 10. This tactical change seemed to shift the momentum of the game.

In the second half, LPGS's superior fitness began to show, and the reintroduction of Nisa M added urgency to their play. The pressure eventually paid off when Lissy G broke through one-on-one with the goalkeeper and calmly slotted the ball past her to make it 1-1. Not long after, Eva G made an incredible save, tipping the ball over the bar when it seemed destined to go in.

Goals from Emiko C and another from Lissy G extended LPGS's lead, which they defended with confidence and composure. Every player played a crucial role in what was an outstanding team performance, cementing their place as the best team in Kent!

The game was played in front of a crowd of 160, including staff and parents who made the long journey to Herne Bay, adding to the special atmosphere of the occasion.



Mr R Saunders, Teacher of PE

Year 10 & 12 Assessment Week

The assessment week for students in years 10 and 12 takes place from 24 - 28 March. Details of the exam schedule has been shared with students today via Firefly.

Mrs E Ashman-Clark, Deputy Headteacher

Library World Book Day Party

Students celebrated World Book Day at the Library's lunchtime party. They tried for a prize by solving cryptic literary clues, working out the sneaky Undercover Quiz questions and recommending 'A book that means the world to me' ... quite a few lollies were enjoyed too!

Mrs J Hall, Librarian



Performing Arts Events

Chaos Drama Performances - Wednesday 12 & Thurssday 13 March

Wednesday 12 March at 5.30pm & Thursday 13 March at 7pm

Laura Lomas's play, Chaos, is a symphony of dislocated and interconnected scenes. A series of characters search for meaning in a complicated and unstable world. Bouncing through physics, the cosmos, love and violence, they find order in the disorder of each other.

Written specifically for young people, the play formed part of the 2019 National Theatre Connections Festival.

Please note, due to the grown-up nature of the themes explored in the play and to some swear words, this performance is not suitable for younger children. There will be some use of flashing lights.

Tickets £5 for over 18s and £3 for under 18s.

Tickets are available now via this link.



Ms Stanley, Head of Performing Arts & Drama

LPGS Dance Mix Tape - Friday 21 March



Tickets for Mix Tape are on sale now via the <u>Ticketsource website</u>

Spring Cabaret Concert - Wednesday 2 April



Ms G Sheppard, Head of Music

Miss C Marcham, Head of Dance

INFORMATION

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Our next pre-loved uniform sale will take place on Tuesday 25 March from 3.30-4.30pm in the Canteen area. Please note, parents/carers will not be able to enter the school building until 3.30pm.

BYMT Notices





UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3 – Friday 7 March

Tuesday 4 March

Thursday 6 March

Tuesday 11 March

Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 March

Monday 17 - Friday 21 March

Monday 17 March

Wednesday 19 March

Thursday 20 March

Friday 21 March

Tuesday 25 March

Wednesday 26 March – Wednesday 2 April

Tuesday 25 March

Thursday 27 March

Monday 31 March

Wednesday 2 April

Friday 4 April

Monday 7 - Thursday 10 April

Tuesday 22 April

Thursday 24 April

Details of sports fixtures can be found on Firefly

Reading Week (World Book Day)

Y9 Guided Choices Drop-in

World Book Day Party

Y11 Exam Preparation Webinar for Parents

Chaos Drama Production

Y10 & 12 Assessment Week

Jack Petchey Speakers' Trust Event

Personal Development Day

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Mix Tape Dance Show

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Spanish Exchange

Y12 Trip to UCAS Exhibition

Y11 & 13 Targeted Parents' Evening (by invitation)

Y7 Music Scheme Concert

Spring Cabaret Concert

End of Term

Y11 & 13 Easter Revision Sessions

Return to School

Y11 & 13 Exam Compliance Parent Information Meeting