Langley Park School for Girls

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



Headteacher: Mr S Whittle, MA (Cantab), PGCE, NPOH

8 November 2024

Dear Families,

I do hope that our students, staff and families enjoyed the half-term break and welcome all back to school for the remainder of this Autumn Term.

Following our celebration of Black History Month in October, Mr Davis and Sixth Form students have been presenting to students on 'Movember' in this week's assemblies and I have certainly noticed the appearance of facial hair with a number of our staff members this week, in support of this worthy cause! Some of the many entries from our Black History Month poster competition are displayed in this week's letter.

Our school community will be coming together on Monday for an act of remembrance at 11am to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty and to observe a two-minute silence. We are reminded of the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We also acknowledge that there is ongoing conflict affecting the everyday lives of civilians and service personnel in countries around the world.

I would like to highlight and congratulate a group of Year 9 students (pictured in this letter) who have undertaken to crochet and sell poppies to students and staff at lunchtime every day this week in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Cancer Research. To date, they have raised over £290, which is an amazing achievement. They are an inspiration and example to us all of enterprise and philanthropy.

We look forward to welcoming Year 11 students, parents and carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening to find out more about the courses on offer and the Sixth Form experience here at LPGS6. Our teachers and leaders have this week been recording videos to provide our current students and prospective students with an insight into the various A-Level and vocational courses on offer here. We look forward to launching these and to inviting families into school on Thursday 5 December before applications open for Sixth Form places in September 2025.

Finally, I have today been working with Headteachers, Governors, Trustees and members of our Trust central team as we have looked to define and design the future of our trust and the schools within our trust. We share a common purpose to ensure that the children, young people and staff within our schools flourish, very much in line with our school vision here at LPGS. In common with those working within and leading our trust, I am ambitious for the future development of our school, for the students and families we serve and want to ensure that our young people leave us not only with the best possible academic qualifications, which will open doors, but also the skills, character and attributes which will enable them to navigate their future lives. It is my hope that every student will find and explore their unique talents and interests through the range of experiences available to them.

I look forward to meeting with parents and carers next week at our informal gathering to launch the Friends of Langley Girls (formerly Parent Teacher Association) and to engaging with you about ways in which we can work with families and raise funds for the school. Many hands make light work and I want to reassure all that, in attending to find out more, it is my hope that we can recognise how much or how little people might be able to commit to supporting the school and any future endeavours and build a team of volunteers. Cheese, wine, light snacks and soft drinks will be available.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle Headteacher

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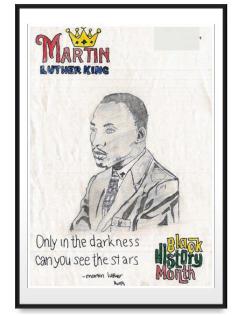


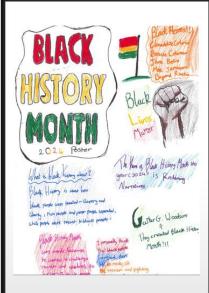


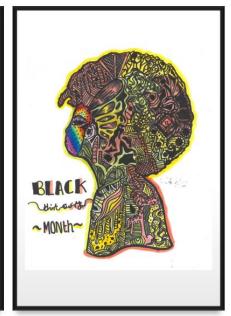




Black History Month Poster CompetitionEntries from Manaal S (Y10), Ayana T (Y7) and May M (Y8)







Poppies

Congratulations to our Year 9 students: Anushka S, Lizzie H, Emma V, Charlotte S, Chloe L, Sophie J and Lottie H.





MESSAGES FROM STAFF

PE Clubs

Attendance at our extra-curricular clubs has been fantastic, and we're hoping this will continue throughout the cold winter months; helping us to prepare for the many netball, football and hockey fixtures we have coming up.

There will however be no after school PE clubs next week (11- 15 November) as staff will be supporting our GCSE and A-level students. Matches will still go ahead, however, so please ask your child to check the fixtures board outside the PE Office.

Thank you for your support!

PE Staff

Sixth Form Open Evening

Year 11 students, our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 5 December from 5-8pm. Please book via this <u>link</u>, we would love to see you all on the evening.



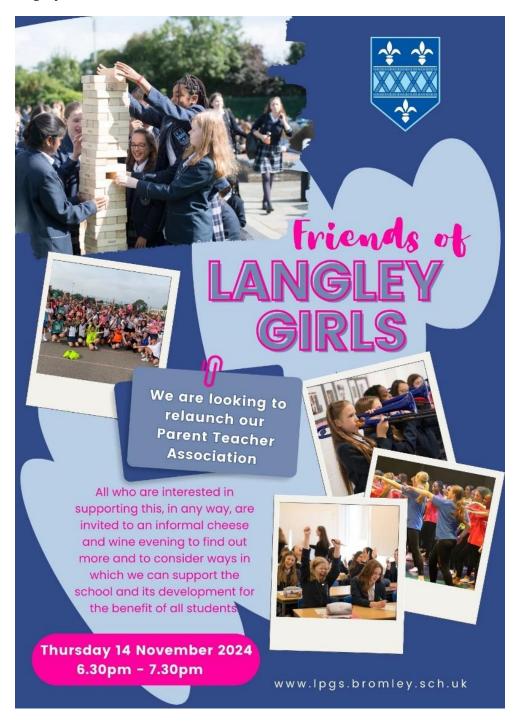
National Youth Jazz Orchestra

The NYJO (National Youth Jazz Orchestra) is adding a new beginners' ensemble, called First Collective, to their Saturday London Under 18s programme. This group is for players in Years 7-11 who are approximately Grades 1-4 on their instrument (including vocalists).

You can find all the information in the e-flyer below. The group will launch with two December taster sessions and the deadline to sign-up at the following link is Monday 2 December: https://www.surveyhero.com/c/xe3gcde4

INFORMATION

Friends of Langley Girls



Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Our next pre-loved uniform sale will take place on Tuesday 12 November from 3.30-4.30pm in the canteen.

We are always grateful for donations of clean, pre-loved uniform, these can be left with Reception during the school day.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 19 **December**. Christmas lunch costs £4.20 per student and can be ordered from Monday 11 November. Students should request Christmas lunch at the tills and the money will be debited from their sQuid account; on the morning of the lunch they will be given a token to attend the Christmas lunch. Students in receipt of Free School Meals should book their lunch at the till and their allowance on Thursday 19 December will be used to pay for the meal. Payments and bookings for the Christmas lunch must made before be Friday 13 December.

The usual break and Dalo lunch services will operate on this day for students not wishing to have a Christmas meal.

Christmas Trees

As in previous years, Other Earth Christmas Trees have offered to support the school by donating £5 per Christmas tree to our school fund. They will be selling trees from Bromley Football Club from the end of November, however pre-orders can be placed now. Further information is available on their website: www.otherearth.co.uk.





Bromley Symphony Orchestra

Miss Parry, one of our Science teachers, will be performing with Bromley Symphony Orchestra on Saturday 16 November at 7:30pm at Langley Park Centre for Performing Arts. The concert includes Rachmaninov's 2nd Symphony and promises to be an enjoyable event.



RAGHWAN

Brahms Academic
Festival Overture
Stephen Goss Guitar
Concerto
Soloist Louis Moisan
Rachmaninov
Symphony No 2

Saturday 16th November 2024 at 7:30 pm

Tickets £22.00, £18.00 & £12.00

Available online at bromleysymphony.org/tickets or at the concert bromleysymphony.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 7 – Thursday 14 November

Tuesday 12 November Tuesday 12 November Wednesday 13 November Wednesday 13 November Thursday 14 November Thursday 14 November Friday 15 November

Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 November Monday 25 – Friday 29 November

Monday 25 November Monday 25 November Thursday 28 November Thursday 5 December

Monday 9 – Wednesday 18 December

Tuesday 10 December Wednesday 11 December Thursday 12 December Friday 20 December Monday 6 January Tuesday 7 January

Thursday 23 January 2025 Thursday 6 February 2025 Thursday 20 March 2025 Thursday 1 May 2025 Thursday 15 May 2025 Spanish Exchange Pre-loved uniform sale

Year 7 Gamma & Sigma Mamma Mia Concert Y12 Visual Arts Trip to UCA Open Day Year 7 Kappa & Lambda Mamma Mia Concert

Ski Trip Parent & Student Meeting

Friends of Langley Girls Cheese & Wine Evening

Year 11 Computing Trip

Auditions for SIX

Year 10 & 12 Assessment Week

Year 7 Parents' Bromley Y Coffee Morning

KS5 Music Recital

Year 11 Parents' Evening Sixth Form Open Evening KS3 Assessment Weeks Year 7 – 11 Flu Vaccinations

Winter Concert

Year 13 Parents' Evening

Last Day of Term

Inset Day

Students return to school Year 9 Parents' Evening Year 8 Parents' Evening Year 7 Parents' Evening Year 12 Parents' Evening Year 10 Parents' Evening

Details of sports fixtures can be found on Firefly