

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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Dear Families,

This week saw over 80 parents and carers of students in Years 10 and 11 come together to meet and hear from school staff and our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) workers from Bromley Y at our Exam Preparation Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the success of this event and for the positive feedback, demonstrating how useful this was for families in supporting their child during the exam periods.

Bromley Y will once again be in school to meet with parents and carers of students in Year 7 at our Transition to Secondary School Coffee Morning on Monday 25 November – details to follow.

The Year 11 and Year 13 trial exams next week are an important opportunity for our students to once again experience exam conditions and gain valuable exam practice in preparation for their public examinations in the summer. I have no doubt that students will approach them diligently but I also remind them of the importance of self-care, good sleep routines, a healthy diet and exercise. These are key to ensuring optimum performance and looking after ourselves. The half-term break will provide students with an opportunity for the 3 R's – rest, revision and recreation. Feedback from teachers following the exams will help students to identify strengths, gaps in their knowledge and ways in which to develop exam technique. All the staff wish students all the very best in these exams and are here to provide support in the coming weeks.

Braving the colder weather this week, our Year 8 Geographers and staff have visited Seaford to undertake coastal fieldwork and explore physical processes. Students have enjoyed practising fieldwork skills and putting classroom theory into practice in support of their learning. We are also immensely proud of the way in which they acted as ambassadors of the school during the visits.

Talking of ambassadors and representing our school, a group of Year 12 students participated in a 'Women of the World' mentoring event today at the London Eye to celebrate International Day of the Girl. Our students' ambition, determination and skills impressed the business representatives with whom they worked.

A 'Champions Breakfast' this week celebrated the achievements and progress of students in KS3 and KS4 who have been participating in an academic mentoring programme in recent weeks – it just goes to show how the way to many of our students' hearts is through their stomachs! Congratulations to all for developing good study habits and showing commitment to their learning.

The Chair of Governors (Sir Robin Boshier) and I have been delighted with the interest shown in our parent governor vacancy and are grateful to all who have come forward to stand for this important position on our Local Governing Body. Information and a link to the online ballot form was sent via e-mail to families today and we urge all to participate in this process by Friday 18 October.

I have been made aware of concerns regarding the ongoing issues of traffic and safety on Hawksbrook Lane at the start and end of the school day. Our students, staff members and families have witnessed and experienced dangerous and inconsiderate driving behaviours, which put members of our school community and those in our neighbouring schools at risk. This week, a cyclist was hit by a car which fortunately on this occasion did not result in any serious injury. All have a right to be able to walk, cycle and travel safely to and from school and I therefore urge families to consider the following:

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- Avoid unnecessary journeys to and from school and along Hawksbrook Lane
- If it is necessary to drop off children, consider doing so outside the Langley Park Campus and encouraging your child to walk the short distance to school
- Drive with caution and consideration to other road users, cyclists and pedestrians
- Please do not obstruct other vehicles from passing safely

We will be reminding students to use the wide pedestrian walkway adjacent to the Langley Park School for Boys sports pitches when walking to and from school, for their own safety.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Black History Month



Black History Month at LPGS



In the Curriculum



We have incorporated more Black history into the curriculum this year. Subject departments have led relevant activities with all non-exam groups that showcase important events and people from Black History.

We celebrated the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives' in our annual **Black History Month assembly** led by Year 13 prefects.

BHM 2024: Reclaiming Narratives

This year's Black History Month theme is "Reclaiming Narratives".

This theme aims to shine a brighter light on stories, allegories, and histories from Black history and culture. This is important because history is often written from a white or Euro-centric perspective.

In this assembly we are going to showcase some untold stories that show the complexity of Black heritage.





Extra-Curricular

Outside of lessons, we have been running an **Art Competition**, student-led **Afro-Caribbean Society** are running games sessions and we have a **Dance event** at lunchtime on the 17th of October.

We have also been learning about Black History through various lenses in **form time**, with our **Feminist Focus** and **Diversity** sessions.



RECLAIMING NARRATIVES

Ms R Chorley, EDI Champion

Year 7 Mamma Mia Concerts

A reminder that tickets for the Mamma Mia concerts on 12 and 13 November will be available for sale via sQuid from 10am on Monday 4 November. Students in Gamma and Sigma forms will perform on Tuesday and those in Kappa and Lambda forms will perform on Wednesday, both performances will start at 6pm.

Year 7 students who would like to audition for solos should come to E005 at 3.30pm on Tuesday 5 November.

Miss G Sheppard, Head of Music

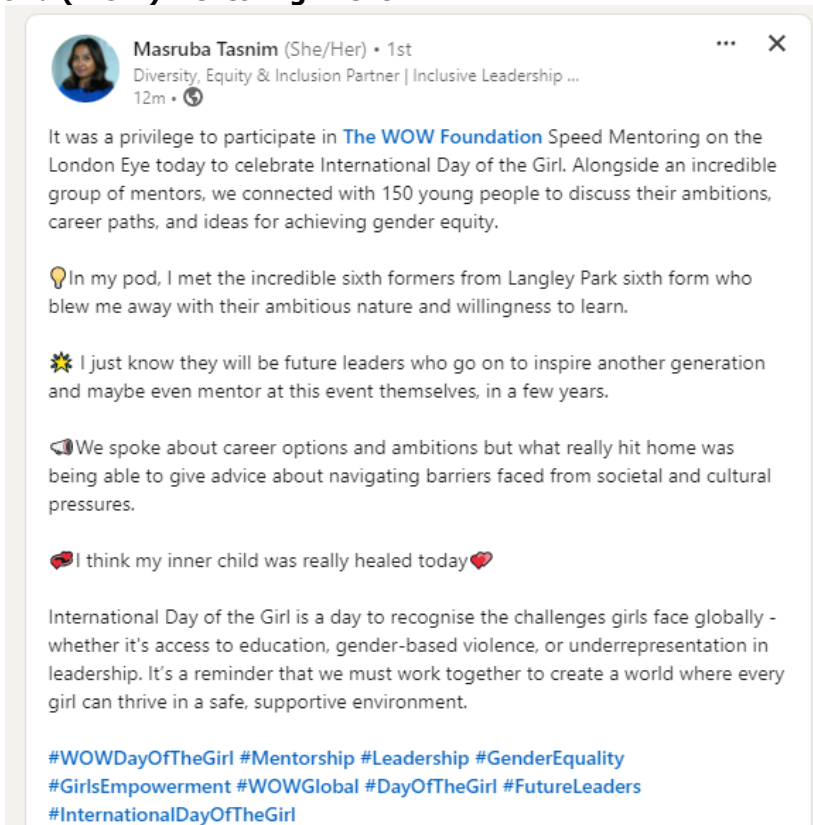
Student Success

This summer, former LPGS student, Grace Richards was invited to represent Great Britain in the U23 world rowing championships in Canada. She rowed in the Women's 4 and her boat won gold in a new world record time, knocking 4 seconds off the previous time. She's also won countless regattas and races with Oxford Brookes University both here and abroad and is now a two times Henley Royal Regatta champion. In July, her boat won the Remenham Challenge Cup and Grace was in the stroke seat.



Miss C Bush, Assistant Headteacher & Teacher of PE

Women of the World (WOW) Mentoring Event



Miss W Day, Careers Advisor

INFORMATION

Flu Vaccines

The School Nursing Team will be in school on Tuesday 10 December to administer the flu vaccine to students in Year 7 to 11. Details were sent home by email last month and the information to sign up is [here](#).

School Photos

For those students who had school photographs taken last month, Van Cols have extended the order time for having photographs returned to school without paying the delivery fee to Friday 18 October. The photos can be accessed via the Van Cols website, www.getphotos.co.uk, using



the codes sent home with students. If you need help locating your child's code, please email info@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

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

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

One of our students, Isobel T in year 7, is starring as Charlie in the WWOS production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory at The Churchill Theatre next month. Tickets are available from the [box office](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 October | Year 7 Residential Trip |
| Monday 14 – Friday 18 October | Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams |
| Monday 14 October | Year 10 New Scientist Live Trip |
| Wednesday 16 October | Spanish Exchange Parent Meeting |
| Friday 18 – Tuesday 22 October | Music Tour |
| Monday 21 October – Friday 1 November | Half Term |
| Monday 4 – Friday 8 November | Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams |
| Thursday 7 – Thursday 14 November | Spanish Exchange |
| Tuesday 12 November | Pre-loved uniform sale |
| Tuesday 12 November | Year 7 Gamma & Sigma Mamma Mia Concert |
| Wednesday 13 November | Year 7 Kappa & Lambda Mamma Mia Concert |
| Thursday 14 November | Ski Trip Parent & Student Meeting |
| Friday 15 November | Year 10 Computing Trip |
| Monday 25 – Friday 29 November | Year 10 & 12 Assessment Week |
| Monday 25 November | Year 7 Parents' Bromley Y Coffee Morning |
| Monday 25 November | KS5 Music Recital |
| Thursday 28 November | Year 11 Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 5 December | Sixth Form Open Evening |
| Monday 9 – Wednesday 18 December | KS3 Assessment Weeks |
| Tuesday 10 December | Year 7 – 11 Flu Vaccinations |
| Wednesday 11 December | Winter Concert |
| Thursday 12 December | Year 13 Parents' Evening |
| Friday 20 December | Last Day of Term |
| Monday 6 January | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 7 January | Students return to school |
| Thursday 23 January 2025 | Year 9 Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 6 February 2025 | Year 8 Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 20 March 2025 | Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 1 May 2025 | Year 12 Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 15 May 2025 | Year 10 Parents' Evening |

Details of sports fixtures can be found on [Firefly](#)