# Langley Park School for Girls

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

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Dear Families,

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to take a moment to welcome several new members of staff who have recently joined our school community:

- Miss Johnson Hylton Sixth Form Academic Mentor
- Mrs Corley Teacher of Spanish
- Miss McDonald Sixth Form Supervisor, Administrator
- Miss Heritage Teacher of German

We are delighted to have them on board and look forward to the contributions they will make to our students' learning and school life. At the same time, we bid a fond farewell to Ms Stavrou, Head of Modern Foreign Languages. Her dedication and commitment to the school have been greatly appreciated and we wish her every success in the future.

Having supported our Year 13 students and worked with families as Head of Year 13 throughout much of this year, Mr Davis will be taking on a new role within school as Head of German from after half term. He will, I know, continue to show an active interest in the year group as they complete their preparations for examinations this summer and join students for their end of year celebrations. Ms Chorley (Assistant Head of Year) has been appointed to work jointly alongside Mrs Morgan (Head of Year 13) and they are both looking forward to working together with the team of tutors, students and families. Our students will benefit greatly from two Heads of Year 13 in the remaining important months of Year 13.

This week, a group of Year 10 students visited Bromley College to explore their options for Post-16 study, gaining valuable insight into the pathways available to them. Our Year 12 photography students embarked on a trip to Tate Britain and the National Portrait Gallery, where they had the opportunity to meet photographer Zoe Law, take photographs of London's iconic architecture and bustling streets, and enjoy a private gallery session at Tate Britain to view exclusive works not currently on display.

Meanwhile, 53 students from Years 8-10 have safely arrived in Austria today following an early morning flight. We wish them a fantastic and safe experience on the slopes during their half-term skiing trip.



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I would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the governors of Langley Park School for Girls and the trustees of Impact Multi Academy Trust. National School Governors' Awareness Day provides a chance to recognise the invaluable work our governing body does behind the scenes to support our school and shape the future of our students. As the largest volunteer workforce in the country, school governors play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth and successful running of schools, and we are incredibly fortunate to benefit from their expertise, dedication, and commitment.

Finally, I would like to wish all students, staff and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half-term.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle Headteacher

# MESSAGES FROM STAFF

## Return to School After Half Term (Monday 24 February)

All year groups return on Monday 24 February.

All students in Y11 and Y13 taking exams, and students in other years who have been requested to come in for other tests/exams, should be in school at **8.30am**.

All other students should be in school for the start of am registration at **9.45am**. Entry to school will be from 9.30am.

We return on Week A.

## My Child At School (MCAS)

Further to our letter yesterday regarding the change in payment system from sQuid to MCAS for catering, trips and other payments, please ensure that you set up a My Child At School (MCAS) account.

MCAS can be accessed via a web browser (<u>www.mychildatschool.com</u>) or the 'MyChildAtSchool' mobile app. The school postcode is **BR3 3BE** and the School ID is **14719**. Please read this <u>letter</u> for further instructions on how to set up your account.

#### Standards, Routines and Expectations

We have today written to families with some <u>important information and reminders</u> about the day-to-day routines at Langley Park School for Girls, in support of students' academic and personal success. Thank you in advance for your shared commitment to the school's expectations of students, our continued desire to reward and recognise efforts and achievements, whilst also recognising that we have a responsibility to hold students to account to our standards and to challenge poor conduct, with kindness and respect.

## **Chaos Drama Performances**

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

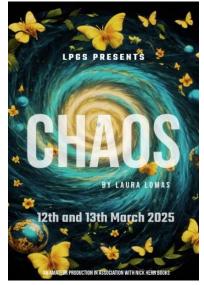
Laura Lomas's play, Chaos, is a symphony of dislocated and interconnected scenes. A series of characters search for meaning in a complicated and unstable world. Bouncing through physics, the cosmos, love and violence, they find order in the disorder of each other.

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

Tickets will be available from Monday 24 February via this link; <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lpgs/e-pvempr</u>



Ms Stanley, Head of Performing Arts & Drama

## LPGS Dance Mix Tape



Tickets for Mix Tape will go on sale on Friday 21 February. The link to purchase tickets is: <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lpgs</u>

# INFORMATION

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

The PTFA plays a vital role in enriching the educational experience of our students.

At the AGM, we will be providing an update on the school, considering upcoming initiatives and electing to the following officer roles: Chair/Co-Chair, Treasurer/Co-Treasurer, Secretary/Co-Secretary. Whether you are interested in taking on a formal role or simply wish to support in any way you can, we would love for you to attend. Your involvement, whether large or small, makes a significant difference to our school community. This is a great way to meet other parents/carers, share ideas, and have a say in the future direction of our school and its fundraising efforts.

Please see the additional information below about the committee roles, for which we are inviting nominations. We believe that many hands make light work and beyond these roles, there will be opportunities for volunteers at future events and attendees at our meetings. We are requesting that those planning to attend the AGM, and those considering standing for key roles, indicate their attendance by completing this <u>online form</u>.



## Bromley's Holiday, Activities and Food programme (HAF)

Bromley's Holiday, Activities and Food programme (HAF) provides free holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals outside of term time, for eligible families with children and young people aged between 5 to 16 years old. The next Holiday, Activities and Food Programme will be taking place during the Easter 2025 school holidays.

The programme allows children and young people to enjoy fun and enriching activities that will enable them to develop new skills, build confidence and meet new friends. Each session will allow your child to take part in some form of physical activity as well as creative and educational tasks. They will also learn about the nutritional aspect of the food they eat, whilst enjoying a free nutritious meal each day.

The programme is free for children and young people who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals or in Bromley as a refugee. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact the team at HolidayActivitiesandFood@Bromley.gov.uk or visit the website.

### Half Term Netball Camps

Telstars netball club are putting on some Half Term netball camps this February!

It is a great opportunity for all aspiring netballers to experience netball outside of school during the February Half Term. The netball camp will help all players improve ball skills & control, fitness, tactical skills & set plays as well as improving overall netball knowledge.

### Camp details for years 7-10:

Thursday 20th Feb, 9am – 3pm Hosted at Bromley High School Packed lunch required

Booking is via this <u>link</u> if your child would like to attend.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1152528486729?aff=oddtdtcreator

#### Camp details for years 4-6:

Tuesday 28th Feb, 9am – 3pm Hosted at Bromley High School Packed lunch required

The years 4-6 will be working on ball skills and control, netball style invasion games, spacial awareness, communication and teamwork. The booking link for this group is <u>here</u>.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 14 – Thursday 20 February Monday 17 – Friday 21 February Monday 24 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 Ski Trip Half Term Start of 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

Details of sports fixtures can be found on Firefly