

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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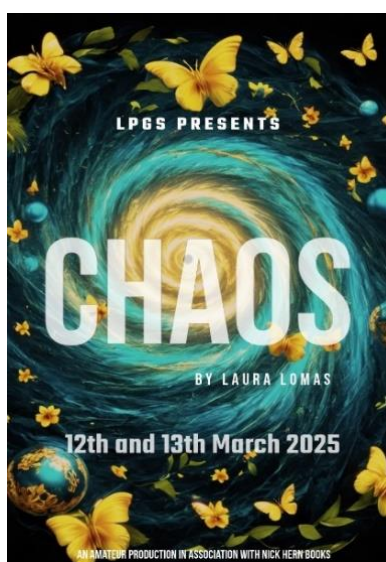
Dear Families,

It has been an inspiring and eventful week filled with enriching experiences for our students across a variety of subjects and activities.

On Monday, students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 took part in an Online Safety Day on the challenges, opportunities and risks of the digital world. Sessions, delivered by an expert from ECP Safeguarding, covered topics such as online reputation, harmful content, grooming, sextortion, and the unseen pressures of social media. These sessions were a crucial reminder of the importance of staying safe and making responsible choices online - we encourage parents/carers to continue these conversations at home.

Meanwhile, our Science Department has been a hive of activity throughout our celebration of British Science Week. Students enjoyed hands-on lunchtime activities, including bath bomb chemistry, a mini-beast safari and a conservation session in our pond and wildlife area. A highlight of the week was our Primary Science Festival, where we welcomed pupils from our trust primary schools to take part in exciting experiments. We also hosted our own Langley TED Talks by Year 12 students in the Lecture Theatre. I would like to thank our teachers and technicians for delivering such a fun-packed programme of activities, for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for science, and for inspiring a future generation of scientists. More information to follow next week.

Further afield, students in Years 10 and 12 had the fantastic opportunity to visit Mansfield College, Oxford, and Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. These trips provided invaluable insight into university life, inspiring our students to aim high and explore their future academic possibilities.



Finally, our talented performers from Years 9-11 took to the stage for a superb drama production of *Chaos* by Laura Lomas. The cast delivered outstanding performances, bringing this thought-provoking play to life with energy and passion. Audiences on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings recognised the determination of students shown over many months of rehearsals and the ambition of staff and students in performing this play on the Langley stage. A huge well done to all involved, including Ms Stanley, the Performing Arts Faculty and all the staff and students who supported behind the scenes to make the production such a success.

Mr Seward and I have had the privilege of leading assemblies this week to Years 7-10 and Year 13. Having joined the school in September, we reflected on what had attracted us to work at Langley Park School for Girls and how important to us it was to capture this and ensure we build on the school's traditions, values and positive culture.

Students will have noticed posters appearing around school promoting and publicising 'The Langley Way' and articulating the way in which students live our school values every day. The Langley Way is the way we do things here, provides clarity and serves as a reminder to students and staff of the behaviours, beliefs and attitudes which underpin what makes our school community so special and ensures the enjoyment, safety and success of all students.

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What our school values mean

Belonging	Feeling accepted, supported, connected, included and valued
Equality	Providing equal access to opportunities, support and success
Kindness	Acting with care, consideration and empathy for others
Ambition	Striving for personal growth, goals and academic success
Respect	Valuing others and differences. Listening, seeking to understand and sustaining positive relationships
Determination	Staying focused, working hard, overcoming challenges and striving to achieve goals

We also acknowledged the many acts of deliberate kindness we see around school, as well as those reported to us by members of the local community. A recent e-mail from a member of the public informed us of the exceptionally polite and respectful behaviour of our students on a local bus and how students had given up their seats to elderly members of our local community. This was a joy to read and be able to share and highlights how our actions are perceived by others and their impact on our collective reputation.

Mr Seward and I also expressed how one of the highlights of our day is gate duty in the morning. We have been impressed to see how increasingly it is students initiating a warm greeting and saying hello as they come into school, before we get a chance to! This is another example of an act of deliberate kindness, which goes such a long way to making everyone have a great day.



We look forward to meeting with students on a 1:1 basis on Wednesday for our Personal Development Day and have shared appointment times with students and families. Students are reminded to attend school in normal school uniform and to arrive 10-15 minutes before their appointment time since they will be completing a pre-meeting reflection. There will be no possibility of rescheduling appointments where students arrive late. Parents/carers are requested to inform the school of sickness absence in the normal way. Students not in school next Wednesday will be required to complete these appointments on an alternative date after school.

Next week, we will be publishing a series of related personal development activities, as part of our home learning offer on this day. Students will also be encouraged to engage with online resources as part of our Teen Tips Wellbeing Hub offer and students in Years 10-13 may additionally complete revision for the Y10 and Y12 Assessment Week or forthcoming summer examinations.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Studybugs

Following the email this week, we are pleased to see that 364 families have signed up to Studybugs, our absence reporting system. A handful of absence alerts have been sent through the app and have supported our attendance team in monitoring daily absence. Please remember to sign up to Studybugs following the instructions on the letter here; <https://www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk/481/letters-home>

Mrs R Hurley, Assistant Headteacher

Big Walk and Wheel 24 March - 4 April

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March until 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.



What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Students will be asked to complete a Firefly task at the end of the week to log their journeys.

There will also be a bake sale to raise money for Eco Club.

For more information about the event and why we are taking part, go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk .
Enjoy the challenge!

Ms C Sunman, Assistant Headteacher

Careers Update

On Wednesday, we welcomed a team of lawyers from Baker McKenzie LLP, at different stages in their careers, to LPGS.

They ran an employability session for our year 12 students, giving them their top 5 tips for success. After the session, they ran a law clinic for all students interested in a career in this field to have a chance to practise their networking skills. We are proud to say the students excelled at this with students asking some excellent questions and making some quality LinkedIn contacts - well done to you all!

On Thursday some of our Year 10 students travelled to spend the day at Mansfield College, Oxford. Whilst some of our Year 12 students spent the day at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. What a great way to learn all about studying at Oxbridge! Thank you to our fabulous hosts for inspiring our students. Watch our reel on [Instagram](#).

Mrs Hayden and Miss Day, Careers Team

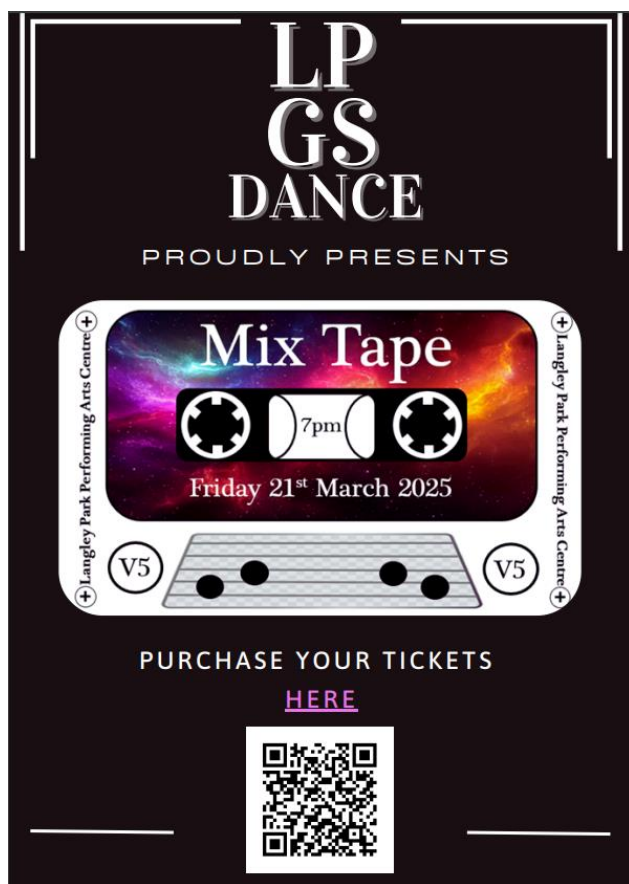
INFORMATION

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.

Performing Arts Events

LPGS Dance Mix Tape – Friday 21 March



Tickets for Mix Tape are on sale now via the [Ticketsource website](#)

Miss C Marcham, Head of Dance

Spring Cabaret Concert – Wednesday 2 April



Ms G Sheppard, Head of Music

The Wellbeing Hub

Information on how to access The Wellbeing Hub was sent to parents/carers on 7 March and can be accessed via the [Letters Home](#) page on our website.

A poster for a webinar from The Wellbeing Hub. The top left has a green circle with a white play button icon and the word 'WEBINAR' in white. Below this is a photo of two men sitting on a couch, one with his head in his hands. The top right has the logo for 'The Wellbeing Hub' with a blue circle containing a white 't' and the text 'from Teen Tips'. The main text says 'Coming up this week' followed by 'Tuesday 18th March 2025'. Below that, it says 'WEBINAR: Be curious not judgmental: 'teens and drugs, what to know, when to worry and what to say' with Prof. Adam Winstock, Director of Staying Safer'. At the bottom, there is a blue button that says 'Sign up now club.teentips.co.uk'.

Langley Park Golf Club




Interested in playing Golf?
Why not come to our Girls' Fun Days at
Langley Park Golf club, Barnfield Wood Road,
Beckenham, BR3 6SZ

Thursday 10th April & Thursday 29th May
10am until 12noon

£5.00 per child

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

EMAIL:
admin@langleyparkgolf.co.uk
PHONE
020 8658 6849 ext 1

Ages 7 - 14 welcome

Learn to swing
Pitch & Putt
Soft Drink & Snack
on our terrace
Fun & golf games
Goody Bag

All equipment
provided




GOLF DAY

Putting, Pimms & More
Friday 30th May
7pm to 9pm

COST - £5.00 per person

If you are aged between 18 and 50 why not join us for a ladies only social evening of fun golf.

Our Golf Pro will take you through a fun skills session for beginners or those returning to the game. All equipment is provided so all you need to do is have fun and afterwards toast your success with a glass of Pimms on our patio.

VENUE
Langley Park Golf Club,
Barnfield Wood Road

Booking essential as limited spaces available

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or
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020 8658 6849 Ext 1



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 17 – Friday 21 March
Monday 17 March
Wednesday 19 March
Thursday 20 March
Friday 21 March
Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 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

Y10 & 12 Assessment Week
Jack Petchey Speakers Trust Event
Personal Development Day
Year 7 Parents' Evening
Mix Tape Dance Show
Y10 Geography Fieldwork
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

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