

# Langley Park School for Girls

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



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15 November 2024

Dear Families,

A real feature around school this week has been the strength of our school community.

It was a special moment coming together as a community of students and staff on Monday in the courtyard for our collective Act of Remembrance. Students demonstrated our value of "respect", as we remembered, reflected and paid tribute to the sacrifice of servicemen and women.

The massed voices of Year 7 resounded in the school hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at our Mamma Mia Concerts, which were incredibly well supported by students and an appreciative audience of families, friends and staff. I have certainly been left wanting more and looking forward to the other musical showcase evenings throughout the school year. These concerts demonstrated great teamwork, the bonds of friendship which have formed within our Year 7 cohort and the mutual support they provide to each other.

The opportunity to meet informally with a group of parents and carers on Thursday was really enjoyable, as we look to explore ways in which, through the re-establishment of our parent-teacher association. We can strengthen the community of parents and carers, better engage with you as a school and raise much needed funds to support the school's work. Please keep an eye out for further information throughout the year as we progress this work and advertise future meetings and opportunities to participate in events and activities.

A joint communication has today been sent to families from Ms Munday at Langley Park School for Boys and me regarding the expected conduct of our students in the local community. This serves as a reminder of the positive impact we can have within our local area and also how the sometimes thoughtless actions of a small minority can undermine others' feeling of safety and the reputations of our schools in our locality.

There has been much to celebrate and congratulate this week too:

I am delighted to report that our group of Year 9 students selling hand-made poppies raised £311.21 which will be split between Royal British Legion and Cancer Research thanks to the support and generosity of our school community.

Congratulations to Penny A, Una O and Bella B, Year 8 students who competed in the London Regional British Schools Gymnastics Competition and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Trampolining, which is a great achievement.

This week, I attended a national conference for system leaders and heard of the sector pressures on teachers and the school workforce nationally, with increased levels of stress, work intensity and impacts on wellbeing. Our school and trust is committed to doing everything possible to positively influence the wellbeing of our staff.

In accordance with our home-school agreement, parents/carers are thanked for supporting the school's policies, procedures and rules, including school sanctions.

We understand that there may be instances where an incident has taken place in school or outside school concerning your child, which causes upset or frustration; parents and carers are requested to raise concerns and respond to concerns in a constructive and mutually supportive way with members of school staff. Our



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staff have the right to work in a safe environment without fear of intimidation, assault or verbal abuse from anyone with whom they come into contact (including e-mail, telephone and face-to-face communication).

Staff members are expected to act in accordance with school policies and procedures. They will listen, investigate and respond to concerns and queries as soon as possible alongside their teaching and other commitments. Thank you for allowing our colleagues to explain or investigate a situation before jumping to a conclusion, especially since we recognise that there are times when children and young people may have misunderstood or misrepresented a situation (unknowingly or otherwise). In cases where a staff member experiences shouting or verbally abusive behaviour, staff members may terminate meetings or telephone calls.

Our Trust's policy on Parental Engagement and responding to challenging parental behaviour sets out how we will respond to unacceptable behaviour.

Finally, I would like to thank those students, staff and families who hosted our visitors from our partner school in Tenerife. I was able to see the developing friendships during the week and know that this provided a wonderful opportunity and experience for all involved.



Yours faithfully,

**S J Whittle**  
**Headteacher**

## INFORMATION

### **Roadworks**

A reminder that the roadworks and multiway traffic lights on South Eden Park Road are due to be in place until the end of term. This is causing significant congestion in Hawksbrook Lane and the surrounding area. When travelling to and from school or attending events, please consider walking, cycling or using public transport. Alternatively, please drop students off before the roadworks as this will help ease congestion.



# SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Here is a reminder of key information regarding school closure in the event of severe weather conditions.

- The decision to open or close the school will be made by the Headteacher
- The decision will be made by 7.00am
- The decision will be communicated on the school website and via e-mail.  
(You are advised to check this before sending your child to school)

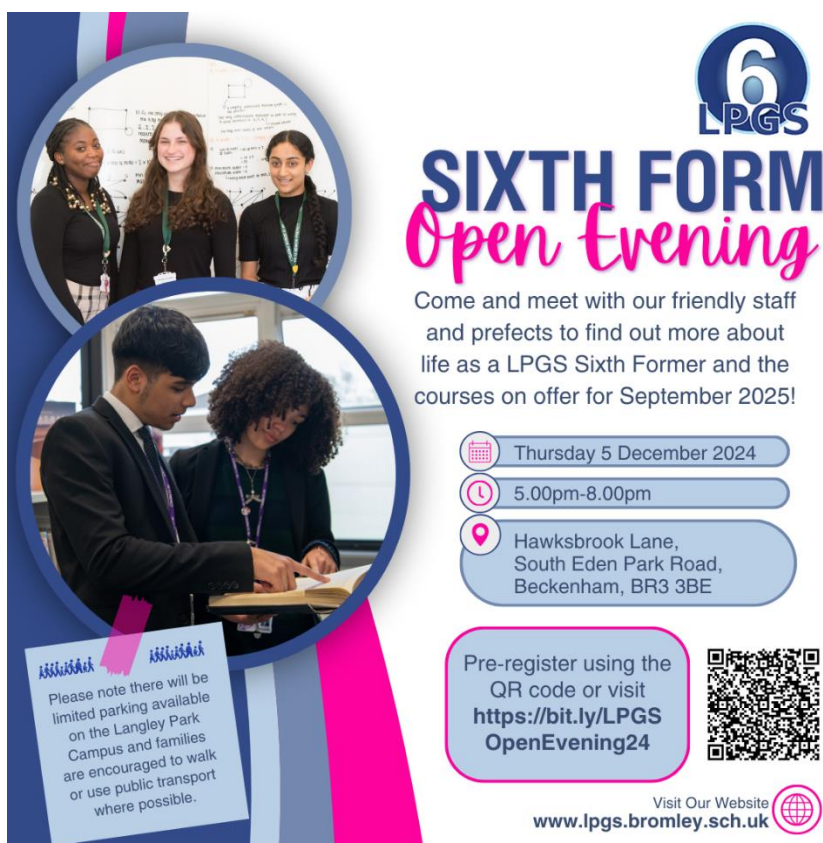
If it has snowed, please do not assume that the school will be closed. The school will only close if it places the health and safety of staff and students at risk.

If weather conditions deteriorate whilst the school is in session, we will contact parents/carers to inform them of the situation via the website and e-mail. Students will be kept informed of the decision and guidance will be given as to the next steps.

We are committed to ensuring that all our students are able to maximise their potential and any decision to close the school will not be taken lightly. We will aim to remain open or partly open during inclement weather to avoid disruption to students' learning but will consider the conditions and safety of students on the school site, public transport as well as levels of staffing. Langley Park School for Girls has good public transport links and we rely on parents/carers to make appropriate decisions about student safety, appropriate clothing and footwear when travelling to school during such weather.

## 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 [link](#), we would love to see you all on the evening.




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## SIXTH FORM *Open Evening*

Come and meet with our friendly staff and prefects to find out more about life as a LPGS Sixth Former and the courses on offer for September 2025!

 Thursday 5 December 2024

 5.00pm-8.00pm

 Hawksbrook Lane,  
South Eden Park Road,  
Beckenham, BR3 3BE

Pre-register using the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/LPGSOpenEvening24>

Visit Our Website  
[www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk](http://www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk)

Please note there will be limited parking available on the Langley Park Campus and families are encouraged to walk or use public transport where possible.

## Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on **Thursday 19 December**. Christmas lunch costs £4.20 per student should be ordered and paid for by Friday 13 December. 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.



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](http://www.otherearth.co.uk).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 November  
Tuesday 19 November  
Monday 25 – Friday 29 November  
Monday 25 November  
Monday 25 November  
Wednesday 27 November  
Thursday 28 & Friday 29 November  
Thursday 28 November  
Thursday 5 December  
Monday 9 – Wednesday 18 December  
Tuesday 10 December  
Wednesday 11 December  
Thursday 12 December  
Thursday 19 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

Auditions for SIX  
Year 10 Textiles trip  
Year 10 & 12 Assessment Week  
Year 7 Parents' Bromley Y Coffee Morning  
KS5 Music Recital  
Year 13 Computer Science trip  
GCSE PE Rock climbing trip  
Year 11 Parents' Evening  
Sixth Form Open Evening  
KS3 Assessment Weeks  
Year 7 – 11 Flu Vaccinations  
Winter Concert  
Year 13 Parents' Evening  
Christmas Lunch  
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](http://Firefly)