

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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24 January 2025

Dear Families,

In this week's letter to families, among many other things, it is a real pleasure to share the success of individual students and our teams in sport while also reflecting on the strength of our school community.

On what was an extraordinarily wet and windy morning, it was a privilege to be on duty meeting and greeting students on entry to the school. We all recognise the importance of a positive start to the day, the impact of a smile, greeting or exchange. It is consistently a highlight for me, as I know it is for my colleagues, welcoming students with a 'good morning' or wishing them a good day. I was especially touched by the warmth of students' responses this morning (although this might also be because I was not on duty at the gate but welcoming our Sixth Form students into reception!) I hope that the students' mood was lifted as much as mine by the positive exchanges we shared, emphasising the importance of 'belonging' and the impact of 'kindness' on ourselves and others.

Earlier this week, Mr Seward and I met with a group of parents/carers to progress our plans to relaunch the Parent, Teacher and Friend Association (PTFA). We look forward to inviting you shortly to our Annual General Meeting in late February and to requesting nominations for roles on the committee.

Ahead of Holocaust Memorial Day on Monday 27 January, our KS3, KS4 and KS5 students participated in a webcast on Wednesday providing the rare opportunity to hear the testimonies of Hedi Argent or Mala Tribich, survivors of the Holocaust.

The theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is 'For a better future' and provides an opportunity to learn both from and about the past, taking actions to make a better future for all. Whilst racism and hatred do not always lead to genocide, all genocides begin with insidious stages including propaganda, 'othering' and dehumanisation. We can and must speak up, speak out and challenge prejudice, believing in and committing to a future where people are not suffering prejudice, persecution or persecution because of their faith, ethnicity or other characteristic.

Building on the partnership working and strong collaboration between schools in our trust, a number of our Year 11 English students came together this week for an event at Langley Park School for Boys. Teachers from each of the schools shared valuable insights during a focussed seminar on GCSE English skills.

Trampolining Success

Four students competed in the Southern Zonal Trampolining competition last weekend representing LPGS – Macy H (Year 10) and Penny A, Bella B and Una O (Year 8).

Their results were:

Macy finished in 11th place in the Year 10 Advanced Category

Una was placed 5th in the Year 8 Intermediate Competition and qualified for the National finals to represent the London region

Our Year 8 team (LPGS A) finished in 3rd place narrowly missing out on qualification for the Nationals. Congratulations to all who competed.

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Football Team

LPGS advance through to the final after beating a physical and well organised St Paul's team. Goals from Lissy and Rayne helped the girls earn a hard-fought win. The girls will now play Barton Court in the final with the date to be confirmed.

Team: Y11 – Ruby G, Beth R, Nisa M, Alice K, Grace P, Claudia D, Y10 – Flo J, Lissy G, Rayne B, Orla O, Eva G, Emiko C, Y9 – Maia C, Ava T, Ophelia P

Player of the Match: Alice K

Personal Safety

I wanted to make families aware of a reported incident earlier this week where two young people were followed by people on mopeds in the area about Eden Park.

Students are reminded of the following safety advice:

1. Taking the most direct route home.
2. Sticking to a recognised route that parents/carers would be expecting them to take.
3. Retaining a charged phone where they have one.
4. Not taking short cuts through parks and fields, alleys etc, particularly during the darker evenings.
5. Should anyone cause them difficulty or there be someone who they are worried about – take themselves to a busy area, contact a parent, carer, or other family member etc. Where required seek help from others – think about who it might be best to approach ie. shop staff, a lady with children etc (this doesn't guarantee safety and students should be aware of this, but likely to be a better choice than approaching a lone male). If near to school, then return and seek assistance from a staff member.
6. Not to openly display expensive items – the latest iPhone, Canada Goose jackets, cash, smart watches etc as these are the items that are most frequently targeted.
7. Not walking alone with headphones/air pods in and remaining alert regarding their surroundings.
8. Don't assume that other young people are safe and do not pose a threat. Most of the robberies we have been aware of in recent times have been committed by other young people.

Finally, please could I request your support in reminding students that they are not permitted to use mobile phones/mobile devices in school and these should not be seen or heard on the school site at any time during the school day, including before the start of school. Mobile phones should be switched off and in pockets, school bags or lockers. Earphones and headphones must also not be worn around school.

With very best wishes for the weekend.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Bromley Y

We were pleased to welcome nearly 50 parents/carers to our Year 8 and 9 Bromley Y Coffee Morning on Monday. Information was shared by key staff and provided helpful steps for families to support their child. Feedback was extremely positive and we look forward to more events in the future. The recording of the presentation will be shared early next week to Year 8 and 9 families.

The Bromley Y webinars for Spring 2025 can be accessed [here](#).

There is a link on their website so some extremely helpful videos on different topics that you might find interesting; <https://bromley-y.org/video.html>



Additionally, Bromley Y offers support calls to families who are in need of some guidance around many different aspects. Information about the support calls are [here](#) and can be accessed through the Bromley Y referral [form](#).

Mrs R Hurley, Assistant Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead

Year 9 Guided Choices

This week Year 9 students have begun to think about their curriculum next year. On Wednesday we launched the process with them explaining how it will all work. Assemblies followed on Thursday and Friday where students learned about the subjects that will be new to them in Year 10. Over the coming weeks subject teachers will talk to their classes about the GCSE courses. A launch presentation for families will go live in the week beginning 10 February and students will select their preferences from 24 February.

Ms C Sunman, Assistant Headteacher

Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams – Weeks commencing 10 and 24 February

The outline of the February trial exams for Years 11 and 13 is shown below to aid students with their revision planning.

Any clashes between exams will be resolved on individual student timetables, which should be emailed to student accounts by the end of next week.

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week 1	Y11	Mon 10 Feb	Tues 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14		Y13	Mon 10 Feb	Tues 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14
	am	English Lang 2h	Maths 1	Hist 1 Geog 1 Geog clash to Friday am	Psych 1 CompSci 1	Music Socio		am	Maths 1 FMaths 1	History 1 AppSci Y13 CompSci1 Spanish list	Physics Drama Dance RS 1, PE 1	Law Geog 1	Psych 1 AppSci 2 (Y12) in Sp Hall
	pm	Biology	iMedia RS 1 Dance PE 1	MFL wr	Maths 2	Chemistry		pm	Bus St1 French list Lang/Lit 1	Chemistry Econ 1 Eng Lit 1	Socio 1 HBio (Y12)	AppSci 1 (Y12) History 2	Bus St 2 Eng Lit 2
HALF-TERM													
week 2	Y11	Mon 24 Feb	Tues 25	Wed 26	Thu 27	Fri 28		Y13	Mon 24 Feb	Tues 25	Wed 26	Thu 27	Fri 28
	am	Eng Lit	Gm L/R (in gym)	Sp L/R (in gym)	Maths 3	Psych 2 Food RS 2		am	Socio 2	MFL wr CompSci2 Eng Lit 3 RS 2	Geog 2 Bus St 3 Lang/Lit 2 (all SpHall)	Psych 2	History 3
	pm	Physics	Geog 2 Hist 2	CompSci 2 Drama PE 2	FM 1 HSC	clashes		pm	Maths 2 FMaths 2	Econ 2 PE 2	Biology Politics	Maths 3	

Mrs S McAleer, Examinations Officer

INFORMATION

Dance Auditions



**BACKING DANCERS
WANTED**

OUR QUEENS NEED YOU TO ILLUMINATE THE STAGE

AUDITION
Monday 27th January
Sports Hall
15:30 - 17:00

SIX
THE MUSICAL

Platform Concert – 29 January 2025



This year's LPGS Platform concert is on:

Wednesday 29th January
6pm
MAIN HALL

If you sing or play an instrument, it is
YOUR CHANCE
to perform whatever you would like!

** BACKING TRACKS OR INSTRUMENTAL
ACCOMPANIMENT ARE ESSENTIAL IF YOU
WANT TO DO A SOLO **

**YOU JUST NEED TO SIGN UP BY PERFORMING ONE
SECTION OF YOUR SONG/ PIECE AT
3.20PM ON TUESDAY 21st January (E005)**

Sixth Form Open Event



SIXTH FORM *Open Event*

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!



Tuesday 4 February 2025



4.00pm-6.00pm



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

DID YOU KNOW...

LPGS Sixth Form was graded
outstanding during the last
Ofsted inspection in 2022

Visit Our Website

www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk



To apply for our Sixth Form just scan
the QR code or visit
<https://lpgs.applicaa.com/sixthform>



My Child At School (MCAS)

A reminder to parents/carers who have not yet set up their MCAS accounts, please follow the instructions in this [letter](#) to set up your account. MCAS can be accessed via a web browser or the MyChildAtSchool mobile app.

We are aware that Langley Park School for Boys have also launched the MCAS app this term and families with children in both schools can switch easily between their children's accounts within the app.

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 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](#).

Relationships Wellness Month

For children to thrive and live healthy, safe and secure lives, they need to experience family relationships that are healthy and stable.

All relationships have tricky moments - it's how they are experienced and resolved that matters.

Please join us to celebrate Relationships Wellness Month February 2025. Parents and carers can join FREE events, further details below.

CELEBRATE FEBRUARY 2025

RELATIONSHIPS WELLNESS MONTH

The relationship between parents, whether together or separated, significantly affects their child's emotional well-being and mental health. Some families may argue more frequently and intensely. If these arguments are left unresolved, they can change relationships from healthy to unhealthy and even to abusive.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

FREE Reducing Parental Conflict e-learning course

10.2.25 10-11am
FREE online webinar
"How to look after YOU" run by SE London Mind

REGISTER NOW!
CLICK HERE!

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Learn about healthy relationships and FREE support available in Bromley to reduce the conflict in all relationships



www.bromley.gov.uk/BromleyParentingHub



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 29 January	Platform Concert
Tuesday 4 February	Sixth Form Open Event
Thursday 6 February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 7 February	Futures Fair
Monday 10 – Friday 14 February	Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams
Thursday 13 February	Spanish Exchange Parent Meeting
Wednesday 12 February	Y12 Photography Trip
Friday 14 – Thursday 20 Feb	Ski Trip
Monday 17 – Friday 21 February	Half Term
Monday 24 – Friday 28 February	Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams
Monday 17 – Friday 21 March	Y10 & 12 Assessment Week
Thursday 20 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 7 – Monday 21 April	Easter Break
Tuesday 22 April	Summer Term begins
Thursday 1 May	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thursday 15 May	Year 10 Parents' Evening

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