Langley Park School for Girls

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



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Dear Families,

One of the things I have quickly learned about our student community is how much they love a bake sale There are seemingly cakes and cookies on sale most days and it is wonderful to see students living our school value of 'kindness' in organising and supporting such events (even if it is not so good for my waistline!).

This week, our Year 11 and 13 students have received the results of their trial examinations and current grades in special assemblies, prior to completing a self-reflection with their tutors. Mrs Ashman-Clark and Ms Osborne reminded students that 'success is a journey not a destination',' of the inspiration they can draw from others, including current and former LPGS students and of the progress they can make between now and the summer examinations. My own personal advice to students is to not sit back and watch the clock, but to instead do what it does – keep going. I know that students' hard work will be worth it and we will be with them every step of the way in the coming months to provide academic and pastoral support.

We are especially grateful to parents and carers of our Year 11 students for joining us at our Parents' Evening this week to meet with subject teachers and receive feedback and advice on next steps. We do not take for granted and appreciate the support you provide in championing your child throughout this journey over the next 5-6 months.

It has been great to hear how positively both students and teachers have found this week's GCSE Dance and Drama examinations, whilst our A-Level musicians have performed in a recital evening and GCSE PE students have completed rock climbing which will, for many, count towards the practical component of their examination.

I look forward to seeing Year 11 students and their families at our LPGS6 Open Evening next Thursday, at which we will be sharing our Sixth Form vision, providing an insight into the courses on offer, the achievements and next steps of our students, as well as our enrichment programme, academic and pastoral support.

Today, Friday 29 November, we had the opportunity as teaching staff to acknowledge the contribution and impact of our associate (support) staff. Our administrative team, learning support assistants, technicians, pastoral managers, safeguarding officers, site team, librarians, catering and cleaning staff make a difference to the day-to-day experience for our students and staff – they are the 'stars in our school'.

Langley Day of the Girl/White Ribbon Day

On Monday, students were invited to wear white ribbons and bake for the Day of the Girl Cake Sale and Bake Off. Together, we raised £271.99 for whiteribbon.org.uk. Well done to Annabel R in Year 7, Naomi T and Abigail D in Year 8 who won the Feminist Bake Off!



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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and I would like to thank Other Earth for donating our Christmas tree which has been decorated this week by Ava D, Mollie G, Abigail H, Lilah B and Mrs Little. Other Earth are selling trees from Bromley Football Club and will make a donation to the school for every tree sold to one of our families.



Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

My Child At School App (MCAS)

We are excited to announce that we are introducing the My Child at School (MCAS) app; a new platform designed to enhance communication between the school and families. This app will provide you with easy access to important information about your child's education, including attendance records, school reports, and the praise they are receiving.

Over the last two weeks we have trialled the MCAS app with Year 7 parents/carers, gathering feedback and ensuring the system is working smoothly before we roll it out to the entire school community. Next week, you will receive instructions on how to access the app.

We believe that the MCAS app will help streamline our communications and keep you better informed about your child's school life. Initially, the app will be used to share information regarding:

- **Behaviour**: Details of both positive (P) and consequence (C) points.
- **Timetable and Attendance**: Up-to-date information on your child's schedule and attendance records.
- **Student Reports**: Easy access to download your child's reports.
- **Scheduled Detentions**: Details about any scheduled detentions.

We hope that by improving our communications, we can further develop the home-school partnership, enabling us to best support your children in their educational journey. In the future, we plan to use the app to share other aspects of school life, ensuring you are always informed and engaged with your child's education.

Parents/carers should expect to receive the set up email next week, please note emails will be sent in batches so parents/carers may receive them at different times. We are aware that some Year 7 parents/carers may have experienced issues with setting up their accounts. Therefore, any Year 7 parent/carer who has not yet set up their account, please note it will be reset and you will also receive a new invitation email.

Please check your 'junk' or 'spam' folders and contact us by email (<u>info@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk</u>) if you have not received the set up email by the end of Friday 6 December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr P Seward, Deputy Headteacher

Bromley Y

Attached is a <u>leaflet</u> from Bromley Y signposting their Support Calls for parents and carers. These are available to all LPGS families and are an excellent way to seek support and advice for a variety of concerns. We would recommend reaching out to Bromley Y or attending one of their December Webinars (link <u>here</u>) to access further support and advice.

Year 7 Coffee Morning

We are pleased to share that our recent Year 7 coffee morning was a great success with over 40 parents and carers attending the event on Monday morning. The session provided valuable insights into how best to support your child's transition to secondary school, including encouraging school attendance and fostering friendships. Feedback from attendees highlighted how helpful the session was in sharing information in a supportive and welcoming environment. We're grateful to everyone who joined us and contributed to the discussions.



An advance notice to our Year 8 and 9 families of their Bromley Y coffee morning on Monday 20 January at 9:00am. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Mrs R Hurley, Assistant Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Summer 2024 Exam Certificates

The school will be open for in-person collection over three afternoons, Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 December, from 1:45 - 4:00pm. Ex-students must bring formal photo ID in order to be able to sign for their certificates; current students will be asked to present their school ID.

If students are unable to collect on these dates, then they can nominate someone else to collect for them, **if notice is given in advance.**

Current LPGS students should use this Firefly form: https://lpgs.fireflycloud.net/exams-information/lpgs-collection-authorisation-

Previous LPGS students should use the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/wzSqVskD0P

Mrs S McAleer, Examinations Officer

INFORMATION

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 5 December from 5-8pm. Please book via this <u>link</u>.



LPGS Winter Concert



Auditions for solos, duets or student led groups will take place on Wednesday 4 December at 3.30pm in E005, any pieces, festive or otherwise are welcome!

Nut Allergies

Students, staff and families are reminded that there are a number of students in school with severe allergies to nuts and products containing nuts. As a result, we are a 'Nut Aware School' and request that nuts and foods (including chocolates) containing nuts are not brought into school.



Laptop Bags for Sale

We have a number of laptop cases for sale, the details are below and payment can be made via sQuid.



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.



Cricket Training



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 2 December Wednesday 4 December Thursday 5 December Monday 9 – Wednesday 18 December Monday 9 December

Tuesday 10 December Wednesday 11 December Thursday 12 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

Y13 Psychology Trip

Winter Concert auditions Sixth Form Open Evening

KS3 Assessment Weeks

Year 7 Music Scheme Concert

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