

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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Dear Families,

As the sun sets on another week, this week has been characterised by students reflecting on their progress, demonstrating their pride in being an LPGS student and showcasing our school to prospective students and families.

Our Year 11 Dance students have been completing their practical non-exam assessments over a number of days this week. These assessments represent the culmination of a great deal of preparation, creativity and rehearsal, and I would like to congratulate the students on their commitment and professionalism throughout. Year 13 Drama students also had the opportunity to visit the National Theatre this week to see a production of *The Story*.

This week also saw the first meeting of the academic year of our Local Governing Body. The meeting provided an important opportunity to reflect in detail on our summer examination results, including subject performance, the attainment and progress of different groups of students, and our performance in relation to local and national averages. We also shared the school's self-evaluation against the Ofsted inspection framework, and governors agreed our School Development Priorities for 2026–27. I look forward to sharing these priorities with parents and carers in a future weekly newsletter and explaining more about the areas on which we will be focusing as a school this year.

A particular highlight of the week was our Personal Development Day. This provided us with the valuable opportunity for a one-to-one conversation with every student in the school, exploring their interests, discussing their wellbeing and achievements, and helping them to set goals for the year ahead. I know that colleagues found these conversations enormously rewarding, and I hope that students equally valued the opportunity to spend dedicated time with their tutor, or another member of staff, and to reflect on their wellbeing through the activities and resources provided during the day. Creating the time and space to listen to our students, understand what matters to them and help them think positively about the year ahead is an important part of the support we provide at LPGS.

I must also express my immense gratitude to (and pride in) all those students who helped and supported us at our Open Evening last night. Whether leading guided tours, speaking to prospective families, delivering speeches, demonstrating their learning or supporting activities within subject areas, our students conveyed an unmistakable sense of pride in their school. We welcomed a record number of visitors throughout the evening, and I know from the many conversations I had with families that they left impressed by what they had seen and, in particular, by what they had heard directly from our students and staff. My thanks go to every student and colleague who contributed to such a successful evening: #TEAMLPGS in action!

I am also delighted to share that we have achieved the Parentkind Parent-Friendly Schools Award Standard. This is an important recognition of our commitment to building positive, constructive partnerships with parents and carers and to ensuring that families feel informed and able to engage meaningfully with the life of the school and their child's education. While we are very pleased to have achieved this standard, we see it not simply as recognition of what we already do, but as a framework through which we can continue to improve. We are using it to reflect carefully on the effectiveness, accessibility and consistency of our communication, to consider how we create further opportunities to strengthen the ways in which we seek and respond to the views of our families. Effective partnership between school and home is enormously important to us, and I look forward to sharing more about this work over the course of the year.

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On Monday 5th October, we will be marking World Teachers' Day. Celebrated internationally each year, the day provides an opportunity to recognise the vital contribution teachers make to the education, development and future opportunities of young people, and to celebrate the professionalism and commitment of those working within the teaching profession. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to express my own thanks, and I am sure those of our students and families, to our teaching staff for the considerable skills and expertise they bring to the classroom each day and, just as importantly, for their dedication to our students and commitment to our school.

Finally, I would like to commend our students for their excellent conduct during this morning's fire drill. Their calm, sensible and responsible response enabled the drill to be completed very effectively and was another example of the high standards we expect, and so regularly see, from our students.

I also wish our Year 11 students every success as they begin their mock examinations next week. Their preparations continued this afternoon with a 'walking talking mock' in English, designed to help students develop their confidence and understanding of how best to approach the examination. I hope they make good use of the weekend to complete some purposeful preparation while also finding time to rest and recharge ahead of the week.

I wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr S Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

School Photos

A reminder that the cut-off date to order the photos with free delivery back to the school is midnight today, Friday 2nd October. All the details to order photos are on the card which your child was given on the day.

INFORMATION



Metropolitan Police: 'Be switched on'

The Metropolitan Police's 'Be Switched On' campaign offers useful advice on protecting mobile phones (and the personal and financial information stored on them) from theft and fraud. The guidance explains how to activate built-in anti-theft features on iPhones and Android devices, strengthen passwords and access settings, protect sensitive information, switch off message previews, record your phone's IMEI number and take action quickly if a device is lost or stolen.

Activate anti-theft protection

Whichever phone you use, it is quick and easy to activate your phone's in-built anti-theft protection.

For iPhone users, Stolen Device Protection provides an additional level of security when someone tries to access sensitive features or settings from an unfamiliar location by requiring Face ID.



- > Settings
- > Face ID & Passcode
- > Stolen Device Protection

Android users should enable Theft Detection Lock which uses sensors to detect motion patterns that suggest theft (like sudden snatching) and can lock your device immediately.



- > Settings
- > Security and Privacy
- > Lost Device Protection
- > Theft Protection
- > Theft Detection Lock

Take further security steps

There are some other simple steps that you can take that make it much harder for criminals to access the contents of your phone if it is stolen. Taking these steps now could save you a lot of time, money and hassle in the long run!

With mobile phones playing such an important part in everyday life for both adults and young people, we would encourage families to take a few minutes to visit the page together and check that appropriate security settings are enabled on their devices. Many of the recommended changes are quick to make but could provide valuable additional protection if a phone is stolen.

[Visit the Metropolitan Police 'Be Switched On' page](#) for further information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 th - 16 th October	Year 11 Trial Exams
7 th October	Y10 Photography Trip
7 th October	Music Tour Parent Meeting and Concert
12 th -16 th October	Year 13 Trial Exams
12 th October	Y10 Textiles Trip
13 th & 14 th October	Year 8 Geography Trips
16 th – 20 th October	Music Tour
19 th – 30 th October	Half Term
2 nd November	Return to school
2 nd -6 th November	Year 13 Trial Exams

Our full school calendar, including sports fixtures and extra-curricular activities, can be viewed [here](#).