

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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Dear Families,

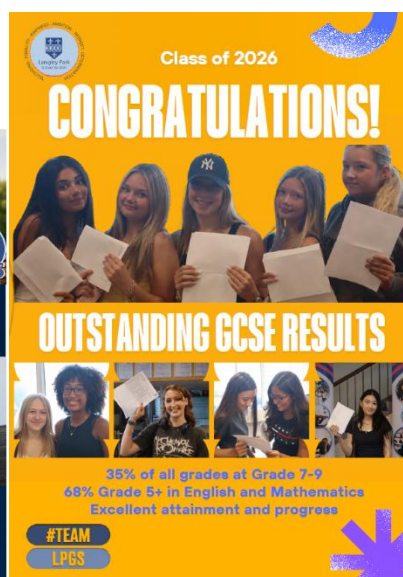
I hope that this first weekly newsletter of the new school year finds you well and that our families have had an enjoyable and restful summer break.

It has, as always, been a pleasure to welcome back students and to welcome new students to the school, whether they are starting secondary school, joining LPGS6 in Year 12 from other local schools or starting in other year groups. We look forward to getting to know those new to the school in the coming days and weeks and to supporting all to have a successful start to the new academic year.

In August, the class of 2026 collected GCSE, A-Level and vocational exam results, which have enabled them to progress to college, Sixth Form, university, apprenticeships and employment. Students, families and staff came together to mark the occasion, sharing in the excitement and pride of the achievements earned through years of hard work and determination.

The outstanding results reflect the dedication of students, expertise of our staff and strong partnership between school and home that supports success.

GCSE and A-Level/Vocational Headlines



At GCSE, 35% of all grades were at the top levels (7–9)

68% of students achieved Grade 5 or above in both English and Maths

Half of our students secured a strong pass in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

- One in five grades achieved at A-Level was at A* to A
- 50% of all grades were awarded at A* to B.
- Our students studying vocational qualifications achieved an average grade of Distinction, with 83% of grades awarded at Merit or above, including Distinction* and Distinction outcomes.
- 80% of students secured places at their 1st choice university
- 25% of students have gained places at Russell Group universities

More information about our exam results this summer can be found on the [school website](https://www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk).

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In my welcome back assemblies, alongside sharing the examination success of our Year 11 and 13 students, I have encouraged students to start the year in the right mindset, introducing them to (or reminding them of) the concept of a growth mindset.

A growth mindset means believing that abilities and intelligence can improve through effort, practice, feedback and learning from mistakes. In school, this means encouraging students to see challenges as opportunities to learn, rather than something to avoid and mistakes as part of the learning process. A growth mindset helps children become more resilient, confident and willing to keep trying when learning feels difficult.

I illustrated this with some lessons from penguins and videos demonstrating them being:

Resilient: *trying again and again and succeeding having failed first*

Reflective: *asking thoughtful questions and opting for the challenging path*

Resourceful: *seeing each other as a resource and selecting appropriate strategies*

In the same way as penguins huddle together in a large colony to survive cold temperatures and strong winds, we can achieve more when we work together rather than working alone or in isolation. I urge students to support, encourage and look out for each other and to avoid any words, actions or behaviours which undermine the happiness, safety and success of others, as we embrace the opportunity a new school year brings.

I also remind students that this year is a fresh slate and that it is for them to write their stories, to learn from past mistakes and setbacks and be optimistic about the new opportunities and experiences which lie ahead.

I look forward to meeting and talking with you at the various events this term, including our forthcoming Welcome and Information Evenings (further details to follow).

Tuesday 15th September: Year 11 and Year 12 Parents'/Carers' Welcome and Information Evenings

Thursday 17th September: Year 7 Parents'/Carers' Welcome and information Evening

Wednesday 23rd September: Year 13 Aiming High Evening

With very best wishes and thanks for your support throughout this new school year,

Mr S Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

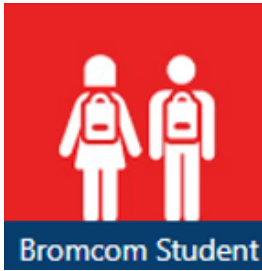
The Learning Hub and Bromcom Student Portal



We have discontinued the use of Firefly and are excited to be launching The Learning Hub and Bromcom Student Portal.

Your child can access a wide range of learning materials and subject-specific information through the school's SharePoint portal, known as the Learning Hub. The Learning Hub will provide access to lesson resources, revision materials, guidance documents, and important announcements for each subject. Students can use this platform regularly to support their learning, catch up on missed work, and extend their understanding beyond the classroom.

The Learning Hub is available through the school's SharePoint system and can be accessed using their school login details. Outside of school a shortcut can be found to it on the main school website www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk under "Useful Links". Students should also check their school e-mail regularly for notices and information from teachers.



The Bromcom Student Portal is a secure online platform that gives students easy access to important information about their school life in one place. Through the portal, they can view their timetable, homework, attendance records, and behaviour points, helping them stay organised and take responsibility for their learning.

Students should check this daily to ensure they do not miss any homework assignments or important updates from teachers. It can be accessed on a computer, tablet, or mobile device in the following ways:

Bromcom Website: <https://vle.bromcomcloud.com/> Students will log in to the Bromcom student portal using their school credentials (username and password) by clicking on the "Login with Microsoft Account" option.

Bromcom Student App: For convenient access on mobile devices, download the Bromcom Student App from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android). Once installed, students can log in using the Microsoft option using their school account.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents will now also be able to see their child's homework on the My Child At School (MCAS) platform.

We have introduced students briefly to the new platforms in form time today, will be supporting Year 7-9 students in IT lessons in the coming weeks and encourage students to refer to the information and guidance in their Learner Handbooks on page 22.

Mr Whittle, Headteacher and Mr Brookes, IT Development Lead

Changes to C1 detentions

We are pleased to communicate what we consider to be a small but important and significantly positive change to our behaviour and detention system.

We recognise that students can, and do, make genuine mistakes. We want our behaviour system to give students the opportunity to learn from these, while continuing to maintain the high standards and expectations that we know support success both in school and in later life.

As a result, we have revised the way C1 behaviours are managed. These include matters such as uniform infringements, forgetting homework or not bringing the correct equipment.

From the start of this academic year, individual C1 incidents will continue to be logged on a student's behaviour record, but they will not automatically result in a detention. Instead, where a student receives four separate C1 logs, a C1 detention will be issued.

We know that the overwhelming majority of our students consistently meet our expectations and arrive at school prepared, ready to learn and keen to do well. Based on our data from last academic year, we expect this revised approach will allow students to make and learn from an occasional genuine mistake without immediately receiving a detention, while ensuring that repeated concerns are addressed appropriately.

Parents and carers will continue to be able to view their child's behaviour record through Bromcom, including any C1 logs and detentions issued.

It is also important to emphasise that our school culture is overwhelmingly positive. The number of rewards we award — including P points, Student of the Lesson, Student of the Day and Student of the Week — far outweighs the number of consequence points issued. This is a reflection of how fortunate we are to work with such kind, respectful and conscientious young people.

Our expectations remain high, and more serious behaviours classified as C2 and C3 will continue to result in a detention.

For full details of our P points and C points, including the behaviours associated with each level, please see page 48 of the Parent/Carer Handbook.

Mr Whittle, Headteacher and Mr Seward, Deputy Headteacher

Extra-curricular Activities

PE

Our PE extra-curricular sports activities start next week. These are open to all students as per schedule below.

DAY	TIME	YEAR GROUP	ACTIVITY	STAFF	CHANGING ROOM	VENUE
Monday	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 7-8	Hockey	GT/CB	Gym	Astro
	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 9-11	Football	RSA	Sports Hall	Club Langley
Tuesday	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 9-11	Hockey	GT	Sports Hall	Astro
	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 10/11	Netball	TM/AW	Gym	Courts
Wednesday	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 8/9	Netball	RAZ/RHU	Gym	Courts
	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 7/8	Football	CHR/RSA	Sports Hall	Astro/Field
Thursday	3.30 - 4.15	Junior	Badminton	Mark Creffield	Sports Hall	Sports Hall
	4.15 - 5.00	Senior				
	TBC	Invite Only	Golf	Dean Jeeves	Gym	TBC
	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 7-11	Rugby	Matt Ratana	Gym	Field
Friday	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 7	Netball	Various	Sports Hall	Courts
	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 7-11	Basketball	JC	Gym	Sports Hall

Mr R Saunders, Head of KS3 PE

Dance Clubs

The details for our Dance clubs are below:



Ms C Marcham, Head of Dance

Music

Our Music extra-curricular activities will start on 14th September and further details are in the timetable below.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8am – 8.40am	CHAMBER CHOIR For Yr. 9-13 singers (any ability) Mr Sizer E008	YOUNG VOICES For Yr. 7-8 singers (any ability) Mr Sizer E008	STRING ORCHESTRA For Gr.1+ string players Mr Sizer E008	Music Extra-Curricular Schedule Autumn Term 26-27	
LUNCH 1.35pm – 2.05pm	IVORY LOUNGE For playing the piano in groups (any grade/ experience) Miss Sheppard E008 GRADE 5 THEORY For improving knowledge of how music works (with optional qualification entry) Mrs Brown E007	SAXTET For anyone who already learns the saxophone (any grade) Miss Sheppard E005 BELLES & BOOMS For anyone who wants to play hand bells or boom-whackers (no prior experience necessary) Mr Sizer E008	STEEL BAND For anyone who wants to play steel pans in a group (no prior experience necessary) Miss Sheppard E008 A CAPELLA For Yr.10-13 singers (experience singing in parts preferable) Student Led E007	CONCERT BAND For Yr.8-13 wind, brass and percussion players (any grade) Miss Sheppard E008	FLUTE GROUP For anyone who already plays the flute (any grade) Student Led E005
AFTER SCHOOL 3.30pm – 4.30pm	TOUR BAND/ CHOIR For students attending the Malta tour (Places are currently full) Miss Sheppard, Mr Sizer & Mrs Brown E008 JAMMING Open to all wanting to be in their own band (guitars, bass, drums, keyboards, voice – any ability) Student led E008	JAZZ BAND For Gr.4+ players Miss Sheppard, Mr Sizer & Mrs Brown E008	COMPOSITION CLINIC For GCSE & A level Music students coursework support Miss Sheppard, Mr Sizer E005 YEAR 7 BAND (3.30 – 4.00pm) For ALL instrument players in Yr.7 Mrs Brown E008 SENIOR STRINGS Gr.4+ string players Student led E007	MAT ORCHESTRA *Starts after October half term* Gr.5+ orchestral instruments (invitation only)	

STARTING ON 14th SEPT – which will you choose?

Miss G Sheppard, Head of Music

INFORMATION

Free School Meals

Eligibility has now changed and more families will qualify for free school meals. If you receive Universal Credit, your child may become eligible for free school meals even if you were not eligible before.

If your child previously received free school meals and you did not reapply before the summer break, please do so as soon as possible via the link below.

There are two categories of eligibility:

- Targeted Free School Meals for households receiving Universal Credit with earnings of £7,400 or less.
- Expanded Free School Meals for households receiving Universal Credit but with a household income above this threshold.

It is important to apply and complete any checks when asked to make sure your child continues to receive support.

If you think you might be eligible, apply now via the link below.

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals>

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 th September	Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Welcome and Information Evening
15 th September	Year 12 Parents'/Carers' Welcome and Information Evening
16 th September	School Photos (Y7, 10 & 12)
16 th September	KS4 & 5 Dance Trip
17 th September	Year 7 Parents'/Carers' Welcome and Information Evening
1 st October	Personal Development Day
1 st October	Open Evening
5 th - 16 th October	Year 11 Trial Exams
7 th October	Music Tour Parent Meeting and Concert
12 th -16 th October	Year 13 Trial Exams
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 -6 th November	Year 13 Trial Exams

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