# Langley Park School for Girls

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

Headteacher: Mr S Whittle, MA (Cantab), PGCE, NPQH



5 September 2025

Dear Families,

I sincerely hope that our students and families enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer break and welcome all back to the routines of another school year, which I hope is both enjoyable and successful for our children and young people.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the families of those students new to the school in Years 7 and 12 and those joining the special LPGS community of students, staff, parents and carers.

Returning after the summer break, having celebrated the achievements of our Year 11 and 13 students on our results days, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the year ahead. Our new students have already created a very positive first impression, quickly demonstrating our school values of respect, kindness and determination. Their deliberate acts of kindness have involved showing a real interest in how my day has been and wishing me and other staff a good day and/or enjoyable evening! All returning to school have equally exhibited respectful and courteous behaviour and warm, friendly interactions with school staff and each other, which make studying and working here such a pleasure.

Most noticeably, now in my second year at the school, I have been far more useful to our new students this year when asking me for directions around school and how to locate various classrooms!

In my assemblies this week, I have shared with students the power of habits. In the words of Aristotle, 'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

I am in no doubt that the students who enjoyed considerable success this summer in their GCSE, A-Level and vocational examinations had one thing in common – good habits.

A new school year always provides the opportunity for a fresh start and I urge students to reflect on the good habits that they have already developed and demonstrated last year, as well as some of the bad habits that they might want to leave behind and how we can do this by understanding the habit loop – triggers (or cues), actions or habits and rewards. Parents/carers may want to ask their child what bad habits I shared with them and which I am desperately trying to abandon!

So much of our daily lives and school day are built around habits and routines, which most importantly:

- create predictability
- reduce the need for willpower and the number of decisions we need to make
- free up working memory
- preserve mental bandwidth for complex thinking

As always, we have a responsibility (and are committed) to supporting students' academic and personal success. Our high expectations of students' learning and conduct are real strengths of the school and contribute significantly to the success of our students. They are also, I believe, one of the reasons why young people and parents choose Langley Park School for Girls.

I would like to remind students and families of our uniform policy and expectations on jewellery, make up, hair colour, false eyelashes and nail varnish etc. Thank you in advance for your continued support as we seek collectively to avoid any unnecessary challenge or perceived conflict from students (as well as entirely avoidable consequences and detentions!)

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The school has been no less busy during the summer despite the absence of staff and students. Our site and IT teams have installed a new dedicated Sixth Form Study Hub with IT facilities and contemporary furniture to prepare our students for higher education and employment. Additionally, alongside site maintenance projects, we have acquired additional outdoor furniture for student use at break and lunch, designated a new outdoor space (our Hall Garden) for Year 7 students and refurbished our reception area.

# **Curriculum Developments**

This year, our current Year 9 students will be starting a 2 year GCSE course in Religious Studies, preparing to sit the examination at the end of Year 10 and we have also developed a new KS3 Design Technology curriculum, which is being phased in and introduced this year to our Year 7 students.

# **Reporting Absence**

Please can I remind parents/carers that absence from school should be reported using Studybugs, a secure online system. We request that parents/carers download our free Studybugs app or register on the <u>Studybugs website</u> using the parent/carer email address currently held by the school which matches to your child's record. Please notify us every day of an absence.

We also ask that wherever possible, medical and dental appointments are made out of school hours. Advance notification of this absence can be made via the Studybugs website.

# **Welcome & Information Evenings**

We look forward to welcoming the parents/carers of students in Years 11 and 12 to our information evenings next week. Please see below details of our forthcoming events for parents/carers.

Year 11 Welcome & Information Evening – Tuesday 9 September 6pm

Year 12 Welcome & Information Evening – Tuesday 9 September 6.30pm

Year 7 Welcome & Information Evening – Thursday 18 September (details to follow)

Our Year 10 and Year 13 Welcome & Information Evenings will be recorded and made available online on Friday 19 September (details to follow).

The dates for our Parents' Evenings, which provide an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers are published on the school website.

I look forward to seeing our young people enjoying and achieving extraordinary things this year and thank you, as always, for your support of your child, the school and our staff.



Kind regards,

Mr S Whittle Headteacher

## **MESSAGES FROM STAFF**

# **A Summer of Success**

## Year 13 Results Day

We are delighted to share the exceptional achievements of our Year 13 students, the Class of 2025, who have once again shown remarkable resilience, ambition, and academic excellence in their final examinations.

This year, more than half of all A-Level grades awarded were A\*-B, with an impressive 80% at grade C or above—an outstanding reflection of the dedication and hard work of both students and staff. In our diverse vocational programmes, students performed brilliantly, achieving an average grade of Distinction, with 64% of all grades at Distinction or Distinction\*.

Congratulations to the following students who earned A\*/A grades (or Distinction\*/Distinction) in three or more of their A-Level or vocational subjects:

# Elizabeth W, Mirabel O, Selihom Y, Janice A, Iman A, Priscilla N, Mia R, Yasmin M, Betul C

A special commendation goes to those who achieved A\* (or equivalent) in two or more subjects:

**Stella S M:** English Literature, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics – studying Mathematics and Physics at University of Warwick

**Chloe A**: English Language & Literature, History, Politics – studying English and History at University of Leeds **Kathryn B**: Biology, Chemistry, Psychology – taking a gap year

Kaushigan N: – Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics – confirming next steps

Jaynai W-W: - Business, Law, Psychology - Law at University of Birmingham

**Desire B:** Business, Digital Film & Video Production, Sociology – confirming next steps

**Nevaeh J:** – Business, Law – confirming next steps

Chanya K: - Health & Social Care, Law - studying nursing at Kings College, London





#### Year 11 Results Day

A week later, there was an equally joyful atmosphere as our Year 11 students received their GCSE results. Pride, relief, and excitement filled the air as students, families, and staff celebrated examination success.

This year's results highlight the determination and effort of our students:

- One in three grades were at the top levels (7–9)
- 68% of students achieved Grade 5 or above in both English and Maths
- 50% of students secured a strong pass in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

We are especially proud of the 22 students who achieved 9 or more grades at 7–9:

Amber J, Nehara F, Leila P, Heather G, Amber-Lyna T, Jess M, Mai P, Anastasia P M, Scarlett M, Noah M, Iris L, Hannah G, Vanessa T, Madison B, Nylah T, Kitty B, Lucy P, Isis S, Sophie B, Capucine T, Delilah W, Holly E

Mr S Whittle, Headteacher

#### **Autumn Term 1 Assessments**

As we settle into the new academic year, our focus now turns to the upcoming assessments for this half term. These play an important role in helping us understand each student's progress and provide targeted support where needed.

- Year 12 students will complete Baseline Tests, designed to establish their starting points in each of their chosen subjects.
- Year 11 and Year 13 students will sit their Autumn Term Trial Examinations. These assessments are an opportunity to practise revision and exam techniques, monitor progress through the curriculum, and identify areas for further intervention and support.

To help with preparation, Revision Checklists will be shared with Year 11 and Year 13 students shortly. These resources are intended to guide their study and ensure they feel confident and well-prepared.

You'll find these assessment dates in the 'Calendar' section at the end of this letter.

## Mrs E Ashman-Clark, Deputy Headteacher

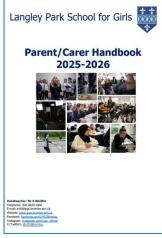
# **Change to the Late Detention Process**

Following a review of our detention processes and the way in which they are designed to support punctuality to school, we have implemented a small change this September. Student feedback has highlighted that the most common reason for not attending a late detention, and therefore receiving an escalated sanction, was having forgotten. With this in mind and so that students can serve a timely sanction and then move forward, we have moved late detentions from lunchtime to a same-day 15 minute detention after school. The benefit being that tutors are able to remind and escort students to detentions at the end of the day. Where students arrive late to school, they will be automatically allocated to the same day C1 detention (3.15-3.30pm) and an email will be sent home to make parents and carers aware.

Mr P Seward, Deputy Headteacher

## Student Learner Handbook and Parent/Carer Handbook





Students in Years 7-11 have this year been issued with a Student Learner Handbook, which has been designed and printed by the school and includes important information about the school and subject pages for reference. There is a limited number of notes pages in our Student Learner Handbook for use by students and parents/carers to communicate brief messages for the immediate attention of the form tutor and/or classroom teachers on any given day. Alternatively, a handwritten note or email can be used.

We encourage you to explore it with your child.

Our Parent/Carer Handbook is published <u>online</u> and is a point of reference for you.

# Extra-curricular Activities - Music & PE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
BEFORE SCHOOL 8am – 8.45am	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 AUTUMN 25-26	STARTING MON 15 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT
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 ascophone (any grade) Mass 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 Yt.8-13 wind, brass and percussion players (any grade) Miss. Sheppard E008	FLUTE GROUP For amyone who already plays the flute (any grade) Student Led E005	WHICH WILL YOU JOIN?
AFTER SCHOOL 3.30pm – 4.30pm	TOUR BAND/ CHOIR For students attending the Belgium & Netherlands tour (Places are currently full) Miss Sheppard, Mr. Sizer & Mrs. Brown E008	JAZZ BAND For Gr.4+ players Miss Sheppard, Mr Sizer & Mrs Grown E008  SCHOOL MUSICAL REHEARSALS For cast (auditions coming soon) Miss Sheppard & Mr Sizer 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 Mr Srowm E008  SENIOR STRING OCTET Gr.4+ string players Student led E007	JAMMING Open to all wanting to be in their own band (guitars, bass, drums, keyboards, voice – any ability) Student led E008 MAT ORCHESTRA *Starts after October half term* Gr.5+ orchestral instruments (invitation only)	* *	meeting new people, CV's & UCAS!

DAY	TIME	YEAR GROUP	ACTIVITY	STAFF	CHANGING ROOM	VENUE		
Monday	3.30 - 4.30	KS3 (Yr 7-9)	Hockey	GT/CB	Sports Hall	Astro		
Monday	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 9-11	Football	RSA	Gym	Astro		
	3.30 - 4.30	KS4 (Yr 10-11)	Hockey	GT	Sports Hall	Astro		
Tuesday	1.50 - 2.50	Post 16	Football	BD	Sports Hall	Field		
	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 8	Netball	RAZ	Gym	Courts		
Wednesday	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 9-11	Netball	AW/TM	Gym	Courts		
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Thursday	3.30 - 4.15	Junior	Badminton	Mark Creffield	Sports Hall	Sports Hall		
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Friday	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 7	Netball	Various	Sports Hall	Courts		

## **INFORMATION**

**BYMT Try a Musical Instrument Day** 



# **CALENDAR**

9 September Y11 and Y12 Welcome & Information Evenings

17 September School Photo Day (Years 7, 10 & 12)

17 September Y7 Oracy Workshop

18 September Y7 Welcome & Information Evening

19 September Y10 Speak Out Challenge

19 September Y10 & 13 Welcome & Information Evenings (Pre-Recorded)

22 September – 3 October Y12 Baseline Testing 24 September A-Level Drama Trip

29 September Y10 & 11 Parent/Carer Bromley Y Coffee Morning

2 October Personal Development Day 2 October Open Evening for 2027 Entry

w/c 6 October Y11 Trial Exams

6 October Y7 Parent/Carer Bromley Y Coffee Morning

8 October Music Tour Meeting and Concert

w/c 13 October Y11 & 13 Trial Exams

17 – 21 OctoberMusic Tour20 – 31 OctoberHalf Termw/c 3 NovemberY13 Trial Exams