Langley Park School for Girls

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

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5th December 2025

Dear Families,

We were delighted to welcome prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening yesterday. The event showcased the breadth of courses and opportunities available in LPGS6, and it was wonderful to see so many of our Year 11 students engaging in conversations about their future pathways and aspirations. A huge thanks to the students, prefects and staff who gave up their time to support this event. We look forward to seeing many of our students progressing onto Sixth Form courses with us next year and to welcoming applications from students currently at other schools.

I had the pleasure this week of meeting with and mentoring some Year 11 students, encouraging them to reflect on their trial exam results, set their own 'wildly important goals' (or WIGs!) and commit to actions in the coming week. Alongside Ms Osborne (Head of Sixth Form), I also joined the Year 13 Mock Results Assembly where we celebrated the progress students have made and are making. We sought to inspire and encourage students, while reminding them of the importance of resilience, commitment and consistent effort as they approach the final exams next summer. I would urge our students in Years 11 and 13 to use their mock exams as a diagnostic tool to help focus their actions and effort. Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out which emphasises the huge rewards to be gained from adopting and maintaining good study habits, starting revision early and adopting an approach of 'little and often'.

One of my biggest ever regrets has been not learning a musical instrument. It was therefore a real pleasure to see our first group of Year 7 students performing on Monday evening after a term of small-group tuition on the Dood, violin and trombone. Their progress and confidence were evident, and we're especially proud of their musical achievements.

This week has seen LPGS students participating in a range of trips including:

- A-Level Dance students were inspired by a performance of Matthew Bourne's 'The Red Shoes', gaining
 insight into professional choreography and performance.
- Art, Media, and Photography students visited Ravensbourne University for workshops and an introduction to arts-based degree courses.
- Our Spanish exchange students and their hosts enjoyed a magical matinee of 'Wicked' in the West End.
- Students heading to Canada in April honed their skills with lessons on the dry ski slope—building confidence for the slopes ahead.
- Year 11 Textiles students explored the 'Dirty Looks' exhibition at the Barbican, enriching their design work and observational drawing skills.

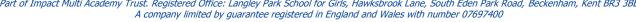
This week, we also saw a group of 15 students from Years 10–13 visit Langley Park School for Boys to take part in the First Tech Challenge Practice Event, where they developed teamwork and STEM skills through designing and building a robot. Our team is especially ambitious and hopes to progress through the competition against other local schools in the coming months.

Having uncharacteristically already wrapped presents and put up my Christmas tree, I know that our students, families and staff will be looking forward to the festive break and no doubt counting down the days until the end of term. I encourage all to remain focussed and to continue to be kind, supportive and respectful of each other in the coming days and weeks in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

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End of Term Arrangements

On Friday 19th December, periods 1, 2 and 3 will be normal lessons for students in all years, whilst our Year 7 and 8 achievement assemblies will be taking place during this time.

Students in Years 10-13 will be dismissed from school at 11.50am and Years 7-9 at 12.45pm

Start of Term Arrangements - Return to School

Monday 5th January is an INSET Day for school staff and the school will be closed to students. Students will return on Tuesday 6th January at 8.30am (Week A).

With best wishes,

Mr S Whittle Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 11th December, Langley Park School for Girls will be taking part in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day'. We know times are tough, so we are suggesting a £1 donation – but please donate what you can. Any amount helps, as Save the Children uses all money raised on Christmas Jumper Day to help children in the UK and all around the world stay safe, healthy and learning - and change their future for good. Donations will be collected during tutor time on this day.



Students are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper, alongside their normal uniform, students can also wear Christmas accessories in their hair. **Please note all other aspects of the normal school uniform expectations apply.** There is no need to buy a new jumper. Students are encouraged to upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit. If students want to get creative and decorate a jumper, the Christmas Jumper Day website contains lots of fun craft ideas.

Ms Rolston Ashford, Sustainability & Social Action Lead

MFL Celebrations

This week the MFL department invited a group of Year 11 students in French, German and Spanish to a special lunch to celebrate their excellent progress and effort in the recent mock exams. Year 12 students have also visited Year 11 lessons to talk about their experience of Languages at A-Level, and in class we have talked about the benefits of studying a language beyond GCSE for a wide range of future career paths.

Ms F Artini, Head of MFL





Winter Concert



Ms Sheppard, Head of Music

Sports Fixtures



INFORMATION

The Wellbeing Hub - November Round-up: Resources for Staff and Parents



- Podcast: <u>Protecting your child's mental health</u> with Alicia Drummond, Therapist and Founder of The Wellbeing Hub
- Podcast: <u>Understanding depression and how to support your child</u> with Prof. Bernadka Dubicka, Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Hull York Medical School
- Webinar: <u>Understanding eating disorders</u> with Isa Robinson, Registered Nutritionist (RNutr), certified Intuitive eating counsellor and qualified Nutritional Therapist (BANT, CNHC) specialising in disordered eating, and eating disorders
- Downloadable: <u>Understanding panic attacks: For students aged 10-16</u>

Visit The Wellbeing Hub website for further information.

Bromley Holiday Activities and Food Programme

London Borough of Bromley's upcoming winter HAF programme will run again from 22nd December to 31 December 2025 (excluding holidays and weekends).

The programme offers free holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals for families with children 5-16 years old who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM) or residing in Bromley as a refugee.

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 booking programme schedule is now live for Winter 2025. Please book via the below link: Proof of benefits may be required upon booking. <u>Book directly with the Bromley HAF Providers</u>



Christmas Trees

Other Earth are again offering to support the school's fundraising by donating £5 for every tree sold from their shop at Bromley Football Club or online. When ordering, please select our school at checkout so that we receive the donation. You can purchase your tree online, select free delivery or click and collect. For further information or to order your tree, please visit their website.

We would like to thank Other Earth for donating a Christmas tree for us to enjoy in school and also thank Mrs Little and students for decorating it this week.





CALENDAR

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w/c 8 th December Y7, 8 & 9 Assessment Week	
10 th December Winter Concert Auditions	
11th December Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	
11 th December Y11 Parents' Evening	
w/c 15 th December Y9 Assessment Week	
16 th December KS5 Dance Showcase	
17 th December Winter Concert	
19 th December End of Term	
5 th January 2026 Inset Day (Staff only in school)	
6 th January All students return to school	
8 th January Y13 Parents' Evening	
21st January Platform Concert	
29 th January Futures Fair	
29 th January Y7 Parents' Evening	
w/c 2 nd & 9 th February Y13 Trial Exams	
w/c 9 th February Y11 Trial Exams	
16 th – 20 th February Half Term	
w/c 23 rd February Y11 Trial Exams	
26 th February Y9 Parents' Evening	