

Langley Park School for Girls

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12th December 2025

Dear Families,

As we approach the festive season, we have had a celebratory week which has certainly helped us all get into the Christmas spirit.

On Thursday, staff and students enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch, which was a lovely opportunity to sit and dine together. Together with members of the Senior Leadership Team, I joined our fantastic catering team to serve behind the counter. I gained an even greater respect and admiration for the hard work undertaken every day by our kitchen staff, not only in serving so many students quickly but also preparing tasty and nutritious food. I would therefore like to thank them for their work throughout the year and to congratulate them on achieving the highest possible food hygiene rating during a recent food safety inspection.



We also celebrated Christmas Jumper Day as a school community, raising over **£360** for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to this worthwhile cause. The monies raised will make a real difference to improving the lives of children in the UK and worldwide.

Two additional highlights for me this week include joining an engaging conversation with a group of Year 11 students over lunch on the subject of politics. It was hugely reassuring in affirming the interest of young people in politics and decisions which affect our everyday lives. Another moment which made me smile was when a small group of students discovered what we at first thought was the 'Langley Lizard' outside at lunchtime. Further research has convinced me that it was a newt which had no doubt escaped from the pond and garden area in school!

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On the subject of politics, congratulations to Sienna M (Year 12) who represented LPGS6 this week at a special 'In Conversation' event with Hillary Clinton at the Speaker's House in Parliament, sponsored by local MP Liam Conlon.



I am excited to see the launch of the Langley Park Press, a student newspaper which has been established by a group of Year 12 students during their enrichment programme, with plans to invite contributions and involvement from students across the school in future editions. There is further information in this newsletter on this initiative to provide students with an opportunity to write for an audience on a range of topics.

This week, I have led Christmas assemblies on the theme of light—a powerful symbol in many world religions, including Christianity, representing hope, goodness, guidance, and truth. We reflected on inspirational figures such as Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, and Mahatma Gandhi, often described as "great lights that have gone out in the world," and considered how each of us can brighten the lives of others.

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

Edith Wharton

We were delighted to welcome back the Class of 2025 to collect their exam certificates. Last year's Year 11 students received their GCSE certificates, and our former Year 13 students returned for their A-Level and vocational certificates. Congratulations to all on your hard-earned success!

Our Golden Week draw winners were also announced in this week's Langley Lowdown, recognising those students last week who achieved 100% attendance, 100% punctuality to school and lessons and no C points.

Congratulations to our winners:

£25 Amazon voucher: *Zuri C (12E)*

£10 Amazon voucher: *Bethany A (7SG), Betsy E (7LE), Tillie C (7KD), Lourdes V (8LE), Maria L (9GA)*

£5 Amazon voucher: *Faye M (12K), Amy J (11LE), Eleanor W (7SG), Maryam C (7KC), Ava B (9SH)*

35 students have won a free cake/home bake from the canteen

Today, a group of Sixth Form German students have visited the Imperial War Museum to deepen their understanding of the First and Second World Wars. They then enjoyed the festive atmosphere of the Christmas markets on London's Southbank, experiencing German Christmas traditions firsthand.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Winter Concert next week and remind students and families of the opportunities to support our Parent, Teacher and Friend Association (PTFA) who will be serving refreshments on the night and running a tuck shop after school for students on Wednesday to raise funds for the school.

This will be our last weekly letter to families before the Christmas break with our termly newsletter being published next week.

Students, parents and carers are reminded that our [holiday safeguarding resources](#) are published on the school website, providing information and contact details for a range of organisations and agencies who can provide support to young people and families.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this term and throughout 2025.

With very best wishes at Christmas and for the new year,

Mr S Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Feminist Society

This week in Feminist Focus form time sessions and Feminist Society, we have been exploring the United Nation's #16Days campaign, marking 16 days of activism to end gender-based violence. This year the campaign, from 25th November to 10th December, focuses on ending digital based violence, as women are disproportionately affected by abuse online. We have discussed how something that can start small, on screen, can quickly spiral into threats and violence in real life. We have explored the rise of misogynistic networks online and how toxic views can spread and misinform. Students have also been given guidance on how to spot online abuse and what to do to keep themselves and others safe online. You can follow the campaign at [@unwomen](#).

Ms F Artini, Head of MFL & Female Empowerment Champion

Bromley Household Support Fund

Bromley Council will be issuing the Household Support Fund food vouchers in the coming week which will cover both the Christmas holiday and February 2026 half term period.

Whilst we have received confirmation that the Government grant will continue for the 25/26 financial year (end date March 2026), the Council have had to work within the reduced funding amount to evenly distribute the funds, which has resulted in some holiday periods being slightly less than others.



For further information on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme, please visit the [HAF website](#).

Mrs Evans, Finance Manager

School Newspaper



HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Our brand-new student newspaper, Langley Park Press launches next week!

Our first issue is packed with LPGS news, reviews, and fresh perspectives - don't miss out!

Grab your copy and stay in the know!

50p

LANGLEY PARK PRESS

SIX REASONS TO BE PROUD:

If you think you can, you can!

Meet Our Jack Petchey Winners

Jack Petchey Achievement Awards are given to young people between the ages of 11-25 for their outstanding effort and commitment in either their education or extra-curricular activities, celebrating their achievements and inspiring them to reach their full potential. Each year, 250 selects 8 winners.

Winners of the Jack Petchey Award are awarded a £200 grant to spend on something they choose for their school or club. Alongside the grant, winners are given a certificate and pin, as well as an invitation to the Borough's Awards Ceremony where you receive a medal in honor of the late Sir Jack Petchey. This year, the awards ceremony was held at the Church Theatre, where friends and

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Ms R Chorley, Head of Year 12 & Teacher of Art

End of Term Arrangements

On Friday 19th December, periods 1, 2 and 3 will be normal lessons for students in all years.

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).

Mr Whittle, Headteacher

LPGS Sixth Form Applications



LPGS6 applications now open

LPGS6 prospectus and course subject videos

LPGS6 application form

6 LPGS

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Duke of Edinburgh Award

Skills Section Opportunities

I wanted to draw attention to these wide ranging opportunities, for all DofE participants and their families. There are a large number of free courses here which would be suitable for a Bronze, Silver or Gold Skills section. None are essential, but they look most interesting and well put together. Please have a browse!

<https://www.dofe.org/shop/your-dofe/ibm-skillsbuild/>

Finding inspiring ideas for Bronze or Silver Volunteering sections can seem a challenge, but there are opportunities aplenty! So here is food for thought, <https://www.dofe.org/volunteering-ideas-for-under-16s/>, - please enjoy exploring with your young person. Again, none are essential and you may already have superb plans...

However please note that you should not expect to pay for any volunteering opportunities, and it is for you to work out arrangements you feel are safe and suitable for your child.

Please email me if you have any queries, doe@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk.

Diary dates for Bronze Year 9 DofE Participants

Well done to students who are now getting busy entering their programme details in edofe, continuing their section activities, and keeping good time records. A reminder that the expectation is that they will have at least one section completed before the Practice Expedition in March, and at least two completed before the Qualifying expedition in May 2026.

Please make a note of the following dates for meetings to review their edofe progress:

Wednesday 11 March 3.15 to 4.15pm for enrolled Bronze participants in forms 9GA, 9GB, 9KC, 9KD

Wednesday 18 March 3.15 to 4.15pm for enrolled Bronze participants in forms 9LE, 9LF, 9SG, 9SH, 9KI

Reminders will be sent to students next term.

Ms Laurence, Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

INFORMATION

Message from The Glades, Bromley

The Glades Shopping Centre is implementing specific measures to ensure a safe and pleasant experience for all visitors on Friday 19th December 2025 and, coinciding with the beginning of the Christmas school holidays.

Given the anticipated increase in footfall as schools close for the holidays, we kindly require that all students and children under the age of 16 visiting The Glades from 12:00pm on Friday 19th December 2025, be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

The safety and well-being of our customers and staff remain our highest priority. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a secure and enjoyable environment for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Public consultation on Langley Court Racket Sports and Community Hub – 18th December, 6,30pm

Our neighbours at Club Langley have asked us to share with our families the details below on a public consultation evening on their plans for developing racket sports in our local area. This consultation evening will give local stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback before their planning application is finalised. The details are below and all are welcome:

Date: Thursday, 18 December

Time: 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Venue: Banqueting Hall, Club Langley, 2 Hawksbrook Lane, Beckenham BR3 3SR

**PTFA Events – Wednesday 17th December
Tuck Shop**



Christmas Concert



The Wellbeing Hub

As the term is drawing to a close, it is our priority to ensure the school community feels supported by The Wellbeing Hub. Therefore, we wanted to share some resources that students, staff and families may find helpful over the winter break. If you would like to find other resources on a particular topic, please use the search feature.

Staff/Parent Resources:

[Materialism and wellbeing - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[Tips for your family's first festive season without a loved one - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[How does Santa fly around the world in one night? - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[What do you do for Christmas: Multiculturalism and belonging - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[Dr Tamara Scully's top tips for managing sibling relationships - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[Free and fun half-term activities for the whole family - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[Transitioning or returning to school: A guide for parents and carers - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

Student Resources:

[Winter mindfulness yoga and meditation - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[Activities beyond tech – why unplugging is good for you - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[Overcoming school anxiety - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

A reminder also of upcoming events in the new term:

Staff/Parent Events:

[Monthly Live Q&A \(January\) - The Wellbeing Hub](#)

[Raising teens in the digital age: Friendship, bullying, and the online world - The Wellbeing Hub](#)



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](#).



CALENDAR

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| w/c 15 th December | Y9 Assessment Week |
| 16 th December | KS5 Dance Showcase |
| 17 th December | PTFA Tuck Shop |
| 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 |
| 21 st 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 |