

Langley Park School for Girls



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

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Dear Families,

In this week's 'Langley Lowdown,' I focused on our school value of determination and our students have demonstrated this in so many ways this week both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students began the week working with Elevate Education, exploring the research behind effective revision and exam preparation. The sessions prompted students to reflect on their own study habits and identify practical strategies to avoid common pitfalls. It was excellent to see them engaging thoughtfully with the evidence and planning purposeful next steps as they move closer to the exam season.

Groups of Year 7 and 8 students have been taking part in the Bikeability programme throughout the week. Even in less-than-ideal weather, they demonstrated impressive resilience and a positive attitude. The instructors praised their enthusiasm and growing confidence as they developed vital cycling and road-safety skills.

Our A-Level German students spent a memorable day at the Goethe Institute in Kensington, joining schools from across England for a film study programme run by the Goethe Institute and King's College. Students enjoyed workshops and lessons focused on film analysis, they had the opportunity to watch a featured film, and—most importantly—spent the day immersed in speaking German. The visit was an inspiring experience that brought their language studies vividly to life.

We were also delighted to welcome participants in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award and their families to an Awards Evening this week to celebrate their achievements. The event highlighted the many skills students have developed, the challenges they overcame on their expeditions, and the meaningful volunteering they carried out in the local community. Hearing reflections from both students and parents/carers emphasised the transformative nature of the award programme and its lasting impact on our young people's confidence, teamwork and independence.

Our Year 12 and 13 vocational students are currently completing their unit exams, and this week it was the turn of our Health & Social Care cohort. We wish them (and all sitting exams in the coming weeks) every success as they continue their assessments.

In sporting news, our U16 football team played a thrilling semi-final match in the Kent Cup Competition against Dartford Science & Technology College. After a tense period of extra time, the team secured victory with a 5–4 win in a nail-biting penalty shoot-out. We look forward to the full match report—and to cheering our girls on in the final!

We have also been encouraged by a record number of applications for Year 7 entry in September, including the highest number of first-preference applications we have ever received demonstrating the continued popularity of our school. Alongside this, applications to join Year 12 in our co-educational sixth form (LPGS6) have already exceeded 600, with the window open until March. Year 11 students are reminded to discuss their subject choices with teachers and reach out should they need any advice or guidance.

On the theme of applications, over 200 UCAS applications have been completed and submitted by Year 13 students looking at continuing with higher education at universities across the UK next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank tutors, subject teachers, our careers and Sixth Form teams for the unwavering support they have given to our students, refining personal statements and ensuring the completion and processing of applications. I also recognise and appreciate the support of our families, enabling visits and supporting research into courses and universities. A significant number of students have additionally been applying and interviewing for a range of employment and apprenticeship opportunities, which are highly competitive – their success to date with applications and interviews is a credit to them and we wish all preparing for their next steps after LPGS

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Sixth Form the very best. We look forward to seeing all continuing to work hard and securing the grades they need to progress to their next steps.

Finally, this week we welcomed headteachers and senior leaders from across our trust as part of a peer-review process. Over two days, we visited lessons together and our visitors reviewed our examination outcomes and key documents, before meeting with groups of students and staff. The review team recognised the strong sense of community, the high quality of teaching routines and our excellent academic results. As always, the process also highlighted areas for further refinement, ensuring we continue to strengthen the consistency and effectiveness of our practice. I look forward to receiving the full report and sharing key outcomes with you soon.

Our students will have the honour of joining the National Holocaust Memorial Day webcast next week, where they will listen to deeply moving survivor testimonies. This will be both a privilege and an important reminder of our shared responsibility to learn from the past and stand against prejudice in all its forms.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It has been a week full of achievement, collaboration and pride, and I look forward to building on this momentum in the weeks ahead.

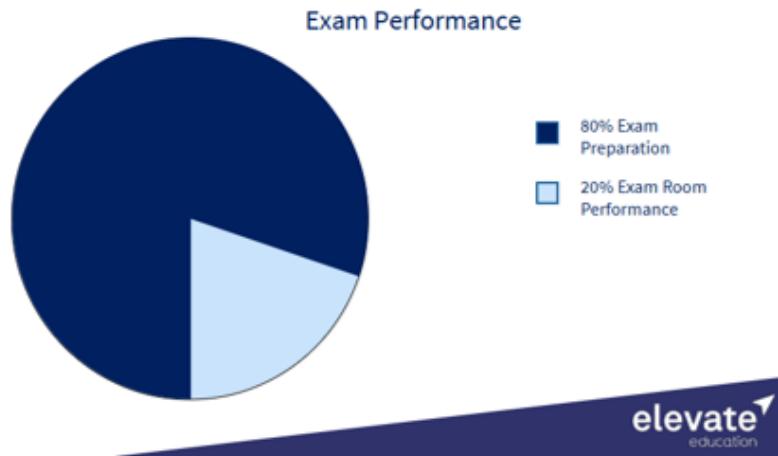
Kind regards

Mr S Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Exam preparation: what does the research say?

80% of exam performance is determined before the exam

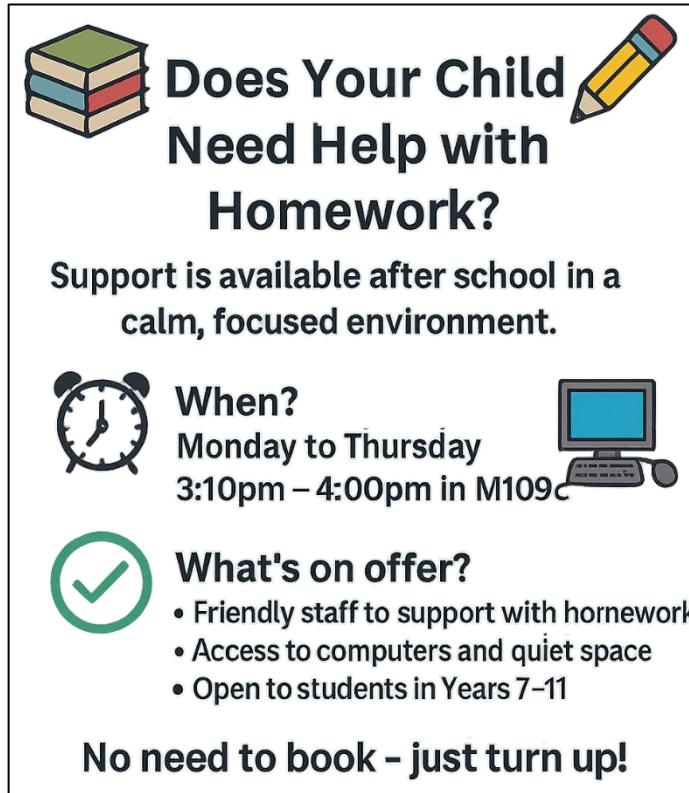


The 6 biggest mistakes students make

- | Mistake | Checkmark |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Not enough time to prepare | ✓ |
| 2. Doing the wrong work | ✓ |
| 3. No Goal | □ |
| 4. No Plan | □ |
| 5. Not correcting past mistakes | ✓ |
| 6. Not enough practice papers | □ |

Mr Whittle, Headteacher

Homework Club



**Does Your Child
Need Help with
Homework?**

**Support is available after school in a
calm, focused environment.**

When?
Monday to Thursday
3:10pm – 4:00pm in M109c

What's on offer?

- Friendly staff to support with homework
- Access to computers and quiet space
- Open to students in Years 7-11

No need to book – just turn up!

Mrs Ashman-Clark, Deputy Headteacher

INFORMATION

South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service are hosting two parent information sessions explaining the immunisations offered to teenagers during secondary school. These sessions will cover:

- the HPV vaccine
- the 3-in-1 teenage booster
- the Meningococcal vaccine
- the MMR vaccine

These information sessions are aimed at parents of students in years 8 and 9, or any parents whose young people missed their routine vaccines in years 8 and 9.

Webinar Links:

- Tuesday 20 January 13:00 – 14:00: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Mzc5OTkzM2YtMTFhMS00ZGRhLWJiOTItNWlzMDFkOTAwNjVi%40thread.v2/0?contxt=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2237c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22340f077c-6415-49df-87a5-a0d1b9b78db3%22%7d
- Thursday 29 January 16:00 – 17:00: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_M2VkdOc5YmUtY2U0OC00ZGYzLWI1MDctN2NIZThjMGFiMDM5%40thread.v2/0?contxt=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2237c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22340f077c-6415-49df-87a5-a0d1b9b78db3%22%7d

If you have any questions about these information sessions, please contact the immunisation team, krft.bromleyimms@nhs.net.

PTFA Disco for Years 8 & 9



National Youth Jazz Orchestra

Sign-ups are now open for NYJO (National Youth Jazz Orchestra)'s February Holiday Project (18th & 19th February).

This project is for young musicians aged 12 – 18 who are approx. Grade 3+ on their instrument.

This project takes its inspiration from the legendary NYC composer John Zorn and his MASADA Books. Across the two days, young people will get the chance to create their own music as an ensemble, exploring spontaneous systems of arrangement and organisation to create new works and sounds!



All the information can be found [here](#), and the deadline to sign-up via the [online application form](#) is the end of the day on Friday 13th February. If you have any questions, please email projects@nyjo.org.uk.

CALENDAR

21 st January	Platform Concert
29 th January	Futures Fair
29 th January	Y7 Parents' Evening (online)
w/c 2 nd February	Y13 Trial Exams
2 nd February	Sister Act Band Auditions
w/c 9 th February	Y11 & Y13 Trial Exams
16 th – 20 th February	Half Term
w/c 23 rd February	Y11 Trial Exams
26 th February	Y9 Parents' Evening (in school)