

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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16th October 2026

Dear Families,

As we approach the half-term break, it has been another busy week at LPGS.

Our Year 7 students have been working with trainers from Talk the Talk, participating in a half-day workshop entitled '*Talk About Transition*'. Through a series of engaging, oracy-based activities, students were encouraged to develop their speaking skills, self-confidence and resilience. It was wonderful to hear how enthusiastically they embraced the activities, demonstrating just how quickly they have settled into secondary school life and become part of the LPGS community. These are important skills that will support students throughout their time at Langley and beyond.

This week also saw our Black History Month Bake Sale in support of the Sickle Cell Society, which proved to be a real hit in the courtyard at lunchtime! It was fantastic to see so many students contributing cakes, cookies and an impressive array of sweet treats, showcasing both their generosity and their baking skills. My thanks go to everyone who supported the event, particularly our talented home bakers for their creativity and contributions. It was a lovely example of our school community coming together to support a worthwhile cause.

Meanwhile, our Year 8 geographers ventured to Seaford to undertake coastal fieldwork as part of their Geography studies. Having recently visited a Year 8 Geography lesson, I know how thoughtfully students have been exploring coastal processes and the challenges associated with coastal management. This fieldwork provided a valuable opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life, develop their geographical enquiry skills and deepen their understanding through first-hand experience. My thanks to the staff who accompanied the visits, particularly those who had to brave some rather challenging weather conditions earlier in the week!

On Monday, we were pleased to welcome a number of Year 7 parents and carers to our Coffee Morning. This provided a valuable opportunity to meet with school staff and our Mental Health Support Team practitioner, to explore the support available within school and share practical strategies for supporting children as they navigate the transition to secondary school. Discussions also focused on the importance of developing and maintaining positive friendships, something we know is particularly significant at this stage of students' school lives.

At the other end of the school, many of our Year 13 students have been finalising and submitting their early UCAS applications this week, including applications to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and for courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine and science. At the same time, we know that many local families are currently considering their secondary school choices ahead of the application deadline for September 2027 entry. This week, we hosted our final open events, welcoming primary pupils and their families to tour the school and experience LPGS during a normal working day. It is always a pleasure to see our students and staff showcasing what makes Langley such a special community. We look forward to seeing so many local families choosing LPGS and to welcoming the next generation of Langley girls in September.

Looking a little further ahead, I would also like to remind Year 11 students and their parents and carers that our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 3 December. We look forward to showcasing LPGS6, including the wide range of courses, enrichment opportunities and support available to students as they consider their next steps in post-16 education.

The focus of this week's Langley Lowdown was safeguarding, with students reminded of important messages about keeping themselves and others safe, both inside school, in the community and online. In this newsletter, Mrs Hurley shares some of the key information and guidance discussed with students. I would encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to read this update and use it as an opportunity to continue these important conversations at home. Our shared commitment to safeguarding and wellbeing remains at the heart of

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Finally, as we reach the end of this first half-term, I would like to thank our students for their hard work, enthusiasm and contributions to school life, our staff for their continued dedication, and our parents and carers for their ongoing support.

I wish all our students, staff and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the second half of the autumn term.

Mr S Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Safeguarding Update – Keeping Our Students Safe

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and this week we have been reminding students of the importance of making safe choices, recognising potential risks and knowing where to turn if they need help.

Online safety

We have reinforced the four key areas of online safety: Content, Contact, Conduct and Commerce. Students have been encouraged to think carefully about what they see online, who they communicate with, how they behave towards others and the risks associated with scams, phishing and online purchases.

We encourage parents and carers to have regular, open conversations about their child's online experiences, including the importance of protecting personal information, recognising inappropriate content and reporting anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.



Staying safe in the community

Students have been reminded to remain aware of their surroundings, particularly when travelling to and from school, and to make sensible decisions about the routes they take. We have also reinforced three important messages if someone else's behaviour makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe: stay with friends, move away and tell someone.

What should you do if a stranger's behaviour makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe?



Please reinforce these messages at home and remind your child to report any concerns or incidents, however small they may seem.

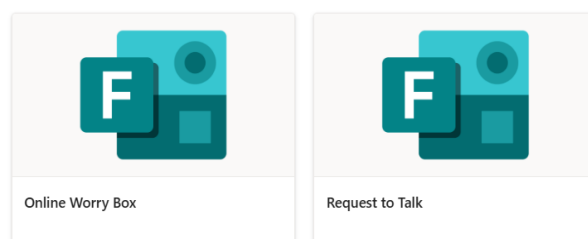
Trusted adults and speaking up

A key message throughout our safeguarding work is that no student should ever feel they have to manage a worry or difficult situation alone. We have encouraged students to identify trusted adults, both at home and in school, whom they feel comfortable approaching.

We have also reminded students of the support available through our pastoral and safeguarding teams, our Wellbeing Hub and the school's reporting systems. We are proud to be a telling school, where speaking up, asking for help and looking out for one another are actively encouraged.



Where to find help in school



Working together

Keeping young people safe is a shared responsibility between school and home. We ask all parents and carers to continue talking regularly with their children about personal safety, online behaviour, friendships and wellbeing.

Wellbeing and safety resources, as well as links to charities and support organisations can be found on the [Wellbeing page](#) of our school website, accessible to students and families

If you have any safeguarding concerns or would like advice or support, please contact our safeguarding team.



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Key Stage 3*

Save the date!



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LPGS6 OPEN EVENING

Join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening event for 2027 admissions

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INFORMATION

Beckenham & Penge Careers Fair – 23rd October



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and Penge
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12pm-3pm

Date:
23rd October 2026

Address:
Orion Eden Park,
Balmoral Avenue,
Beckenham, BR3 3RD.

Scan to book
your spot



Parent/Carer Session – 12th November



**Parents
& Carers**

A SPACE TO MEET, CHAT AND CONNECT

Parenting can be amazing, rewarding
and, at times, a challenge.

This group has been created especially with parents
and carers of children with additional needs in mind.
Whether diagnosed, awaiting assessment, or simply
needing a little extra support.

We invite you to pop in to meet with other parents and
carers to share experiences and feel heard and
supported.

**THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
1PM OR 7PM**

Come along at whichever time
works best for you.

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Contact Anna on 07900 744383
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All parents
and carers
welcome

Refreshments

Simple
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Good
company

UPCOMING EVENTS

16 th – 20 th October	Music Tour
19 th – 30 th October	Half Term
2 nd November	Return to school
2 nd -6 th November	Year 13 Trial Exams
4 th November	Y11 Macbeth Trip
5 th November	Sports Awards
9 th November	Northern France Trip Parent Meeting
16 th November	Spanish Exchange Parent Meeting
17 th November	Y7 Gamma & Sigma Mamma Mia Concert
18 th November	Y7 Kappa & Lambda Mamma Mia Concert
3 rd December	Sixth Form Open Evening

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