

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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18th September 2026

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and purposeful week in school, with a strong focus on supporting students, engaging with families and continuing to build on the very positive start to the new academic year.

This week, we welcomed parents and carers of students in Years 7, 11 and 12 to our Welcome and Information Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. These evenings provided an opportunity to look ahead at what the coming year (and in some cases years) will bring, and to explain how we will support and encourage students to thrive academically, personally and socially. They also reinforced the importance of the partnership between home and school in helping every young person to succeed. For those families whose children have recently joined us in Year 7 or the Sixth Form, I hope that the opportunity to meet tutors was particularly valuable, and that the presentations provided useful information and reassurance at the beginning of this important stage in their education. The presentations from our information evenings, together with our recorded presentation for Year 10 parents and carers, are available on our website here: [Information Evening Presentations](#).

Today, our Year 10 students worked with representatives from Speakers Trust as part of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. The programme is designed to help young people develop confidence, communication and public-speaking skills, encouraging them to find their voice, express their ideas clearly and speak with conviction in front of others. One of my many highlights each year is visiting classrooms in the afternoon to hear students deliver their speeches to a supportive audience of their peers on a topic of their choice. Regrettably, my diary prevented me from doing so this year, but I very much enjoyed speaking with students throughout the day about the subjects they had chosen. These ranged from equality, the importance of education and misrepresentation in the media to the rather different, but no less thoughtfully considered, question of how to survive a zombie apocalypse! The range of topics reflected both the interests of our students and their willingness to engage with issues that matter to them.

Alongside the launch of our enrichment programme and sign-up for our wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities, a some of educational visits have started this week. Year 12 Politics students visited the University of Sussex and our Law students travelled to the Royal Courts of Justice. Opportunities such as these are an important part of extending learning beyond the classroom and helping students to develop their interests, aspirations and understanding of the wider world.

We are, of course, a community of learners in the fullest sense. Over recent weeks, school leaders have been reflecting carefully on our summer examination results and reviewing our curriculum through a series of meetings, while also considering the attainment and progress of our current students, particularly those preparing for public examinations in Summer 2027. This week we also launched our professional growth programme for teachers, with colleagues identifying aspects of their own classroom practice that they wish to develop and improve. Continuous improvement is something we expect of everyone in our community, adults and students alike.

As I reported previously, students have made a very positive start to the school year. Our focus now shifts to sustaining those strong habits and continuing to meet the high expectations we have for ourselves and for one another. Excellence is, after all, a habit rather than a single act, and it is no surprise that sustained excellent attendance, positive behaviour and active engagement with learning are among the essential ingredients for future success.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the arrangements for Thursday 1st October. Normal lessons will be suspended that day to enable us to hold our Personal Development Day, during which students will attend school for an individual appointment with their tutor or another member of staff. We also look forward to welcoming a

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large number of students back into school later that day to support our Open Evening, which will take place from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

More detailed information about these arrangements will follow next week, but I would be grateful if families could make a note of the arrangements below for Thursday 1st October, as well as the revised timings of the school day on Friday 2nd October.

Arrangements for Personal Development Day & Open Evening

Thursday 1st October – Personal Development Day

Students attend school only for scheduled 1:1 appointment with a member of staff (details and times to follow)

Thursday 1st October (5-8pm) – Open Evening

Friday 2nd October

09.45am: Gates open

10.00am: Tutor Time

10.10am: Period 2 and normal lessons

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Mr S Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Safeguarding Update

We are pleased to share that we have recently created a dedicated **Safeguarding** page on our school website, [here](#). The page has been developed to provide parents and carers with easy access to important safeguarding information, including details of our safeguarding team, how to raise a concern, key policies, wellbeing and online safety resources, and links to local and national support services.

We would also like to remind parents and carers about our **Wellbeing** page, which can be found [here](#). This page contains a wide range of resources and links to services that may be helpful for both students and families.

We hope that you find these pages to be useful resources in supporting the safety, wellbeing and success of our students.

Mrs Hurley, Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Bromley Y Partnership

We welcomed back our MHST lead, Anita from Bromley Y and are busy planning the year ahead. Coming up next week is our "Managing Academic Stress – Healthy Study Habits" assembly which Anita will deliver to Year 11.

You can access support advice on the [Bromley Y Website](#), and these include Bromley Y Webinars.

Stress and Worry Management on Monday 28 Sept at 5pm

These sessions will be repeated in October and November and you can sign up for them on the Bromley Y Website or by clicking the link below

<https://bromley-y.org/webinar-calendar/>

We run free

Wellbeing Webinars

every term!

Facilitated by Bromley Y practitioners



Don't like being on screen? No problem! We ask everyone to keep cameras and mics off throughout – you can interact via the chat.

For young people

- Stress & Worry management
- Managing Academic Stress: Developing Healthy Study Habits

For parents

- Helping your child with fears & worries (primary & secondary)
- Understanding Disordered Eating in Teens
- Helping your child with sleep difficulties
- Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Visit our [Eventbrite page](#) to book your place



Mrs Brown, Head of Key Stage 4 and Wellbeing Lead

European Day of Languages Celebration

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

AT LPGS

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

MAIN HALL AT LUNCHTIME

- 🎵 Karaoke of the songs you will learn in your MFL lessons
- 🎤 Song competition winners performing
- 🌐 Form time quizzes
- 🍬 Sweets and stickers if you can ask in a foreign language
- 💡 Language wall
- ❤️ Celebrate linguistic diversity



Ms F Artini, Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Packed Lunches and Snacks

A reminder that foods containing nuts must not be brought into school. We have students with allergies who could be severely affected if exposed to nuts/nut products. Students should not bring energy or fizzy drinks into school - there are water fountains available to refill water bottles.



INFORMATION

Elevate Parent Webinars



Elevate Education's Autumn Term
Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated
15th September 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time
29th September 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking
13th October 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams
10th November 6:00pm (GMT)

How to Help Your Child Study with ADHD
24th November 6:00pm (GMT)

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child
15th December 6:00pm (GMT)

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 st October	Personal Development Day
1 st October	Open Evening
5 th - 16 th October	Year 11 Trial Exams
7 th October	Music Tour Parent Meeting and Concert
12 th -16 th October	Year 13 Trial Exams
13 th & 14 th October	Year 8 Geography Trips
16 th – 20 th October	Music Tour
19 th – 30 th October	Half Term
2 nd -6 th November	Year 13 Trial Exams

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