Langley Park School for Girls

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

Headteacher: Mr S Whittle, MA (Cantab), PGCE, NPQH



19 September 2025

Dear Families,

What a fantastic week it has been – full of opportunities for our students to learn new things, grow in confidence and connect with the wider world and each other beyond normal lessons.

Our Year 10 Photography students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Canary Wharf, where they explored urban landscapes through the lens of their cameras. This experience not only allowed them to practise their technical skills but also helped them build their personal portfolios with striking images of city architecture and life.

Meanwhile, our A-Level Dance students in Years 12 and 13 took part in an inspiring visit to the Rambert Dance Company, engaging in workshops that deepened their understanding of performance technique and the work of professional practitioners. It was a valuable experience that will undoubtedly influence their future choreography, performance and exam work.

I've had the pleasure of speaking with many Year 7 students during our 'Birthday Breaks' and around school. It's been heartening to see how quickly they've settled in, made new friends and embraced school life.

On Wednesday, all Year 7 tutor groups participated in oracy workshops facilitated by external experts. I had the pleasure of joining one of the sessions and was truly impressed by the students' enthusiasm and engagement. Through public speaking, paired discussions and personal reflection, students expressed how the workshop boosted their confidence. A big thank you to the English department and Ms Sakiroglu for organising these impactful sessions.

We are also proud to share that a group of Year 10 students have been trained by Coachbright to become peer coaches. Soon, they will be paired with Year 7 students, offering support in Maths and English while fostering confidence, independence and resilience. This initiative is a wonderful example of student leadership and community spirit.

Not to be outdone by the Year 7 students, today all Year 10 students participated in the Speakers Trust 'Speak Out Challenge', a full-day workshop focused on public speaking and communication. Students prepared and delivered speeches on topics they care deeply about, and we look forward to hosting a school-level competition soon to select representatives for the Bromley regional final.

This week also saw our Heads of French, German and Spanish leading assemblies ahead of the European Day of Languages on 26 September. These assemblies celebrated the joy and value of learning languages, highlighting how multilingualism enhances communication skills, memory, and employability, while broadening our understanding of the world.

You will now have received information about our <u>Personal Development Day</u> taking place on Thursday 2 October, as well as the arrangements for a later start to school on Friday 3 October following our Open Evening. I have shared below some of the feedback from students following last year's Personal Development Day, which we believe contributes significantly to students' feeling of belonging, builds relationships with their tutors and school staff and supports the setting of academic and personal goals. Alongside academic discussions, we are also focussed on supporting students to look after their physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

In preparation for our Open Evening on Thursday 2 October, we will soon be inviting students to support across departments and act as tour guides. Thank you in advance for your support and that of your child(ren) in helping us showcase our school to prospective families.

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Finally, we will soon be launching our Autumn Term clubs menu and encourage all students to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity each week. This week over 400 students have attended extra-curricular music activities.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. It's been a busy week and I look forward to seeing what next week brings.

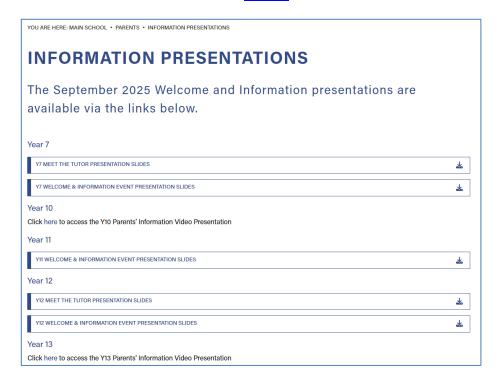
Kind regards,

Mr S Whittle Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Welcome & Information Evenings

The slides from our recent information presentations and recorded presentations for parents/carers of Year 10 and Year 13 students can be found on the school <u>website</u>



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor at Langley Park School for Girls. This is a valuable opportunity for parents/carers to contribute to the strategic direction and success of our school.

Parent governors serve a four-year term and attend two evening meetings per term, along with training and occasional daytime school visits. They help ensure strong governance, support leadership, and oversee school performance and finances.

If you're interested, please complete the <u>nomination form</u> and submit it —along with a short personal statement and eligibility declaration—by midday on Friday 26 September to the school office or via email to nhs@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk

For questions, please contact Tracey Roache at troache@imat.uk

Mr Whittle

Personal Development Day student feedback

#TEAM LPGS

I enjoyed being able to talk one-on-one about my emotional wellbeing and hupes for the future. It was useful setting achievable tasks which I will try to do to get better at certain subjects.

I think the best thing about the day was being able to have a 1 to 1 conversation with a member of staff talking about your strengths and ways you can improve.

I feel that now I have a plan in place to achieve my academic targets.

I enjoyed being

I liked how the member of staff asked me about stuff outside of school and not just academically.

able to share my
hobbies and interests, as
well as discussing targets and
sharing any worries or concerns,
if we had any.

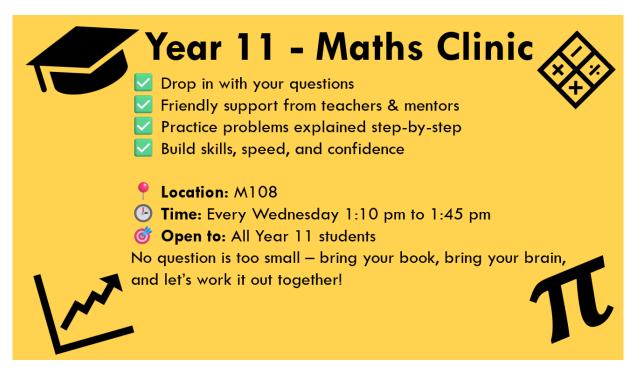
It was nice to know that someone cared about me and how I was feeling about school. It was good knowing that a teacher I hadn't spoken to before was now somebody I could talk to and trust in.

British Sign Language Club



Please see Mr Chinery with any questions

Mr J Chinery, Assistant Headteacher & SENDCO



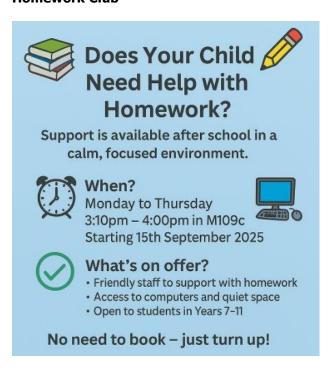
Mrs S Arivanantham, Head of Maths

Elevate Parent Webinars

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Homework Club



INFORMATION

Open Evening



CALENDAR

22 September – 3 October Y12 Baseline Testing 24 September A-Level Drama Trip

24 September A-Level Drama Trip 25 September – 9 October KS3 Scholastic Book Fair

25 September Y7 Welcome SEND Parent Forum

29 September Y10 & 11 Parent/Carer Bromley Y Coffee Morning

2 October Personal Development Day 2 October Open Evening for 2026 Entry

w/c 6 October Y11 Trial Exams

6 October Y7 Parent/Carer Bromley Y Coffee Morning

8 October Music Tour Meeting and Concert

w/c 13 October Y11 & 13 Trial Exams

16 October PTFA AGM
17 – 21 October Music Tour
20 – 31 October Half Term
w/c 3 November Y13 Trial Exams