

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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

26 September 2025

Dear Families,

As we settle into the rhythm of the new academic year, I'm delighted to share some highlights from what has been a vibrant and productive week at LPGS.

Firstly, congratulations to our students who have represented the school in football fixtures since the start of term. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship have been outstanding, and the results speak for themselves. Full details of their achievements are published in this week's newsletter.

This week also saw our planned fire drill take place, and I must commend our students for their exceptional conduct. New staff members were particularly impressed by how calm, orderly and respectful our students were throughout the process – a real credit to our school community.

On Thursday evening, our teachers took part in a professional development session focused on enhancing classroom practice. We modelled the very strategies we ask students to engage with – practising teaching activities in front of peers, offering constructive feedback, and planning how to use mini-whiteboards more effectively in our lessons to check for understanding. In light of this, Miss Bush has asked that all students ensure they have a dry-wipe marker in their pencil case to support this initiative in lessons.

Our Senior Leadership Team also had the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from other secondary schools within our trust earlier this week. Today, I joined fellow Bromley Secondary Headteachers, alongside representatives from the Local Authority, Public Health and the Police, to discuss shared priorities and multi-agency working. It is clear that all public services are facing funding pressures and challenges, but our shared commitment to supporting young people remains strong.

Earlier this week, our Sixth Form Drama students enjoyed a trip to the Lyric Hammersmith to see a performance of Dracula, which they will now evaluate as part of their studies. Opportunities like these enrich our curriculum and inspire creativity and critical thinking.

In this week's Langley Lowdown, I focused on our core value of **respect**. I shared examples of how respect is both given and received, and introduced the concept of 'paying forward' – returning kindness by doing something positive for someone else. I also discussed behaviours that fall short of respectful conduct, helping students to reflect on the impact of their actions. I've included these reflections in this week's letter should you wish to continue the conversation at home.

We're pleased to welcome Mr Dushku, Assistant Headteacher, to the LPGS community, and I'm delighted to introduce the new staff who joined us this term. Thank you for the warm welcome you've extended to them and for your ongoing support.

Mrs Arivanantham, Head of Maths
Mrs Babalola, Teacher of Health & Social Care
Ms Burrridge, Teacher of History
Ms Dear, Teacher of Science
Mr Dushku, Assistant Headteacher & Teacher of PE
Ms Dvorakova, Teacher of MFL
Mrs Harris, Teacher of Psychology
Ms Heery, Head of French
Miss Holyhead, Teacher of Art & DT

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Miss Ibrahim, Teacher of Maths
Miss Jones, Teacher of Humanities
Miss Lewis, Teacher of English
Miss Mahanehru, Teacher of English
Mr Mangal, Teacher in Charge Economics
Mr Molsher, Head of Business
Ms Porter, Learning Support Assistant
Miss Riat, Teacher of RE
Mrs Wise, Pastoral Support Worker
Ms Wood, Teacher of Science

Looking ahead, preparations are underway for our Personal Development Day and Open Evening next Thursday. Thank you in advance to all the students who will be helping on the evening and to parents/carers for providing consent via our [consent form](#) for your child to take part. I encourage you to follow up on the conversations your child will have had with staff on Personal Development Day and urge you to support them in reflecting on their achievements and areas for growth ahead of their 1:1 appointment. Appointment times will be shared shortly with students, parents and carers. All are reminded that following our Open Evening, the school day will start on Friday 3 October at the delayed time of 10.00am (with gates open from 9.45am).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr S Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Introducing Mr Dushku

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Mr Dushku, and I am delighted to introduce myself as part of the Senior Leadership Team at Langley Park School for Girls. I am sure that my reasons for joining the Langley community are similar to those that influenced your decision to send your child here: a strong belief in high expectations, a commitment to inclusion, and a desire to belong to a school that shares these values.

I have been working in education for over 10 years, and I am passionate about providing a supportive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued, challenged, and able to succeed. At Langley Park School for Girls, I know that students benefit from a rich range of opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom, from academic study to educational visits and extra-curricular activities. I am committed to working closely with families, staff, and the wider community to ensure that every student is equipped to thrive, both academically and personally.

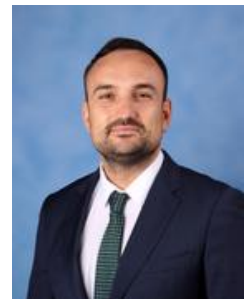
I look forward to meeting many of you in the weeks ahead and to building strong partnerships that help make this academic year a successful and memorable one for all our students.

Mr B Dushku, Assistant Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead

White Board Pens

As part of our ongoing commitment to active learning and real-time feedback, staff are increasingly using mini whiteboards in lessons to check students' understanding. To support this, we kindly ask that all students carry a whiteboard pen in their pencil case each day. Whiteboard pens are widely available and inexpensive — any standard dry-wipe marker will do.

Miss C Bush, Assistant Headteacher



Our school value: Respect

Examples

The Langley Way

At Langley Park School for Girls we value...

Respect

We listen carefully without interrupting

We respect staff

We respect ourselves and each other

We respect the school environment

We follow staff instructions first time, everytime

We respond to staff and students with politeness and warmth

We arrive on time to lessons - ready to learn

We do not disrupt the learning of others

When we make mistakes we apologise meaningfully

Non-examples (i.e. disrespectful behaviour)

| Behaviours | Description | Examples |
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| Bullying | Negative, repetitive, aggressive and intentional abuse of power | Malicious, personal attacks, belittling comments, verbal threats, intimidation, exclusion or isolation |
| Incivility | Low-intensity deviant behaviour that destroys mutual respect | Interruptions, hostile looks, eye rolling, abrupt e-mails, blunt phone calls, sarcasm |
| Disruptive behaviour | Bad/shocking conduct evident in behaviour and/or speech | Angry or rude outbursts, swearing, throwing objects, threats, inflicting physical force |
| Demeaning treatment | Patterns of behaviour that exploit the weakness of another | Shaming, humiliation, demeaning comments, ignoring behaviour, misrepresented nitpicking or fault finding |
| Passive-Aggressive behaviour | Negative attitudes and passive resistance to requests/demands for adequate performance | Negative comments about others, refusal or deliberate delay in doing things, undermining others |

| Behaviours | Description | Examples |
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| Passive disrespect | Uncooperative behaviours that are not malevolent | Chronic lateness, sluggish response to requests |
| Dismissive treatment | Behaviour that makes people feel unimportant | Condescending/patronising comments, not recognising the efforts of others, resistance to work collaboratively |

Mr S Whittle, Headteacher

Football Results

Our girls have represented the school in both the English Schools' and Kent Schools' Cup, resulting in 6 wins and 2 losses. Our Sixth Form Boys' team played their first match this week with a convincing win. Congratulations to all who have played.

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| Tuesday 17 September | U15 v Erith (A) Won 8-1 |
| Wednesday 18 September | U12s vs Colfe's (A) Won 6-0 |
| Wednesday 18 September | U14 v Kingsdale Foundation School (H) Lost 6-0 |
| Monday 22 September | U16s vs Darrick Wood (A) Won 7-6 |
| Monday 22 September | Year 7/8 (U13) vs Hayes (H) Lost 6-4 |
| Wednesday 24 September | U16s v Blackheath (A) Won 3-0 |
| Wednesday 24 September | U14s v St Catherine's (A) Won 3-1 |
| Wednesday 24 September | U18s v North Kent (A) Won 3-1 |

Mr R Saunders, Head of KS3 PE

INFORMATION

PTFA Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Our PTFA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on Monday 6 October from 3.30-4.30pm in the canteen. They welcome donations of uniform items in good condition, and these can be brought into Reception at any time.

Y7, 10 & 12 School Photographs

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the school photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof copy and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, for class photos you will need the school number. For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

Vancols Photographers

Open Evening



The poster is for an Open Evening at Langley Park School for Girls. It features a blue background with a school crest in the top left. The title 'Open Evening' is in a large, white, cursive font, with 'LANGLEY PARK SCHOOL FOR GIRLS' in a bold, white, sans-serif font below it. To the right, there are three circular inset photos: a girl playing a double bass, two girls looking at a book, and a girl using a microscope. On the left, there are five white rounded rectangular boxes containing event details, each with a small icon (calendar, clock, location pin, checkmark, and globe). A light blue sticky note with a pink tab is attached to the bottom right, containing a note about limited parking. The bottom right corner has a decorative pattern of white dots.



Open Evening
**LANGLEY PARK
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Parents and carers are invited to join us for our Open Evening event for 2026 Year 7 Admissions.

-  **Thursday 2 October**
-  **5.00pm-8.00pm**
-  **Hawksbrook Lane,
South Eden Park Road,
Beckenham, BR3 3BE**
-  **Headteacher's Talks at
5.15pm, 6pm and 6.45pm**
-  Visit Our Website
<https://lpgs.bromley.sch.uk>

 Please note there will be limited parking available on the Langley Park Campus and families are encouraged to walk or use public transport where possible.

Bromley Rugby Club

On 4 October, Bromley Rugby Club is holding RugbyFest. A day to encourage more girls to give rugby a try.

It's set to be a super fun day plus the club has been selected to have one of the England Red Roses players come visit! Fingers crossed straight from a World Cup win this weekend!



RUGBYFEST '25
SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 10AM-12PM

THE ULTIMATE RUGBY WEEKEND!
Celebrate the culmination of an action packed summer of women's rugby at Bromley RFC at our RFU RugbyFest event.

- Welcoming school teams, individuals and existing players
- Introductory training for beginners
- Fun coached sessions and T1 Rugby
- Family BBQ, Pizza Van, Music and more

Plus a special guest appearance by one of the heroes of the **RedRoses** squad fresh from the World Cup Final!

For more information call Ross on 07515 712574 or email girlsrugby@bromleyrfc.org

BROMLEY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
BARNET WOOD ROAD, HATFIELD, Herts AL9 7JH

RED ROSES England Rugby tackle LONDON star LONDON BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT

NYJO October Vocal Workshops

OCTOBER VOCAL WORKSHOPS

EXPLORING THE MUSIC OF CAROLE KING
30 - 31 OCTOBER
WOOLWICH WORKS,
SE18 6HD

NYJO

Led by NYJO Vocalist Daisy Houlter, this 2 day course will explore King's legendary songwriting and vocal style through group arrangements, written and prepared by Daisy herself!



For vocalists aged 14-20 – all experience levels welcome. For more information click [here](#).

The Wellbeing Hub



WEBINAR

JOIN OUR UPCOMING WEBINAR
Wednesday 22nd October

WEBINAR: Why every teenager needs a parrot - a guide to help parents navigate the tough topics with children aged 10+ with Alicia Drummond, Therapist and Founder of The Wellbeing Hub

Sign up now club.teentips.co.uk

CALENDAR

25 September – 9 October
29 September
2 October
2 October
3 October
w/c 6 October
6 October
6 October
8 October
w/c 13 October
16 October
17 – 21 October
20 – 31 October
w/c 3 November

KS3 Scholastic Book Fair
Y10 & 11 Parent/Carer Bromley Y Coffee Morning
Personal Development Day
Open Evening for 2026 Entry
10am Start for students (gate opens at 9.45am)
Y11 Trial Exams
Y7 Parent/Carer Bromley Y Coffee Morning
PTFA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Music Tour Meeting and Concert
Y11 & 13 Trial Exams
PTFA AGM
Music Tour
Half Term
Y13 Trial Exams