

# Langley Park School for Girls

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



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27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Families,

After a somewhat slower pace during the half-term, this week has been an exceptionally busy one with Year 11 students completing their trial exams and a wide range of activities, achievements and opportunities taking place both in and beyond the classroom.

Our Year 12 and 13 Art students have enjoyed visits to the Design Museum, the Saatchi Gallery and Tate Britain. We were also delighted to celebrate our Year 10 students who have taken part in the Brilliant Club Scholars' Programme. Attending their graduation ceremony this week marks the culmination of weeks of independent research and university-style study. We are really proud of their hard work and commitment.

Ahead of National Reading Week and World Book Day next week, a team of enthusiastic readers from Year 8 took part in the Fully Booked Quiz at Bromley Central Library on Wednesday, achieving an impressive second place in what was a very close competition against other local schools. A highlight of the afternoon was the chance to meet the acclaimed author Patrice Lawrence, who spoke with students about reading, writing and storytelling—an experience they will no doubt remember for a long time.

This evening, over 100 of our Year 8 and Year 9 students will travel into London to see a live production of Romeo and Juliet at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Opportunities like this truly bring learning to life, and I want to express my thanks to the staff who generously give their time to enable such memorable experiences for our students.

We were also pleased to welcome staff from across our trust schools for an afternoon of joint training, moderation and collaborative curriculum work. These sessions highlight the strong relationships across our trust and the shared commitment to high-quality teaching and learning. It is therefore with real sadness that I have seen the social media posts referred to in my communications with you this week, which appear to pit schools against each other in the so-called "school wars." I understand the anxiety this may have caused some students and families, and I have sought to provide reassurance through my messages to both parents/carers and students. Schools, the local authority and the police have been in close contact regarding this matter. Police guidance shared with us emphasised the importance of parents and carers knowing where their child is after school and encouraging them to go straight home rather than congregate in high streets or open spaces.

Thank you to all Year 9 parents and carers who attended this week's Parents' Evening. These discussions are vital in helping students reflect on their progress and make informed decisions about their GCSE option choices. Your continued engagement and support are greatly appreciated.

This week in the Langley Lowdown, we shared with students that we have adopted the [Halo Code](#). The Halo Code is a commitment that protects and celebrates the diversity of natural hair and hairstyles associated with Black heritage. By adopting it, we affirm that students can wear their hair in natural styles—including afros, locs, braids and twists—without fear of discrimination. This is an important part of our ongoing work to ensure that every student feels respected, valued and able to be themselves.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate International Women's Day next week and have a number of activities planned to recognise the achievements and contributions of women in our community and beyond. After their success last year, our U16s will be competing in the final of the Kent County Cup against The Maplesden Noakes School on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – good luck ladies and bring it home!

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We have received a record number of applications to join LPGS6 in September in Year 12 and our Year 11 students and families are reminded that the deadline for [course choices](#) for transfer into the Sixth Form is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and students of our mobile phone policy, as outlined in our Behaviour Policy. Students must ensure that mobile phones are switched off and kept out of sight at all times during the school day, including during lessons, break and lunchtime. Phones should not be used on site unless a member of staff has given explicit permission in exceptional circumstances. Should you need to make contact with your child and should they need to speak to you during the school day, contact can be made via the school office/reception. We ask that students do not use their personal devices to contact you if they are feeling unwell since they need to report illness to a member of staff in order for us to provide the necessary care and oversight in school. We will make contact, as appropriate, and ask parents/carers to collect their child from school. This policy helps us maintain a focused, respectful and safe learning environment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

**Mr S Whittle**  
Headteacher

## MESSAGES FROM STAFF

### U16s Kent Football Final

# U16s KENT FINAL

**LPGS vs Maplesden Noakes**  
**Friday 6th March - 7.30pm KO**  
**Gallagher Stadium, Maidstone**

**Defending Champions**  
**Can they make history?**

Scan for tickets or  
come to the PE Office



# Squad List

1. EVA G	2. PHOEBE H
3. FLO JK	4. MILLIE D
5. MAIA CA	6. LYLA B
7. AVA T	8. EMIKO C
9. SASKIA P	10. LISSY G *
11. LIV L	12. RAYNE B
13. CECILIA H	14. ORLA O'G
15. OPHEILIA P	16. TALULAH A

Route to the Final:	v. BEXLEYHEATH Result: 3-0 Goalscorers: RAYNE. B *3	v. THOMAS TALLIS Result: 2-0 Goalscorers: LISSY. G*2	v. BONUS PASTOR Result: 9-0 Goalscorers: LISSY. G *3, LIV. L *2, SASKIA. P *3, EMIKO. C	Q-F.v. BULLERS WOOD Result: 3-0 Goalscorers: LISSY. G, SASKIA. P, AVA. T	S-F.v. DARTFORD STC Result: 2-2 *LPGS WIN ON PENS Goalscorers: LISSY. G *2
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Please come along to support our team, tickets can be purchased via [Eventbrite](#).

**Mr Saunders, Head of KS3 PE**

## International Women's Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Students and staff are invited to wear a purple accessory to school for a donation to The King's Trust's Change a Girl's Life campaign. We will celebrate with a Feminist Bake Off at lunchtime, students are encouraged to bake or decorate cakes with a feminist theme, please remember that nuts/nut products must not be used.



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
AT LPGS

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March you are invited to wear a purple accessory to school for a donation.

For example: a hair ribbon, bracelet, nail varnish or socks. You will be able to purchase a ribbon badge or hair ribbon on the day for a donation. All proceeds will go to The King's Trust Change a Girl's Life campaign.



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
AT LPGS

Enter the Feminist Bake Off to raise money for charity!

Bake or decorate with a feminist theme. Bring your baked goods to Reception on the morning of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and sell them for charity at lunchtime in the Hall. All proceeds will go to The King's Trust Change a Girl's Life campaign. Top 3 entries will win a prize!

No nuts please!

**Ms F Artini, Head of MFL & Female Empowerment Champion**

### Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award: Dates for the Diary

Please note that we are taking bookings now for the Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award training and expeditions.

Silver is a step up from the Bronze DofE which some students completed in Year 9. Students may enrol for Silver even if they did not take part in the Bronze Award.

Training days in school, including navigation, first aid and camp craft: 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

Practice expedition in the Kent Downs: 30<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Qualifying expedition in Ashdown Forest, Sussex: 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

For further information, please email: [Doe@lpgs.Bromley.sch.uk](mailto:Doe@lpgs.Bromley.sch.uk)

*Ms Laurence, Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator*

### Reading Week

*Mrs Hall, Librarian*

### Mix Tape Tickets

Tickets for the Mix Tape Dance performance on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March are available now via [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk).

*Ms Marcham, Head of Dance*

# LPGS6 Applications

**LPGS6 SUCCESS**

"I studied Biology, Chemistry and Maths at LPGS6 and now I am a second year medical student at the University of Leicester."

Shosh

TODAY'S LEARNERS, TOMORROW'S LEADERS

<https://www.lpgs6learning.co.uk>

#TEAM LPGS6

IMPACT

"I chose the A-level at LPGS6, and now I wait for a London law firm. Studying at LPGS6 meant my career goals always mattered, and the range of subjects offered meant I could explore my interests and build a clear idea of what I wanted to do in the future. The support from teachers, opportunities, guidance, and encouragement to aim high gave me the confidence to pursue a career in law."

Ella

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IMPACT

"I studied Law A-level at LPGS6 and am in my final year at the University of Leeds, studying law. I have just secured a graduate position working for a well known financial institution. Studying Law gave me the analytical and communication skills needed to succeed in a competitive market."

Scott

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IMPACT

"I studied Business at LPGS6 and moved into employment selling property after the completion of my course. I am now living my dream selling real estate in Dubai!"

Ashan

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IMPACT

"I studied Biology, Chemistry and Health & Social Care at LPGS6 and now I am a second year midwifery student at Kings College, London."

Sage

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#TEAM LPGS6

IMPACT

"I studied Business at LPGS6 2 years ago; I worked as a Multi Channel Marketing apprentice for Amazon. I have now completed my apprenticeship and have just secured a marketing position for a high end fashion retailer"

Eve

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#TEAM LPGS6

IMPACT



Scan the QR code to complete your application to join LPGS6 in September 2026.

The application deadline is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



## UPDATE FROM OUR TRUST

### Parentkind

In this update, we are sharing a helpful guide developed by the charity **Parentkind** to support parents in raising concerns when they are worried about something happening in their child's school. The guide is available on the Parentkind website [here](#). Alongside this, we have our own Trust [policy](#), which sets out how we work with parents and carers to enable every child to thrive. Both the Parentkind guide and our Trust policy can be found in a new section of our Trust website [Key Information - Impact Multi Academy Trust](#), where we plan to develop further resources for parents and carers over time.

We recognise that all parents want the very best for their children, and we share this commitment for every child across our Trust. We also understand that the government's recently announced policy changes may feel unsettling for some families. We want to reassure you that we remain committed to working in partnership with our school communities throughout any upcoming changes, maintaining a shared focus on what is right for children.

We know we are not perfect, and at times we may get things wrong. Equally, parents may occasionally have questions about why certain decisions are made or may disagree with aspects of how we work. When concerns arise, we simply ask that conversations with our staff are approached in an enquiring and respectful way. Although instances of shouting, swearing, aggression or excessive emailing are thankfully rare, our Trust policy outlines the steps we will take to safeguard staff wellbeing if such situations occur.

If you do have a concern, the best first step is always to contact the school office, so your query can be directed to the right person. Most issues can be quickly resolved through an initial conversation. If further action is needed, each school's Complaints Policy, which can be found on the school's website, explains how concerns are reviewed and addressed thoroughly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain positive and respectful school communities. We hope you find this new guidance useful.

**Together, we enable everyone to thrive.**

## BYMT Open Auditions

Come and join the BYMT family! Happy, safe and fun!

BYMT are holding open auditions for young people not currently involved with BYMT. The auditions are for students who are post Grade 3 on any of the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, orchestral percussion.

Saturdays - Orchestras and Bands Grade 3+

Mondays - Bromley Youth Concert Band Grade 7+

Fridays - Bromley Youth Chamber Orchestra Grade 7+

Please complete this [form](#) to register your interest. Please note you will be offered a 10 minute audition slot in the week of 14th - 18th April. Due to booking of specialist teachers for the audition panels it is not possible to offer an alternative time.

## The Wellbeing Hub

The Wellbeing Hub theme for this month is Families, the following podcasts/webinars will be available on the [website](#).

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Podcast: Family breakdowns and how to support your child

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March – Podcast: Blended families

18<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm – Webinar: Understanding family dynamics: step-families, single parenting, sibling rivalry and more

w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Podcast: Revision skills: How to revise effectively



## CALENDAR

5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Party
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Training Day
8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> March	A-Level Spanish Seville trip
10 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Parent forum
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Mix Tape
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 12 Medics Trip to Selwyn College
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Assessment week
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y7 Music Scheme Concert
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	DofE training days
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y12 UCAS Event
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y10 Geography Trip
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Cabaret Concert
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y11 & 13 Targeted Parents' Evening (online)
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y9 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Break
1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Ski Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins

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