

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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9 May 2025

Dear Families,

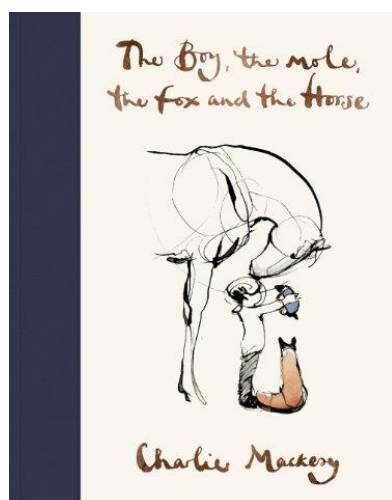
This year marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, celebrating the end of World War II in Europe and honouring the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for peace and freedom. At school, we took this opportunity to help students understand the significance of this historic event. On the day we broadcast a special assembly where we reflected on the meaning of VE Day, enjoyed food in the canteen and saw bunting around school and in the courtyard. Having studied Beckenham War Memorial in their history lessons, a small group of Year 9 students visited the memorial and laid a wreath on behalf of the LPGS community. It was a memorable and meaningful day that encouraged respect, remembrance, and a deeper appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy today.

In my assemblies this week, I have encouraged students to reflect on what it means to be human, the similarities and differences we share with animals and the importance of kindness. Being human means we connect – with each other, with ideas and the world around us. We have a heart that feels, a mind that wonders and a need to be seen and to belong. What distinguishes us from animals are the ethical choices we make even when they go against our immediate needs or desires. This is because we are guided by values such as justice, empathy and responsibility. I also shared some extracts from the wonderful animated tale of the boy, the mole, the fox and the horse and shared my three lessons, drawing on the book.

Lesson 1: The strength in kindness and love (including being kind to yourself)

Lesson 2: It's okay to not be okay

Lesson 3: The power of asking for help



We also reflected on love, loss, grief and remembering with the assembly allowing us to remember a student member of the LPGS community whom we lost a year ago. Our memory trees in the school library have provided an opportunity for students to write a memory about a loved one, to describe how they made us feel and/or express gratitude.

Our Year 11 students received the surprise of good luck messages from teachers and family members in a special assembly just before starting the written examinations, which are now underway. We have every

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confidence in both our Year 11 and 13 students showing the examiner everything they know and trying their very best in these summer examinations – we can ask no more of them than this and remain here to support them in the coming weeks.

Our DoFE participants completed their qualifier expedition in East Grinstead last weekend walking in and around the Ashdown Forest and demonstrating their campcraft, navigation skills and physical endurance. Congratulations on impressing the expedition leaders, not getting lost (too much) and working well as a team throughout the two-day expedition. The completion of the expedition section will, we know, encourage students to complete the volunteering, physical and skills sections of the award, which represents a significant achievement for our young people.

Year 12 and 13 dance students travelled to London to visit the Rambert Dance Company's archives in support of their theoretical understanding. The enjoyable visit will, we know, have helped our Year 13 students' preparations for their forthcoming A Level exam and will have given the Year 12 students a head start for next year.

Finally, following the successful Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) drop down day with Year 9 students last week, on Wednesday our Year 10 students explored key topics such as pregnancy, the risks of pornography, commitment and intimacy and sexual harassment, victim blaming and Incel. This information is key to our students' understanding of the characteristics of healthy relationships and the facts about reproductive health. During the fifth session of the day, students were introduced to the Teen Tips online wellbeing hub and started a tailored online course to support their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

The [TeenTips website](#) remains a source of information and advice for all members of our school community, including parents and carers, and we know a number have already accessed the online resources and found them useful.

I know that students, staff and families will have enjoyed the recent four-day weeks and that we will be preparing ourselves for the reality of being at school or work for five days next week! It is clear that we have packed so much into the last four days at school and that our students continue to embrace the opportunities and experiences of everyday school life.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Emergency Procedures – Lockdown

Following the approval of our lockdown policy earlier this year by the governing body and staff training, students watched a video briefing on our in-school arrangements this week during form time. In rare situations, a school lockdown may be necessary to ensure the safety of pupils and staff. This could be due to an incident in the local area, an intruder on site, or a health and safety concern. The term lockdown has become more familiar to us in recent years, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, during which our movements were restricted. During a lockdown in school, children remain inside classrooms or spaces supervised by staff. Doors are secured and movement is restricted until it is safe to resume normal operations. Our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of your child. In the event of a real lockdown, we will communicate with parents as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so. Please be assured that we have clear procedures in place and staff have been trained and provided with guidance to manage such situations.

Mr Whittle, Headteacher and Mr Robertson, Estates Manager

Golden Week Winners

Congratulations to the 942 students who achieved a 'Golden Week' of 100% attendance and receiving no late marks or C points. Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn in our Golden Week draw, these students will receive an Amazon voucher.

Year 7	Aiza F 7LE
Year 8	Kayla H 8KC
Year 9	Emma V 9LE
Year 10	Amelie B 10SG
Year 11	Noah M 11SH
Year 12	Millie C 12J
Year 13	Sofia Q 13I
Overall winner	Lily S 9LE

There were additional prizes for students in all year groups including queue jumps for the canteen and home bakes kindly donated by Innovate Catering.

Congratulations to all students who achieved a 'golden week' – keep up the hard work.

Mrs Hurley, Assistant Headteacher

Key Stage 3 Assessment Weeks: 12 – 23 May

These assessments will occur during normal lesson times and are designed to provide an update on your child's attainment and progress. The format of our summer term reports will include your child's autumn data to allow for comparison.

Your child's teachers have dedicated time in lessons this week to ensure students have:

- **Logged the date and period of their assessment**, ensuring they have a clear understanding of when each assessment will take place.
- **Recorded what they can expect to be in the assessment** a copy of the overview for each year can be viewed on [Firefly](#).

We encourage every student to balance some revision with relaxation this weekend so that they feel prepared but well rested, ahead of next week.

Mrs Ashman-Clark, Deputy Headteacher

INFORMATION

The Wellbeing Hub

Mental Health Awareness Week serves as an important reminder of the need to understand and prioritise mental health, while promoting emotional wellbeing across the school community. It reinforces the message that mental health is just as vital as physical health - and that every individual deserves empathy, support, and care. Please see below for next week's resources from The Wellbeing Hub.

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[Read now: club.teentips.co.uk](https://club.teentips.co.uk)

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Bromley & Beckenham Hockey Club - May Hockey Camps

Foundations - U12 Camp

28th - 29th - 30th May | Mornings
09:30 to 12:30

Hockey Talents - U14 / U16 Camp

28th - 29th - 30th May | Afternoons
13:30 to 16:30

Join the Game and Join us!



Book your place on the club's website www.brombeckshockey.com/payments

Or send us an email if you have any questions:

 Book your place here camps@brombeckshockey.com

Camps take place at Langley Park School for Girls.

National Youth Jazz Orchestra – May Holiday Project

Just a reminder that the deadline for this opportunity is **Monday 12 May**.

This May Half Term, NYJO (National Youth Jazz Orchestra) are delighted to be offering a 3-day soundscape exploration at Woolwich Works. From Tuesday 27 – Thursday 29 May, young people will have the chance to get hands on with microphones, learning techniques for recording the sounds in the world around us, and then creatively working with these sounds to develop a new sound piece responding to the space.

Any young people aged 14 - 18 are welcome to take part, and they welcome all ability levels with no previous experience required!

Students can sign-up via this link: <https://www.surveymhero.com/c/nps4isks>



NYJO MAY HALF TERM PROJECT -
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 12 May
Thursday 15 May
Monday 12 – Friday 23 May
Monday 19 – Friday 23 May
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May
Wednesday 11 June
Monday 16 – Friday 27 June
Thursday 19 June
Friday 20 June
Monday 23 June
Thursday 26 June
Monday 30 June
Tuesday 8 – Thursday 10 July
Wednesday 9 July
Monday 14 – Friday 18 July
Saturday 19 July – 12 August
Wednesday 23 July

Camps International Pre-departure Meeting
Year 10 Parents' Evening
KS3 Assessment Week
Y10 Work Experience
Half Term
Y10 GCSE Musical Recital
Y10 and 12 Trial Exams
Y11 Soiree
Y11 Celebration Assembly
Y13 Leavers' Breakfast
Sixth Form Taster Day
Y7 Music Scheme Concert
Performing Arts Production of Six
Y13 Prom
Y12 Work Experience
Camps International Peru Expedition
End of Term

Details of sports fixtures can be found on [Firefly](#)