

# Langley Park School for Girls

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



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Dear Families,

With GCSE and A-Level examinations now well underway, it was the turn of our Key Stage 3 students this week to complete summative assessments during Assessment Week. It has been impressive to see their focus, maturity and determination in tackling tests in each subject. These assessments play an important role in assessing students' knowledge and understanding, as well as identifying areas for further development. Well done on your hard work!

I'm delighted to share the recent successes of our U13 and U15 cricket teams, who both achieved fantastic second-place finishes in a regional tournament. The U15 team came agonisingly close to the title, missing out by just one run, while the U13s impressed throughout the day—losing only three wickets across all matches and earning a well-deserved place in the play-off against Bexley Grammar School. Congratulations to all players involved for their teamwork, competitive spirit and skill.

I would also like to thank all the parents and carers who attended our Year 10 Parents' Evening. These evenings are valuable opportunities for strengthening the partnership between home and school, and your engagement plays a vital role in supporting students' learning and progress.

On Tuesday evening, I met with our Governing Body. Among a wide-ranging agenda, we reviewed our latest student progress data, discussed and recommended the school's budget for 2025–26, and reflected on our school self-evaluation. I am grateful to the governors for their continued support, challenge and commitment to driving improvement across all areas of the school.

Following the reflections I shared in my most recent letter to families, in this week's 'Langley Lowdown,' I shared the pencil's tale. This is a motivational story which shares what makes life meaningful – through the eyes of a pencil. The story reminds us of the following:

**Put yourself in someone else's hands** – life isn't meant to be lived alone. True happiness and success can only be achieved with others. This is why maintaining relationships with friends and family is so important

**Embrace challenges for growth** – Sometimes 'sharpening' stings. Growth is often not fun in the moment, but short term discomfort leads to long-term growth.

**Learn from mistakes** – There are no faultless humans. When you make a mistake, slow down enough to try to learn from them. You may not always be able to 'erase' them, but you can definitely write more to the story.

**Value inner qualities** – the most important part of you is what is on the inside.

**Leave a positive mark on the world** – leaving your mark isn't always easy, but it will always be worth it

We wish all our Year 10 students the very best as they head out on their work experience placements next week. This is an invaluable chance to explore the world of work, develop new skills, and gain insights that will inform future choices. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences on their return.

Finally, this Sunday Miss McGovern (Head of Year 7) and Mr Littlechild (Assistant Safeguarding Officer) are running the Hackney Half Marathon in memory of Lana, a wonderful student whom we tragically lost last April. They have been hard at work training and will, I know, be supported by a number of staff members along the 13.1 mile route in East London. They are raising money for CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably), a

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suicide prevention charity. They are looking to raise as much money as possible and if you would like to support them and to donate money towards this charity, please visit their [JustGiving page](#).

Yours faithfully,

**S J Whittle**  
**Headteacher**

## MESSAGES FROM STAFF

### Attendance

A reminder to parents/carers to report your child's absence before the beginning of the school day at 8.30, whenever possible. Absences can be reported via Studybugs or by email to [attendance@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk). Thank you to all parents/carers who have signed up to use Studybugs as this is our preferred method of monitoring absences. Please note if you report an absence through Studybugs there is no need to follow up with an email or telephone call.

To sign up to Studybugs please download the Studybugs app or visit the [website](#), you should register using the email address held by the school.

### Top 3 Reasons to Use Studybugs:

1. It is integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is absent from school.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.  
(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Thank you.

***Mrs R Hurley, Assistant Headteacher***

### Young Carers

At LPGS we recognise Young Carers as being any student who has a parent/carer, sibling or other relative living with them, who has a disability or additional need.

We acknowledge that it is important to recognise this group of students, to provide understanding and support of their individual circumstances. A support group operates in school and provides opportunity for students to meet others in similar situations.

Each year a survey is undertaken in order to identify the school's Young Carers.

If, in addition to the above criteria, your child actually performs a practical role in assisting with the care of another, then please indicate this in your response. It is helpful for the school to be aware of any responsibilities a child may have outside of school, particularly where it might impact their learning or participation in after school activities.

We are aware that circumstances can change and therefore request that those who have previously responded to this survey, reconfirm their child's status.

Please email your child's name and form, with a brief description of the circumstances of their Young Carer status by email to [RMI@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:RMI@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk).

***Mrs R Mitchell, Safeguarding Officer***

### **Bromley Schoolwear – Uniform Shop Update**

We are aware that the Bromley Schoolwear shop near Bromley South Station has closed and have received an update from the company.

Following the closure of the store in central Bromley, Bromley Schoolwear are continuing to operate via online sales, while they explore options for a new retail location in Bromley, including the reinstatement of their previous physical store.

Their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses remain active and their priority continues to be serving local families with the same commitment and quality as always.

I do appreciate the inconvenience this may be causing to families and am considering how we can, as a school, support families in viewing, trying on and purchasing items of school uniform.

***Mr S Whittle, Headteacher***

## **INFORMATION**

### **Bromley Y Webinars**

Bromley Y are pleased to announce the dates of the Summer Term webinars for parents/carers and young people. There are various dates and if you click on the topic, it will take you to their Eventbrite channel where you can book for these live, online sessions. There is no need for cameras or names and all sessions are all free.

#### **For Young People**

[Managing academic stress – Dealing with Exam Stress](#)

[Stress and worry management](#)

#### **For parents and carers of primary school aged children**

[Helping your child with fears and worries](#)

[Emotionally based school avoidance](#)

[Changing from primary to secondary school](#)

[Helping your child with sleep problems](#)

#### **For parents and carers of young people at secondary school**

[Helping young people with fears and worries](#)

[Changing from primary to secondary school](#)

### **The Wellbeing Hub**



**PODCAST**

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**Wellbeing Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —

**This week's content**  
Week commencing 19th May 2025

PODCAST: Understanding the neurological causes of challenging behaviour and dispelling the myth of 'naughtiness' with Victoria Bagnall, a world-renowned Speaker and Author on executive functioning, brain development and behaviour, and the Co-founder of Connections in Mind

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 12 – Friday 23 May	KS3 Assessment Week
Monday 19 – Friday 23 May	Y10 Work Experience
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	Half Term
Tuesday 27 and Thursday 29 May	Y11 & 13 Revision sessions
Wednesday 11 June	Y10 GCSE Musical Recital
Monday 16 – Friday 27 June	Y10 and 12 Trial Exams
Thursday 19 June	Carnegie Book Awards
Thursday 19 June	Y11 Soiree
Friday 20 June	Y11 Celebration Assembly
Monday 23 June	Y13 Leavers' Breakfast
Thursday 26 June	Sixth Form Taster Day
Monday 30 June	Y7 Music Scheme Concert
Tuesday 8 – Thursday 10 July	Performing Arts Production of Six
Wednesday 9 July	Y13 Prom
Monday 14 – Friday 18 July	Y12 Work Experience
Tuesday 15 July – 12 August	Camps International Peru Expedition
Wednesday 23 July	End of Term

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