

Langley Park School for Girls

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



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Dear Families,

I am delighted to be writing to you at the start of the new school year as the Headteacher of Langley Park School for Girls. Having spent much of the summer in school liaising with key staff and preparing for the new school year, I have enjoyed working with our dedicated teachers and support staff on our INSET days earlier this week before meeting students in all year groups on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

I have no doubt there has been much curiosity among students about meeting the new Headteacher and I have been overwhelmed by how friendly and welcoming students have been as I have introduced myself to them and they have in turn introduced themselves to me at the entrance gate and around school. They will inevitably have to bear with me as I try to learn names over the coming weeks and months!

I hope all our students and families have had an enjoyable summer and will have engaged in a range of activities, experiences and time with friends and family, whether they travelled or stayed closer to home.

In my assemblies this week, I have shared the examination successes of our Year 11 and 13 students - those who attained the very highest grades and those who made significant progress from their starting points and deserve recognition. It is hoped that this will inspire those who are currently or soon will be embarking on their examination journey.

A new school year is an exciting time and represents an opportunity for a fresh start and new possibilities. Our students will, of course, be building on their success and achievements last year but will also, I hope, be reflecting on any challenges, difficulties and mistakes they may have made last year and how this year can and will be even brighter and more successful for them.

A real highlight for me this summer was seeing over 10,000 sportsmen and sportswomen come together from 203 nations across the world to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The formation of the refugee team in 2015 also enabled the participation of displaced and refugee athletes in the games. This was also the first Olympic Games in which gender parity was achieved, with 50% of all competitors being women. As I shared with students in my assemblies, there were so many touching moments which demonstrated kindness, respect, belonging, determination, ambition and equality - the values we promote and develop here at LPGS.

The success achieved by individual athletes is no accident. It is the result of four or more years of hard work and commitment to training. Showing up, demonstrating resilience and learning from mistakes are pre-requisites of success, whether this be in the classroom, exam hall or field of play. I therefore remind our students and families of the importance of regular school attendance and thank you in advance for informing the school of the reasons for your child's absence from school.

During the summer we also witnessed the tragic events in Stockport, dissemination of far right views and disinformation via social media and subsequent hostility towards those seeking asylum. We will be addressing these issues in our forthcoming current affairs sessions with students.

We truly believe that high achievement takes place in a framework of high expectations. Whilst we have not made any significant changes to our school rules and expectations this summer, we have inevitably revisited how we implement these in as consistent a manner as possible. We are therefore seeking to ensure clarity with students, staff and parents/carers on our expectations and have been reinforcing this week with students

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in school our expected standards of uniform and conduct around the school. This week, with some exceptions, we have focused on reminders of the 'Langley Way' without recourse to detentions or sanctions.

From next week we will be implementing our lunchtime and after school detentions and I hope that, with the introduction of our new management information system and changes, we will be better able to communicate reasons for detentions. I request your support in ensuring your child's attendance at detentions to avoid further unnecessary consequences.

We would like to welcome our new staff to LPGS

Mr R Alois - Teacher of Science
Ms L Blackwell - Teacher of History
Mr D Burnett - Teacher of Science
Mr A Hart - Teacher of Business Studies
Ms L Hood - Teacher of English
Ms C Marcham - Head of Dance
Mrs R Morgan - Teacher of English and Head of Y12
Ms G Tyler - Teacher of PE

Ms R Bennett - Teacher of History
Ms M Boreland - Teacher of Health & Social Care
Ms M Feeney-Mellor - Teacher of English
Ms J Haslett - Cover Manager and Pastoral Manager
Ms A Lunskey - Teacher of Geography
Ms I Mohamed - Teacher of English
Mr P Seward - Deputy Headteacher
Mrs A Williams - Teacher of Maths and English

Examination Results 2024

We are immensely proud of the way our academic and pastoral teams collaborate to support every aspect of a student's development during the pivotal years between 14 and 18. These are the years that shape futures, and our commitment to ensuring that every student flourishes both academically and personally is at the heart of everything we do.

This year, LPGS once again set high academic standards, the outstanding results achieved by our students are a testament to their hard work and the dedication of our staff. It was a joy to celebrate these achievements on both A Level and GCSE results days.

We are especially proud that LPGS has outperformed national outcomes across many key areas. Over 33% of our GCSE grades this year were at grades 7-9, significantly higher than the national average of 22.9%. In other words, one-third of our GCSE results equate to the former A* and A grades. Our overall 4-9 pass rate was 84%, which is 14% above the national figure.

Our Sixth Form students also achieved remarkable success, with 53% of all grades at A*-B, again exceeding national averages. These results reflect countless hours of dedication from students. A special thank you goes out to our Sixth Form and Careers teams, who have guided these students not only through their studies but also through the university application process. Throughout their Sixth Form journey, our students are encouraged to live by the ethos of our Sixth Form motto, "Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders", consistently demonstrating kindness, determination, respect and empathy. These qualities are nurtured daily within our Sixth Form community, and we are confident that our students leave LPGS well-equipped to succeed in their future studies, careers, and society.

We are also delighted to welcome our new Year 12 intake, including many students who have joined us from other schools. They have made an excellent start, fully engaging in their induction and lessons, and we are committed to supporting them as they become an integral part of the LPGS community.

For more detail on our examination results headlines, these can be found on the school [website](#).

I very much look forward to meeting you at forthcoming events in school and thank you in advance for your support of your child and the school this year. As a staff body, we will of course be there to support, challenge and guide your child to ensure that they and others enjoy a safe, happy and successful school year.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle
Headteacher

NOTICES

Upcoming Parents' Information Events

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers of years 7, 11 and 12 in person at school on the following dates:

Year 7	Tuesday 17 September, 6.00-7.30pm, with refreshments from 5.30pm
Year 11	Tuesday 10 September, 6.00-7.00pm, with refreshments from 5.45pm
Year 12	Tuesday 10 September, 6.30-7.45pm, with refreshments from 6.10pm

Presentations, which families can access virtually, will be sent home to parents/carers of year 10 and 13 students on Friday 20 September.

These will include information from key staff members whose role it is to support the academic and pastoral progress of our students.

A Hello from the LPGS Careers Academy!

We are Mrs Hayden and Miss Day, the LPGS Careers team, we work with students in all year groups.

We were proudly recognised as an "Area of Excellence" in the school's recent Challenge Partners' Review, and we will now be welcoming careers teams from schools across the country to share our best practice with them.

We work to help students think about their future, research career options and look at the best pathways available to them. This includes working with them to research courses at colleges and universities, apprenticeships and employment options, and ensuring students gain the employability skills required for success during their time with us.



We are passionate about everything to do with work experience and employer engagement. We are here to encourage and assist the students in finding quality, relevant work experience to help them on their journey to their chosen career.

We tailor our service to each student, ensuring we maximise opportunity and pursue relevant employer engagement for every student.

With over 35 years recruitment and training experience between us, we are confident that we know what employers want to see and we LOVE working with the students to ensure they leave LPGS as confident young people with the ability to walk into a room, full of interviewees, knowing they are the best prepared there!

Our annual Careers Fair is a massive highlight in the school calendar with all students attending. Last year, we welcomed over 65 universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers with more attending our next fair in February 2025.

This term, we are extremely grateful to have been given a fabulous new careers space. We would love to transform our new space into a corporate environment within our school setting, where employers can come to us for drop-in sessions to talk about their careers paths, conduct mock interviews, promote apprenticeships and entry level positions within their company or industry and welcome back our fabulous LPGS alumni to work with our current students.

Our mantra to our students when seeking work experience opportunities is... "If you don't ask, you don't get". We have decided to set an example and live by our own mantra and set up a [Go Fund Me page](#) to ask parents/carers/friends of the school and local employers if they would like to donate to transform our Careers Academy space. We are passionate about inspiring every single one of our students and we want to give the academy a corporate edge with all of the equipment and decoration they could expect to see in a large city firm.

We have put together a wish list which includes:

- Large flat screen television
- Board room table and chairs (think "The Apprentice!")
- Speakers
- Artificial plants and pots
- A set of world clocks
- Multiple black picture frames
- Wall art
- London skyline wall
- Printer

If you think you could help, by donating towards this project, all donations will be so gratefully received. If you would like to sponsor a particular item on our wish list, we would LOVE to hear from you. In return, you/your company will be thanked and celebrated in our school newsletter and social media accounts. The link to our page is [here](#) and we would be grateful for your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on: hha@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Hayley Hayden
Trust Careers Lead

Wallis Day
Careers Advisor

PE Winter Extra-Curricular Timetable 2024-25

Please find the extra-curricular timetable below, clubs begin from Monday 9 September. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Friday	TIME	YEAR GROUP	ACTIVITY	STAFF	CHANGING ROOM	VENUE
Monday	3.30 - 4.30	Y7 & 8	Hockey	CB and GT	Sports Hall	Astro
	3.30 - 4.30	Y9, 10, 11	Football	RSA	Sports Hall	Field
Tuesday	3.30 - 4.30	Y9, 10, 11	Hockey	GT	Sports Hall	Astro
	3.30 - 4.30	Y8	Netball	RAZ	Sports Hall	Courts
	3.30 - 4.30	KS5 Boys	Football	RSA	LSC	LSC/Field
Wednesday	3.30 - 4.30	Y7	Football	SMO	Sports Hall	Field
	3.30 - 4.30	Y8	Football	CHR	Sports Hall	Field
	3.30 - 4.30	Y9	Netball	TM	Gym	Courts
	3.30 - 4.30	Year 10 & 11	Netball	RHU / SAW	Gym	Courts
Thursday	3.30 - 4.15	Junior	Badminton	Mark Creffield	Sports Hall	Sports Hall
	4.15 - 5.00	Senior	Badminton	Mark Creffield	Sports Hall	Sports Hall
Friday	3.30 - 4.30	Y8 - 11	Basketball	Various	Sports Hall	Sports Hall
	3.30 - 4.30	Y7	Netball	Various	Sports Hall	Sports Hall

Catering Update

The menu for next week is shown below, the full menu can be accessed via this [link](#) or the [Catering page](#) on our website. Please visit our webpage for more information on Innovate, our catering supplier, including pricing and sQuid information.

WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING

09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024 11/11/2024 02/12/2024
25/12/2024 15/01/2025 05/02/2025 24/02/2025 17/03/2025

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Traditional Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Creamy Garlic Chicken & Mushroom Pasta with Garden salad

WEDNESDAY

Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Smokey Beef Chilli Con Carne with Rice, Nachos & Corn

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Vegan Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy (VE)

TUESDAY

Gnocchi with Roasted Vegetables in a Tomato & Basil Sauce (V)

WEDNESDAY

Open Harissa Roasted Squash & Feta Pie with Seasonal Vegetables or Salad (V)

THURSDAY

Smokey Plant Based Chilli with Rice, Nachos & Corn (V)

FRIDAY

Vegan Falafel Burger, Naked Slaw, Mango Chutney, Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Apple Pie & Custard

TUESDAY

Peach & Pineapple Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Sticky Coconut & Jam Pudding

THURSDAY

Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

Fruit & Yoghurt Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES

Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

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VIBES







MONDAY

Caramelised Onion & Mozzarella Poutine

TUESDAY

Gochujang Chicken & Sesame Rice Pot

WEDNESDAY

Mei Goreng Indonesian Fried Noodles

THURSDAY

Korean Fried Crispy Chicken

FRIDAY

Manager's Street Vibes Special

NATURally



MONDAY

Reggae Reggae Jackfruit Curry (VE)

TUESDAY

Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)

WEDNESDAY

Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

TRATTORIA



MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni, Cheese & Tomato Pizza

THURSDAY

Pasta in Cheese Sauce

FRIDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato or BBQ Chicken, Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7 – Monday 9 September
 Tuesday 10 September
 Tuesday 17 September
 Wednesday 18 September
 Wednesday 25 September – Tuesday 1 October
 Thursday 3 October
 Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 October
 Monday 14 – Friday 18 October
 Monday 21 October – Friday 1 November
 Monday 4 – Friday 8 November
 Monday 25 – Friday 29 November
 Thursday 5 December
 Monday 9 – Wednesday 18 December
 Friday 20 December

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition
 Year 11 & 12 Information Evenings
 Year 7 Information Evening
 School Photo Day (Y7, 10 & 12)
 Year 12 Baseline Assessments
 Open Evening
 Year 7 Residential Trip
 Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams
 Half term
 Year 11 & 13 Trial Exams
 Year 10 & 12 Assessment Week
 Sixth Form Open Evening
 KS3 Assessment Weeks
 Last day of term

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