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

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Dear Families,

As the public exams season has now come to an end, so too have the Year 10 and 12 trial exams, throughout which students have demonstrated great focus and resilience. With the exam desks being packed away for another year, teachers and students will now be focussing on the learning opportunity these exams provide: the importance of exam technique, identifying secure and less secure knowledge and the value of responding to feedback.

A highlight of the week this week was our Year 13 Leavers' Breakfast – not because we were saying goodbye to students but because of the strong relationships which were evident between students and also with staff. It was a joyful and emotional occasion, filled with memories, laughter, and a few tears! The class of 2025, like students in all year groups, have made me feel especially welcome this year. They have always engaged in conversation and contributed so much to the life of our school – in terms of extra-curricular activities, student leadership and mentoring. They deserve every success this summer, have bright futures ahead of them and I look forward to celebrating with them once again at the forthcoming Year 13 Prom and on A-Level Results Day in August.



The work of students in music, dance and drama was also showcased on Tuesday evening alongside our Visual Arts Summer Exhibition, demonstrating the extraordinary talent, creativity and commitment of our students. T001 was transformed into a gallery exhibiting the brilliant work of students in Years 11 and 13 in the various fine art, photography, textiles and media production courses offered within the Visual Arts faculty. Congratulations to all involved!

For our Sixth Form, it has also been an important few days. On Thursday, our Year 12 students took part in a UCAS Preparation Day, providing an opportunity to work on personal statements, research and consider course choices and begin the application process. In addition, we welcomed back Year 11 students and welcomed

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students from other schools to our Sixth Form Taster Day, giving them the opportunity to explore A-Level and vocational subjects in more depth and experience the unique atmosphere of our Sixth Form community.

We also had the pleasure this week of welcoming families of prospective students into school for our Year 6 Parents' Information Evening. We shared the school's values, expectations, opportunities and support on offer, which I hope will have been useful and supportive for parents/carers. We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students into school and to working with them on Tuesday at our Induction Day. These events are designed to support our students to get off to a 'flying start' to Year 7 in September.

Alongside the many events taking place in school, we remain very focused on developing teaching, looking ahead to and preparing for the new school year. On Monday, our teachers shared their professional growth journey this year, with specific reference to classroom practice that they have trialled and developed. I thank them for their commitment to continuous improvement as we model the learning behaviours we seek to promote and develop in our students. This week, our Heads of Department and Heads of Faculty have spent time engaged in curriculum planning days, reflecting on the design of their subject curricula, the key concepts and skills which they develop and progression throughout the programmes of study. This work will feed into discussions at our INSET Day with team members on Friday 4 July when we will be working collaboratively to refine and enhance our provision for the year ahead.

Members of our Senior Leadership Team took part in a Trust Collaboration with teams from all secondary schools across our Trust, strengthening partnerships and sharing best practice. We shared our school development priorities for 2025-26 and it was encouraging to see so many areas in common, affording us opportunities to work together to develop and improve our schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who responded to and complete our recent Parents' Survey, the results of which we will be analysing in the coming weeks. I would like to draw your attention to the information in this letter, clarifying the school's expectations (and a slight change to our current practice) regarding the use of mobile phones on the school site.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

Mobile Phones in School

Following information being communicated to students in this week's 'Langley Lowdown,' we want to communicate a change to our practice in line with our policy on the use of mobile phones in school during the school day. **This change will take effect from Tuesday 1 July.**

Currently, our policy does not permit students to use their phones during the school day (and they should not be seen on site), but we permit phone use from 3:10pm, once the final bell has rung. After careful consideration, and in line with our ongoing commitment to maintaining a focused and respectful learning environment, we will be amending this practice slightly.

From Tuesday 1 July, our approach at all times (including after the end of the school day) will be:

"On site, out of sight."

This means that students will not be permitted to use their phones at any time while on school premises, including after the final bell. Phones must remain switched off and out of sight until students have left the school site (having exited through the school gate).

We believe this change will help reinforce positive habits, reduce distractions, and support student wellbeing. We appreciate that mobile phones are an important means of communication, particularly for travel and safety, and students will still be able to use their phones once they are off school grounds.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home and ensuring your child understands the importance of adhering to the updated policy. Should you need to contact your child during the school day, please continue to do so via the school office.

I have included below a brief rationale for the banning of mobile phones in school.

- **Minimising Distractions**
Mobile phones are a significant source of distraction in schools. Notifications, social media, games and messaging apps can divert students' attention away from lessons, reducing their ability to concentrate and engage with the material being taught.
- **Promoting Academic Integrity**
The presence of mobile phones in examinations represents candidate malpractice.
- **Encouraging Social Interaction**
School is not only a place for academic learning but also for developing social skills. When students are absorbed in their phones, they miss opportunities to interact face-to-face with peers, which is essential for building communication skills, empathy, and teamwork.
- **Reducing Cyberbullying**
Mobile phones can be a tool for cyberbullying, allowing harmful messages, photos, or videos to be shared instantly. Restricting phone use during school hours can help create a safer and more respectful environment for all students.
- **Supporting Mental Health**
Constant connectivity and social media use have been linked to increased anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem among students. Limiting phone use during school hours can provide a mental break and encourage healthier habits.
- **Enhancing Learning Outcomes**
Studies have shown that students perform better academically in environments where mobile phone use is restricted. Without the temptation of their devices, students are more likely to stay focused and retain information.
- **Ensuring Equity**
Not all students have access to the latest smartphones or data plans and the school supports the decisions of parents/carers who choose not to provide their child with a phone or smartphone. Banning the use of phones in school during the school day helps level the playing field and prevents feelings of exclusion or inadequacy among students who may not have the same technology.

As we introduce this small change to our practice and support students to change their habits, we will look to remind and challenge rather than sanction students for not meeting the expectations at the end of the school day (i.e. after 3.10pm).

So that you are aware of the process: we will record these '**reminder conversations**' and you will see them as CO's in the MCAS app. This means that students will not receive C points or sanctions, but you will be able to discuss with them the need for them to change habits and meet the required expectations. We expect to be in a position in September where students will be familiar with these revised expectations and sanctions for phone use at any time during the school day on site will be in place.

Our policy regarding mobile phones throughout the school day remains unchanged, phones should be switched off and out of sight. If a student is seen with a mobile phone during the school day they are choosing to have it confiscated by any staff member in the school, in line with our current practice. If a phone is confiscated it will be taken to Reception.

- Phones will not be returned to the student.
- Reception will notify parents/carers - who will be required to collect the phone from reception between 8am and 4pm.

Students are not required to make contact with parents or carers by mobile. If a student is unwell, they should tell their teacher who may send them to reception. The decision about whether to contact home will then, and always, be made by a member of staff.

We also request that parents/carers do not make contact with students by phone during school hours.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a safe and focused learning environment for all students.

Mr P Seward, Deputy Headteacher

Purchasing School Uniform

Whilst both of our uniform providers offer online sales, the opportunity to try different sizes has been impacted by the closure of the uniform shop in Bromley, previously run by one of our suppliers. Therefore we felt it helpful to outline again the opportunities available to you to purchase uniform for the new school year.

School Uniform Suppliers

Bromley & Beckenham Schoolwear - www.bromleyschoolwear.co.uk

Further to the information shared in last week's letter, we have now arranged for Bromley & Beckenham Schoolwear to run a 'pop-up' shop in school on **Wednesday 16 July from 4 - 7pm**. This will be an opportunity for parents/carers to check sizes and purchase uniform. Please note changing spaces will not be available, therefore we would advise students to wear clothing which enables them to try uniform on, over their existing clothes.

Alternatively families are welcome to call and make appointments to view and try uniforms at the Bromley & Beckenham Schoolwear warehouse unit, or order directly through their website.

There are long term plans in place for Bromley & Beckenham Schoolwear to open a new shop located in central Bromley.

121 Uniforms - www.121uniforms.net/langley-park-school-for-girls

Uniform can also be purchased from **121 uniforms** via their website above.

121 Uniforms are happy to arrange for families to try on items by appointment, please contact them via the details on their website.

PTFA – Preloved Uniform Sale

In addition to the option to buy from either of our uniform providers, there will also be a pre-loved uniform sale run by the PTFA in the school gym on **Wednesday 2 July from 3.30-4.30pm**.

Donations of pre-loved uniform would be appreciated and can be left with Reception during school hours. Thank you.

Mr P Seward, Deputy Headteacher

PE and Dance

Please find information below regarding changing for PE and Dance:

- If students have PE or Dance period 5, they must change into school uniform to return to form time.
- If they have an extra-curricular club/fixture after school, they can remain in PE kit.
- Students must change at the end of every PE or Dance lesson, unless they have PE or Dance straight afterwards, e.g. Period 1-2, Period 3-4.
- If students refuse to change after their PE or Dance lesson, they will be issued with a C3 - Persistent defiance.
- If students leave school site at 3.10pm in PE kit, they will be stopped, sanctioned with a C3 and asked to return to school to change into their school uniform.

Miss C Harris, Head of PE, and Miss C Marcham, Head of Dance

Six Teen Edition- 8, 9 and 10 July at LPGS

The Performing Arts Faculty are very excited about our upcoming production of Six Teen Edition here at LPGS in July. In case you don't know it, this is a piece of musical theatre about the six wives of Henry VIII. It's their chance to tell their stories from their perspective, or rather to sing their stories. It's relatively short, running at under an hour and a half, and every musical number is a gem.

Tickets are on sale now via [TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/). There will be a licensed bar run by the PTFA, and we are planning to have a merch stand selling a small range of items, many of them hand made by our talented staff and students.



Ms H Stanley, Head of Performing Arts

Congratulations!

At the weekend both Anna T and Isobel T received 'Honours' at the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival. Isobel sang in the Modern Folk class and Anna in Recital with Vivaldi Largo and Allegro pico from Sonata VII and also with a cello quintet. Isobel has also successfully auditioned for the National Youth Music Theatre company again this year and has been cast in a new musical residential in August.

Congratulations are also due to Amelie G in 7SG for reaching the finals of the Bromley Young Singer of the Year competition.




INFORMATION

Open Evening – September 2025



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 30 June
Tuesday 1 July
Wednesday 2 July
Friday 4 July
Saturday 5 July
Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 July
Wednesday 9 July
Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 July
Friday 11 July
Monday 14 – Friday 18 July
Tuesday 15 July
Tuesday 15 July – 12 August
Wednesday 16 July
Wednesday 23 July

Y7 Music Scheme Concert
Y6 Induction Day
Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Inset Day (staff only in school)
Six rehearsal
Six Teen Production
Y13 Prom
Y10 Geography Fieldtrips
Y12 Trip to Goldsmiths University
Y12 Work Experience
Sports Day
Camps International Peru Expedition
Bromley & Beckenham Schoolwear 'Pop-up' Shop
End of Term

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