

# Langley Park School for Girls

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



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

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Families,

It has been a busy start to the second half of the autumn term, following what I hope was an enjoyable and restful half-term break for our students, staff, parents and carers.

At the start of the half-term break, our talented musicians embarked on a memorable tour to Belgium and the Netherlands. The trip was a wonderful opportunity for students to perform abroad, experience new cultures and strengthen friendships through music. Their performances were warmly received and the tour was a great success — well done to all involved!

Back in school, the house competition continues to build momentum. This week saw the release of updated standings based on attendance data from the first half term. It's fantastic to see students taking pride in their house and contributing positively through consistent attendance, behaviour and participation in a range of competitions and events. The competition is close, and every point counts—keep it up!

This week also included important safety education for our Year 9 students, who attended talks delivered by Transport for London and the Metropolitan Police. These sessions focused on staying safe while using public transport and included vital discussions around recognising and responding to sexual harassment. We're grateful to our external partners for supporting our students with this essential awareness.

Our Year 13 students have now completed their mock exams—a major milestone in their academic journey. We commend them for their focus and resilience during this demanding period and wish them continued success as they prepare for their examinations this summer.

Meanwhile, the Performing Arts departments have been buzzing with excitement as auditions for our summer term production of *Sister Act* took place over three jam-packed days. Students came together to showcase their talents, and the collaboration between our dance, drama and music departments promises a spectacular show ahead.

Parents/carers of students participating in the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award joined us this week for information evenings. These sessions covered everything from expedition training to the benefits of the Award Scheme, which continues to be a valuable opportunity for personal growth, teamwork, and adventure.

Our students have also been out and about on enriching academic trips. A-Level Drama students attended *The Unbelievers* at the Royal Court Theatre, gaining insight into contemporary performance, while Year 13 Computer Science students took part in the Computer Science in Action lectures, exploring cutting-edge topics such as generative AI and cybersecurity.

Finally, our teaching staff came together this week for the first meetings of our new Teaching and Learning Communities. These groups are designed to foster collaboration and professional development, with a focus on key areas such as modelling, explanation, assessment for learning, and feedback. It's one of the many innovative ways in which we collaborate to develop further the quality of teaching and learning at LPGS.

Looking ahead, next week, on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will gather as a school community for our annual Act of Remembrance. This is a significant moment in our calendar, where we pause to reflect and honour those who have served and sacrificed. It's a time for unity, respect, and remembrance.

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In this week's Langley Lowdown, Miss Frail and Miss Rolston Ashford launched a series of exciting forthcoming initiatives to promote kindness, community engagement, and environmental responsibility.

Social Action Week will take place throughout the year, with each year group selecting a charity aligned to a specific theme — such as mental health, homelessness, diversity, and sustainability. Students will work together to raise funds through creative and collaborative activities, helping build empathy, leadership, and awareness of social issues. I know that this will capture the imagination of our students and build on the generosity I so often see around school, demonstrated by their willingness to support a range of causes.

In sustainability, November kicks off with the 'Switch-Off Fortnight', encouraging energy-saving habits like turning off lights, computers, and projectors. Students will help monitor energy use and promote accountability. Other eco-focused events include Road Safety Week, targeting idling cars, and the Eco Fashion Show on 25<sup>th</sup> November, showcasing upcycled clothing and offering a second-hand sale to reduce fashion waste.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to nurturing conscious, kind, and active citizens.

We look forward to welcoming Year 11 students, parents and carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening on 4<sup>th</sup> December to find out more about the courses on offer and the Sixth Form experience here at LPGS6, before applications open for Sixth Form places in September 2026.

With very best wishes

**Mr S Whittle**  
**Headteacher**

## MESSAGES FROM STAFF

### Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

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# SIXTH FORM *Open Evening*

Come and meet with our friendly staff, students and prefects to find out more about life as a LPGS Sixth Former and the courses on offer for September 2026!

- Thursday 4 December 2025
- 5.00pm-8.00pm
- Hawksbrook Lane,  
South Eden Park Road,  
Beckenham, BR3 3BE

No pre-registration needed!

Please note there will be limited parking available on the Langley Park Campus and families are encouraged to walk or use public transport where possible.

Visit Our Website  
[www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk/sixth-form](http://www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk/sixth-form)

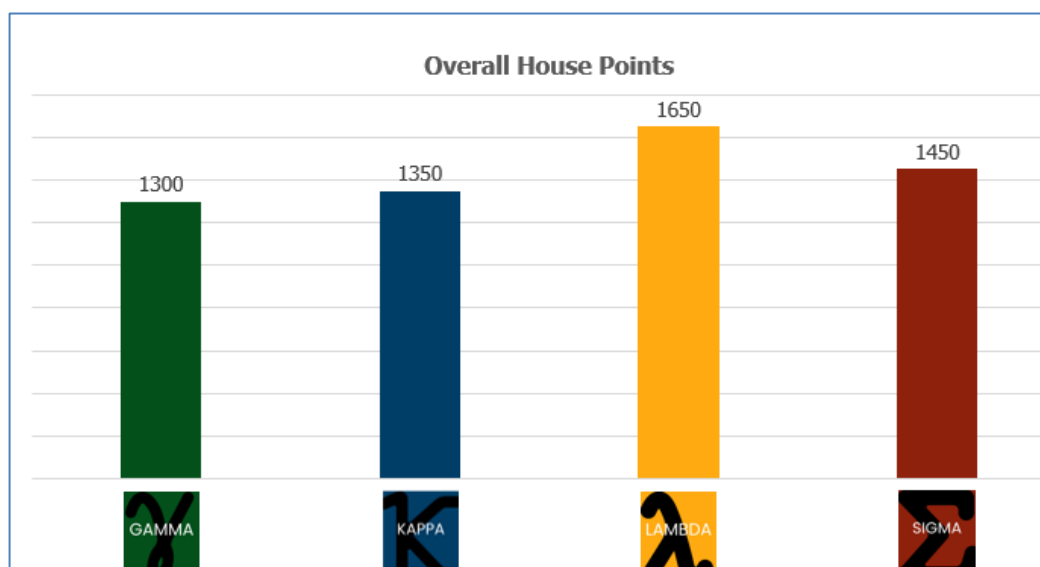
### Equipment for school

As we move further into the school year, we kindly ask parents and carers to check that their child's pencil case is still fully equipped with the necessary items for learning. It's common for supplies to dwindle over time, and one item that is particularly important is a whiteboard pen. Mini whiteboards are used frequently in lessons as an effective way to gauge whole-class understanding quickly and inclusively. When students don't have a whiteboard pen, it can delay the flow of the lesson and may disadvantage the student in participating fully. A quick check and restock of pencil cases can make a big difference to learning

*Mr Seward, Deputy Headteacher*

### House Competition

We have launched our new house logos and shared with students the current standings in our house competition (as shown below)



### Road safety

We kindly ask all parents and carers to support us in keeping Hawksbrook Lane and the Langley Campus safe and accessible for everyone in our school communities.

Please drive slowly and with caution on Hawksbrook Lane and park with consideration for others, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. To help reduce congestion, we encourage families to drop students off outside the Langley Campus where possible, allowing them to walk the final part of their journey.

We also strongly promote walking, cycling, or using public transport as sustainable and healthy ways for students to travel to school. These choices not only ease traffic but also support our commitment to environmental responsibility and student wellbeing.

Thank you for helping us make the area around our schools safer for all.

*Mr Whittle, Headteacher*

## Nut Aware School



We would like to remind all parents, carers, and students that Langley School is a **nut-aware school**. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community—particularly those with severe nut allergies — **no nuts or nut products should be brought into school at any time**.

This includes items such as peanut butter, snack bars containing nuts, and any other food containing visible or hidden nut ingredients. Even trace amounts can pose a serious risk to those with allergies.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

## INFORMATION

### Asthma Friendly Schools - Bromley Healthcare

Bromley Healthcare is holding webinars for parents/carers about Asthma Friendly Schools on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 12.30pm and 4pm.

The aim of the session is to inform parents about the AFS initiative and also provide them with some education about managing their children's asthma. The hope is that this will help improve asthma control and also reduce school absences due to asthma.

[Click here to join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Topic: Asthma Friendly Schools - Information Webinars

Time: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 12.30pm or 4pm

Meeting ID: 843 7320 1892

Passcode: 774659



### Bromley Parenting Hub

Please click the links below to access the latest Bromley Parent Hub Newsletter and Information.

[Bromley Parenting Hub Newsletter \(October 2025\)](#)

[Reducing Parental Conflict Information](#)

### Harp Lessons

A purple poster for harp lessons. The text says "Just add Harp" in a large, stylized font. Below that, it says "Try the harp with Gwen!" and "With degrees from The Juilliard School, New York and the Royal Academy of Music, London, Gwenllian has over 20 years of teaching experience. Her students have won numerous national and international awards, with a 100% success rate in exams and a love of music to last a lifetime!". It also says "3 weeks of trial lessons £40". A list of bullet points includes: "Learn the basic technique", "Try your hand at pretty glisses", and "Play some fun music". At the bottom, it says "www.GwenllianLlyr.co.uk". On the right side, there is a circular photo of a woman playing a harp. Below the photo, it says "Limited spaces! Contact Gwen via email to book a trial!" and "wels\_harpist@hotmail.co.uk".

## CALENDAR

10 <sup>th</sup> November	Y7 Mamma Mia Auditions
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Y12 & 13 Music Recital
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Y7 - 11 Flu Vaccinations
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y11 Music Recital
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Spanish Exchange Parent/Carer Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Y7 Gamma & Sigma Mamma Mia Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Y7 Kappa & Lambda Mamma Mia Concert
20 <sup>th</sup> November	2026 Ski Trip Parent/Carer Meeting
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Y10 & 12 Assessment Week
24 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Spanish Exchange
w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y7 & 8 Assessment Week
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y7 Music Scheme Concert
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Form Open Evening
w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y7, 8 & 9 Assessment Week
9 <sup>th</sup> December	SEND Parent Forum
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert Auditions
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y11 Parents' Evening (in school)
w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y9 Assessment Week
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
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5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Inset Day (Staff only in school)
6 <sup>th</sup> January	All students return to school