



LGS Headlines

21 April 2023

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term - and hopefully the weather will catch up with the idea at some point. I hope that your children had an enjoyable break and that you were able to enjoy some quality family time. For those of you who mark Easter as a religious festival I do hope it that this was a time of reflection and celebration. For many families the holiday period coincided with the observation of Ramadan, and as that month draws to an end I would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all those in the LGS community now celebrating Eid.

As you will be aware, the national dispute between the NEU and the Government in relation to teachers' pay continues. There are two further days of strike action planned for Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We absolutely respect the right of staff to take action as they feel appropriate, and as school leaders we continue to have serious concerns about the Government's approach to funding teachers' pay. As with previous strike days, we intend to remain fully open for all students, and although some lessons and activities will inevitably be disrupted we work to minimise this particularly for examination classes.

With best wishes

John Constable - Headteacher

Coming up next week...

All week	Year 12 Year 10 Year 11 Year 11	Practice examinations GCSE Practice examinations GCSE Art textiles examination (Wed and Thu) GCSE Art examination (Thu-Fri)
Mon 24 Apr	All years Year 10 Year 10	Character Education Survey for all students GCSE Photography practice examination GCSE Textiles practice examination
Tue 25 Apr	Parents with children in Yr 5	Slough Consortium 11+ Information briefings for parents (online)
Wed 26 Apr	Years 7-9	Junior Maths Challenge

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The week in review

- ⇒ **Year 10 GCSE Music students** attended a matinee performance of the musical **Wicked** at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London's. Acting as a quasi-prequel to The Wizard of Oz, the show depicts the life and times of Elphaba – the future “Wicked Witch of the West”. Students were treated to incredible vocal, theatrical and choreographic performances by a stellar cast, and saw spectacular set design featuring incredible costumes, animatronics and cleverly designed projections.
- ⇒ Well done to the **Year 7s** who embarked on the “**Hot Cross Bun Challenge**” on the last day of the spring term. Their task was to create a batch of 12 identical hot cross buns. They were judged on numerous criteria such as neat and tidy crosses, well balanced flavour and soft eating qualities. Congratulations to the winners Upasana and Savana from 7K!
- ⇒ We were delighted to welcome **Wayne Dixon** who gave his motivational **Exam Attack!** presentation to students in Year 11 and 13.
- ⇒ **Year 10s** attended a presentation on **degree-level apprenticeships**. This is part of our careers guidance programme and is aimed at ensuring that students are well informed about this developing pathway.
- ⇒ Over 70 **Year 9s** completed their **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Practice expedition** on Thursday and Friday - see pictures!
- ⇒ Over a weekend at the start of the Spring holiday, a group of **Year 12** students took part in an annual **robotics competition** for young people aged 16-19 at Southampton University. The standard of engineering and programming was *extremely* high. This was the first time we had entered so we were a 'rookie' school and were satisfied with a solid 16th place from 30 entries.

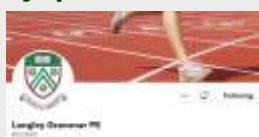
Updates & Reminders

- ⇒ We are delighted to welcome two new members of our support staff team. **Maninder Lehal** joins us as our new permanent Receptionist, and **Kevin Branscombe** joins the site team for this term.
- ⇒ Monday **1 May** and Monday **8 May** are **Bank Holidays** and the school will be closed to staff and students.
- ⇒ Please could we remind parents to keep their child's **lunch account in credit** in order for them to purchase items from the dining hall. Failure to keep the accounts topped up may result in students being unable to purchase items.
- ⇒ The timetable for this summer's **GCSE, AS and A Level Exams** [can be found here](#).
- ⇒ **Year 11 and 13** students will soon be starting **examination leave**. The last normal school day for our Year 13s will be on Thursday 11th May and for Year 11 on Friday 12th. A programme of events is currently being planned both days and will be sent to students in due course.

To find out more and keep up with what is happening in school from day to day, please follow our Twitter accounts.



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Looking ahead

- ⇒ A number of our students will attend the **Netball Super league** on Monday 24 April 2023 held at the Surrey Sports Park, Guildford. They are looking forward to an enjoyable evening of netball!
- ⇒ On Wednesday 26 April, students who recently participated in the Digital Schoolhouse Esports competition have been invited to attend a Games Showcase event at **10 Downing Street** as part of the Government's Cultural Events Programme. The event will feature gaming businesses and organisations, in an impactful and engaging showcase of design, talent, learning and skills.
- ⇒ The **Junior Maths Challenge** takes place on Wednesday 26 April for Years 7-9. The Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems designed to make students think.
- ⇒ On **Tuesday 25 April** there will be briefing events on the **Slough Consortium 11+ testing arrangements** for September 2023. A recording of the presentation will also be available after the event. These are aimed at parents with children currently in Year 5. Further information can be found in the Admissions section of our school website [here](#).

LGS PE Fixtures this week..

Date	Team	Opponents	Venue	Pick up time
Mon 24 April	New Age Kurling Team	Slough Schools	Wexham	3.15pm
Mon 24 April	Y10 Boys Football	Lynch Hill	Home	5.30pm
Tues 25 April	A Level PE Moderation at Bradfield College			
Thurs 27 April	Y8 Boys Cricket	Herschel Grammar	Away	6:30pm
Thurs 27 April	Y10 GCSE PE Table Tennis	DPA	Home	5:30pm

Character Education

“More than a walking set of exam certificates”. You will have heard us use this phrase over recent years to summarise our school's ethos. However, what does this really mean and can we measure the impact we are having? Over recent years, we have done much to provide a broader context for the education of our students and support the development of the character we believe they will need to thrive in the world. This work has helped us to stay ahead of the broader shift towards 'character education' signalled by Ofsted since November 2019. However, we know there is always more to be done to ensure that we are offering the best possible experience and outcomes for our students.

We are working with an Australian-based international education group called **A School for Tomorrow** to help us review and refine the work we are doing in this area. This organisation, and its research institute **CIRCLE Education**, have been working with schools around the world since 2011 to help them to think about the character of an excellent education and its relationship to an education for character.

The **first stage** of this process is for students, families, staff and governors to provide feedback to about their experience of character education at Langley Grammar School. Students and staff will complete a survey next Monday, and we will also be sharing the survey with parents separately via email. We encourage you to **follow the link when you receive it**, complete the survey and help us to continue to develop this important aspect of your child's education.

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