



LGS Headlines

19 May 2023

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

So, they've started.....! The GCSE and A Level examinations are now under way for Year 11 and 13 after months of preparation. We constantly emphasise our 'six words' - the way we support students to become confident and well-rounded, independent and creative, responsible and caring - but that is alongside gaining an excellent set of examination results. The grades they gain will unlock various pathways for students in the future, and the characteristics emphasised in the six words will help them be successful in their chosen field.

Those characteristics are exemplified in school in various ways. One way is through the appointment of our senior student leaders, who act as a bridge between staff and the whole student body. In the last week we have said goodbye to our very successful outgoing 2022-23 team, and appointed the new group for 2023-23.

Otherwise, the last week or two have not been particularly busy in school, and with half of Year 10 away this week on a Geography field course, it has felt quite quiet! However, you will see from the 'looking ahead' section that there are a lot of activities planned for the period after the half term break, and we look forward to reporting on those.

With best wishes

John Constable - Headteacher

Coming up next week...

All week	Year 11, 12 and 13 Year 10	Public examinations continue Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Expedition - Wed to Fri
Mon 22 May	Year 9 Year 10 team	Maths and Science end of year assessments Boys cricket - away fixture at Slough & Eton
Wed 24 May	Year 7 team	Boys' cricket - away fixture at Slough & Eton U15 Boys cricket - away fixture at LVS Ascot
Thu 25 May	Years 7-9	Newsies Theatre Visit—Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre
Fri 26 May	Year 7-10 teams	Slough District Athletics at Thames Valley Athletic Centre

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The week in review

- ⇒ A small team of **Year 7 students** went to the Royal Berkshire Show, **Design Make and Market Competition** at the Berkshire College of Agriculture last Friday. Their idea was to produce a template for making a small card box, (e.g. Amazon packaging) which could be used for seeds, saplings and small plants to grow in, and then be directly planted in the ground where it would decompose. There were 8 other groups participating - all older than our students, with some from the college and others who were taking A Level Design and Technology. Students had to talk informally to the judges and then give a formal presentation to the whole room. Our team won **joint second place** and will receive for the school £100 for the entry and £100 for 2nd place. Well done to all involved!
- ⇒ **Year 10 GCSE Geography students** have been on a fieldwork visit to Slapton in Devon on Tuesday. This is them at their starting point about to begin their coastal fieldwork day studying geographical features, processes and management.
- ⇒ This year's **cricket season** has been decimated thanks to the British weather. We finally got a game in on Wednesday, as the Year 8 boys cricket kick-started their league campaign with a win against Slough and Eton after successfully chasing down 57. A really good bowling and fielding performance as a team set the tone for the day which saw them beat a team they lost to last season. Well done to the team – a very good start!

Updates & Reminders

- ⇒ A reminder to parents that if you are notifying school that your son/daughter is unable to attend school for any reason, please either **telephone** Student Support **or** email them at studentsupport@lgs.slough.sch.uk.
- ⇒ An increasing number of students are visiting IT each week looking for their lost stylus or Apple Pencil. Very few handed in have a name on which makes it hard to return the device to the student. Please remember to name with indelible ink. Please note that we will only return Apple Pencils after confirmation from you of the serial number for the device. We do prefer all students to have a stylus in school, however it does not need to be an Apple Pencil.
- ⇒ Registration for the 2023 **Slough Consortium 11+ examination** is now open. This is for entry to Year 7 in September 2024. If you would wish to register your child for this process, please visit the admissions section of our website [here](#).
- ⇒ On **Monday 22nd May**, Year 9s will have their **end of year assessments** for Maths and Science.
- ⇒ Year 12 Parent-Teacher Consultations (PTC) will be held on Tuesday 13th June. These will be online using School Cloud. Information will be sent to parents nearer the time.

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

- ⇒ **Year 10 students** will depart for the **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Expedition** to the Chilterns on Wednesday and will return on Friday.
- ⇒ A reminder to parents that **Monday 29th May** until **Friday 2nd June** is **half term** and school is closed to students.

There are a **lot** of activities coming up over the first two weeks after the half term break.....

- ⇒ The History and Geography Departments have organised visits for students in **Year 7** on two days in June. On **Wednesday 7 June** 7C, 7S and 7V will be visiting the Chiltern Hills to assess the impact of the High Speed 2 rail line, whilst students from 7H, 7K and 7R will be visiting Warwick Castle as part of a History fieldtrip. On **Thursday 15 June** the groups will reverse, so that all students attend both activities.
- ⇒ Some of our keen cricketers will have the opportunity to watch Middlesex vs Sussex in the **Vitality T20 Blast County Cricket Championship** being held at Lords on **Thursday 8th June**. The PE department will send a letter home shortly.
- ⇒ **Year 10 GCSE Art** students will be heading to Brighton on **Tuesday 6th June**. This visit will involve drawing and photography activities which allow students to generate source materials for their main portfolio unit.
- ⇒ Our annual **Sports Day** for all students will be held on **Wednesday 14th June** at Thames Valley Athletics Centre. Further detail to follow.
- ⇒ On the **15th June**, we will hold our next school **Focus Day**. Every year group will participate in trips and activities either off site or in school, some of which have been mentioned here. A letter will be sent next week with the full programme.
- ⇒ On the **15th June**, Year 9s will depart for their **Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Assessed Expedition** for two days in the Chilterns.

Student leadership

On the last day in school for Year 13, it was a pleasure to be able to thank our **senior student leadership team** for their hard work and contribution over the last year.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Ishir Sharma and Dorina Nentcheva, have been the public face of the school at various events, speaking to large number of parents and visitors. They and their deputies Abha, Catherine, Raul and Udit have been great role models and a credit to the school.

The team has been involved in a range of initiatives and have engaged in enjoyable and productive discussions with senior staff about making the school experience better for students across the year groups.

We would like to thank them for all they have done during a busy year, and wish them well for their A Level examinations over the next few weeks.

The process for the appointment of the new student leadership team has now been completed, and we will introduce you to the newly-appointed students in next week's Headlines.



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