



LGS Headlines

3 March 2023

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

This week saw the second day of industrial action by members of the National Union of Teachers. Although the impact in our school was relatively small, we respect the right of those union members who chose to strike to draw attention to the issues affecting teacher recruitment, pay and retention. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and experienced staff at this school, but nationally there are serious difficulties with recruitment, pay and workload which need to be addressed.

World Book Day is an annual celebration of the enjoyment and importance of reading. It was good to see so many students across all year groups engaging with the programme of activities put on by our English department. As parents you will be rightly concerned about your child's future academic progress and success - but one of the most powerful things you can do to support this is to encourage your child (however old they are!) to **read**, and to **read widely**. Students develop their vocabulary and language skills throughout secondary school as they read both in class and independently, and among other benefits there is ample evidence an enthusiasm for reading correlates closely with academic success.

Finally, thank you to all those who voted in the recent parent governor election. Congratulations to Vijay Boothnath, who has been re-appointed, and to Rachel Scully who has been newly elected. We look forward to working with them on the Governing Board.

John Constable - Headteacher

Coming up next week...

All week	Year 7	Residential trip to PGL Hindhead, Surrey (Wed to Fri)
Tues 7 March	Year 10 Year 13	Parent tours of Langley Grammar School at 3.30pm Oxbridge preparation pathway - visit to Brasenose College in Oxford
Wed 8 March	Year 11	Food NEA practical examination
Thurs 9 March	All students	School Focus Day
Fri 10 March	Year 9 Year 11 Year 8	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh First Aid training GCSE Food & Nutrition NEA practical examination Financial workshop by "My Bnk"

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The week in review

⇒ The annual **World Book Day** was on **Thursday 2nd March**. This year, WBD at Langley Grammar School was bigger and better....and provided a range of opportunities for students to have some fun and be reminded of the importance and enjoyment of reading. Thank you to the English Department for planning a programme which included.....

- ◇ World Book Day **quiz** for all form groups
- ◇ **Fancy dress** linked to book characters or titles, with a lunchtime parade
- ◇ Book cover **door displays**
- ◇ **'Drop Everything and Read'** sessions in every lessons, with teachers reading sections of critically acclaimed short stories across the day.
- ◇ English activities looking at **'Books through History'** and **'Books from around the World'**

Photographs from the day can be found at the end of this newsletter, and also on the online Sway version.

⇒ We hosted the **Year 10 Maths Feast** competition with 11 teams from five different schools working on a series of maths challenges. At the end of the 3-hour event, Kendrick School came first with 936/100, narrowly beating LGS into second place with 93/100. Well done to all the teams, who thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

Well done to our sports teams this week!

LGS PE Results this week..

Date	Team	Opponents	Result	MVP
Mon 27 February	Y9 Boys Football	Ditton Park	Won 1-0	Amrit Dhillon
Weds 1 March	Table Tennis	Reading School	Won	Arzaan Kapadia
Weds 1 March	Y7 A and B Girls Netball	Slough Schools Tournaments	1 st place and 4 th place	Eva Scully and Mahika Kapoor
Thurs 2 March	U19 Boys Basketball	Luckley House	Won 93-34	Roshan Muppalla



Updates & Reminders

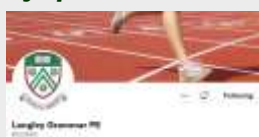
⇒ **Year 10 parent tours** take place after school on **Tuesday 7th March**. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents on site at 3.30pm to tour our school with their son/daughter as guide!

⇒ **Year 7 PTC** is taking place online on **Thursday 23rd March**. As usual on PTC days we will be changing the timings of the school day for students in all year groups; lunchtime and period 5 will each be reduced by 10 minutes and the school day will end at 2.55pm.

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

- ⇒ On **Tuesday 7th March** we welcome author **Jo Cotterill**, who will be leading a series of activities and talks in the Library for **Year 7** students.
- ⇒ Our next **Focus Day** is on **Thursday 9th March**. Each year group will be taking part in a different activity - see the programme below!
- ⇒ **Year 8** have an additional activity on Friday 10th March - a **finance workshop** organised by **MyBnk**. Find out more at www.mybnk.org

LGS PE Fixtures this week..

Date	Team	Opponents	Venue	Pick up time
Monday 6 March	Y8 Boys Football	Dedworth	Home	5.30pm
Tuesday 7 March	Y10 Girls Netball	Slough Schools	St. Bernard's	5.30pm
Weds 8 March	Y8 Girls Football	Slough Schools	Eton Willowbrook	3.15pm
Weds 8 March	U19 Boys Basketball	Emmbrook	Home	5.30pm



Focus Day - Thursday 9th March

Focus Days are an integral and important part of our curriculum, providing opportunities for in-depth activities or visits to complement the regular timetabled lessons. Each year group will be taking part in a different activity:

- ⇒ The majority of **Year 7s** will be on the PGL residential. Those remaining in school will have a special programme of subject-based enrichment lessons, with a Focus Day emphasis on Art and Music.
- ⇒ **Year 8** will be out of school on **History and Geography visits**. **8C, 8K and 8V** will be visiting the Tower of London, while **8H, 8R and 8S** will be visiting multiple sights around London, principally around the River Thames, River Lea and Olympic Park in Stratford as well as the Thames Barrier. These visits will be repeated on 14 March so all forms experience both visits.
- ⇒ **Year 9** students involved in the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award** have a training day focused on their expedition section. The rest of the year group are off to see a production of **Les Miserables** in London.
- ⇒ **Year 10** will be working on a cross-subject project which brings together **Business Studies and Design Technology** to develop a healthy eating product.
- ⇒ **Year 11** have a **Business Insight Day** organised by **Learning to Work** (our local education business partners). Students will visit a range of companies to understand how large organisations work, how different department functions contribute to success, and the range of career opportunities on offer.
- ⇒ **Year 12** will be holding a **United Nations Activity Day** focused on the sustainable development goals.
- ⇒ **Year 13** Biology students will take part in the **British Biology Olympiad** - a national competition which will give them the opportunity to win recognition of their biology talent. Those studying Economics on a finance tour in London. The rest of Year 13 have an independent study day.

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