



# LGS Headlines

## 31 March 2023

### From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

Here we are again at the end of another term....and I suspect most of us are wondering quite where the last few weeks have gone. As always, it has been a busy but very positive and productive term, with lots of activities in and out of school including residential visits, day trips, Focus Day, and a wide range of visitors. Students at LGS have an impressive range of opportunities, but all of these things take time and effort to arrange. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our staff for their hard work and dedication to our students' academic and personal development.

For two of our year groups, the end of an era is fast approaching. Both Year 11 and Year 13 have just a few weeks after the holiday until their GCSE and A Level examinations begin. As well as final preparation for the examinations, Year 11s will be confirming their choices for Sixth Form study, while many Year 13s will still be finalising their plans for university courses or apprenticeships. We wish students in both year groups well as they balance the significant challenges of revision, thinking about the future, and finding time to rest, relax and give time to family, friends and their wider interests.

Today we also said goodbye to two members of our support staff. Finley Rojow has been a member of our site team for the last year, and is leaving to resume higher education studies. Our receptionist Bev Priddle, who has been with us since 2016 through all the changes and building works, is also stepping back to pursue other interests. We wish them both well for the future.

Thank you for your support, and our best wishes to you and your families for the Spring break.

**Mr J Constable - Headteacher**

### Coming up next week...

Mon 17 Apr	<b>All students</b>	Term restarts - normal timetable
Tues 18 Apr	<b>Year 7, 11, 13 Year 10</b>	Year Group Photographs Slapton field trip parent briefing
Wed 19 Apr	<b>Year 11 Year 11 and 13</b>	Geography TAG examinations Wayne Dixon - "Exam attack"
Thurs 20 Apr	<b>Year 9</b>	Year 9 - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition
Fri 21 Apr	<b>Year 9 Year 9</b>	Year 9 - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition STEM Talk - Aston Martin

### Contact us

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### The week in review

- ⇒ **Year 13 Biologists** took part in the **British Biology Olympiad** earlier this half term. The results are now in and over half the students taking part achieved a Gold, Silver or Bronze award! Particular congratulations to our Gold award winners Sakthi Balasubramanian, Udit Khanna, James Mistry, Neil Sorthia and Aman Verma – this puts them in the **top 5% of over 13,000 students** who took part worldwide.
- ⇒ The online Parent Forum on **“dealing with anxiety”** was very well received. Parent engagement was excellent and if you missed the session, the slides from the evening can be found on our website [here](#).
- ⇒ The History department have been running an **‘historical eggs’** competition for the younger students. Fabulously creative entries so far have include Alfregg the Great, Fried-a Kahlo and Di’egg’o Maradona!
- ⇒ On **Tuesday 28 March**, we hosted the **Slough Schools KS4 Table Tennis Championships**. The standard throughout the competition was incredibly high and once again, LGS experienced great success with 6 medalists overall . Well done to everybody who participated.

KS4 Girls		Y10 Boys		Y11 Boys	
1st place – Navya	2nd – Arathi	1st place – Ronak	2nd – Aryan	2nd place – Dhruv	3rd – Ronak

- ⇒ The **Year 12 A Level geography students** spent an interesting and enjoyable week exploring the Northern Ireland coast on their field studies course.
- ⇒ We were delighted to host 40 **Apple France** teachers and education leaders from the Paris region on Thursday. They engaged enthusiastically with our student Digital Leaders and staff Jedis to find out more about how we use technology to support teaching and learning.

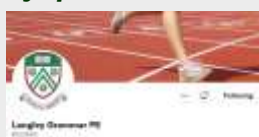
### Updates & Reminders

- ⇒ The summer term starts on **Monday 17th April**. The normal school timetable will apply.
- ⇒ Year **7, 11 and 13** will have their **Tutor Group Photographs** taken on **Tuesday 18th April**. A text will be sent to parents the day before as a reminder.
- ⇒ We are already planning our residential visits for next year and a letter was sent yesterday introducing the Geography Field visit to Iceland in 2024 for **Year 9 students**. If you would like your son/daughter to participate, please respond by **Friday 21st April as outlined in the letter**.
- ⇒ Emails were sent out this week to parents of **Year 12 and Year 10** outlining the arrangements for the forthcoming examinations and study leave information.
- ⇒ The online parents’ briefing for the Year 10 Geography Slapton field studies visit is planned for Tuesday **26th April from 6.15pm - 7.15pm**. Joining details will be sent by email closer to the time.
- ⇒ Monday **1 May** and Monday **8 May** are Bank Holidays and the school will be closed to staff and students.

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### Looking ahead

- ⇒ The **Student Robotics** Competition takes place in Southampton this weekend. Our student team has been working hard on their robot and will have two days of tinkering and matches which require invaluable problem solving skills.
- ⇒ The Year 9s embark on their **Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award** practice expedition on the 20th April, spending two days out in the Chilterns. The expedition involves planning, training for and completing an unaccompanied, self-reliant expedition with an agreed aim. Wishing them success and good weather!
- ⇒ Congratulations to all the company members for our lower school musical production of **Bugsy!** Rehearsals will begin after the spring break. We look forward to seeing you all at the performances which will run from Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th July.
- ⇒ There are no scheduled PE fixtures in the week after the holiday. However, details of extracurricular drama activities are shown below.

	Lunchtime Clubs (1.30pm – 2.05pm/2023)	After School Clubs (3.30pm – 5pm)
Monday	<b>Y8/9 Drama Club</b> Preparing for House Drama/Summer Variety Show	<b>GCSE/A-Level Revision</b>
Tuesday	<b>GCSE/A Level Revision</b>	<b>Dance Troupe</b>
Wednesday	<b>Y7 Drama Club</b> Preparing for House Drama/Summer Variety Show	<b>Lower School Production (Full Company)</b>
Thursday	<b>LSP Scene Work</b> (As called)	<b>GCSE/A-Level Revision</b>
Friday	<b>LSP Scene Work</b> (As called)	<b>GCSE Revision</b>

**Lower School Production: Bugsy**  
Full scale production for KS2 Students, rehearsals Wednesday pm, show week: 4th Monday 18th July

**Junior House Drama**  
KS2 Inter-house Drama Competition Day on Friday 22nd June

**Summer Variety Show**  
Early evening performance showcasing Dance, Drama, Music Acts with Art department gallery, Thursday 26th June

**Y9 Shakespeare Schools Festival Auditions**  
Shakespeare Schools Festival Performance – The world's largest youth Drama Festival, Auditions to pre-GCSE students in summer term. Performance at Theatre venue in Autumn Term

**LGS Dance Troupe Applications**  
In September, our current Dance Troupe will open up for new Dancers and Tech Team for the next competition season.

### Certificates and umbrellas....



During this year we have developed a pattern of termly **Celebration Assemblies**, which took place this week for all year groups. **Over 650 certificates** were issued to students for their outstanding commitment to specific subjects or to extracurricular activities. During the assemblies we encouraged students to listen carefully to the reasons **why** the certificates were being given. Students were being commended for their commitment, their attitude towards their learning and their engagement in lessons, for example as confident communicators or by showing creativity and independence in their work. The aim is to emphasise to students that if you get your basic attitude and approach to the subject right, then academic success will follow.

In his role as part of our Individual Needs team, Mr Batsman led informative assemblies on **neurodiversity** last week. These included thought-provoking and reflective comments from some of our neurodivergent students, such as those with autism or ADHD, on how they feel and what other students can do to help them feel equal and included. The assemblies coincided with colourful displays of umbrellas in different areas of the school including the library. The idea was to encourage students to be open-minded and respectful of others because...

***“Books, minds and umbrellas only work when they are open”***





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### Images from this week....

