



LGS Headlines

10 March 2023

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

Thankfully we escaped major disruption from the sudden cold snap this week! The weather tried its best to put a damper on the Year 7 PGL residential and some of our Focus Day activities - but our students still enjoyed the experiences and gained much from them. Focus Days are a very important part of our curriculum, providing more in-depth opportunities in specific subjects, or drawing together skills, knowledge and understanding from very different areas. I would like to thank Mrs Toor for her brilliant organisation of a complex programme, and all the staff who devised or led activities.

As part of the Focus Day, Year 11 students went out on a Business Insight Day, with each form group visiting a particular large company to learn more about the career opportunities available. This is always an interesting day, and students certainly enjoyed it. We were pleased to receive some excellent feedback - a manager at one of the companies contacted us to say

"Can you pass on my compliments to the class as a whole and to their form teacher. The way they threw themselves into the activities and their work ethic was truly inspirational to see. They are a credit to the school, their teacher and themselves. I was impressed so much by them that I rearranged my diary to be able to see their presentations."

Please be aware that the National education Union has two further days of industrial action planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. As with the previous days, we expect a small number of our teachers to support their union in its dispute with the Government about teachers' pay. We know that those staff who are choosing to strike are doing so because they believe it is needed to support the teaching profession in the longer term, and we respect their right to make this choice.

John Constable - Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Tues 14 March	Year 12 Year 11	"Biology in Action" Lecture - Emmanuel Centre, London Food NEA Practical examination
Wed 15 March	Year 12	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award — First Aid training

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The week in review

- ⇒ Following on from World Book Day, we welcomed **author Jo Cotterill** to lead activities with **Year 7** students in the Library.
- ⇒ A number of **Year 10 parents** took advantage of the opportunity to tour round the school on Tuesday afternoon - thank you for giving up your time and we hope you enjoyed seeing round the school.
- ⇒ **Year 13** Oxbridge Pathway students visited **Oxford University** on Tuesday where they toured around the stunning Wadham and Brasenose Colleges. This was followed by a wonderful talk demystifying Oxbridge with an opportunity to ask current Oxford students questions ranging from academia to accommodation.
- ⇒ Last week in LGS Headlines we gave a list of all the activities taking place on **Focus Day**. Although something of a cold and damp day for those out on school visits, students enjoyed all the different elements of the programme. **Please see the last page of this newsletter for some pictures.....**
- ⇒ **Year 7** students returned from their **PGL Residential visit** on Friday. Despite some rather challenging weather they had a great time and enjoyed the physical challenges and the chance to get to know each other better.
- ⇒ The **Year 8** students enjoyed an additional 'focus day' on Friday with a very informative financial education workshop run by **Mybnk**.
- ⇒ Year 9 students who are undertaking their **Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award** used a slot on Focus and further time on Friday to complete a First Aid qualification ahead of their expedition later this year.
- ⇒ Not many sports results this week owing to weather and the school Focus Day.....the **Year 10 girls netball** team came 4th in the Slough Schools netball competition, while our **Year 8 boys' football** drew 2-2 against Dedworth Middle School. Good effort from all who played this week!

Updates & Reminders

- ⇒ The **Year 7 Parent-Teacher Consultations** are taking place on 23rd March via SchoolCloud. Please book appointments through the SchoolCloud app.
- ⇒ The Safeguarding Team are running a second **online Parent Forum** on 28th March - the theme will be "How to support your child with anxiety"
- ⇒ The **Spring term ends on Friday 31st March**. School will close at 1.30pm on that day, with a normal school timetable running periods 1-4.

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Looking ahead

- ⇒ We are very excited that some of our students have been invited at the **Royal Albert Hall** on **Tuesday 14th March** as part of the Buckinghamshire Music Trust Celebration Concert. This fantastic opportunity will allow our students to experience a wide range of musical styles and genres, from full orchestral playing, to string-and wind, brass and percussion-only ensembles.
- ⇒ Some of our **Sixth Form** students will be embarking on a **Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award** expedition to North Wales on Sunday for 5 nights. They will be staying at a Youth Hostel in Dolgellau and then on to camp sites in the Snowdonia National Park. We wish them well - and are hoping for good weather!
- ⇒ Next week the Maths subject teachers are encouraging students to get involved in **Pi Week**. There will be activities on a daily basis including quizzes, judging a "Pie Making Competition", and a chance to "Pie a Maths Teacher in the face" on Friday for £1 a go. All proceeds will go to the charity National Numeracy which seeks to improve how people understand and work with numbers in day-to-day life.

LGS PE Fixtures this week..

Date	Team	Opponents	Venue	Pick up time
Mon 13 March	Y9+10 Girls Football	Herschel	Home	5.30pm
Mon 13 March	Y7/8 Boys Basketball	The Grove	Away	5.30pm
Mon 13 March	Y7-10 Badminton	Slough Schools	HGS	3.15pm
Tues 14 March	Y8 Girls Netball	Slough Schools	St. B's	5.30pm
Weds 15 March	6 th Form Boys Football	Herschel	Away	5.30pm
Thurs 16 March	GCSE Tennis	Moderation	Eton Willowbrook	3.15pm
Thurs 16 March	Y9 Girls Netball	St. Bernard's	Away	5.30pm



Music at LGS

We are very proud of way the musical life of Langley Grammar School has grown over the years, thanks to the efforts and enthusiasm of our Director of Music Mr Wilkinson, Mr Batsman and more recently Mr Swain.

We were very please to be invited by the Slough Music Service to become a **Music Mark School**. This recognises the value that we place on music, enabling our students to access and engage with a high-quality music education.

Through our collaboration with Slough Music Service, we have once again been invited to participate in the Buckinghamshire Music Trust Celebration Concert at the Royal Albert Hall on 14 March. Our students will be performing in the Orchestra, Concert Band, and String Ensemble groups. We have also launched a Music Technology outreach programme, bringing together students from schools across Slough and industry professionals from Slough Music Service, and based in the Music Tech Suite at Langley Grammar School.

Our annual Music spring concert will take place on 22 March at 7pm in the main school hall. This promises to be a highly enjoyable event, which will showcase the best musical talent at the school. A letter will be sent home to parents soon with further details.



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Year 8 students at the Tower London....



Year 11 students visited different companies to find out more about the career opportunities available in large organisations. Aker Solutions in Reading and SEGRO in Slough were two of the six companies hosting students for the day....



Year 12 United Nations day - group presentations to the judges, justifying the funding needed for their chosen country to and reach their 4 Sustainable Development Goals. We were lucky to have Jonathan Tait Harris, former UN war crimes investigator, to talk to the students and be part of the judging.

