



# LGS Headlines

## 5 May 2023

### From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

A short but busy week in school! The big focus on internal and public examinations for older year groups continues, with students in Year 10 undertaking assessments over the last few days. Our examination groups in Year 11 and 13 are now counting down the days to the start of their examinations in just over a week's time - they are continuing to work with commendable commitment and a positive attitude. I have enjoyed talking with some of Year 11 about their plans for next year as we have been reviewing their Sixth Form applications and helping them confirm their course choices.

We are increasingly reliant on technology in school, and our IT systems are maintained supported by an external company who provide us with an excellent service, led in school by our project manager Ms McBride. We have sadly said goodbye to Mr Andrei Bulau, our IT support technician, who is moving on to a new role - we wish him well for the future and look forward to welcoming his replacement in due course.

With best wishes as we approach this significant weekend for the country as we mark the Coronation of HM King Charles III.

*John Constable - Headteacher*

### Coming up next week...

<b>All week</b>	<b>Year 11, 12 and 13</b>	MFL Speaking Examinations
<b>Mon 8 May</b>	<b>Staff &amp; All students</b>	Bank holiday Monday — school closed to staff and students
<b>Tue 9 May</b>	<b>Year 10 Year 12, 13 + some 11s</b>	Fine Art practice examinations Knowledge is Power Conference (English department)
<b>Thu 11 May</b>	<b>Year 13</b>	Final day in school before examination leave
<b>Fri 12 May</b>	<b>Year 11 Year 10</b>	Final day in school before examination leave Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award training day at LGS

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### The week in review

- ⇒ Congratulations to Sami, Ayman and Satvik from **Team Daytona** following the **Digital Schoolhouse Super Smash Bros Grand Final** last Friday at BAFTA London - and huge thanks to the supporters too! A fantastic effort but unfortunately beaten at the final hurdle to become **National Grand Final Runners Up**. An exhilarating and nail biting experience for all! Congratulations also to **Karim** who won the shoutcasting competition with his knowledge of the game, quick wit and banter on the microphone.
- ⇒ Nine students from our under 14s **Robotics Team** represented LGS at the RAF Hendon in the shadow of some of the worlds finest historical aircraft. Students took part in speed tests, employed a distance sensor and built a parachute. This followed by two rounds of a robot game board where they completed challenges using sensors and motors using our Spike Prime Robot.
- ⇒ On Wednesday, Year 12 **Young Enterprise** company "Sleep Serene" represented the school at the area finals at O2 headquarters in Slough. This was a highly competitive field including teams from St George's Ascot, Burnham and Herschel Grammar Schools and Langley Academy. Sleep Serene presented first to the industry judges and were awarded the "**Best Marketing Award**".
- ⇒ On Wednesday, we hosted the inaugural **3 x 3 Basketball Championships** in association with local club, Thames Valley Cavaliers. This was a great opportunity for our students to receive high quality coaching in a rapidly growing sport and all four LGS mixed teams progressed to the quarter finals. LGS 2 went on to win the final, and will go on to the Berkshire School Games later this term! Well done to all involved!
- ⇒ Former LGS student **Jarnail Atwal** delivered an inspiring lecture to Year 12. Jarnail left LGS in 2018 to study PPE at Oxford and now works in the civil service - currently for DEFRA and shortly to move to the foreign office. Students were given a snapshot into the day of a civil servant and set a policy making discussion task on improving air quality.

### Updates & Reminders

- ⇒ **Monday 8 May** is a **Bank Holiday** and the school will be closed to staff and students.
- ⇒ 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](#).
- ⇒ It is the last normal school day for **Year 13s** and **Year 11s** next week. Year 13 finish on Thursday 11 May and Year 11 finish on Friday 12th May. Public examinations commence the following week.
- ⇒ On **Tuesday 16th May, Year 10s** will depart for their four day **Fieldwork Geography visit to Slapton**. Students will spend time taking part in field work collecting data for a geographical investigation. The knowledge and experience gained from fieldwork is examined in one of the modules in the final exams.

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### Looking ahead

- ⇒ On **Friday 12th May**, 80 **Year 10s** will take part in a **Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award training** day here at LGS. The day will be run by an external provider and will involve navigation, camp craft, tent building and food preparation.
- ⇒ On **Thursday 25th May**, some year 7-9 students will be visiting the production **Newsies** at the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre in London. This visit is for students who are taking part in the upcoming school production of Bugsy. Newsies is set in the same era as Bugsy, so this will be an exciting visit where the students get to take inspiration from professional performers to aid them in their own performances.
- ⇒ A reminder to parents that **Monday 29th May** until **Friday 2nd June** is **half term** and school is closed to students.
- ⇒ On **Tuesday 13th June**, **Year 12** will have their Parent-Teacher Consultations online using School Cloud. Information will be sent to parents nearer the time.
- ⇒ On **Wednesday 14th June**, all students will have their **Sports Day** at Thames Valley Athletics Centre. Further detail to follow.

### LGS PE Fixtures this week..

Date	Team	Opponents	Venue	Pick up time
Tues 9 May	Y7/8 Badminton	Slough Schools	Herschel	3.15pm
Tues 9 May	U15 Boys Cricket	Luckley House	Away	6.00pm
Weds 10 May	Y11 GCSE PE Moderation			
Thurs 11 May	Y10 Boys Cricket	Slough and Eton	Away	6.00pm



This weekend sees the first Coronation ceremony for 70 years. The media is full of coverage of different commentary and perspectives about the value and position of the monarchy, and it is right and proper that people have the freedom and space to discuss their views, and come to different conclusions.

However, the monarchy is the foundation of our system of government, and the Coronation represents a unique opportunity for students to learn more about why things are the way they are.

We have held informative assemblies about the Coronation ceremony for Years 8 and 9 this week, and will hold others after the event next week.

We hope that all students will take the opportunity to watch some of the coverage and to engage in constructive discussion about what they think.