



LGS Headlines

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From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

It has been somewhat quieter over the last few days after all the activities taking place last week. Year 7 have been settling back into school after their very enjoyable (if rather cold!) three days out on their residential. Year 8 groups were out completing the 'other half' of their history/geography visits from Focus Day. Unexpected things happen on visits from time to time, so special thanks go to Mr Mace, Mr Brummell and Ms Oliver who ended up bringing 45 students safely back to Langley by train following some difficulty with their coach.

This week saw the last two days of the National Education Union's current campaign of industrial action. There will have been inevitable disruption for some students - but that of course is the point of going on strike. While there will inevitably be different views on whether strike action is effective in securing change, we know that the NEU action has drawn attention to the major difficulties with school funding nationally, and which the Government needs to address. This includes levels of teachers' pay, the erosion of which over the last ten years is causing serious problems with recruitment. We now wait to see what the Government's next steps are....

Thank you for your ongoing support.

John Constable - Headteacher

Coming up next week...

All week	Year 12	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expedition
Tues 21 March	Years 7-10	Dance Live! Competition – High Wycombe Table Tennis tournament at LGS, 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Wed 22 March	All Years	Annual Spring Music concert (7pm)
Thurs 23 March	Year 7 Year 11 Year 11	Parent-Teacher Consultation Y11 GCSE Music Ensemble Performance Athletics Moderation at Brunel University (10.00am-2.00pm)
Fri 24 March	Year 12	Vietnam expedition training weekend

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The week in review

- ⇒ A large number of Year 12s attended a **"Biology in Action"** lecture in London on Tuesday. World-class speakers talked about their university research, showing the students how their A Level studies relate to cutting edge research and modern ideas.
- ⇒ On Tuesday, some of our student musicians performed in the **Buckinghamshire Music Trust's** Gala Concert at the **Royal Albert Hall** in London, participating in the Senior and Intermediate Orchestra, the Senior and Intermediate Concert Band and the BMT Strings.
- ⇒ As part of our careers programme some of the top universities and apprenticeship firms exhibited at our **"What Next?"** on Friday, aimed at raising aspirations of students in Yrs 8,10,11 and 12.
- ⇒ The 'other half' of the Focus Day **Geography and History trips** took place this week with 8H, 8R and 8S visiting the Tower of London, which has played a key part in British history since the Norman Conquest. 8C 8K and 8V visited multiple sights in East London, including Thames Barrier, the River Lea and Olympic Park in Stratford.
- ⇒ The Maths department held a number of activities to celebrate **'Pi Week'** and certainly enjoyed judging the pie-making competition.....
- ⇒ A big week for **badminton!** Congratulations to the **Year 7/8 boys team** on their win on Monday, and to the 25 students who took part in the Slough School's Championship for Years 9 and 10.

Updates & Reminders

- ⇒ Our **Annual Spring Music concert** takes place on **Wednesday 22nd March** at **7pm** in the school hall. Tickets will be available on the door and cost £3 for adults (£5 for a family), and free for students.
- ⇒ The **Year 7 PTC** takes place next week on **Thursday 23rd March** and bookings are now open to parents. A reminder that school will finish for students earlier on this day at 2.55pm.
- ⇒ Following our successful first **online Parent Forum** organised by the Safeguarding team, we are holding another on **Tuesday 28th March**. This time we will focus on how to support your son/daughter with anxiety. A letter with Zoom online joining information will be sent to parents next week.
- ⇒ On **Wednesday 29th March**, students will finish at lunchtime due to staff training in the afternoon. Students will be expected to go home at 1.20pm, or by 1.40pm if they are staying for lunch at school. If it is difficult for students to travel home early, they may work in the school library or Sixth Form study room until our normal finish time of 3.15pm.
- ⇒ A reminder that the **Spring holiday** runs from **Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April**. We hope that students have enjoyable break with a chance to rest and catch up with family, friends and other interests.

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Looking ahead...

- ⇒ A number of Year 12s will be travelling to the Snowdonia National Park in North Wales on Sunday for five days for the **Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Practice expedition**. We wish them well - and good weather, or at least good waterproofs!
- ⇒ Year 12 geographers will head off to **Northern Ireland** on Monday 27th March for a 5 day **Geography Fieldtrip**. They will be visiting the North Antrim Coast where geography department staff will lead a comprehensive programme of study and visits to local sites including the Giants Causeway, Portrush and Derry-Londonderry, a key location for understanding the Good Friday agreement.
- ⇒ **Stage-ed Theatre Company** will perform an enjoyable production of Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare to **Year 11s** on Monday 27th March. This is a great opportunity for students to engage with the play and its stagecraft. They will take part in a useful workshop, supporting their study of the play for their GCSE English Literature qualification.
- ⇒ Year 7-10 will be competing in the **Dance Live! Senior Heat Dance Competition** on Tuesday 21st March at the Wycombe Swan in High Wycombe. A reminder that parents will be able to purchase tickets to watch the performance, with general ticket sales available directly from the venue via the following link: [Dance Live | Wycombe Swan Theatre](#). Good luck to the Dance Troupe!

LGS PE Fixtures this week..

Date	Team	Opponents	Venue	Pick up time
Mon 20 March	KS3 Table Tennis	Slough Schools	Home	4.00pm
Tues 21 March	Y11 Boys Football	Burnham Grammar	Home	5:30pm
Weds 22 March	Y8 Boys Football	St. Joseph's	Home	5:30pm
Weds 22 March	Y7 Boys Football	Pioneer Academy	Home	5:00pm
Thurs 23 March	GCSE PE Athletics	Slough Schools	Brunel	5:30pm



The Teaching School Hub

We are now half way through the second year of our designation as a **Teaching School Hub**. Operating under the name **TSH Berkshire**, we provide initial teacher training, induction training for newly-qualified teachers and leadership programmes for more experienced staff across the six Berkshire local authorities

Our **core team** of three staff - Janet Roberts, Sue Watson and Noopur Dutta - coordinate lots of networks and staff in other schools. We run some of the courses here at LGS in our new facilities. A number of our own teaching staff, including the headteacher, are also involved in running the training courses, and we work closely with **University College London's Institute of Education**.

How does your child benefit from this? They attend a school with a national recognition as a centre of excellence for teaching and learning. Their teachers can participate in the training programmes we run, with the opportunity to link up with lots of other schools from who we can also learn. Our in-house training programme for teachers builds evidence-informed expertise which makes our teaching better. Overall, the designation keeps us well-connected, up to date leaders in effective teaching.