



LGS Headlines

28 April 2023

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

Two weeks into the summer term and we are still waiting for the sun to shine.....

Despite the weather the normal rhythm of the summer term is under way, with a clear academic focus for the older year groups. The Hall and other venues around the school are once again set out with exam desks. Year 10 and 12 students have been doing practice examinations and assessments, while in a couple of weeks time those desks will be occupied by Year 11 and 13 students as the public examination season begins.

However, there has still been time for other activities. Our long-standing connection with the Digital Schoolhouse project saw some of our students being invited to a digital skills and gaming showcase event at 10 Downing Street. For me, the picture of our Year 13s demonstrating their gaming skills watched by the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer was a highlight - and they certainly won't forget the occasion. No less important, however, were the smiles on the faces of our Year 7 'New Age Kurling' team as they won the Slough schools competition this week.

As we build towards a significant national event with the King's coronation next weekend, we want to encourage our students to think about the systems and structures which underpin the UK's governance, and the relevance (or otherwise!) to them. Please engage them in discussion about these things at home and help them develop their views and ability to express them!

With best wishes

John Constable - Headteacher

Coming up next week...

All week	Year 10 Year 13	Practice examinations A Level Art examination (Tue-Thu)
Mon 1 May	Staff & All students	Bank holiday Monday — school closed to staff and students
Tue 2 May		National Education Union Industrial action - school remains open to all
Wed 3 May	Year 12 Year 7-9	Young Enterprise Area Final - O2 Reading Slough schools KS3 Basketball Competition at LGS

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The week in review

- ⇒ **Year 10 students** have been working hard on their practice examinations. **Year 12 students** have also been working on assessments in all their subjects this week.
- ⇒ **Year 10, 11 and 6th Form netballers** 'weathered the storm' en route to Surrey Sports Park to witness a winning performance by Surrey Storm against Leeds Rhinos in the Netball Super League on Monday. A great opportunity to see a fantastic display of skills in a professional match of the highest standard.
- ⇒ Teams of **Year 7 and 8 students** took part in the **Slough Schools 'New Age Kurling' competition** at Wexham School. The Year 7s were victorious in the 'all LGS' semi-final clash in the semi-finals and went on to be crowned overall champions thanks to an unbelievable last throw of the stone in the final!
- ⇒ What an amazing experience on Wednesday! Through our work with the **Digital Schoolhouse** our DSH Esports Grand Finalists, team Daytona (Ayman, Sami and Satvik) along with a group of our Year 9 Digital Leaders, were invited to a **Games Showcase event at 10 Downing Street** as part of the Government's Cultural Events Programme. The team discussed gaming characters with the Prime Minister, played Super Smash Bros Ultimate with his wife Akshana Murty, and talked about their involvement in the esports tournament run at Langley Grammar School and the DSH.
- ⇒ Following the notice in last week's LGS Headlines, students and staff have been completing the **character education survey**. We are looking forward to seeing the outcomes and discussing them with our 'A School for Tomorrow' partners.

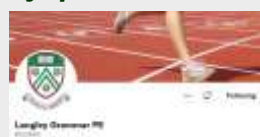
Updates & Reminders

- ⇒ **Monday 1 May** is a **Bank Holiday** and the school will be closed to staff and students.
- ⇒ Members of the National Education Union are taking further **industrial action on Tuesday 2nd May**. As on previous occasions, we expect a small number of our staff to be involved. However, the school will remain open to all year groups as normal.
- ⇒ Registration for the 2023 **Slough Consortium 11+ examination** opened this week. 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](#).
- ⇒ **Year 8 and 9** will have their **HPV Vaccinations** at school on **Thursday 11th May**. Consent closes for this vaccination 24 hours beforehand, so please do complete the online consent form if you would like your child to have the vaccine. If you require any further information, please contact Student Support via the email address studentsupport@lgs.slough.sch.uk.

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Looking ahead

- ⇒ With two bank holidays on 1st and 8th May, we have two relatively short school weeks, at the end of which **Year 11 and 13 students** will be starting examination leave. **The last normal school day for our Year 13s will be on Thursday 11th May and for Year 11 on Friday 12th.** A programme of events is currently being planned both days and will be sent to students in due course.
- ⇒ On **Tuesday 9th May**, some **Year 12 and Year 13 English students** will be involved in a “Knowledge is Power” conference here at LGS. We will host guest speakers from Reading University who will deliver a lectures on topics covered in the Sixth Form course. Some Year 11 students who have shown an interest in studying English in the Sixth Form will also attend for part of the day.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ **Year 11, 12 and 13 students** studying GCSE, AS and A Level **French or German** will have their Modern Foreign Languages speaking exams during the period from 9th to 12th May.

LGS PE Fixtures this week..

Date	Team	Opponents	Venue	Pick up time
Weds 3 May	Y7/8 Mixed 3x3 Basketball	Slough Schools	Home	3.15pm
Weds 3 May	Y9 Boys Cricket	Herschel Grammar	Away	6.00pm
Weds 3 May	Y9+10 Girls Football	St. Bernard’s	Home	5.00pm
Thurs 4 May	Y9 Boys Cricket	Charters	Away	6.00pm



Coronation of HM King Charles III

Saturday 6th May sees the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We have not seen a coronation ceremony in this country for 70 years, and the UK is one of the few remaining countries to hold such an event.

Since the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the King’s accession, there has inevitably been discussion and debate in the media about the value and future of the monarchy. We know that people across the country have a range of opinions - but most importantly, we also know that one of the strengths of this country is that we have the freedom to express those views.



We want our students to be well-informed about the history, traditions and political structures of the UK. The Coronation presents an opportunity to think about how our country is governed, and the systems and structures which underpin our democratic system. Over the next two weeks we will hold some assemblies which focus on the significance of the Coronation, and we would encourage students to watch some of the build up and coverage of this historic event.

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