



# LGS Headlines

## May 2022



Dear Parents

Half way through the summer term already - and a shame that the weather hasn't caught up with it yet!

There is a real and welcome sense of 'normality' about this term so far. Our staff are very busy, but this is largely with the activities we would normally be engaged in during this part of the school year. We have a full programme of extracurricular activities back up and running, a drama production in preparation and plans in place for things like a proper Sports Day and our next Focus Day. Of course, there has been an additional layer of activity this year as we have been preparing Year 11 and 13 students for examinations.

After two years without any public examinations, the GCSEs and A Levels are going ahead as normal, although with some adjustments to the assessment to take into account the impact of the pandemic. Over the last few months, staff have also been carrying out additional assessments to provide information to inform a process of teacher assessment as part of the contingency arrangements. Thankfully, it seems that this 'backup' information will not be required. The students have started their examinations and despite the inevitable anxiety they are in good spirits and well-prepared.

We have used some of our recent staff training time to remind everyone of some of the risks associated with online activity, particularly with social media. Since the pandemic, schools across the country have been reporting increases in safeguarding issues arising from social media use, and it is really important that parents understand the latest apps and their associated risks. We have therefore included some relevant information and links to helpful websites in this edition of Headlines.

Thursday 26th May was national 'Thank a Teacher' Day. We took the opportunity to thank all members of our school staff for their hard work and to the academic and personal development of our students, whether that is working directly with them, or with our administrative systems which help keep the school functioning effectively. I am sure you are grateful for the dedication of our staff to your children's education.

As we move in to the last section of the school year there will be opportunities for students to reflect on what they have learned and how they have developed though this year,. We those in Years 7-10 and 12 well as they complete their studies for this year and look forward to being able to celebrate their achievements and successes towards the end of the term.

I hope you have an enjoyable week with your families as we combine the normal half term break with the national celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Mr J Constable - Headteacher**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us on 01753 598300 or email [school@lgs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:school@lgs.slough.sch.uk).**

***Your query will be passed on to the most appropriate member of staff.***

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# Updates

## Staff news.....

### Goodbye....

- ◇ We are sorry to say goodbye to **Mrs Nadia Collins**, our Student Support Manager, who leaves the school this week. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support to the students and to you as parents, and we wish her well for the future.

### Welcome to....

- ◇ **Mrs Harvir**, who has joined our lunchtime supervisor team and will also be doing some work in the Science department.

### Congratulations....

- ◇ Congratulations to **Mrs Andrews**, our Individual Needs Coordinator, on the safe arrival of her baby daughter a few weeks ago.

## New Senior Student team

After a rigorous selection process we are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Senior Student Team, drawn from the current Year 12.....

<b>Head Girl</b>	<b>Dorina Nentcheva</b>
<b>Head Boy</b>	<b>Ishir Sharma</b>
<b>Deputies</b>	<b>Abha Desai</b>
	<b>Udit Khanna</b>
	<b>Catherine Oo</b>
	<b>Raul Verma</b>

We wish all six of them well as they take up their roles at the beginning of June.

## Fundraising for Ukraine

Thank you for supporting our recent appeal to support the work of the Red Cross in Ukraine. A total of just over £1,650 has been sent to the appeal. Thank you — we know that many of you will also have donated through other routes.

## Congratulations to.....

- ◇ **Arjan Dhillon** in 7C, one of our two school Slough Youth Parliament representatives, who has been nominated as the Slough MYP (Member of Youth Parliament), on the national Youth Parliament. This will offer opportunities for training, development and meeting other Youth Parliament representatives from around the UK, in particular the South East.
- ◇ **Navya Bhanot** in 9K, who was commended in a letter to the school for her help in supporting a Royal British Legion event in south Buckinghamshire in early April.
- ◇ Our **Year 10 and Year 12 Sports Leaders** who supported the Slough School Sports network 'QuadKids' event held at the school recently.

**Muhammad Abdullah  
Shahab Ahmadyar  
Sahil Ambhore  
Dhruv Anand  
Nilesh Bhandari  
Ankur Dalal  
Sharvari Dubey  
Farhad Ghani**

**Harjashan Gill  
Lucas Homer  
Rohan Kaushal  
Ishveer Neta  
Nana Quainoo  
Meharpal Singh  
Simardeep Singh  
Pranav Swarna**

**Yashita Kapoor  
Thansi Khonda  
Janna Nabih**

**Saule Palione  
Sathvika Pentrala  
Sri Pokkuluri**

We received the following feedback from the event organiser...

*"I wanted to thank you once again for the outstanding contribution of your students towards the QuadKids event this morning. They were to a person exceptional. I was inspired by their attitude, their enthusiasm, and their genuine interest in what they were doing and how they could make the event better. Their self-belief was evident without being at any time arrogant or complacent. I am struggling to recall an event, and there have been a few over the years, when I have felt so relaxed and confident that the entire team was on top of everything, knew what it was doing and delivered. Please do pass on my thanks to each of them. They added considerably to everyone's enjoyment of the day."*



# Year 10 Art

## Some year 10, artist inspired portraits

*Work by*

*Deep Nagare, Aneesh Mondal, Lagain, Ibrahim, Sruti Jeyakumar, Catherine Xiao, Maryam Nomani, Saffah Iqbal, Jasmin Dhanjal, Nagu Gururaj, Yusuf Khan.*







# Year 10 Art





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# Online safety

## Supporting online safety

The long-awaited Online Safety Bill is now working its way through Parliament. The intention is to put in place new online safety laws for tech companies whilst bringing in a 'new era of accountability' online.

Student internet use in school is heavily controlled because of the school's firewall and filtering software. However, we know that outside the school day students may often have significant access to the online world via their phones or other devices.

The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into four areas of risk:

**content:** *being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, for example: pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation and extremism.*

**contact:** *being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example: peer to peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes'.*

**conduct:** *personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images (e.g consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography, sharing other explicit images and online bullying; and*

**commerce:** *risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams.*

*There is a wealth of advice online for parents, but we would particularly point to the*

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)



[www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk)



[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)



[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)





# Online safety

Most of our students understand the risks associated with online apps, games and social media platforms. However, we also know that young people are being contacted in their own homes on online platforms and apps and asked for sexual pictures and videos, while their parents and carers believe they are safe.

More and more sexual abuse material is being created by offenders who coerce and groom children into sexual activities, often in children's own bedrooms and bathrooms. The criminals then record this via webcams or livestreaming services. It's known as 'self-generated' child sexual abuse imagery.

Since the start of the pandemic, the amount of 'self-generated' child abuse imagery has increased dramatically. In 2020, the Internet Watch Foundation confirmed 68,000 cases of such imagery, a rise of 77% on the year before. It accounts for nearly half (44%) the imagery the IWF took action on last year. In 80% of these cases, the victims were 11- to 13-year-old girls.

**This is happening now, and it can happen to anyone.** But you can do something about it and can help prevent it happening to your child.

The Internet Watch Foundation has developed material to help parents engage in conversation with their children about staying safe online. This includes a resource to help parents understand the risks of 'self-generated child sexual abuse imagery' using the acronym 'TALK'.



## MAKING SURE YOUR HOME DOESN'T HAVE AN OPEN DOOR TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSERS

A guide for parents and carers



### The TALK acronym

**T**alk to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.  
**A**gree ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.  
**L**earn about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.  
**K**now how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

## WHAT CAN PARENTS AND CARERS DO?

# T

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**LEARN** about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.

# K

**KNOW** how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

*For further information visit the*

**Internet Watch Foundation website at [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk)**

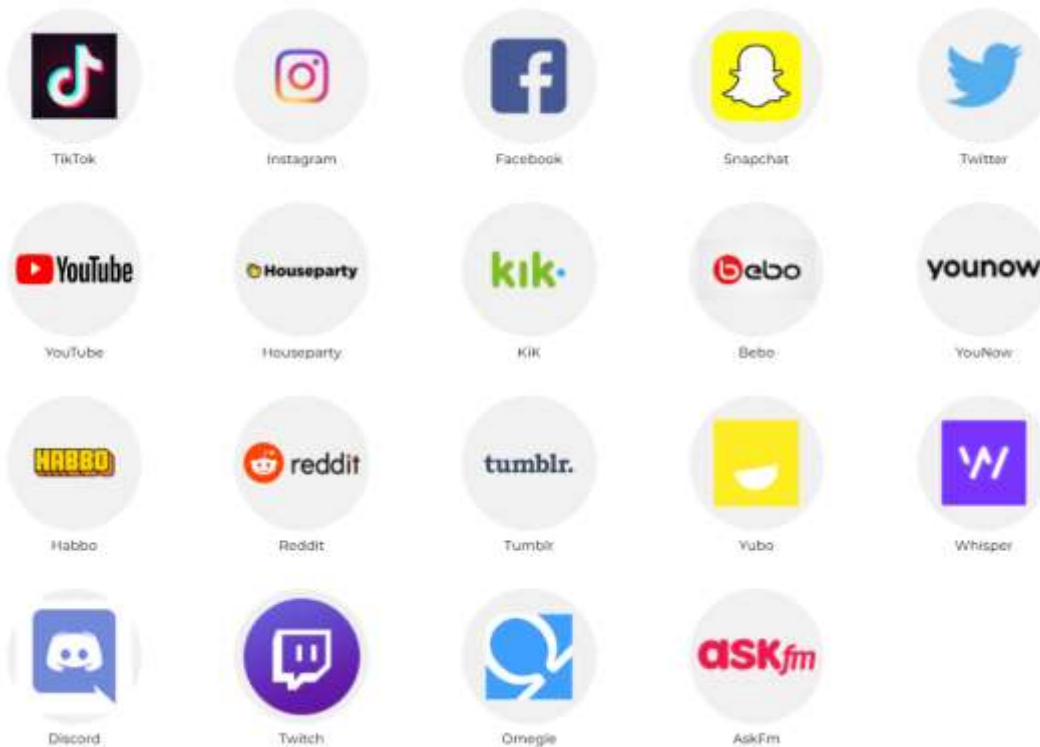


# Online safety

**Most of the popular social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register.**

*The age requirements are there because of data protection laws. Online services are not allowed to collect or store children's personal information if they are under the age of 13. Data protection laws also say that only children aged 13 and over can sign up to online services without parental permission.*

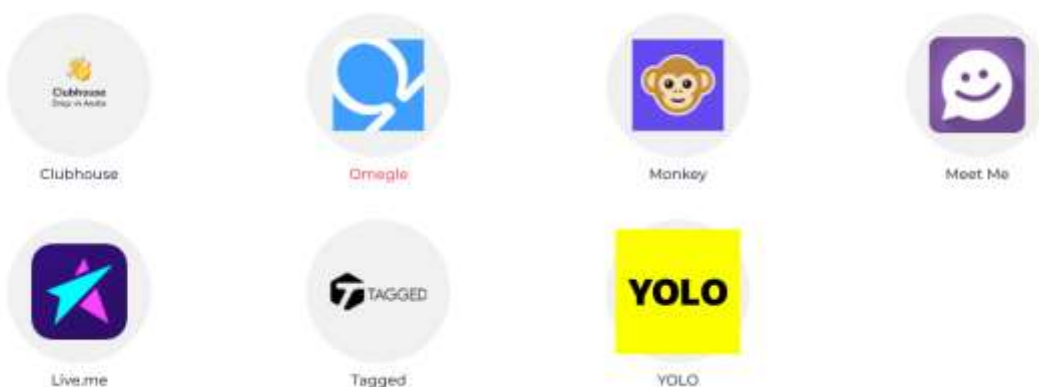
## 13 year olds and upwards



## 16 year olds and upwards



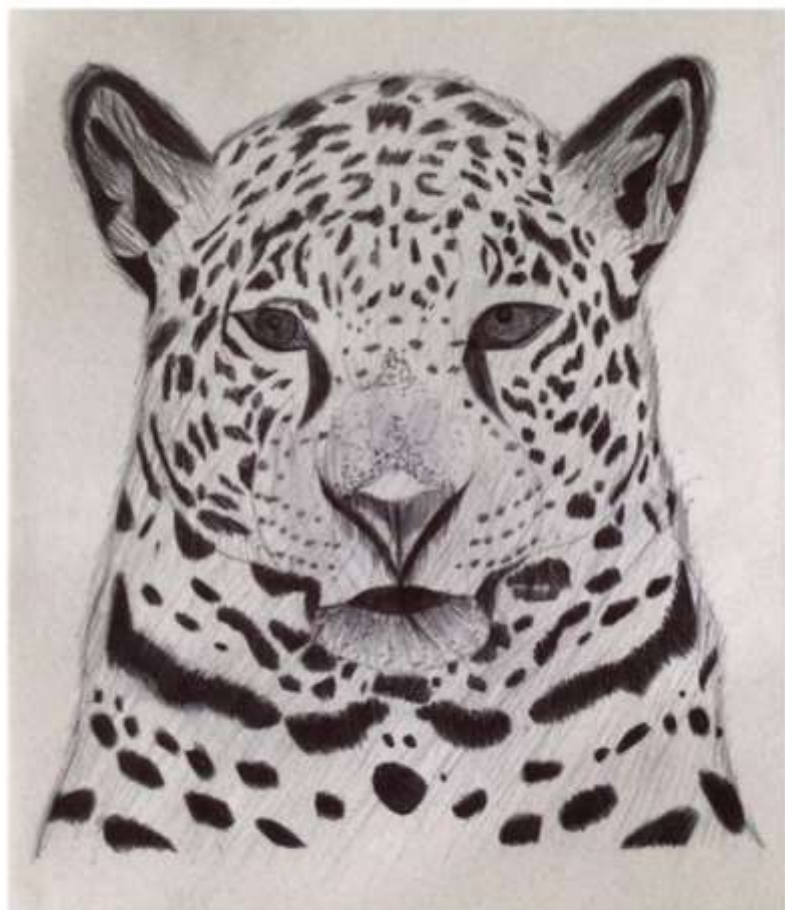
## Not suitable for under 18 year olds







# Year 9 Art







# PE & Sport news

## New Age Kurling Event at Wexham School

Aaryan, Aayan, Arjun & Hashir in Year 7 proved triumphant in the Slough Schools New Age Kurling event at Wexham School.

Their excellent performance saw them secure 4 wins out of 5 to win the trophy. They will now progress to the Berkshire School Summer Games at Bisham Abbey in July. Well done!!



## Yr 8 Slough Schools Netball tournament

We hosted the Y8 Girls Slough Schools Netball Tournament and enjoyed great success. We entered two teams - the 'A' team finished Runners-up and our 'B' team came 4th overall... lovely to see 2 teams out who have been very committed to netball club all year. Well done!



# PE & Sport news

## Cricket

The cricket season is well and truly underway with fantastic numbers attending extra-curricular clubs at lunchtime and after school.

The year 7 boys' team experienced great success with their first game for the school with a convincing win over St. Bernard's Catholic Grammar School.

The year 8s also made a winning start to their league campaign with a crushing 10 wicket victory over Slough & Eton School.

There are loads more fixtures to follow for years 9 and 10 and girls competitions to kick off at LGS after half term.



## Slough Schools KS4 Table Tennis Competition

Well done to the Key Stage 4 Table Tennis team who performed extremely well in a very competitive tournament at The Langley Academy.

The whole competition was of an extremely high standard and LGS experienced great success.

### ***Year 10 Boys***

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ishveer Neta**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dhruv Anand**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lucas Homer**

### ***Year 11 Girls***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Zehraa Ahmed**

### ***Year 11 Boys***

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Arzaan Kapadia**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Shaan Gill**







# PE & Sport news

## Y9 Boys Football

Finally, a massive congratulations to the Y9 Boys Football team who had a very good season finishing second in their league and runners up in the cup competition. They put in some excellent performances but unfortunately could not match a very strong Windsor Boys side. Loads of positives to take on board and build upon for next season. Well done boys.







# Year 9 Art



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# Student Activities

## Esports Grand Final - March 2022

The Grand Final of the **Digital Schoolhouse Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Team Battle 2022** reached a rip-roaring conclusion at Gfinity's esports arena in Fulham. After months of school heats, a regional qualifier and a semi-final, Langley Grammar School's team Daytona came runners up in a nail biting close fought final. Team Daytona should be proud of coming 2nd place out of 56 schools nationally, while Norton College Team Thunk 'N' Dunk were crowned winners.

***A huge well done to Team Daytona!***



The visit to Gfinity's esports arena was immersive with a fascinating careers panel of professionals from a wide range of careers sharing their stories of how they were involved in esports. A number of our students also had the opportunity to sit alongside the production team for the morning to see how the event was produced.

A great experience for all.

***Mrs Jenkins - Subject Leader for Computing***

## Young Enterprise and Pacific Aroma

Pacific Aroma, our Young Enterprise company have had an amazing journey this year. The product is a meditation candle creation kit, and relaxation experience. They have attended two trade fairs this year, at Maidenhead shopping centre and Windsor main station and won best stall on each event, beating entrants from Berkshire and High Wycombe. On the 5<sup>th</sup> May it was the area showcase final of all schools in the Slough, Windsor Ascot & Maidenhead, held in the forum at O2 Telefonica Bath Road headquarters. Students had to again trade from their stall, be interviewed and then present a 4 minute presentation to guests and other competitors. Amazingly they won the overall event, and then proceeded to the South Central Regional Final.

This was held online on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May. Again students were interviewed via zoom with probing questions related to their Business plan, and then had to chat to guests about the stand in a virtual online conference, and finally present online. It was very hard to present an experience in an online environment and fully deliver our message, especially with technical problems that we and many schools faced using the software. The students changed their presentation to be very active and dramatic, with movement between speakers using their ipad software that came across very well. As a result I'm pleased to say we won the Innovation award for most innovative company. Whilst we didn't progress to the national UK final, competition at this stage was of an incredibly high standard, so to be ranked in the top companies at this level was a really big achievement! Massive congratulations Pacific Aroma (Wamika, Rhea, Smriti, Ashvin, Hemchandra, Uday, Pranay & Talha) – you've progressed so far this year, and have great UCAS evidence to take further! Its been an absolute pleasure to work with these young people!



We have around 20 experience kits left – if you would like to get your hands on one here is the link to the online trading platform ([YE Trading Station \(ye-tradingstation.org.uk\)](http://ye-tradingstation.org.uk)). Very competitively priced at £13.99.





# Year 7 Textiles

## 7 Textiles cushion work

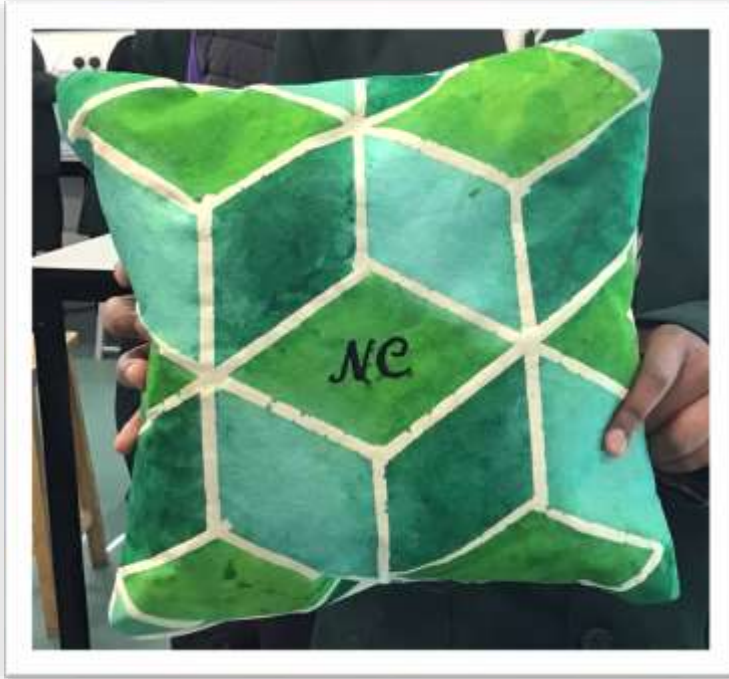
By Zara Zeb, Neel Patel, Iba Memon, Rayyan Eldaw, Niranjan Cholappurath, Timothy Dhanraj, Dhruva Chunduru and Arjun Deol.







# Year 7





# Student Activities



On Monday 16th May I was lucky enough to attend the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony in the Buckingham Palace Gardens. It has been roughly two years since I completed this award, however this event had unfortunately been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In that time, we saw the sorrowful death of the Duke of Edinburgh himself. Despite this, I was delighted when I received a stylish invitation to this ceremony through the post to celebrate my achievement. Although I felt slightly overdressed whilst travelling on the underground at 9 o'clock in the morning, as soon as I had arrived at Green Park Station, I was surrounded by a sea of my peers who were also suitably dressed for the occasion. Upon entry of the beautiful Buckingham Palace

Gardens, we were welcomed by various staff members and young cadets who were handing out leaflets which contained information about the layout of the day. The gardens were filled with gleaming smiles, a tent full of tea and cupcakes, two military bands, and many proud parents taking an endless number of photos of their children (including mine). There were also some famous guests, such as Nina Wadia and Tim Campbell, two Duke of Edinburgh Award holders. They gave inspiring speeches about how the skills they acquired from completing this award helped prepare them for success in many aspects of their lives. Ben Fogle, an adventurer who has climbed Mount Everest, delivered a powerful speech which really stood out to me. He reminded

me that while it is important to have the drive to compete, sometimes it is just as important, if not more, to simply complete a challenge. In other words, he stressed that we do not always have to put an unnecessary amount of pressure on ourselves to be the best, but we should enjoy and take pride in the things we choose to do. It was also special to catch up with some of my classmates and reminisce over past school memories. A bonus was that it did not rain that day. Overall, I really enjoyed this momentous occasion as it allowed me to reflect on my past achievements and has left me excited for what my next physical challenge will be.

Kind regards  
Monique Sahnan





# Year 8 Art





# From Twitter

These pages showcase a small sample of the school activities which are publicised through Twitter. We now have accounts for PE, Art and Drama in addition to the main account **@lgs\_news**

***To find out more and keep up with what is happening in school from day to day, please follow our Twitter accounts.***



**@lgs\_news**

**@lgsartists**

**@drama\_lgs**

**@LGSPE**

**Langley Grammar PE @LGSPE** · 16h  
A massive congratulations to these girls who were crowned winners of the Year 10 Slough Schools Rounders Tournament... top quality fielding all round! 🏏



Langley Grammar School Retweeted  
**LangleyGS\_Geography @LangleyGSGeog** · Apr 7  
Day 4: We've been on the train to Derry/Londonderry - giving our [#LGSIndependent](#) geographers a chance to pick their own techniques and foci to revisit questions about sectarian tension from Monday - and continue to reflect on how identity politics plays out in physical spaces







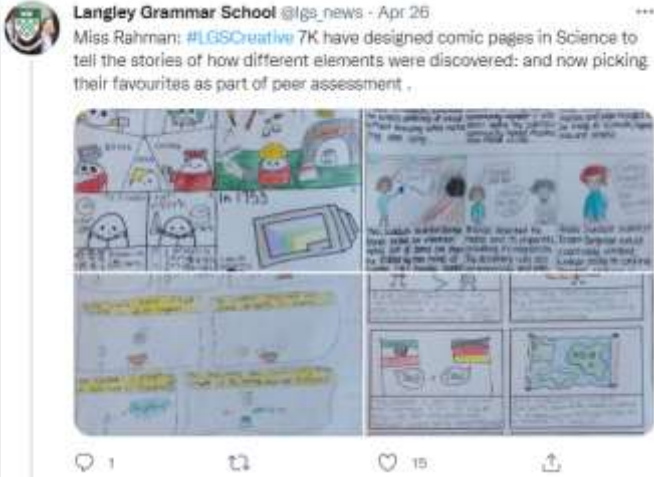
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# Volunteers needed

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BECOME A VOLUNTEER AND  
CHANGE A LIFE

**VOLUNTEERS  
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Next Volunteer Prep Training  
programme starts  
29th September  
3 mornings for 3 weeks  
Venue: Burnham nr Slough

- We need volunteers to support Slough and Burnham families who are finding things tough;
- Could you support a family in their home?
- Could you provide telephone support?
- A keen gardener? get in touch to help at our Allotment

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