



LGS Headlines

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Dear Parents

Welcome to a special edition of LGS Headlines!

As you know, we were visited by an inspection team from Ofsted in late November 2021.

The school was previously inspected in 2007 and judged to be outstanding in all categories against the framework at the time. As such we were exempt from routine inspection until the exemption was removed last year. In the 14 years since that last inspection, Ofsted has revised its inspection framework several times, each change representing a raising of the expected educational standards in schools.

The most recent framework, introduced in late 2019 shortly before the pandemic struck, introduced a new emphasis on the quality of the curriculum, students' personal development and staff wellbeing.

We are now able to share the final report with you, and I am delighted to tell you that the school has been graded once again as **Outstanding**. We have waited a long time for this outcome; it is a tremendous endorsement of all the developments we have put in place over recent years, and a testament to the commitment of everyone in our school community.

You can read the full Ofsted report on our school website [here](#) and a copy has also been sent to you with this newsletter. The report is written specifically for parents and students. It starts with a short section on 'What is it like to attend this school?' which is followed by sections on 'What does the school do well and what does it need to do better?' and the effectiveness of safeguarding.

The report is full of positive comments praising the school's provision, the behaviour of our students, and the dedication and skill of the staff. However, I think my favourite part is the opening sentence:

"Pupils and sixth formers love coming to Langley Grammar School and they thrive here."

Students thrive at Langley Grammar School because of the combination of their motivation, our provision and your support. I would like to express my gratitude to all our wonderful staff for everything they have contributed to this outcome, and to our exceptional students whose pride in the school was evident to the inspectors. Thank you for your support, and particularly to those of you who responded to the parent survey during the inspection.

The report concludes by emphasising that there is no complacency from leaders. An Outstanding judgement does not mean perfect, and we know there are things that we could still do better. We also know that we cannot stand still; we will continue to review what we do and make improvements where we can so that what has been recognised as our 'exceptional provision' continues to meet the needs of our students in the years to come.

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The Ofsted Report

You can access the full Ofsted report on our website [here](#). You should also have received a copy of the full report document along with this newsletter as we are required to distribute a copy to every parent.

The first section of the report talks about what it is like to be a student (note that Ofsted uses the term 'pupil') at Langley Grammar School. We are particularly pleased that the inspection team recognised and understood our ethos of supporting students to be confident and well rounded, independent and creative, and responsible and caring, alongside gaining excellent academic outcomes.



What is it like to attend this school?

Pupils and sixth formers love coming to Langley Grammar School and they thrive here. Leaders ensure all pupils experience a broad, ambitious academic curriculum coupled with first-class provision for personal development. As one parent commented, 'This is a wonderful school for the overall development of your child.'

Parents and pupils appreciate how the school expects pupils not just to excel in the more traditional academic subjects, but to broaden their horizons through creative, artistic and sporting subjects. Learning is further enriched and extended through the diverse range of interesting clubs, trips and visits on offer. The promotion of pupils' mental and physical health and their well-being is at the heart of all that leaders do. Pupils are grateful for the support of their teachers and rightly proud of their school and all that it offers.

Behaviour is exemplary, both in lessons and around the school site. Pupils are considerate and respectful. Older pupils look out for younger ones here. There are warm relationships between staff and pupils, and between pupils and their peers. Leaders ensure that pupils benefit from a range of support services. Any form of bullying or unkindness is not tolerated here, the school is a very supportive and safe place to learn.

The remainder of the report describes what the school does well and comments on the effectiveness of the arrangements for safeguarding. Please do take time to read the full text.

Contacting the school

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