



LGS Headlines

9 June 2023

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents

Our Year 11 and 13 students are now at least half way through the examination season, and many have the end firmly in sight. They have done well over the last three weeks as they have got themselves organised and into a position to tackle the examinations confidently. Although there are inevitably some individual issues and disappointments, the general feedback from the students seems positive so far, and we wish them well as they prepare for the last of their papers.

On a very different note, we have been asked by the police to draw two things to your attention. Firstly, to ask children who cycle to school to make sure they secure their cycles properly as there have been a number of thefts from school sites in the local area - ours included.

Secondly, to be aware of the occasional online 'trends' arising through social media platforms such as Tiktok. These temporary 'crazes' can sometimes lead to risky behaviour, or to conduct which attracts suspicion. For example, Thames Valley police in some areas are currently dealing with teenage boys wearing balaclavas in the streets, copying an online trend. This is something the police have said they will take very seriously as it can be linked to gang culture and should not be imitated. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you ever have concerns about the impact of what your children may see online.

With best wishes

John Constable - Headteacher

Coming up next week...

All week	Year 11, 12 and 13 Year 9	Public examinations continue Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessed Expedition (Thu—Fri)
Tue 13 June	Year 12	Year 12 PTC—see note regarding early finish for all students
Wed 14 June	7, 8, 9, 10 and 12	Sports Day - Thames Valley Athletics Centre
Thu 15 June	All Years	School Focus Day Year 12 Passport for Life day Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park Year 7 Geography/History visits Year 8 Educational visit to Salisbury & Stonehenge Year 9 DoE Award/Mybnk workshop

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The week in review

- ⇒ Just before the half term break, over 60 Year 9 and 10 students took part in the **Biology Challenge** run by the Royal Society for Biology. 81% of our students achieved Gold, Silver or Bronze awards—well done to everyone! 18 students achieved Gold, putting them in the top 5% of the 44,000 students who took part this year. Special credit to Thananchayan Mohanarajah, our highest scoring student overall, and to Hari Selvan, our highest scoring Year 9 student!
- ⇒ The History and Geography Departments organised visits for students in **Year 7** this week on **Wednesday 7 June** 7C, 7S and 7V visited the Chiltern Hills to assess the impact of the High Speed 2 rail line, whilst students from 7H, 7K and 7R visited Warwick Castle as part of a History fieldtrip. The visits are reversed on Focus Day next week.
- ⇒ **Year 10 GCSE Art** students headed to Brighton on **Tuesday 6th June**. The visit involved drawing and photography activities which will allow students to generate source materials for their main portfolio unit.

Updates & Reminders

- ⇒ **Year 12 Parent-Teacher Consultations (PTC)** will be held on **Tuesday 13th June**. These will be online using School Cloud.
- ⇒ As is usual for a PTC day, we will be changing the timings of the school day for students in **all year groups** on **Tuesday 13th June**. Lunchtime and period 5 will each be reduced by 10 minutes and the school day will end at **2.55pm**. Please note the earlier time and ensure your child is picked up promptly. Unfortunately we are not able to provide on-site supervision after the end of the school day apart from in exceptional circumstances.
- ⇒ On the **14th June**, we will hold our **Sports Day** at **Thames Valley Athletics Centre**. All students from year groups 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will be attending this Sports Day, which will run from 8.45am until 2.30pm. Please refer to the recent letter you should have received for more detail about transport arrangements.
- ⇒ The **Year 10 Parent-Teacher Consultation** takes place on **Tuesday 20th June** - further details to follow.
- ⇒ There have been a number of **bicycle thefts** in the local area, including two cycles taken from the school earlier this week. The stolen cycles were not locked onto the racks in the bike shed at the front of the school; we have noticed that some students choose not to lock up their cycles, despite having a lock with them. Although we have a secure site during the day, the school gates are open after the end of the school day to allow access to the Sports Centre, which is a community facility in the late afternoon and evening. If we will be reminding students who cycle to school to bring a lock with them and use it to secure their cycle in the racks. **We would be grateful if this message could be reinforced at home.**
- ⇒ We are hosting another **Online Parent Forum** on Wednesday 21st June. The subject will be "**How to have conversations with teenagers**". Further details will be sent shortly by Mrs Dobbs on how to join.

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



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Looking ahead

⇒ On the **15th June**, we will hold our next school **Focus Day**. Every year group will participate in trips and activities either off site or in school as follows.

Year 7	Forms 7C, 7S and 7V will be at Warwick Castle on a history visit Forms 7H, 7K & 7R will be on a geography field trip in the Chilterns
Year 8	Forms 8C, 8H & 8K will be out of school on a Philosophy & Ethics visit to Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral. The other half of the year group will have an in-school careers activity . The activities will be repeated in reverse on 28th June.
Year 9	72 students will be starting their 2-day Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Assessed Expedition in the Chilterns. The remaining students will be taking part in a range of activities in school including team building led by the Army, a financial workshop led by <i>MyBnk</i> , and design work led by the Art department.
Year 10	The Science department have organised an Physics-focused educational visit to Thorpe
Year 12	A day of activities as part of the Passport for Life programme, working in small groups and with an outside speaker for part of the day.

⇒ **Year 12 Economists** will be taking part in an visit on the 22nd June being hosted by The Bank of England. Further details will be sent out to parents next week.

⇒ The **Junior Maths Challenge** follow-on round will be held on Tuesday 13th June here at school during periods 1 and 2.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

A large number of Langley Grammar School students from Year 9 upwards take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level.

There is a lot of focus on the Award expedition, with its emphasis on physical challenge, teamwork and sometimes battling against the weather. However, the three other sections of the Award - the volunteering, the physical activity, and the skill, are equally important elements of the qualification. Each year, the Award office calculates how many hours of volunteering are carried out by participants.

In the year to March 2023, LGS students carried out over 3300 hours of voluntary work in their communities. This included working in libraries and charity shops, supporting other voluntary organisations, working in faith communities, and practical help for the homeless, or neighbours in need. We are proud of the students for giving up their time for others, living out our ethos of being responsible and caring.

