



LGS Headlines

6 September 2016

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn term and the new academic year. I do hope that you and your families had a very enjoyable summer.



It has been a great pleasure to welcome over 150 new students into Year 7, together with over 40 students who have joined the school in the Sixth Form. We are delighted that these students have chosen Langley Grammar School for the next phase of their education and we wish them well as they settle in over the next few weeks.

We are also pleased to welcome a number of new members of staff. Some are experienced teachers, some are newly-qualified - whatever their backgrounds and experience I know you will want to wish them well for their time working with us to support your sons and daughters. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of new staff, and also details of those who are taking on particular new responsibilities this year.

The last two weeks of the summer break have been focused on the academic results of students in Years 11, 12 and 13. I have included some comments on our examination results in this newsletter. We are pleased with the outcomes and would like to congratulate all those who took examinations last summer.

Our new website will 'go live' at the end of this week. I hope you will find it easier to navigate and that the content will be helpful and informative to you. It is still a 'work in progress' as further information and new pages will be added in the next few weeks.

Whichever year group they are in, I hope your son or daughter has a very positive start to the new term.

Mr J Constable - Headteacher

Key dates for September

Our new website will be launched in the next few days and will have a detailed calendar of events. The old website has therefore not been updated. To help you over the next few days until the new website goes live, here are the key dates for September:

Wednesday 7 September

Term starts for students in all year groups; with normal lessons from period 1.

All students are expected in school for a prompt start at 8.20am.

Other key dates:

- Fri 9 Sep** Individual photographs for Years 7, 10 and 12
- Sat 10 Sep** 11+ examination
- Tue 13 Sep** Year 12 Raising Achievement meeting for parents - 6.30pm in the Lecture Theatre
- Tue 20 Sep** Open Evening 3.30 - 8.00 pm. School closes at 1.10pm for preparation
- Wed 21 Sep** Late start for students - registration at 9.30am
- Thu 22 Sep** Year 13 Raising Achievement meeting for parents - 6.30pm in the Lecture Theatre
- Tue 27 Sep** Year 13 Parent-Teacher Consultation 3.30 - 6.30pm
- Thu 28 Sep** Year 7 Parents' meeting, 6.30pm in the Main Hall

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Welcome to.....

...the following members of staff who join the school at the start of this term.

Mr Castro and **Ms Dasoondi** join the Mathematics team.

Mr Choo, Mr Haisam, Mrs Shinh and Miss Siddiqui will be teaching in the Science department. **Ms Wan** joins the Science technician team to provide valuable support to the teaching staff.

Ms Dowling, Dr Sykes, Mr Worboys join the English department.

Mr Nelson joins the Geography team.

Mrs Oakley-Watson joins us to provide maternity cover for Miss Curtlin in the Art department.

Ms Hardman will be teaching ICT and Computing.

Mrs Kalsi will be teaching Psychology in the Sixth Form, covering Mrs Andrews' maternity leave.

We will also be joined by two trainee teachers who are following the Schools Direct programme. **Ms Lewis** will be working with the English team and **Ms Stephenson** with the Science team.

We would like to wish all our new colleagues well as they settle in.

New roles

There are a number of staff who are taking on new roles this term. Our best wishes to them as they start in these new roles.

Mrs Chowdhury becomes Subject Leader for English, having previously been Assistant Subject Leader.

Ms Owens takes on a responsibility as Assistant Subject Leader for English.

Ms Thompson will join Mr Broz as Phase Leader for Years 8 and 9.

Ms Roughton and **Mr Nash** will assume temporary responsibility for the examination courses in Physics pending the appointment of a new Subject Leader for Physics.

Mr Batsman will be acting Individual Needs Coordinator (INCo) during Mrs Andrews' maternity leave.

Coming soon.....

Our new LGS website!

We have been working with our website providers **e4education** to refresh our website. The updated design will 'go live' over the weekend of 10/11 September.



We hope you will appreciate the features of the new site, which will adapt itself to different formats for PCs and laptops, tablets and phones. Hopefully you will find it easier to navigate and to find the information you are looking for.

The website address remains the same:

www.lgs.slough.sch.uk

We have migrated a lot of content over from the old website. Where possible this has been updated to ensure the information provided is accurate and appropriate. Other pages will be updated as soon as possible.



The website is by no means 'finished' as yet. We will be adding more pages over the next few weeks, particularly to the curriculum section; the aim is to provide parents with more detailed information about the programmes of study their sons and daughters are following.

We will send an email alert to you later in the week to confirm when the site goes live.



Year 13 A Level Results

The overall 'pass rate' (ie achieving grades A* to E) for our Year 13 students this year was 99.6%.

It is worth noting that A Level examinations have become more rigorous in recent years and students have had fewer opportunities to retake their AS modules to improve their final outcomes.

On results day **71.3%** of the entries were **graded A*, A or B** – a very pleasing set of outcomes.

Over a third of the grades - 37.3% - were A* or A, with 11.8% at A*. These figures are broadly consistent with last year's results.

There were some **exceptional performances** by individual students. The following six students gained **3 A* grades** and have gained access to courses at prestigious universities:

- Jack Allsopp – History, Oxford*
- Simran Dogra – Medicine, St George's London*
- Robert Heymer – Nuclear Engineering, Birmingham*
- Darshana Jeyaruban – Medicine, Birmingham*
- Sami Khan – Maths, UCL*
- Yashraj Sakpal – Economics and Management, Oxford*

A further six students gained **2 A* grades and 1 A** grade:

- Rajan Chander – Geography at UCL*
- Jessica Gittins – Criminology at Durham*
- Manan Kapila – Head Boy during 2015-16, Maths and Economics at LSE*
- Karsana Muhunthan – Maths at UCL*
- Shubham Saxena – Medicine at UCL*
- Bhargav Velakaturi – Maths at UCL*

Overall, the results have enabled the great majority of students to gain places at their first or second choice universities, with a very large number gaining places at Russell Group institutions.

Year 11 GCSE Results

Students completing Year 11 in 2016 were entered for over 1900 GCSE examinations. Their overall success rate was **97% A*-C** grades.

- 98% of our students achieved the Department for Education's 'Basics' measure of 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Maths.
- The proportion of A* grades achieved was 21.5%. One quarter of the students gained 5 or more A* grades.
- 70% of the students gained 5 or more A*/A grades, with just under 50% gaining 8 or more A*/A grades. The 'average' grade gained was just slightly under an A.

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on their performance in their GCSE examinations in 2016.

They worked very hard, supported as always by our dedicated staff, and should be proud of their achievements which give them confidence as they move on to the next phase of their education in the Sixth Form at Langley Grammar School or elsewhere.

There were some exceptional individual performances. We would particularly congratulate the following students who all achieved at least 8 A* grades:

<i>Anna Abarian</i>	<i>Aarushi Menon</i>
<i>Sanjana Abeykoon</i>	<i>Bhamathy Parthiban</i>
<i>Irfaan Ahmad</i>	<i>Prarthana Shah</i>
<i>Akshee Arora</i>	<i>Aakash Sunil</i>
<i>Romesha Aslam</i>	<i>Matthew Trewren</i>
<i>Jarnail Atwal</i>	<i>Sadiyah Haque</i>
<i>Yajat Bansal</i>	<i>Nimita Kodam</i>
<i>Tasvir Brainch</i>	<i>Salena Mann</i>
<i>Amera Dam-Elhana</i>	

Congratulations once again to all our students on their achievements!