



# LGS Headlines

## Sept 2019



Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term, and a special welcome to those families with students joining the school this year. We have welcomed over 180 new Year 7 students from around 70 different primary schools, over 160 into Year 12 including over 40 new joiners, and a small number of students who have joined into Year 8 and 9.

This is a short edition of the *Headlines* newsletter with some updates on staffing, the progress with the building, and the GCSE and A Level outcomes from the summer. Important dates of the usual parents 'Raising Achievement' briefing meetings are given below - I look forward to meeting you at those events.

There are a number of significant changes this year in relation to the introduction of the ClassCharts system, and the move away from having student planners for most year groups - more details will be given at the Raising Achievement meetings. You will also find a further copy of the uniform policy sent with this newsletter and I would ask all parents to ensure that students are wearing correct uniform as set out in the policy.

I wish all our students a very enjoyable and successful term ahead, and thank you in advance for your support.

*Mr J Constable - Headteacher*

## Autumn term — September 2019

Parents' 'Raising Achievement' briefing meetings will be held as follows:

Thursday 12 September	Year 12
Monday 23 September	Year 7
Thursday 26 September	Year 13
Tuesday 1 October	Years 10 & 11
Monday 7 October	Years 8 & 9

All briefings begin at 6.30pm. We encourage all parents to attend as important information will be provided to help you support your son or daughter's progress.

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# Updates

## New members of staff

We are delighted to welcome new members of staff joining the school at the start of this term.

**Mrs Dobbs** - Assistant Headteacher, English

**Miss Mawdsley** - Subject Leader for History

**Mr Sarai** - Science (Physics)

**Ms McLeod** - Science (Biology)

**Mr Sayd** - Science

**Mr Mayet** – Economics

**Miss Marian** - Maths

Two colleagues who completed their teacher training with us last year have been appointed to the staff on a permanent basis. They are

**Miss Dent** - Drama & English

**Miss Padwal** – English

We are also pleased to welcome back another colleague who taught with us two years ago:

**Mrs Kalsi** - Psychology

**We wish all our new members of staff well in their new roles.**

## Senior Leadership Team

The following staff form the school's Senior Leadership team for 2019-20;

**Mr Constable** - Headteacher

**Mr Harding** - Deputy Headteacher

**Mr Adams** - Acting Deputy Headteacher

**Mrs Dobbs** - Assistant Headteacher

**Mr Mace** - Assistant Headteacher

**Ms Makowski** - Director of Sixth Form

**Mr Trigg** - School Business Manager

**Mr Cook** (former Assistant Headteacher) will also continue as the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and reports regularly to the Senior Leadership Team.

**Members of the Senior Leadership Team can be contacted in the first instance by phoning Reception on 01753 598300 or through the general school email address.**

## Changes to uniform policy

As indicated in the last edition of Headlines, there are some changes to the school's Uniform Policy, effective from the start of this term.

A copy of the uniform policy was sent to all parents in July and can be found on the school website. A further copy has been sent with this newsletter. Students also have access to a copy in the general information booklet accessible through their iPads.

**Parents are asked to ensure that their sons and daughters are wearing the correct uniform as specified in the policy.**

**Students whose uniform does not match the expectations of the policy will be asked to ensure they conform to the guidelines as quickly as possible. Continued failure to meet the expectations will result in sanctions being applied.**

**Please note that the decision of the Headteacher in all matters in relation to uniform is final.**



# Other updates



## GCSEs

Our Year 11 students sat 1700 GCSE examinations in May and June 2019.

Just under **two thirds** of the grades awarded were **Grade 7 or above**.

This achievement reflects the students' hard work and commitment throughout their courses, and the dedication and support of the staff.

Nearly **40%** of the results were **Grade 8 or 9**.

In some subjects the proportion of Grade 9s achieved was high, and we must make special mention of Chemistry where 38% of the students achieved the highest grade.

**83 students gained Grades 7, 8 or 9 in eight or more of subjects, and over 70% gained five or more grades at these levels.**

Our students benefited from a broad and balanced education, maintaining their studies of a wide range of subjects including music, art, drama and technology until the end of Year 9 before being required to choose GCSE options.

78% of the year group went on to gain qualifications in the Government's EBacc group of core academic subjects which comprises English, Maths, Sciences, a modern foreign language and either History or Geography, and uptake to other subjects such as drama, music and art was strong.

***These grades have given the students a good foundation for Sixth Form study and beyond. We wish them well as they start the next phase of their education in the Sixth Form.***

## A Levels

Across the country as the proportion of A and A\* grades awarded fell to their lowest level since 2007, students at Langley Grammar bucked the national trend and managed to achieve a higher proportion of the top grades than last year, maintaining the school's high standards and the reputation of its excellent Sixth Form.

A total of 153 students sat over 460 A Level examinations between them.

Over **35%** of exams resulted in **grades A\* or A**

**66%** of entries achieved **grades A\*-B**

The school's overall **pass rate** (A\*-E grades) rose to **99.4%**

***Twenty-six students (nearly a fifth of the year group) gained A\* or A grades across all their subjects.***

These excellent results enabled the great majority of students to take up their preferred university places or to pursue other paths such as higher level apprenticeships.

***Some results for individual students or subjects are currently being reviewed. A full breakdown of the results will be published on the school website when final outcomes are confirmed.***

Over their time in the Sixth Form our students achieved more than simply a good set of grades. Alongside their A Level subjects they took part in a wide range of additional activities and experiences and contributed to the school and local community.

We supported them to be much more than a 'walking set of exam certificates' and to leave the school as young men and women who are

**Confident and well-rounded,**

**Independent and creative,**

**Responsible and caring.**



# Buildings update

*In just a few weeks over the summer holiday, the new Teaching block has progressed from this....*



*...to this.....*



We remain on course for completion of the Teaching Block in February 2020. More details about the move into the new building will be given in due course.

There have been some additional ground works across the site setting out service connections for the new buildings. The disruption caused by this work was largely contained to the summer holiday period, but there are some ongoing pieces of work taking place in the first few weeks of this term.

Our IT department had a busy summer commissioning a large number of new PCs which will be transferred to the new building. We also began a much-needed programme of redecoration with the repainting of some classrooms and the Sports Centre entrance area.