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SIXTH FORM
Information Booklet



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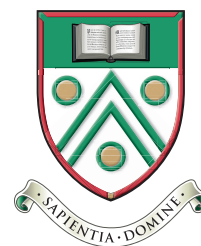
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Dear Student

I am pleased that you are considering a place in our Sixth Form. I hope that the information in this booklet will be of use to you and will answer most of your questions about life in the Sixth Form at Langley Grammar School.

We offer a very wide range of A level subjects for our Sixth Form students. The A level examination results attained by our students are excellent and our students' A level performance over recent years is also excellent in terms of "added value". This view is supported through an annual independent report published by "Alps", a national system of A level results analysis. Our three year grade 3 score places us in the top 25% of Sixth Form providers nationally in terms of our progress. An OFSTED inspection in November 2021 judged our Sixth Form to be 'Outstanding'. The great majority of our students progress to higher education, with a significant proportion successfully gaining places on competitive courses at Russell Group universities.

We also offer a very wide programme of additional opportunities, which includes a choice of enrichment courses, lectures, physical education, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, participation in musical and drama productions as well as opportunities for service to the school and community. It is our aim to give our students as broad an experience as possible during their two years in the Sixth Form. There is a very effective tutor system in the Sixth Form and we take great interest in your progress, providing advice and encouragement when needed. Many students act as prefects or take on other leadership responsibilities, working with staff to manage activities in the rest of the school.

At the age of sixteen, few people know exactly what they want to do when they leave school, and many who think they do will change their minds. Our advice is to consider your strengths and interests carefully when making your choice of course, and keep your options open for as long as possible. We recommend that, where possible, you take a broad range of subjects in Year 12, so that you can continue with the best 3 subjects in Year 13. This flexible approach to Year 12 allows you to maximise your achievement and increase your chances of securing the best pathway post 18, in order to develop your skills widely. The world of work which you will eventually enter is a challenging, demanding and rapidly changing place, which makes a broad subject choice all the more important. It is also generally true to say that the better qualified you are, the greater flexibility you will have with your career.

I am very confident that if you decide to enter our Sixth Form, you will be presented with the very best opportunities for academic and personal development and will be given the fullest support in achieving your aims and aspirations.

Yours sincerely

John Constable
Headteacher

THE SIXTH FORM STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mathichudar Manivasagam – Head Girl

A curiosity towards any subject is greatly appreciated and nurtured at Langley Grammar School, which is something I believe is truly remarkable to experience. The support from teachers has been astounding, as teachers are understanding and well-equipped to aid you during learning. Finally, reflectiveness is what garners progress. Having the ability to reflect on work and utilising these learning points in future work is a key concept emphasised at Langley Grammar School.

Three words to describe my experience at Langley Grammar School would be:

Action-packed, Enlightening, and Unforgettable



Nihal Bedi – Deputy Head Boy

As a new joiner student, I can honestly say that right from the beginning, the school has made me feel part of its community. Excellent teachers, compassionate students and the school's outstanding facilities lead me to believe that this would be the school for me; indeed, I was correct. In addition, the opportunities that Langley Grammar school provides you with are countless, from joining one of its many clubs right through to finding work placements that will make you stand out from the crowd. The opportunities here are endless.

Welcoming, Motivating and Supportive



Avneet Jaswal – Deputy Head Girl

Langley Grammar School provides its students with a stimulating environment, allowing each individual to reach their full academic potential. Through the broad range of extracurricular activities on offer, the school encourages students to pursue their own interests beyond the curriculum. During my time at LGS, I have been exposed to numerous opportunities to expand my horizons, both academically and outside the classroom. Thanks to this, the school has given me chances to develop key personal qualities such as self-confidence and well-roundedness. The three words that best sum up my experience at the school are:

Rewarding, Empowering and Inspirational

Jack Ettridge – Head Boy

At LGS, students are encouraged to develop not only their academic capability but also their interpersonal skills. There is remarkable blend of different cultures and backgrounds all working towards a common goal of success. Furthermore, there is world-class teaching and support for everyone which plays a huge role in moulding students into capable young adults. In my case, activities like sports teams and drama performances helped to build my confidence and gain experience of responsibility positions, which will be invaluable in the real world.

Three words I would use to describe Langley Grammar School are

Inclusive, Valuable and Eye-opening



Sakshi Upadhyay – Deputy Head Girl

Langley Grammar School is a vibrant and inclusive community that inspires a thirst for knowledge and personal development. It has provided me with a stimulating atmosphere where I have been encouraged to explore my passions and develop critical thinking skills. Through various extracurricular activities and opportunities, Langley Grammar has honed my leadership abilities, fostered my resilience, and enhanced my problem-solving skills. Over the years, it has instilled in me curiosity, empathy and allowed me to reach my full potential.

Transformative, Empowering, and Enriching



Vinay Ladwa – Deputy Head Boy

Being a student at Langley Grammar School has helped me develop these qualities. I am incredibly grateful for the hardworking teachers that we have here; they are friendly, approachable, and always willing to help. There are countless opportunities that we are provided with that help us develop our academic profile, but perhaps more importantly, help shape who we are. I know I would not have grown to be the person I am now without the support and guidance our school provides. As a result, I understand where I want to be in the future.

Drive, Empathy and Growth



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Our aim in the Sixth Form is to create an atmosphere where students encounter stimulating personal and intellectual challenges and are encouraged to appreciate the value of academic excellence, develop a love of learning, a spirit of enquiry and an independence of mind. Our purpose built Sixth Form Centre provides an excellent environment for study and personal development. There are a mixture of supervised and quiet working spaces, within the Sixth Form Centre and the school library.

Academic study

A structured study skills programme ensures students are equipped with strategies to use at this level and students have some independent study each week.

We expect students to show commitment to study throughout their Sixth Form course. Tutors and subject staff will help with the structuring and organisation of work. Progress is monitored regularly by means of assessed class work and homework, class tests and internal assessments. Feedback is given to students and parents, through parents' consultations and formal grade reports. An academic mentor is available for one to one support. As an Apple Distinguished School we believe that tablet technology, when used appropriately, can significantly enhance learning and students are expected to have access to an Apple iPad or equivalent. Our philosophy is that teachers will select teaching methods that have the most positive impact on students' learning.

Tutor groups

Each student will be assigned to a tutor group comprising about twenty students, some of whom are in Year 12 and some in Year 13. Normally students will remain with the same tutor throughout their Sixth Form course. Students meet their tutor every day for registration and a tutorial period. Activities include monitoring of progress, discussion of higher education and careers. Every student has a regular interview with their tutor each half term..

Careers and University Coaching

The two year Sixth Form course passes very quickly, so looking to the future is essential. Students work with their tutors and partner organisations that offer specialist destination and employability skills information. Our Careers Adviser is available for one-to-one advice and guidance through a booked appointment system and on a drop-in basis. In addition to prospectuses and reference books in the careers library, we use a wide range of online resources, career profiling and a process which allows students to access relevant work experience and volunteering opportunities, open days, taster courses. A programme of careers events runs throughout the Sixth Form including an event where students network with a range of professionals and a conference where alumni talk about their experiences since leaving the school.

Personal development and 'Passport for Life' programme

The Sixth Form should be a place where students gain academic qualifications together with personal and social skills. Senior students take responsibility for the daily running of the Sixth Form Centre. They organise their own accounts, charity and social events. Our 'Passport for Life' programme includes events focused on post 18 pathways and core activities which encompass health, personal and citizenship studies. Our 'Culture and Curiosity' programme aims to give students 'the competitive edge'. Trips, roadshows, conferences, lectures and tailored focus days are a few of the ways used to prepare them for their future pathways.

Enrichment Lecture Series

Fortnightly lectures from visiting academics, professionals and charities broaden students' knowledge of the world as well as providing intellectual stretch and challenge.

Music

Visiting teachers offer tuition in keyboard/piano, woodwind, percussion (including drum kit), strings, classical guitar, lead guitar, bass guitar and singing. New members of the Sixth Form, who are experienced or beginner instrumentalists and singers, are invited to make full use of this and the opportunities to play in ensembles. Enquiries should be addressed to the Director of Music, Mr Wilkinson, before the summer if possible or early in September.

Sport

One afternoon a fortnight is spent by students pursuing a wide range of sports options. This is regarded as a very important part of the Sixth Form curriculum and takes advantage of the facilities in the school's sports centre. Games can be played both recreationally and competitively.

Leadership Opportunities

Throughout their time in the Sixth Form, students are encouraged to use their skills and talents to support younger pupils in the school and to help the local community.

The role of *Subject Fellow* or *Subject Assistant* provides opportunities to help teaching staff in one of their favourite subjects, either during lessons or by running an extra-curricular club or activity. The Fellows Society, provides the opportunity for students to debate and engage in wider learning.

Sixth Form students can use their skills and experience to become mentors for younger students in the school. Expert training may be available for students who wish to become:

- *Progress Mentors.*
- *Anti-bullying Mentors*, working with individuals via a student devised app as part of the whole school anti-bullying strategy.
- *Literacy leaders*, which involves working with students in local primary schools.
- *Individual Needs Student Mentors.*

The Student Leadership Team and Sixth Form Executive

The Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies, with a team of Senior Prefects form the Student Leadership Team. Prefects are appointed each year and liaise with the Deputy Head of Sixth Form to improve the quality of the sixth form experience. During the autumn term, representatives are elected on to the Sixth Form Executive to convey the views of Year 12 students to the Student Leadership Team. Both Year 12 and Year 13 elect two representatives to the School Council which meets every half term.



Sixth Form Student Executive

Representatives from the Sixth Form Student body meet every half term to discuss issues from the learning environment to teaching and learning. This is regarded as a particularly useful channel of feedback for the whole staff.

Oxbridge Pathway

Many students require their horizons to be broadened in terms of their academic potential. We offer a pathway that allows students to research their interests and explore the Cambridge and Oxford application process before deciding to commit. This includes workshops from visiting academic staff, visits, preparation for some of the admissions tests and specialist help and guidance with their personal statements. Preparation for this type of application starts in Years 10 and 11, but our flexible programme in the Sixth Form allows students to explore this route further.

Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science Pathway

Students interested in these vocations attend a series of workshops and talks regarding applications and interviews. This pathway also offers individual support in terms of preparation for BMAT and these specialist applications.



Charging policy and Financial Support

At the beginning of Year 12 we request a payment from all students; this covers fixed-cost items such as the specifically tailored student planner and specific items of uniform, together with a contribution to the cost of core activities.

However, in cases of hardship the school will provide assistance to students who meet certain criteria for the 16–19 bursary.

Information on the eligibility criteria and the application process for the award of a bursary is available on the school website and is communicated to all Sixth Form students at the start of the academic year.

Our A Level Offer allows for flexibility

The offer of studying 4 subjects in the first year means students can choose the most appropriate three to continue to full A levels, allowing scope for a change in direction.

In **2023:**

89% 
went to university

A*-B Grades at A level

76%



30 students gained
2 or more A*s at A level

A wide
range of
student
leadership
opportunities



Regular
Enrichment
Lectures



The ALPS indicator placed us
in the top 25% of schools
nationally for the value we
have added. Students at
Langley Grammar school
gain higher grades than is
normally expected for
students across the country
with similar GCSE profiles

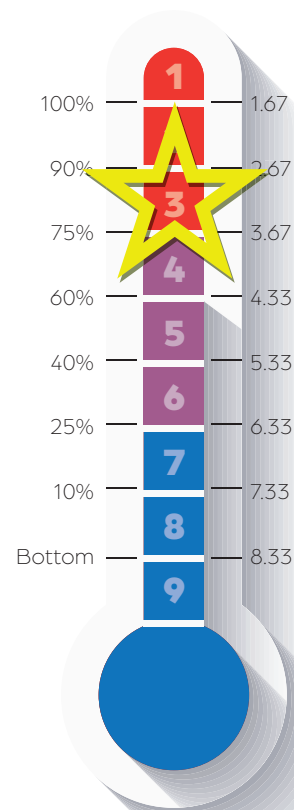


The school is a
centre for this award,
offering
Gold award in the
Sixth Form



A range of Enrichment
courses to study

ALPS A Level T Score



Sixth Form students at Langley Grammar school wear a uniform. This is an important part of our Sixth Form ethos: the objective is that the young adults in our Sixth Form create a professional, purposeful and business-like image. Sixth Form students are expected to wear their uniform correctly and set a positive example to the rest of the school. The Sixth Form uniform is different from that of the lower school:

Girls' Uniform

- White blouse / shirt with a collar. T-shirts or sleeveless styles are not acceptable.
- Plain black knee length skirt. These are available in two styles of 22" length from www.hawksinsport.co.uk. Ankle length skirts can be purchased from the same supplier for students who wish to wear longer skirts for religious reasons. **Skirts can be purchased from another high street retailer but must not be shorter than knee length and must be made from a woven fabric.**
- Alternatively black tailored trousers suitable for professional business wear which are either straight cut or tapered.
- Both the skirt and trousers must be made of a woven fabric. The following are not acceptable: chino or jean styles, leggings, flares, boot cut, bell bottoms or low rise trousers.
- Plain black tailored jacket with a collar and plain dark buttons.
- School brooch (obtainable from the school at the start of Year 12) to be worn on jacket.

- Low-heeled black shoes. Boots and very high heeled shoes are not acceptable wear.
- Plain black or neutral tights.
- Females who wish to wear a hijab headscarf are permitted to do so, but it must be plain black and tied in a safe and secure manner during all practical lessons. Head coverings which obscure the face are not permitted.

Boys' Uniform

- White Shirt and school tie
- Dark grey or black tailored trousers (chino or jean styles are not acceptable).
- Black blazer with Sixth Form badge. (The tie and badge are obtainable from the school at the start of Year 12)
- Black shoes. Boots are not acceptable.
- Black or grey socks.
- Facial hair should be kept short and neatly trimmed unless special dispensation has been granted by the Headteacher on established religious grounds.

Optional items

A thin plain black cardigan or jumper may be worn under the jacket in colder weather. Zipped and hooded tops are not acceptable. If an outdoor coat is required it should be of a plain dark colour; denim jackets and hooded tops are not acceptable.

Any jewellery, such as earrings, needs to be small and discreet. The use of makeup must be similarly discreet. No visible body piercings apart from the lower lobe of the ear.

Nail polish is only permitted if in a natural/subtle colour. Nail extensions and shellac nail polish are not permitted.

Hair should be of a style that demarcates adult men and women that should be acceptable in business/professional life. Haircuts should be no shorter than No. 2 for boys. Hair must be natural in colour.

The Sixth Form curriculum starting in September 2024 can be divided into two sections: your chosen A level subjects and the core curriculum.

Sixth Form Curriculum

3 or 4 A level subjects *
Enrichment Course**
Online University Courses (MOOCs)
Volunteering
Extended Project Qualification**

* Number of A level subjects studied in Year 1 only depends on threshold criteria.

** Selection process and carried out in Year 12 only.

The Core Curriculum

Tutorial work; study skills, resilience, academic coaching and careers coaching

'Passport for Life' programme, including religious education, citizenship, financial awareness, health education, driving and road safety education

Enrichment lecture series

Physical education/ games

Culture and Curiosity programme

A level subjects

Students joining in September 2024 will be studying linear A Levels. These qualifications are challenging and lead to the whole qualification being examined and certificated at the end of two years.

EPQ

In addition to the curriculum options outlined above, we also offer our students the opportunity to undertake an Extended Project which comprises a 5000 word research-based essay on a topic of their own choice. The AQA Extended Project Qualification is optional and is undertaken between November and June of Year 12.

Volunteering and Work Experience

We would expect students to complete 1-2 hours of volunteering a week. There are a number of opportunities within school and in local primary schools or other organisations. There are 3 days work experience built into the curriculum in our Passport Creation Programme in the Summer Term of Y12.



Young Enterprise Company Programme

Company Programme empowers young people to set up and run a student company under the guidance of a volunteer. Students make all the decisions about their business, from deciding on the company name, managing the company finances and selling to the public. Participants gain practical business experience and key skills and have the support of an external Business Advisor.

Students appoint themselves directors, hold weekly meetings to decide on a business idea, write a business plan and then take their idea to market. Students can sell their products online, and at specialist trade fair events at locations such as the Lexicon in Bracknell or in school and to friends and family, it is a real company to all intents and purposes and a real situation. Students also take part in the company programme competition against schools at local level and potentially nationally where they present their company to real business consultants gaining industry feedback.

Where else are you going to get experience running an advertising campaign? Managing the strategic decisions of your company? Submitting annual finance reports?

Obviously if you are a Business A Level student, you have a head start with the theory here, but this is open to all students, due to limited numbers you may well be interviewed as part of the selection process. It also counts as part of the volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.



CHOOSING YOUR SUBJECTS

Choosing the correct combination of A level subjects is most important. **The accompanying Course Guide booklet provides detailed information about each of the A level subjects and the enrichment courses.** Whatever choice you make will affect the course of your future life whether you leave school at 18 for employment/ apprenticeship or go on to higher education. Of course, the factors which influence your decision will vary from person to person but, generally speaking, you should bear in mind the following:

- **Choose subjects which you enjoy:** remember you will be studying these subjects in depth for one or two years – the same amount of time you spent on up to ten GCSE subjects. You will achieve the highest grades in those areas which motivate you the most.
- **Choose subjects which you are good at:** you will need at least a grade 6 at GCSE level to continue most subjects through to A level except for Maths, and Science subjects (see course guide). Talk about your choices with your subject teacher and ask for an honest view on whether you have the ability to succeed with that subject at A level.

- **Try to select a balanced combination:** whatever path you pursue in future, you will need a wide range of skills to succeed so choose your subjects with this in mind. If your primary interests lie with science and mathematics, consider choosing an arts, language or humanities subject to put alongside them. Likewise, adding a science or mathematics choice to others from the arts, humanities, languages or social sciences will allow you to develop and demonstrate a good range of skills. If you have no idea at this stage which area you would like to pursue in the future think about taking a combination of facilitating subjects.
- **Consider your future plans:** some A level subjects are required for particular degree courses or entry into a specific career. Again, seek up to date information from subject teachers and the careers adviser. If you find your career or higher education aspirations put uncomfortable constraints on your subject choices, then you should ask yourself whether you are really aiming for the right career or degree.
- **Finally, and most importantly, remember that the choice is yours to make:** it is not your function to fulfil other people's ambitions or expectations. Your family and friends may well offer you advice about your subject choices. It is right to listen to them, but it is your future and it is you who will be spending every day of every week pursuing your chosen subjects, and it is your future path which will be heavily influenced by those choices.



The entry requirements for the Sixth Form at Langley Grammar School are the same for current Year 11 students and for new joiner applicants.

The **academic entry criteria** are as follows:

- a) An average GCSE points score of 5.5 or above. See below for guidance on how to calculate the average points score.
- b) GCSE (or equivalent) English Language and Mathematics at grade 5 or above.
- c) Entry to specific subjects will also be dependent on achieving particular grades in relevant GCSE subjects. *See the summary table and subject information pages in the course guide.*

Study programmes

- a) Students with a GCSE average points score of 5.5–5.9 will be eligible to study 3 A Levels and a compulsory enrichment course.
- b) Students with a GCSE average point score of 6.0 or above will be expected to study 4 A Levels and an optional enrichment course.

Further Mathematics may only be taken as a fourth A Level.

The majority of students will choose three of these subjects to take through to A level exams; they will take an AS qualification in the subject they are dropping at the end of Year 12. Some students may take four subjects through to A level if this is appropriate.

Calculation of GCSE average points scores

- a) Add up the points for **all** GCSE qualifications and divide by the number of qualifications taken.
- b) Include subjects for which you were prepared by your school and where the examinations were taken at your school. Do not include any subjects for which you studied outside school or took the examinations at a centre other than your school. Qualifications taken in a home language are not included.
- c) You should include all GCSE qualifications. If you have taken iGCSEs or other qualifications, please contact the school as these will be assessed on an individual case basis. Do not include AS Levels or other qualifications not graded on the same scale as GCSEs (eg FSMQ Additional Maths). These qualifications should be listed on your application form but excluded from the points score calculation.
- d) Those who have studied in International schools abroad who have studied other types of qualifications will be considered on an individual basis. A wide range of subjects will need to be studied at Level 2.

If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact the Head of Sixth Form:

Ms H Makowski
helenamakowski@lgs.slough.sch.uk

Additional information

Other information about the school can be found on the school website:

www.lgs.slough.sch.uk

GCSE courses	
Grade	Points
9	9
8	8
7	7
6	6
5	5
4	4
3	3
2	2
1	1

WHAT TO DO NEXT

If you are already in Year 11 at Langley Grammar School you may continue into the Sixth Form provided you meet the academic entry requirements. You should still complete the application process so that we can capture all the relevant information about your subject choices. We will ask you to complete an application form in order to capture your subject choices online by **Friday 26 January 2024**.

An Open Evening for current students/parents and those wishing to join the Sixth Form from a different school will be held on **Tuesday 21 November 2023**.

If you are not a student currently at Langley Grammar School please complete the Sixth Form Application Form accessible via our website by **Thursday 18th January 2024**. We will request a reference from your current school. Both parts of the application form need to be completed and received by the school by **Friday 26 January 2024**.

Those external applicants considered most likely to meet our entry criteria will be given a conditional offer and asked to reply either firmly accepting, provisionally accepting or wanting to withdraw their application.

You will then be invited to attend a Transition Day on Thursday 28 June 2024. Attendance at this day is compulsory, non-attendance may affect your conditional offer. At Transition Day you will experience lessons in your chosen subjects and be set some 'Transition Work' to complete during the summer break.

After your GCSE results are announced in August, your final decisions will need to be made. You will be asked to attend on GCSE Results day to enrol and confirm your place to study at the Sixth Form, you will then receive an email confirmation of your place and the courses you will be studying. Staff will be available in school to discuss your plans with you, towards the end of the summer holiday.



Make sure you have read this Information Booklet, and the accompanying Course Guide, before choosing your subjects and completing your application.



A LEVEL COURSES

Please see the accompanying Course Guide 2024 for more detailed information on each subject.

Subject being offered for September 2024, subject to viability.

Art and Design	Further Maths
Biology	German
Business	Geography
Chemistry	History
Computer Studies	Maths
Design and Technology: Product Design	Music
Drama and Theatre Studies	Philosophy and Ethics
Economics	Physical Education and Sports Studies
English Language	Physics
English Literature	Psychology
French	Sociology

ENRICHMENT COURSES

A variety of enrichment courses will be available, including:

Arts Award Silver (Photography)
Duke of Edinburgh Award (Gold)
Electronic Engineering
Language for Work: Spanish
Music Technology
Political awareness and current affairs
Public Speaking
Sports Leadership

Please note that the availability of each A Level course or Enrichment course is subject to the number of students who apply. Please see the accompanying Course Guide 2024 for more detailed information on each subject.



SIXTH FORM MUSIC

