

## Before you start

Is there the possibility of doing something? In terms of summer school.

*We are unable to offer summer school due to the building work completion over the summer break. Instead, we will have information on the website.*

Do the parents have an induction of the school?

A request - why don't you kindly reconsider open day(s), probably staggered, for this new set and their parents over multiple weekends?

Most of covid restrictions have eased. I find it very anxious in sending our daughter to a school for next seven years without having the chance to see it have a tour of the school or some kind of an open day. The next seven years will determine a child's future. I would kindly request for school to think of organising an open day for parents and students in managed environment to provide some peace of mind.

*We will not be opening the school over weekends, as this would be challenging to staff. However, we are working on a programme of mini open events geared towards you as Year 7 parents (possibly even the Year 8 parents who have also had limited opportunity to see the school). The exact format is still being discussed and will depend on government restrictions. However, it is likely to be form by form and run after school on a different day for each group at the start of the academic year..*

*Induction for parents will be the same as previous years, last night's meeting, a September meeting (curriculum based) and an October meeting (Pastoral based).*

*We held a virtual Open evening last September and the talk from that evening has been available on the website ever since. This talk was, if anything, more in depth than previous years, as we were able to deliver just one, rather than the 4-5 we usually have to do on our traditional open evening due to seating limitations. There is also a tour of the school on the main website and the Year 7 tour narrated by Mrs Close as well.*

We will be missing summer school so could you please send the transition work, you mentioned earlier.

*Transition work will be on the website to be completed over the summer. It should be available around the 6<sup>th</sup> July.*

Are you still planning the virtual induction on the 6th July or is that now cancelled

*The virtual day was never expected to be a live event. It will be a number of videos, activities and information leaflets to read at the students and parents' leisure. We hope that parents will actually get a better insight into the school that under normal circumstances, as they will be able to see and read information that we usually tell the students face to face on their induction day.*

So is that only yr 7 and yr 12 in on 02 Sept pls? For how many days induction pls?

*Yes, just those year groups on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to do their delayed July induction and then the rest of the school is likely to be in on the Friday and normal lessons will begin.*

## Getting to Langley Grammar School

Any guidance on driving/dropping/picking up children to/from school?

*Please try to keep the roads near to school clear for the safety of all our students. Arrange to meet your children a couple of streets away, use public transport or cycle to school. Do NOT block the drives of local residents, the school gates or the yellow zig zags, even for a moment when dropping your children.*

Is it possible to share names/contact details/home postcodes of children in the same class?

Does the school have a school bus which goes to southall

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Where can we find out about the coach services

Is there a school bus? If yes, what areas does it cover and is it free?

*No school buses. However, there is a car sharing database that can be accessed via the website and information about bus services used by other parents, although not run by the school.*

<https://www.lgs.slough.sch.uk/page/?title=Transport+and+Car+Sharing&pid=94>

Responses from other parents on the night;

*There a school bus at Stanwell going to Langley*

*Check bus2 school for school*

*New Bharat coach*

Will there be provision to lock bikes in the new layout in case children take a bike occasionally?

*Yes, we have two existing bike sheds and a new one under construction as part of the new build. Students need to bring their own bike locks for security.*

## School day

What are we expected to bring on the first day of school

What do we need on the first day of school?

*Nothing special- your enthusiasm, lunch (or a way to buy lunch) and stationery.*

What is the school start/finish time?

Hi when is closing time

what time school finishes??

Is 8 o'clock the start of the school day? And when does the school day end?

When does school start and finish pls?

what time does school start in the morning?

What time does our child need to be at school by? And what time do we need to pick up

*School begins at 8.20am and finishes at 3.15pm*

What is the earliest time to drop off?

*8am. This is because we simply cannot guarantee adequate supervision before this time.*

Do the children need iPad for their work? Or they can use laptops or other tablets?

Do we need to buy the iPad that the children use?

*They will need an iPad, but not for the start of Year 7. You will be invited to attend an information evening around March, next year, which will tell you all about the iPad project. This will include specification requirements, how to order, how we use them in school and what to do if you need financial help purchasing one.*

Hope day to day routine would include what happens in the schools, how long are each session? And how many PE lessons per week?

*There are five lessons in a day, each one hour long. The presentation slides from the June information evening will tell you how many hours of each subject is delivered over each two week rotation of the timetable. There is a registration slot every day before school from 8.20am.*

Is there after school care?

*No. there are an abundance of after school clubs and activities to join in with, most of which finish around 4.30pm. The library and ICT suite are also open until around this time daily.*

## Tutor groups

My son is in Mrs Close's class so will he be in the Clarke House I believe.

*Mrs Close is the Phase Leader, so does not have a form class of her own. Mrs Congdon sent an email to parents telling them which house and which form tutor the students will have for September.*

Are classes made up of all houses? i.e the form is made up of students belonging to each house?

*No. A whole form is the same house in the lower school. Most classes are taught in form (house) groups. Some lessons, like PE, DT, Art & Music are mixed across a couple of forms to allow for smaller groups for the practical subjects.*

Kindly explain about the Houses please, apologise I couldn't get that.

*The houses run throughout the entire school. They are vertical. Each year group has a form from each house. Competitions between the forms within the year group get added to the house points total for the whole school.*

How do we contact the form tutor?

*Email the main school email address. Mark the email for the attention of the person in question.*

Will the children keep the same form tutor from year 7 to year 11

*Most often yes, unless something changes. For example, the member of staff leaves the school or their role within the school changes.*

Will the kids have designated lockers?

*They will have a locker allocated to them in the first couple of days. They do need to provide their own padlock for the locker. The dimensions of the padlock can be found in the student handbook.*

How many students per class?

How many children in one classroom.

What is the average class size at the school?

*30 mostly- occasionally 31. Some practical subjects are smaller numbers (Art, PE, D&T, and Music)*

## Uniform and equipment

What about PE uniform?

*The full uniform list can be found on the school website and Hawkins Sport will help.*

<https://www.lgs.slough.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=86>

From where we can get the badges

Hi guys where do you get the badge?

*They come as part of the purchase of the blazer.*

What does the school bag need to be like please?

*No specific requirements. They need to be practical and comfortable.*

I found something like a poster but nothing official in regards to calculator- *I am not sure what this means, please contact me if you need help.*

Which books will our children be reading for English in year 7?

Which book are we reading in year 7

Which book are we reading for English please?

*Not sure yet. Information about the curriculum can be found online, but it will simply be a general overview of themes. There is no need to "get ahead" by buying or reading books in advance.*

<https://www.lgs.slough.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=194>

Will the equipment list be online?

*It is in the year 7 handbook.*

## Teaching

How does the school communicate with parents?

*We communicate with you mainly via email if it is letters and general information. However, if it is information about your child, it will be put on Classcharts as either a negative comment or an achievement point. Sometimes staff will phone with concerns too.*

What do the teachers expect regarding homework?

Will the completion and submission of homework be online?

*They expect it to be done in a timely fashion to the best of the student's ability. Homework will be set for the students on ClassCharts. Some may be submitted via this platform too. Others will be hand written to be submitted.*

How can I contact my child's teacher?

*Via the main school email address marked FAO the relevant member of staff.*

How often the parent-teacher meetings happen?

*Each year there is one parent teacher consultation, where you can make appointments with individual subject teachers. There is also a report review, where staff will give grades, make comments and those will be discussed with you by the form tutor. In addition, in year 7, there is a Pastoral review. You will be given more details about what happens at each occasion at Mr Constable's September information evening.*

What options are there for lunch?

*The catering information is on the website with all the Year 7 information regarding the Induction.*

What kind of library resources are availed to students?

Is there is a school library?

Do you have free access to the school library

Does kids get access external digital library access like universities? *I am not sure what this question means, feel free to contact me via another format and I will endeavour to help.*

*We have a brand new library opening as part of our new building. It is free to access for the students and available for use after school too.*

Are there teaching groups in Year 7 according to ability?

*No subjects in year 7 are ability set. Very few subjects are set by ability, even further up the school.*

When do you get to choose your 2nd language?

*There is no choice. You will start on one language (French or German) and pick up the other in Year 8.*

Do you do triple or double for science

*Most students will do triple. Students who are of lower ability when they reach year 11 may be entered for double instead.*

Do you offer all sports?

*We offer a wide range- watch out for the PE leaflet on the website.*

Do we need to buy any books?

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Does the school provide text books?

*No books need to be purchased. All books to write in are provided. Some departments use textbooks, others will give log in details for online books.*

What is the detention strategy?

How long is detention?

*Depending on the severity of the offence, detentions can be anything from 5 minutes at a break or a lunchtime, to a full hour after school with a Deputy Head teacher.*

What happens if you are late?

*You will have to sign in at student support. The staff track late arrivals. An accumulation of several lates may result in a sanction- for example going on late report. Or a community detention- such as litter picking around the school.*

What will happen if it is not possible to follow your plan A - will the school provide ICT equipment for the year 7?

*We were in a similar situation in the most recent lockdown. Year 7 students were not yet in possession of their school iPads. We found that most families had appropriate technology to manage online learning. However, a few struggled. We were able to lend laptops to those families for the duration of lockdown. We would do similar if needed.*

## Clubs

Are there school sports teams?

*Yes, we have teams in many sports that play other schools. We have a range of house sports too. Check out the PE leaflet for more information.*

What are the clubs available and by when we need to register

When to register for clubs?

Are there any extracurricular clubs after school please?

Are afterschool clubs running now? Asking coz of the covid situation

Is there a chess club?

Is there any afterschool club facilities please for working parents?

*There are a variety of clubs running- PE, music, art, D&T, Drama, Maths, computing. We hope to run an extra-curricular fair at the start of term. A chance for all clubs on offer to show students what is out there and tell them when and where to go to join in.*

*There is usually no need to sign up in advance, but students will be told this at the fair if they do need to.*

*There has been chess club in the past- finger crossed for next year!*

*We are running limited clubs at the moment, sticking within year group bubbles. We are hoping this restriction will be lifted in September so we can go back to our full range of activities.*

*We don't run after school clubs as a care facility, but students are able to join any of our extracurricular clubs to stay in school, supervised. The library and ICT suites are usually open until 4.30pm for independent study. We do have some supervised study facilities, this is usually reserved for students with a particular academic need*

## Residential trip

Where were the previous residential trips to?

Where is the residential trip to?

Can I pls ask where is the residential trip booked to?

*Year 7 trip is provisionally booked for PGL in March. It is around £160. More details at the September parents meeting when we will know better if we are allowed to run it*

## General

Will building be completed by September?

*We certainly hope so! But the school is currently running with the building still under construction, so will still run even if we aren't in. The new building mainly houses admin staff, the canteen, library and the main school hall so will have minimal impact on day to day lessons if it wasn't ready. We would simply continue to use the temporary versions of these facilities that we are using at the moment.*

When do we get the handbook? Or did I miss it?

*It was emailed after the June parents meeting, and is also on the website now. Under the Welcome Year 7 2021.*

Can we have a recording of this presentation on the school website please?

Would you be able to please share these slides later?

May you kindly share all your slides?

*The slides will be on the website with the other induction materials.*

Does school provide lunch?

*No, unless you are in receipt of free school meals. Packed lunch needs to be provided from home, or money uploaded to the ParentPay account so students can purchase food from the canteen.*

As mentioned, other schools are offering summer school for catch up purposes, if you are not in a position to offer this, will you do other things to bridge this gap?

*Summer school is only for a week and therefore set up to ease the transition on a social level, rather than deal with any gaps in knowledge. We are used to integrating students from a huge number of primary schools each year so we are already set up for social integration. We have a number of support systems in place with buddies, Young health champions, extra-curricular fairs etc. Primary*

*schools have worked hard during the lockdowns to ensure students are still learning. We will of course be constantly monitoring student progress and attainment, but we would do this under normal circumstances anyway. With such a wide variety of intake schools we are used to different schools teaching year 6 in slightly different ways, so checking for gaps is something we are used to.*

will parents be notified when transition work / videos from new form group teacher is uploaded on to the website or do we need to keep checking?

*We don't want to fill your inbox with emails, so please check the website regularly and encourage your son or daughter to see what is there.*

## Keeping in touch

How to contact Mrs B Priddle

*Email the main school address [school@lgs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:school@lgs.slough.sch.uk) and mark it for the attention of Mrs Priddle.*

How to get access to those apps ?

Regarding payments for buying lunch or paying for trips, when will we need to have the account set up? Will the account need to be set up prior to starting so they can use it from day 1.

for current LGS parents, would the various accounts remain the same and just another child added to it?

*ParentPay accounts will be arranged by Mrs Louise Simmonds who will email all details to you. She will then be able to deal with all enquiries you have regarding these accounts.*

### **InTouch – ClassCharts – SchoolCloud – SIMsParentApp**

*You will be sent details of how to create these accounts once your child is on roll at Langley Grammar School. Log-in information will be sent out as soon as possible once students are on roll.*

Is there a parents association?

*Unfortunately, no.*

There are many more twitter feeds (not just lgs\_news), I guess we should follow them too?

Also Instagram too.

*The LGS news is the main one, but feel free to follow any other subjects you or your children have a particular interest in.*

Mobile phones allowed.

*We do allow children to have mobiles on site. They should not be used in lessons. If they are, they will be confiscated, handed to main reception and only returned to a parent or other appropriate adult. We also have mobile free break, when they should not be using them.*

And finally . . . .

to access all the induction information:

<https://www.lgs.slough.sch.uk/page/?title=Welcome+to+Year+7+%26%238211%3B+September+2021&pid=326>

To contact Mrs Close or Mrs Congdon with any questions you haven't been able to find the answers to

[year7induction@lgs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:year7induction@lgs.slough.sch.uk)

We look forward to meeting Year 7 in September!