

Langley Park School for Girls

Enabling everyone to thrive – acting with kindness, determination and respect.



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28 February 2025

Dear Families,

We hope our students and families had a pleasant break during half term and that students have returned refreshed and re-energised for the opportunities and experiences which lie ahead during the remainder of this term.

We are thrilled to share that our recent ski trip to Austria was an incredible success and you can read more about it in this week's letter. It is clear that the trip was filled with memorable moments – from mastering the slopes to bonding with friends, and of course, taking in the breathtaking views. I would like to extend my thanks to the members of staff (Mr Acomb, Miss Bush, Mrs Hayden, Miss Day, Miss Harris, Ms Azra and Mr Stewart) who made this trip possible, ensuring the safety and enjoyment of our students.

A special congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students for their successful completion of trial exams. Their excellent conduct and commitment throughout the process have been truly impressive. We are confident that these exams have not only helped prepare them for the upcoming summer exams but also provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on the progress they've made so far. Teachers will, of course, be providing feedback in the coming weeks and supporting further exam preparations.

We have welcomed the following new staff to the school:

Miss Heritage, Teacher of MFL

Mrs Watson, SEN Administrator

Mr Starr, Teacher of PE

Additionally, whilst not new to the school, I have today taken on shared responsibility for some classes and taught my first lessons at LPGS, introducing myself to my German class as Herr Whittle!

This week, we held the Annual General Meeting of our newly launched Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (Friends of Langley Girls). I am especially grateful to those who have expressed an interest in leading the work of our committee and to the additional parents/carers in attendance who are keen to support the school and future initiatives.

PTFA Committee Members:

Sandra Morris and Natasha Wigley – Co Chairs

Frances Alushani – Secretary

Misa Patel – Treasurer

Grace Wilson – Vice Treasurer

This morning, a student from Langley Park School for Boys was injured as a result of a minor accident while cycling to school on Hawksbrook Lane. I am pleased to report that he is well but would like to take this opportunity to once again remind staff, parents/carers and students of the importance of driving, walking and cycling with the utmost care and consideration to others, especially in light of the large number of children and young people accessing our schools at the start and end of the school day. Together with the Headteachers of Langley Park Primary School, Langley Park School for Boys and representatives from the Trust, I recognise the challenges presented by traffic and parking on Hawksbrook Lane. I would wish, once again, to encourage students to walk to school and parents/carers to drop students off outside the school campus where possible to minimise congestion and the increased likelihood of accidents and potential injury to members of our school communities.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind all students who cycle to school that they must wear a cycling helmet

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2022-2025

We have this week written to families with an update about the change of payment system from sQuid to My Child At School (MCAS) and have provided a brief summary of key actions below. Ms Sunman has also communicated the school's ambitious plans for a Personal Development Day on Wednesday 19 March, which staff have been preparing for this week. We are looking forward to our 1:1 conversations with students as we seek to build belonging, support students' pastoral and academic development and promote their physical and emotional wellbeing.

U16s Kent Final

Good luck to our U16 football team who are playing in the Kent Final on Saturday against Barton Court GS. The match is at Herne Bay FC.



As we approach the holy month of Ramadan, we would also like to extend our very best wishes to all of our students, staff and families who will be observing this important religious festival. May this period bring peace, reflection, and blessings to you all. Students observing Ramadan who are in receipt of free school meals may request a packed lunch for collection at the end of the school day by emailing info@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

S J Whittle
Headteacher

MESSAGES FROM STAFF

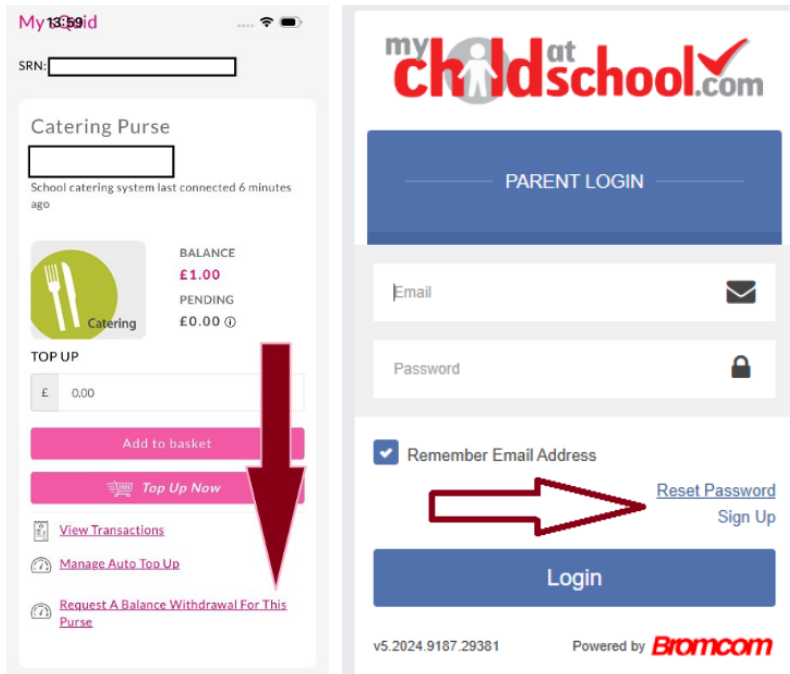
sQuid and MCAS

Further to our letter that went out on Thursday 27 February, a quick reminder of key details below:

- sQuid will continue to be used up until end of lunch service on **Thursday 6 March** (*please ensure your child has sufficient funds in their account to purchase food / drink in school*). If you have an outstanding sQuid balance at this point please **Request a Balance Withdrawal For This Purse** via your sQuid App.
- From the start of the day on **Friday 7 March** the switch will have been made to My Child At School (MCAS). Please ensure that you have registered for the My Child At School ([MCAS](#)) service. If you have not completed this, please log in, input your password then select Reset Password. Once you have access you will be able to top from here. See guide [here](#) for MCAS Desktop option or [here](#) for MCAS app users.

We would like to make you aware that the student ID cards are attached to the student, not sQuid, so will transfer across to the new MCAS system automatically.

A reminder that students must have their card to purchase food/drink in school. Students will not be able to purchase food/drink in school unless they have their student card with them.



MCAS can be accessed via a web browser (www.mychildatschool.com) or the 'MyChildAtSchool' mobile app. The school postcode is **BR3 3BE** and the School ID is **14719**.

Ski Trip

From 14 to 20 February 2025, 53 students embarked on an unforgettable ski trip to the town of Flirsch, which was only a twenty minute bus ride to the main resort of St Anton.

The first day on the slopes was met with enthusiasm and incredible progress. Advanced groups wasted no time, tackling the challenging terrains straight up the mountain, covering at least seven different lifts in two hours. By day three, all beginner groups were up in the mountains tackling chair lifts and gondolas. A particular highlight was when the advanced groups managed to ski into the next valley and across the valley up to Rendlbahn, with stunning scenery and views across the Tyrol region of Austria. The glorious weather conditions throughout the week made St Anton even more picturesque. On the final day, the progression made by all skiers was evident with parallel turns, one leg skiing and jumps to conclude the week's skiing.

Our students not only displayed their skiing ability but also exceptional behaviour throughout the trip. Their conduct was a true testament to the values of our school; students were also extremely supportive of each other, offering moments of encouragement and praise to keep morale high even when the skiing might have been tougher than expected. It was fantastic to see the camaraderie between all students as students made new friends from outside their own year group. The trip was full of amazing memories and unforgettable experiences. I would like to express my thanks to the team of staff who accompanied the trip and gave up their half term. Thank you to parents/carers for entrusting us with your children; we hope that you have heard all about the trip since we returned.



Mr J Acomb, Ski Trip Leader & Head of Year 8

Y11 & 13 Easter Revision

The dates for Easter Revision sessions for Year 11 and 13 students will be **Monday 7 – Thursday 10 April** between 9.30am and 3.30pm. The full details will be shared with students and parents/carers shortly.

Ms E Ashman-Clark, Deputy Headteacher

Chaos Drama Performances

Wednesday 12 March at 5.30pm & Thursday 13 March at 7pm

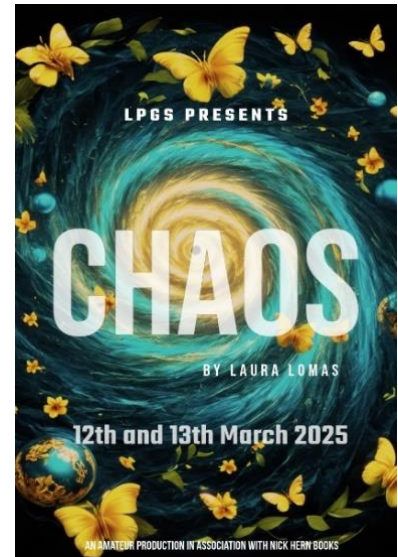
Laura Lomas's play, *Chaos*, is a symphony of dislocated and interconnected scenes. A series of characters search for meaning in a complicated and unstable world. Bouncing through physics, the cosmos, love and violence, they find order in the disorder of each other.

Written specifically for young people, the play formed part of the 2019 National Theatre Connections Festival.

Please note, due to the grown-up nature of the themes explored in the play and to some swear words, this performance is not suitable for younger children. There will be some use of flashing lights.

Tickets £5 for over 18s and £3 for under 18s.

Tickets are available now via this [link](#).



Ms Stanley, Head of Performing Arts & Drama

LPGS Dance Mix Tape



Tickets for Mix Tape are on sale now via the [Ticketsource website](#)

Miss C Marcham, Head of Dance

INFORMATION

Reading Week

READING WEEK ... 3rd to 7th March ... READING WEEK



LIBRARY LUNCHTIME
THURSDAY
6th MARCH
prizes ... prizes ... prizes



Collect your £1 token from the Library

Quizzes Competitions

Read Wellbeing inter-house READING Competition

P Points for You
P Points for your House
On Firefly

Get Caught Reading Raffle

New!



16 by 16
Read 16 (challenging) books before you finish Y11
Collect stamps on this passport by discussing the books you have read with the Librarian



BYMT Notices

BYMT
BROMLEY YOUTH MUSIC TRUST

EASTER BAND

Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 April 2025
1.30pm-4.30pm

BYMT, SOUTHBOROUGH LANE, BROMLEY, BR2 8AA

IF YOU PLAY THE FLUTE, OBOE, CLARINET, BASSOON, SAXOPHONE, FRENCH HORN, TRUMPET, TROMBONE, BARITONE, TUBA OR PERCUSSION & ARE GRADES 1-6 STANDARD IN SCHOOL YEARS 4-10
COME & JOIN THE BYMT BAND!

£75 per course

For more information & to register, please call 020 8467 1566, scan the QR code or visit WWW.BYMT.CO.UK/SOUNDS



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BAND FEST 2025

Calling All Bands with members aged 16-22!!

Perform LIVE at the Churchill Theatre!

We are now accepting applications - all genres considered for ages 16-22

Perform LIVE at the Churchill Theatre on Friday 11 July 2025



APPLY NOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3 – Friday 7 March	Reading Week (World Book Day)
Tuesday 4 March	Y9 Guided Choices Drop-in
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day Party
Tuesday 11 March	Y11 Exam Preparation Webinar for Parents
Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 March	Chaos Drama Production
Monday 17 – Friday 21 March	Y10 & 12 Assessment Week
Wednesday 19 March	Personal Development Day
Thursday 20 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 21 March	Mix Tape Dance Show
Wednesday 26 March – Wednesday 2 April	Spanish Exchange
Tuesday 25 March	Y12 Trip to UCAS Exhibition
Thursday 27 March	Y11 & 13 Targeted Parents' Evening (by invitation)
Wednesday 2 April	Spring Cabaret Concert
Friday 4 April	End of Term
Tuesday 22 April	Return to School
Thursday 24 April	Y11 & 13 Exam Compliance Parent Information Meeting

Details of sports fixtures can be found on [Firefly](#)