Young leaders teach the next generation of Rugby players

Having invited the Rugby Football Union in earlier this year to develop our young coaches, our Year 12s are now putting into practice what they have learned. With Langley Park Primary School on our doorstep, Mr Purdy (Director of Rugby) thought the opportunity was too great to pass by, so each Wednesday until the end of the summer term he will be taking groups of young adults over to deliver high quality PE and Games sessions to year 2. Although the games revolve around movement and catching with a rugby ball, the main aims of the sessions are enjoyment and participation, whilst developing core skills such as coordination, speed, agility and stamina. Along with the side effects of team-work and discipline that rugby can develop, the sessions have thus far been inspiring for the year 2s and challenging for the year 12s! We look forward to see the development of both groups over the coming months.

Next Week:

- Tuesday 14th- Wednesday 15th May
  Yr 9-10 Duke of Edinburgh

- Wednesday 15th- Saturday 18th May
  Yr 9 Youlgreave

- Friday 17th May
  Yr 13 Leavers Breakfast

To download the term dates for the academic year 2018-2019 please click here.
**Sports News**

*Results for Week Commencing:* 2nd May 2019

Details of all sports fixtures can be found on the sports calendar, available [here](#).

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### Cricket Report

Last weekend saw the visit of Dartford Grammar School in our most recent block fixture. Overnight rain made the pitches particularly difficult for the teams batting first, but we were delighted that all fixtures were able to go ahead.

The U15A recorded a resounding win, showing great resilience to come back from an extremely difficult position. After being put into bat, Langley found themselves teetering precariously at 30/5 before a century stand from Lucas McKenzie (39*) and Isaac Loader (65*) saw Langley posting a more than competitive total. This side are renowned as an excellent fielding side, and four run outs, including a marvellous diving effort from Zac Desouza, set them on their way to victory.

The U13A side found life equally difficult to start with, but they were unable to turn it around. 16/6 was far from an ideal start, but the powerful batting of Freddie Fletcher and Alex Sharpe McGrail gave the hosts hope. Unfortunately, 46 was never going to be enough to challenge Dartford, and although Oscar Read magicked 3 wickets early on, it was a comfortable chase.

Meanwhile, at Dartford, the U12As almost pulled off a sensational run chase. After Dartford’s top order had demonstrated considerable skill on the way to 145/1 off their 20 overs, Langley kept up with the run rate for large parts of the game. Charlie Neil batted very maturely on his way to 47 and was unfortunate to miss out on his first half century for the school.

The U14As followed the pattern of the home fixtures, struggling against the ball early on and requiring a partnership from Jack McCarthy and Olly Colby to post a competitive total. The new ball pairing of Asa Smith and Lewis Mills quickly dismantled the Dartford top order as the boys closed out a routine win.

Sunday saw the 1st XI participating in the National T20 competition at Whitgift School. In the early game, Langley comfortably chased down Caterham’s 91 all out in front of their fantastic support.

**For the Summer Term**

**Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable please click here**
**Cricket Report Cont.**

Will East has developed a knack of taking important wickets in the powerplay and was supported by the Sherlock brothers who picked up wickets in the middle overs to disrupt the batters rhythm. Dan Murrell snaffled three catches in the innings, including a spectacular one handed effort at extra cover. Despite early wickets, Joe East and Murrell were able to see Langley home with 8 wickets to spare, meaning if Langley could upset the hosts they would progress to the next round.

In the second game, Langley knew that they would have to be at their absolute best to defeat a Whitgift side fielding plenty of county and even overseas pedigree. They responded to the challenge superbly, producing a fielding performance for the ages and setting unbelievably high standards. The two Williams, Black and East bowled with great control in the powerplay and the stifling display in the field soon led to further wickets. Will Black returned for the vital final over and delivered one of the best overs in school history, picking up a hat trick as part of his four wickets in the over to ensure the target was only just over a run a ball.

Joe East and Sydney Sherlock paced the chase with a fifty partnership for the second wicket, featuring plenty of innovation including three “Dilscoops” from the skipper. However, just as the pair were ready to push on, both departed and quality bowling from the hosts made life difficult for the incoming batsmen to secure the win. Regardless, this was a stunning performance against quality opposition and represented enormous progress for the squad.

The 1st XI did not have long to rest and were back in action in the Kent Cup on Tuesday as they raced past Skinners on their way to the next round. Sherlock finally won a toss and elected to bat, and was rewarded with Louis Boyden accelerating to 36 in the power play. Joe East continued his good form with a run a ball 65* and was joined by the danger James McGruer who was targeting the Chinese Roundabout in a brutal 62* off just 27 balls. 174 off 20 overs was always going to be a tough ask for Skinners and three early wickets for Will East made this task even more difficult. He was again supported by quality catching from his teammates and Langley were able to keep their foot on the accelerator as Oliver Jasper tore through the tail to finish with impressive figures of 4/6.

Unfortunately, another action packed week of cricket was cut short by the weather, with the 1st and 2nd XI games on Wednesday and the U15A and B fixtures on Thursday the victims. This weekend sees the U13 and U12 squads take on Caterham and the U14s and 15s visiting Royal Russell.
**Yr 10 Ecton Mines Trip**

Year 10 Triple Science students had the opportunity to visit Ecton Copper mine in Derbyshire. This is a disused copper mine owned and run by an educational trust, staffed by volunteers, that provides facilities for field courses. The students attended a one day KS4 Chemistry day, that included a trip inside the mine and visiting sites on the outside of the hill looking at features and how the landscape has changed because of the presence of the mine. They then completed a series of experiments, linked to mining and to their GCSE course, that included extracting metals from their ore and testing for them, making “black powder” (gunpowder used in the mining process) and exploding it and extracting copper from copper carbonate. This was a good opportunity to learn outside the classroom and practice skills that will help with their GCSE’s.

“**The Ecton Copper Mine was a great experience: the volunteers taught us a lot and were passionate about our education and the mines. The experiments we did were well explained and enjoyable while the mine was a good experience.**”

Boris Holmes

“**At first going into the mines was quite a scary thought. But after being in the mine for a few minutes these worries left the mind and now the only thing to worry about was hitting our heads against the top of the mine. It also turns out there were no problems with falling as everywhere is caged. We also had a very good guide who told us lots of information. When we got back we started making some ‘explosives’: although very interesting it wasn’t at all what was expected. To make this we used sulphur, charcoal and calcium carbonate.”**

Harry Carter

“**The Ecton mine was a very interesting adventure, as only about 100m of the 400m deep mineshafts were above water. Although this limited our exploration, it was still very fun because as we were walking through the caves we could see the different strata (layers) as the limestone that the caves were made of. There was even the remains of a tractor that had fallen down one of the shafts! Overall it was very fun and exciting.”**

Jamie Goulds
Year 11

Good luck to all students in their examinations

We wish all students the very best of luck in all their exams.

Revision during timetabled lessons

During study leave, all teachers of Year 11 will be available in their usual rooms for timetabled Year 11 lessons. Students are welcome to come into school to see a teacher during one of their timetabled lessons if they would like any support or guidance with revision. Please note that students must be in full school uniform when they are on the school site.

Exam timetables and guidance

All students and parents have received a copy of the exam timetable, along with the full JCQ notices which detail the regulations which apply during the exams. This includes information about water bottles, watches and mobile phones. Please could you go through these with your son before the exams begin. Please ensure that your son has read these carefully and understands the conduct required during the exam period.

Sixth Form Interviews

Sixth Form interviews have now commenced. These interviews take place with a senior member of staff and are an opportunity to review a student’s subject choices, discuss the entry criteria for these and to look at possible career pathways. Parents are also welcome to attend these meetings. A reminder that the minimum entry criteria for admission to the Sixth Form are at least two Grade 6s, two Grade 5s and at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths. Students at risk of not achieving these grades must have a back-up option in place, such as an application to a college or other post-16 provider. Students must also achieve the entry criteria for individual subject - please see the Sixth Form Prospectus for details of these.

Public Exams Summer 2019

Your son/daughter will have received their exam timetable just before half term, showing the dates, times and venues for the summer exams.

The JCQ Notices, including Information for Candidates and Using Social Media and Examinations have been sent to your child’s school email address. Please take the time to go through these with your child as they have been written to help them understand what is and isn’t allowed during examinations.

Year 11 must meet on the tennis courts and years 12 and 13 must meet in the outside area behind hub 1 at 8.15 for a morning exam and 1.15 for an afternoon exam.

Candidates must remember to bring all the equipment they may need for their exam, including a black pen, pencil, eraser and a calculator if applicable. These can be kept in a clear pencil case or clear plastic bag, no other containers are allowed.

Candidates are allowed to bring bottles of water in to the exam room, but these must be clear plastic with the label removed and preferably with a sports top.

Only analogue (sweeping hands) watches are allowed.

No ipods, mobile phones MP3/4 players, smartwatches or any potential technological/web enabled sources of information are allowed in the exam room. It is best to keep these items at home on the day of the exam, but if they are brought in to school they must be handed in to an invigilator at the start of the exam. If a candidate is found with any of these items they will be reported to the awarding body and are very likely to be disqualified from the exam.

If your child is unwell or may be late for an exam please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can advise you on the steps to take.
Sixth Form

Year 12 – Work Experience
All Year 12 students should be organising at least one week of suitable Work Experience in the Summer Holidays. In addition to the confirmation form that they received last month all Year 12 students should return the risk assessment form to their form tutor.

Study Leave
Students are permitted to study on the school site during study leave. Usual rules regarding conduct and dress apply: all students should be in smart business dress at all times and meeting basic expectations regarding conduct. Students who do not meet these standards may be sent home.

Examinations
All students have been provided with information regarding the public and internal examinations which must be heeded carefully. All students are expected to adhere to the school dress code during the exam period.

Good luck with the public and internal examinations!

Leavers Ball May 2019
Our Sixth Form Ball took place at The Bromley Court Hotel last Friday, celebrating the achievements and hard work of our Year 13 students. Over 200 of our students, along with their teachers, were in attendance and made the evening a very special and memorable one.
**Important Dates for Year 12**

**Monday 13th May**  
Year 12 Study Leave begins  
Year 12 Internal Examinations start.

**Monday 20th May**  
Normal timetable commences for Year 12

**Monday 3rd June**  
Start of the University of Langley

**Wednesday 5th June**  
UCAS Personal Statement Workshop  
(all day)

**Thursday 6th June**  
Parents’ Information Evening. Information regarding university applications and alternative routes such as apprenticeships.

**Tuesday 9th July**  
Drivers’ Education Day

**Friday 19th July**  
End of Term

**Important Dates for Year 13**

**Friday 17th May**  
Leavers’ Breakfast – Study leave begins

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**Important Reminder to Year 9 Parents/Carers**

**Dover Trip 2nd Payment Due**

Please note that the final deadline for the second payment is **today**.

Please pay online by sQвид as soon as possible, if you haven’t already.

Many thanks,  
Mr Falconer

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**Coming Soon...**

**Monday 20th May**  
Yr 10 ICT Trip

**Tuesday 21st May**  
Yr 7 English Trip  
Informal Music Concert 6.30pm

**Wednesday 22nd-Thursday 23rd May**  
Yr 12 Geography Trip

**Friday 24th-Thursday 30th May**  
School Camp Borrowdale

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