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OVER 100 YEARS OF SCHOOLING

LANGLEY PARK SCHOOL FOR BOYS



Welcome Langley Park School for Boys



The School's Coat of Arms was granted by the Sovereign's Officers, the College of Arms, in 1926 to mark our twenty-fifth anniversary. The Shield shows, from left to right, the arms of the County of Kent (the White Horse), the arms of the Bruyns, Lords of the Manor of Beckenham from 1300-1465, and those of the de la Rokel family, Lords of the Manor from 1240-1300. The decoration in oak leaves recalls a neighbouring woodland, formerly belonging to Westminster Abbey as part of the Manor of Battersea. The mitre in the small upper shield refers to the Westminster Abbey ownership. The motto 'Mores et Studia', suggested by a former teacher at the School, means 'Character and Good Learning'. A Grant of Arms (as distinct from a school badge) may be made only by Heralds, who have exercised this royal privilege for over five hundred years, and is a highly prized honour.



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Welcome to Langley Park School for Boys



Dear Families

I am extremely proud to write to you as the Headteacher of Langley Park School for Boys. I am delighted to have the opportunity to welcome another cohort of students into the excellent tradition of success that we have created over many years.

Ours is a very successful, high-performing school with outstanding examination results. We build our success on the traditional values of hard work and personal courtesy, whilst preparing our students for the demands of an ever-changing future and an increasingly global society. Students at Langley Boys are always encouraged to go the extra mile and take full advantage of the many opportunities we provide, both for study and personal enrichment.

At Langley Park School for Boys we believe in educating the whole child and we are ambitious for every child. We combine academic excellence with a wide range of co-curricular activities and opportunities. Our students frequently achieve national distinction in Sport and Music. Drama and Art also flourish, alongside an extensive programme outside the classroom, including outdoor challenges and a wide range of curriculum and cultural trips.

Our school provides a warm, friendly atmosphere and a place where all students feel valued and respected. We celebrate our diversity and learn from each other. Students are expected to work hard, be polite and respect others. We look after and care for our students as individuals, building their self-esteem and confidence by encouraging them to develop a positive mindset and an ambitious attitude. Students enjoy our fantastic buildings and state-of-the-art facilities which we believe help to ensure a first-class education, appropriate for the modern world.

The students who join us in Year 7 next September will become part of a longstanding tradition of excellence, which we hope will instil in them a lifelong love of learning as well as provide an outstanding foundation for their next steps in life.

Please come and visit us on our Open Evening to see for yourself the air of confidence and pride that is generated in our school.



Suzanne Munday, Headteacher

Introduction



Langley Park School for Boys is a happy, dynamic and ambitious community with a strong tradition of academic excellence and a rich extra-curricular life. Founded in 1901, the school was known as Beckenham and Penge Grammar School until 1969 and since then has developed into a high-performing comprehensive school with a reputation for excellence both in the academic and wider curriculum. The school has over 1800 students on roll, including a large, co-educational Sixth Form.



The school was rebuilt through the Building Schools for the Future programme and was officially opened by HRH Earl of Wessex in 2014. We are proud of our students who learn in an environment that is inspirational, flexible and served by the best technologies. There is a spacious Sports Hall and fully-equipped Fitness Suite, and the sports grounds include tennis courts, athletics facilities, pitches for rugby, hockey and cricket, all of them close by. Students have access to dedicated dance and drama studios, computer suites, a photography darkroom, a well-stocked library, DT and Food Tech room.



The Sixth Form have their own Independent Learning Areas for private study, and a cafeteria. We own an outdoor study centre – a converted chapel in the Peak District National Park – which all students visit in Year 8. The school's magnificent Performance Hall is also the home of the Bromley Symphony Orchestra, the main venue for Bromley Youth Music Trust and a regular venue for local and national events including BBC Question Time.

Our young people embrace a culture of lifelong learning alongside a rich programme of opportunities in sport, the performing and visual arts and beyond. As examination results are excellent, most students continue their education in our large and successful co-educational Sixth Form.



Educational Aims



We believe that learning takes place most effectively in a positive, inspiring and well-disciplined environment, where all students are encouraged to excel, whatever their starting point. We are committed to educational excellence and have the highest expectations of all students. We aim to develop every student's intellectual and personal capacities to the full, both in and outside of the classroom environment, by providing the widest possible range of rich and well rounded courses to meet their needs, interests and aptitudes.

It is hoped that students will leave school with lively, sensitive, questioning and critical minds, ready to achieve their potential in successful careers, to have a continued thirst for educating themselves and with an attitude of service to their fellow citizens and the community. Syllabi and teaching methods are constantly under review and teachers are encouraged to keep themselves abreast of current educational thinking in their subjects to ensure that the school retains its position at the forefront of modern curriculum development.

Efforts are made to give all boys, from the start of their school career, opportunities for service and responsibility within and outside the school community. We attach great importance to knowing individual students and ensuring that they have everything they need to excel and to achieve their full potential.

We work in partnership with parents, encouraging meetings to take place at the request of staff or parents. There are also careers meetings, weekly newsletters, written reports, parents' evenings and a Student Planner to foster this critical relationship.



The Curriculum



At Langley Park School for Boys we aim to educate the 'Whole Child'; to create intelligent, articulate, well rounded citizens who are active in the local, national and global community and become lifelong learners. Our academic expectations are for every student to reach his or her potential whilst also taking full advantage of the sporting, cultural, creative, spiritual and artistic opportunities that our curriculum provides.



We are proud of our broad, diverse and dynamic curriculum which enables students to achieve at the highest level. In Years 7 and 8 all boys follow a curriculum which includes English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, a Modern Foreign Language, Dance, Drama, Food Technology, Religious Studies, Art, Music, Design & Technology, Physical Education and ICT. During Year 9 there is a full programme of guidance and support for students to select their GCSE options, including consultation with parents. In Years 10 and 11 all students study GCSEs in the compulsory subjects of English, Maths and Science, and in other subjects of their choice. Games and RS are also compulsory at Key Stage 4. The English Baccalaureate is available to all students, as is the Langley Baccalaureate.

There is a comprehensive Careers programme including an annual Careers Fair, Post-18 Pathways Evening, Year 10 and 12 Work Experience and bespoke support for different pathways.



Pastoral Care



Pastoral Care and Discipline

Every student at LPSB receives a wide range of pastoral support through their Form Tutor, Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year. We are committed to enabling all students to develop key skills including cooperation and leadership, and have the highest expectations of every young person to 'go the extra mile'.

In the classroom, we believe that the most effective teaching and learning takes place in a well-managed environment where students feel calm, happy and safe. We place great emphasis upon positive behaviour for learning, and we promote, celebrate and reward students regularly, both in and outside the classroom. Our PSHCE and SMSC programmes support students' social, emotional and cultural development, addressing issues such as diversity, tolerance and inclusion. Weekly assemblies give students the opportunity to learn about key national and global events, hear from a range of speakers and deliver their own presentations.

A key part of our pastoral curriculum is the programme of visits to our field centre in the Peak District; every Year 8 tutor group visits the centre to take part in activities such as hiking and paintballing. Our Langley Charter enables students to be recognised for activities beyond the curriculum including service in the community and making a wider contribution to school life.

In the Sixth Form, we are proud of our team of Senior Prefects who support with the supervision of the school and the running of key school events.





Performing Arts

The School has a long and distinguished record of musical achievement. We offer individual tuition in a range of instruments and voice, with over one hundred and twenty hours of lessons taking place each week in the school. We also organise a large number of performances both inside and outside school every year.

The extra-curricular programme of ensembles is varied with groups ranging from string ensembles and rock bands to choirs and jazz combos. All Year 7 students perform at both the Christmas Concert at St George's Church in Beckenham, and at the Music Festival Gala Concerts which take place in the school's purpose-built Performance Hall. In addition to providing a range of opportunities for those starting out on their musical careers, the school also has a reputation for high quality music making, with students performing at regional and national level.

Our Drama department has one of the biggest extra-curricular calendars in the South East of England. Shows in our varied performance spaces quickly sell out, even when staged over three or more nights, with a capacity of 500 seats. Biennial whole school shows have included *Les Misérables*, *Singin' in The Rain*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Oliver!* which alternate with upper-school musicals such as *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Chicago*, *The Producers* and *Mack and Mabel*. The department also produces many theatrical plays each year, spanning from the more modern works produced by our fringe theatre company 'The Playground', who in the last two years have produced 16 productions of modern fringe work such as *Boys* by Ella Hickson, Lucy Prebble's *The Effect*, Sophocles' *Antigone*, *Chaos* by Laura Lomas and *Constellations* by Nick Payne. As many as 18 GCSE and A Level examination pieces are performed to the public each year, as well as a high-quality Lower School Production in our studio theatre for students at KS3. The studio theatre is also host to sixth form and Shakespeare productions which boasts 120 stalls and a stage space that can be adapted to suit theatrical needs and technical requirements. In recent years this has included productions of *1984*, *Amadeus*, *King Lear*, *Hamlet*, *Twelfth Night*, *Macbeth*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Individual drama club for Years 7, 8 and 9 are always popular and well attended and students are given the opportunity to work towards LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) qualifications. Our budding theatre technicians are supported in pursuing their interests and have access to West End standard lighting and sound equipment. We also run countless theatre visits every year, covering a vast array of styles. Practitioners and theatre workshop companies are used throughout the year to provide specialist support to students pursuing larger theatrical ambitions, supporting the school's impressive record of getting students into the top theatre schools in the country for further education.

Extra Curricular Activities



Dance is a successful and well-established department at LPSB with KS3 lessons, GCSE, A Level and Enrichment Dance. Last year over a hundred students took part in the annual Dance Show, with many students also performing in the Summer and Winter Showcases as well as the school musical. Our extra curricular programme involves numerous clubs for all year groups and provides opportunities for students to explore different dance styles and build their confidence in both performance and choreography. Students also have the opportunity to take part in theatre trips and workshops with professional dance companies; recent workshops include ZooNation and James Cousins dance company.

The Dance Department thrive due to their inclusive ethos, welcoming all students at extra-curricular clubs regardless of whether they have danced prior to attending LPSB, and by exploring a diverse range of dance styles in lessons and clubs.



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Sports and Outdoor Education

The Langley Park PE department believes that a thriving extra-curricular sports programme is fundamental to providing the very best educational experience for our students and is very proud of the outstanding opportunity that we provide to our students in sport. We are fully committed to the whole school vision of 'educating the whole child, ambitious for every child' and we aim to instil a life-long love of sport in our students. With over 700 students representing Langley Park sport in 15 different sports, and 950 fixtures being played every year, the PE department offers an outstanding opportunity to students to participate, succeed as individual performers and excel in fixtures and competition. We encourage all pupils to get involved in the wide range of activities provided, recognising the wide-ranging benefits of physical activity and core values that can be learned through playing competitive sport.

The department operates a six-day week with a broad range of extra-curricular sports practices/activities every night after school and many additional activities running at lunchtime and before school. Fixtures are played on Saturday mornings (major sports) as well as midweek. Therefore, the breadth of opportunity at Langley Park School for Boys is unrivalled by any other state school in the local area.

Our Major Sports

- Rugby Union (Autumn term)
- Hockey (Spring term)
- Cricket & Athletics (Summer term)

Additional Sports / Activities • Basketball

- Table Tennis
- Badminton
- Cross Country
- Tennis • Rugby 7s
- Golf • Fitness
- Squash
- Boost Club (for students with SEND)

Girls Sport

- Netball
- Rugby Union
- Hockey
- Cricket



Extra-Curricular Activities



Increasing participation and enjoyment of playing school sport is a cornerstone of our sporting philosophy at Langley Park. The majority of clubs and training sessions are open to all students, and those who are fully committed to training sessions will get the chance to represent Langley Park in one of the many teams that we field each week. In the major sports we field A, B and C teams as a minimum in Key Stage 3, and on many weekends the year 7s are able to field teams from A through to H. Every Saturday at least 200 Langley Park students are out on the sports field enjoying representing their school. In addition to this, we encourage pupils to take part in a range of different activities across all three terms, thereby experiencing a variety of different sports rather than specialising in one sport too early.

As a result of the Building Schools for the Future Fund, the majority of the new facilities for Physical Education opened in January 2013. These included two Astroturf hockey pitches, tennis courts, a fitness suite, gymnastics studio and sports hall. The external grass-based facilities include the first XV rugby pitch and two junior pitches, two cricket squares, an eight-lane two hundred metre athletics track with throwing and jumping areas. In addition to this Langley Park has a strong relationship with local sports clubs and as a result many of our Saturday morning fixtures are played at Old Dunstonians sports club.

Our sportsmen and women are led by a dedicated team of experienced coaches from across the school, including staff from outside the PE department.

Typical training sessions are player-centred and fun but also designed to enable our most talented and aspirational performers to reach their potential. We ask all players to be committed to all training sessions and matches and aspirational about their own development as players. Through playing sport our students also learn responsibility, resilience and humility. We believe that this is what creates outstanding individuals and excellent teams.

Langley Park Sport has an outstanding reputation not just locally, but nationally and can boast a proud history of success in county, regional and national competition. We are proud to compete week in week out against the very best local Private and Grammar Schools in the area in our block fixtures. Each year numerous students gain representative honours at county to national level or are involved with academies – our high-performance athletes are supported fully to help them maximise their own performance and reach their potential.

Committed players are given the opportunity to go on one of our many overseas sports tours. In recent years Rugby, Hockey and Cricket teams have travelled to South America, South Africa, Malaysia, Australia, and Barbados. This is often the pinnacle of our students sporting experience at Langley and enable students to experience playing sport in different cultures and to challenge themselves against some of the best schools from around the world. The culture of touring epitomises the incredible experience that our students get from being involved in Langley Park Sport. We are proud of our commitment to Outdoor Education which is at the heart of the school. Every Year 8 student visits the school's outdoor study centre in the Peak District. In Year 9, all students take part in our one-week Outdoor Summer Camp based at Dover, where they try out sailing, fire-building and cooking for their campmates. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is also offered to students from Year 10 to 13, with a range of support, activities and expeditions on offer.





Homework

Homework is essential for excellent progress and is set weekly across the curriculum, including regular extension tasks to stretch and challenge students. Parents are asked to ensure that the best possible conditions are available to enable students to complete their homework to the highest standard. We recognise that the transition to secondary school is significant and stagger the setting of homework for Year 7 in the Autumn Term. Students record their homework in a planner and can remain on site in our library to complete homework tasks at the end of the school day.

General Reading

We know that literacy and reading are fundamental to academic success and they are therefore a key priority across the school. Each tutor group reads a wide range of literature each year during tutor time to further develop their literacy and comprehension skills. We have a large, well-stocked library and offer a wide range of events to promote reading, including our Reading Challenge, '16 before 16' programme and Book Club. Through Accelerated Reader and Star Reader we support students to challenge themselves and read widely beyond the curriculum. We encourage all students to read widely at home and ask families to support this.



Reporting to Families

We value the input of parents and carers and are in regular communication about students' progress. Progress Cards are issued regularly throughout the year and a full report is issued each year. Each year group has at least one Parents' Meeting with parents invited into school to discuss their child's progress. Parents are encouraged to request further meetings with appropriate staff, via their Head of Year, for anything that may arise over the year.



Sixth Form



Our co-educational Sixth Form has a strong tradition of academic success and pastoral care. We currently have around 640 students on roll taking advantage of the excellent range of courses and the superb range of new facilities which we offer. Students follow a programme of A Level courses and academic standards are high. Last year, 75% of our students went on to university, with almost 40% of these securing places at Russell Group universities, the most prestigious in the country. Many other students secure high-quality apprenticeships, training and employment in this country and abroad. We have a structured programme of support for all students who want to apply to the top institutions, including workshops, visiting speakers and personalised application guidance.

We support our academic excellence with a wide range of extra-curricular activities including outstanding opportunities in sport and performing arts. We also run an extensive and diverse Enrichment programme, where students can help to run our community cinema, FilmBox, participate in our Fringe Theatre Group or complete an accredited counselling course, to name just a few of the many activities available. Students in our Sixth Form enjoy many privileges and are regarded as young adults. We encourage them to get involved in our Sixth Form including our Feminist and Afro Caribbean societies. We also encourage our students to become part of our prestigious Senior Prefect team, taking the lead at key school events.

The Sixth Form is an exciting, happy and dynamic community where our young people thrive and go on to great success



Parental Support



School Fund

We are able to supply many extra facilities, both for teaching and extra-curricular purposes, as a result of parental subscriptions to the School Fund. In recent years we have used the School Fund to purchase additional computing and visual arts equipment, as well as subsidising school societies, sporting activities and educational visits. We are grateful to all families for their contributions to this important fund.

The Friends of Langley Park School for Boys (formerly The Becchamian Society)

The Friends is a flourishing parents' association which supports the school and arranges regular social events. The Friends are actively involved in the day-to-day work of the school in many ways, through help with lost property and the sale of second-hand uniform as well as provision of refreshments for sports teams and at key school events. All parents are invited to join The Friends of Langley Park and we value the contribution that they make to school life. The Old Beccehamians' sporting clubs are open to former students of the School. The School also hosts its own successful community groups, open to all parents and local residents, including FILMBOX Community Cinema and the LPSB Community Choir.

Uniform

We have high standards of dress and students' uniform is checked daily on arrival. Boys in Years 7 to 10 wear a maroon school blazer and school tie supplied by our on-site school shop. Other items of uniform, available from any supplier, include a white shirt, plain dark grey trousers, grey socks and plain black shoes. A maroon v-neck pullover is optional. Boys in Year 11 may wear a black blazer and black tie; other items of clothing remain unchanged. For PE and Games, boys must have the following school items: reversible rugby shirt and white PE tee shirt. These are available from the school shop. Other necessary items, available from any stockist, are football boots, blue shorts, maroon rugby socks, white sports socks and trainers. Details of the Sixth Form dress code are published on the school website





Our Facilities

The School's magnificent Performance Hall is also the home of the Bromley Symphony Orchestra, and Bromley Youth Music Trust currently use it as their main performance venue. The School was rebuilt through the Building Schools for the Future programme. The School was officially opened by HRH Earl of Wessex, KG GCVO, in February 2014. In today's Langley Park School for Boys, young people learn in an environment that is inspirational, flexible and served by the best technologies; where the mathematical, computational, scientific and technical aspects of the curriculum are celebrated for their creativity and are complemented by modern foreign languages and the liberal and performing arts. Young people enjoy healthy lifestyles and take advantage of a wide range of sporting activities and outdoor education.



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