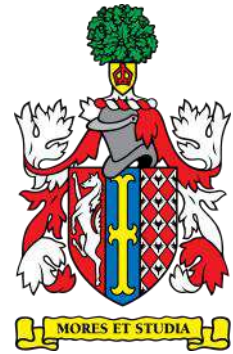




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Langley Park School for Boys

SIXTH FORM BULLETIN - VOLUME 4

Friday 15th November 2024

Message from Mr Edwards, Director of Sixth Form

One of the many things that makes this Sixth Form so wonderful is the contribution that you all make, whether that is on the sports field, in the performing arts or the creative arts. We are also incredibly proud of your contribution to student voice. In the past few weeks we have seen tremendous work done as part of our assembly programme where many sixth formers have been involved in promoting awareness in men's mental health and anti bullying. Well done to all of those students who helped to discuss these important issues. Each week our societies involve many students and I am so pleased of our student leadership across the school. Many of you are either a buddy to someone else in another year group, a reading mentor or you may be helping someone with their school work or supporting them with school life. For anyone who comes and visits the school I can guarantee that they will see hard working and committed students who will speak proudly of their Sixth Form.

Well done to you all.

Message from Miss Parr, Head of Year 13

Hopefully you are now back into the swing of things. You should be receiving feedback from your subject teachers about your TES exams over the next few weeks, leading into Parents Evening. Please make sure you act and respond to this feedback to improve your mastery and develop your exam skills in these subjects. See each bit of feedback as an opportunity to improve. Make good use of your study time, come up with a plan to help you track your progress. Make sure to ask your subject teachers for support and guidance.

Ask yourselves "what will you do differently next time?".

Continue to work towards your UCAS and apprenticeship applications. Remember our internal deadline of Friday 20th December. Seek advice from your subject teachers. Make an appointment with Mr Savill or the UCAS advisor. If you are struggling, just make a start. It doesn't need to be perfect just yet.

I know that this can all feel hugely overwhelming, but keep going! Make a plan and make a start.

Message from Mr Cook, Head of Year 12

This half-term is already proving a busy one for Year 12. This week alone saw dozens of our students representing the school sports teams, with Girls' Netball, Hockey and Rugby sides all in action, as well as the Boys' Rugby, Hockey and Football teams. Students from Year 12 played an important role in our Remembrance commemoration events and Autumn Concert, and rehearsals for the school musical Chicago are in full swing and sounding fantastic already. As the head of year, it's such a pleasure to see so many of our Year 12s really throwing themselves into everything that the school offers.

As a new sixth-former it can be very easy to get swept up in all that is going on, but a key skill of A-level and BTEC study is that of time-management and juggling multiple competing demands. GCSE study does not place the same requirements on students, who have every minute of their day carefully mapped out, and so this can be a real learning-curve for new Year 12s as they adjust to the responsibility of managing their own time. As such, my two key tips are these:

1. Plan your study periods. Spend the first study period of your week organising your diary and specifically setting out which tasks you'll complete and when, so that you can ensure you hit required deadlines and don't leave everything to the last minute. It also means that you can maximise your working time during that study period – make an hour's work really an hour.
2. See your school day as a full-time job. Adults organise their other commitments outside their working hours – try as far as you can to do the same. 0830-1600 on weekdays should be reserved for schoolwork. Do this consistently and you'll find that you don't have last-minute panics and all-nighters as you furiously try to finish that essay you've been putting off for a week.

We understand that these are skills that are learned and are not intrinsic to students, and that they haven't really needed to be developed before in your school career. If you find yourself struggling with organisation, please see your tutor, teachers or Mrs Hasan or me for some help and guidance.

Sixth Form Reminders

Lanyards and ID Cards

- ◆ These are **required for every student in the Sixth Form**
 - ◆ You are required to have **both the lanyard and the ID card**
 - ◆ These should be **visible at all times** while you are on site
 - ◆ This includes after school
 - ◆ These **must be worn round the neck**
 - ◆ This is an essential part of our **safeguarding policy**
 - ◆ **Failure to have your lanyard** means you will be **sent home**
 - ◆ If you subsequently miss lessons, then you will be expected to catch up this time
- Failure to return to school will be treated as truancy and result in further sanctions**



Lost Lanyards and ID Cards

- ◆ You need to report to Ms Cross in room 101
- ◆ Ms Cross will contact home and issue you a temporary lanyard in exchange for a deposit
- ◆ Your deposit will be returned once you have returned your lanyard
- ◆ You will need a replacement lanyard for each day until your new card has arrived
- ◆ New lanyards and ID cards can be purchased on sQuid
- ◆ New Card £2
- ◆ New Lanyard and Card Holder £3
- ◆ New Lanyards and ID cards will be collected from Ms Cross in room 101
- ◆ If you lose your temporary lanyard you will need to pay for an additional replacement and be issued an ACU



Sixth Form Reminders

Punctuality

- ♦ Students **must** register punctually at 8.20am every morning and at 1.05pm every afternoon.
- ♦ If you arrive late, you **must** sign in at the late desk in the Sixth Form Study Centre. Failure to do so will result in you receiving an unauthorised absence mark.
- ♦ If you are 20 minutes late in the morning you will be given a blue card which will mean a 30-minute detention after school.



Reporting—Note to Parents/Carers

It is very important that you report your child's absence as soon as possible in the following way:

- ♦ Please call the main school number which is 020 8639 4700 and choose the Year 12 or 13 Absence Voicemail to leave a message. Please leave the student's name, tutor group and a reason for absence.
- ♦ Alternatively, please email adell@lpsb.org.uk with your absence message.
- ♦ **Absence Messages MUST be made by a parent/carers**

Schoolgateway

You can access School Gateway using the website [School Gateway Login](#) or by downloading the app if you have a smartphone.

Creating an account is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school
2. School Gateway will send you a text with your four digit PIN

Login, you are ready to go

Useful Reminders

Sixth Form Study Centre/Café

It has been reported that the study area is being regularly left in a mess with litter and food discarded on the floor and on tables.

We hope you agree that this is unacceptable.

This is **your** area, so please make every effort to tidy up after yourselves when you are leaving. Please put any litter in the rubbish bins provided and leave the tables clear for others to use.

Thank you.



Dates for your Diary.....2024/25



Year 13 Oxbridge Bromley Interview Workshop Chislehurst School for Girls	Monday 18th November
Year 13 Parents/Carers Evening	Thursday 28th November
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 20th December
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Event	Tuesday 21st January 2025
Half Term	17th Feb—21st Feb 2025
Year 12 UCAS DISCOVERY event - London	Monday 24th March 2025
Year 12 Work Experience Week	16th –20th June 2025



LPSB

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Monday 11 November we had some special visitors from Beckenham Park Care Home who came to join us for our wreath laying for Remembrance. Live to the school, Ms Munday along with our School Captains and Vice Captains, reminded us all why we pause to remember the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars and other armed conflicts since then.

Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Then our students stood in their classrooms and the school fell silent for 2 minutes.





Next Steps

Year 12

Year 12- Post 18 Pathway event **Tuesday 21 January 6pm -8:30 pm**. An opportunity for students and families to attend a range of talks and presentations throughout the evening on Post 18 Pathways. Guest speakers will include universities , alumni and representatives from different industries. **Please hold the date.** More information to follow.

We would like to invite alumni/ parents/ carers who have taken a gap year travelling to get in touch with us, as we would love to have gap years and the benefits of travelling as part of the event.

Please contact klovett@lpsb.org.uk

16- 20th June 2025 is work experience week. A letter with more information will be sent home next week.

Year 13

We are currently running an Apprenticeship workshop on a Tuesday lunch time. Please see Miss Lovett in the Careers Hub to sign up.





Next Steps



Applications for Year 12 students to the **K+ programme** are officially **open** and will remain open until **4pm on Friday 10th January 2025**.

K+ is King's College London's flagship widening participation programme for students from non-selective state schools or colleges. The two-year programme organises students into 8 pathways based on their subject interests with the aim of helping students to make informed choices about their post-18 options and to offer academic, career and application support.

The programme is not just for students who are sure they want to go to university, but also for students who have the **potential to do so** and want to have a taste of what university might be like.

All eligible students are encouraged to apply. More information about K+ and the eligibility criteria can be found on their [website](#).



Next Steps



Bromley Interview Workshop

Monday 18th November 2024

The Bromley Interview Workshop is open to state school students from across Bromley who are preparing for their Oxford or Cambridge interviews. The event will be hosted by Mansfield College, Oxford and Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge at **Chislehurst School for Girls**. The workshop will cover an overview of the interview process, top tips, and an opportunity to practise interview questions.

Programme

16:30-17:15 Talk: Preparing for Interviews

17:15-17:45 Practice Interview Questions

17:45-18:15 Q&A with Oxford and Cambridge students

How to Book

Please follow the link to reserve a place via [this form](#) . Please email access.officer@mansfield.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

If you cannot attend, here are some useful online resources to help you prepare for the interview process:

[Interviews/University of Oxford](#)

[Mansfield demo interviews](#)

Other demonstration interviews - [Interviews/University of Oxford](#) (under the Demonstration Interview Videos tab)

Next Steps

HMRC

HM Revenue & Customs

Be Ready for your next steps!

Get your National Insurance Number



HM Revenue & Customs

“...for my driving licence”

“It's there for my student finance”

“...for my Child Trust Fund”

Be ready for your next steps

Get your National Insurance number

Use the **HMRC app** to find and store your National Insurance number. You'll need it when applying for a job, apprenticeship or uni. You'll also need it to get your provisional driving licence and Child Trust Fund too.

→ Scan the QR code or search 'HMRC app' to download

Geography

**Royal
Geographical
Society**
with IBG

Year 13 A Level Revision Session

Royal Geographical Society, Kensington, London

This is a reminder that Year 13 Geography students have been offered the opportunity to attend and participate in an [A-Level revision session](#) run by The Royal Geographical Society in their headquarters in Kensington.

The A Level study day will consist of a series of three 40 minute subject knowledge focused lectures – hazards and tectonics, changing places and global governance / global systems (topics are subject to change). Students will have the opportunity to ask questions after each lecture. The event will end with a short session looking at exam technique and how to succeed in A Level examinations.

The date of this event is **Wednesday 27th November 2024**. Students should make their own way to and from the venue for 9:30am. The session finishes at about 1:00pm. The address is: Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR. The nearest tube is South Kensington (Circle and District Line - from Victoria) or the 52 bus from London Victoria stops along Kensington Gore. The cost of this trip will be £10.30. No refreshments are being provided.

If Parents/Carers would like their child included in this trip then please return the parental consent form that you will have received and pay (via sQuid) £10.30 by Monday 25th November. This contribution is voluntary, however, if insufficient contributions are received, the trip may not be able to proceed. In this eventuality, any payment received will be refunded.

[Find out more about the Royal Geographical Association](#)



Economics

Economics Student Conference 2024

The 2024 online Student Economics Conference was a remarkable event that allowed 60 bright and enthusiastic Economics students to explore the world of economics. The conference offered a dynamic platform for these young minds to delve into key economic theories, gain insights from experts, and engage in thought-provoking discussions. Over the course of the event, students were able to gain valuable knowledge that will shape their academic and professional futures.



One of the highlights of the conference was an in-depth exploration of the foundational ideas of two of economics' most influential figures: John Maynard Keynes and Irving Fisher. Through an expert-led discussion, students were exposed to the inner workings of Keynesian economic theory, and gained a greater insight into the life of the world-renowned Economist. Alongside this, the Fisher's thought-provoking ideas were explored with a focus on his controversial fixed approach to economic theory.

The conference also featured a diverse array of speakers who brought unique perspectives from different corners of the economic world. Students listened to an expert panel of economists working in academia, government, and private sectors. These talks spanned a wide range of topics, including, the issues we face as a global economy, the impacts of BREXIT and the issues of climate change. This provided students with a well-rounded view of the challenges and opportunities facing economies globally.

A truly exceptional moment for the participants was the exclusive opportunity to hear from a member of the UK's Monetary Policy Committee. This engaging session gave students a firsthand look at how central banking decisions are made and the complexities involved in maintaining economic stability. The speaker's insights into monetary policy and inflation targeting offered invaluable real-world context to the students' academic learning.

In conclusion, the Student Economics Conference 2024 proved to be an inspiring and enriching experience for all involved. The students demonstrated enthusiasm, curiosity, and a keen interest in expanding their understanding of economics.

Congratulations to all the participants for their commitment and engagement throughout this event!

Mr Gallagher and Mrs Ogbechie



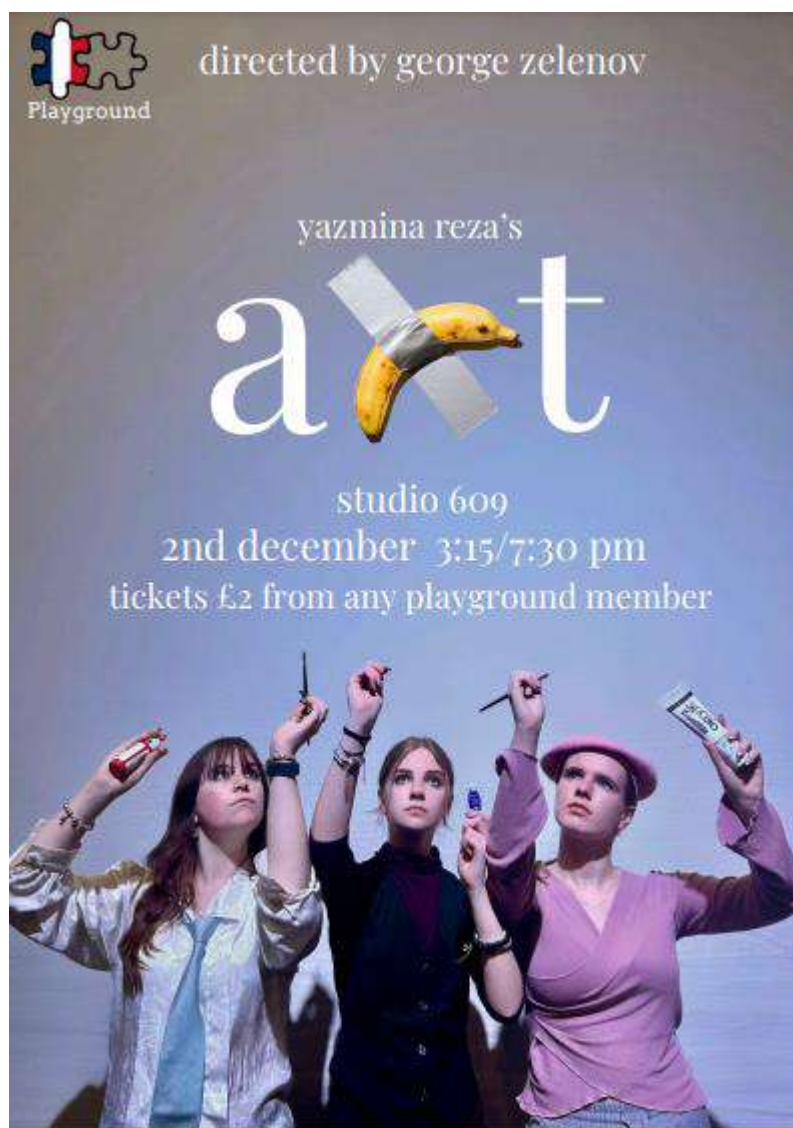
LPSB Drama



On Monday 2nd December, Playground Theatre will be presenting the first production of the 2024/25 season: Art by Yazmina Reza, directed by George Zelenov.

Make sure to get a ticket from a playground member!

The 3:15pm performance is open to all students and staff, while external audience members as well as students and staff can attend the 7:30pm performance.





LPSB Drama



Last week, Year 12 students travelled to the Lyttleton Theatre at the NT to watch a re-imagining of the play 'Antigone' by Sophocles.

The Drama department won a school ballot for discounted tickets to see the play and were lucky enough to meet the amazing Director, Alexander Zeldin. They also attended a lecture from a professor of Greek Theatre, and a session on top tips on how to answer the Comp 3 exam questions on live theatre.

All the students loved the production of 'The Other Place' although it was quite a challenging experience - with themes around grief and loss.

The cast included **Emma D'Arcy** (*House of the Dragon*), **Alison Oliver** (*Saltburn*), **Tobias Menzies** (*The Crown*) and **Nina Sosanya** (*Love Actually*).



Although this show has now ended at the Lyttleton, more information can be found at the [National Theatre Web site](#).



**LPSB PRESENTS
THE 2025 UPPER SCHOOL MUSICAL**

CHICAGO

THE MUSICAL

**5TH, 6TH AND 7TH FEBRUARY
NIGHTLY AT 7:00PM**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/LPCPA**

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Sisters in Sport Netball Competition vs Colfes

Having beaten Royal Russel in the first round of our Sister's in Sport competition earlier in the season, we were drawn against Colfes in the next round. We played them last year winning by 1 goal in the last minute, and this game didn't disappoint either!

This is one of the best games of netball I have had the pleasure of watching, although I was hugely nervous throughout, and was trying to keep score in my head!

These were two very evenly matched Netballing sides, who played competitively and physically, but with an excellent level of team spirit and mutual respect for each other.

The pace of this game was fast and furious, with both teams playing excellent netball, but also making some errors maintaining possession, often rushing the final pass. At the end of the first quarter Langley had a narrow 2 goal lead. After the second quarter we had stretched this slightly to 3, holding a lead of 11-8. The third quarter saw the winning team change, with Colfes closing the gap and taking a narrow lead, however, we fought back and held the third quarter 16v14. That took us into the final quarter which saw the most goals and saw us stretch our lead finishing with a 24v20 win.

We took an excellent squad of players who all played their part in creating such an excellent team spirit and desire to win. Hannah received the MVP award, however there were standout performances from Keira and Alexia. Libby and Maisie's shooting was fantastic with both of them limping off court at the end of four quarters.

We are very excited to see who we will face in the next round. Hopefully we can build on this fantastic team performance into the season, and into the Kent Finals at the end of November.

Miss Parr



The Squad

1. Libby James(Capt)
2. Grace James(Vice-Capt)
3. Maisie Roberts
4. Lily Tahaney
5. Alexia Moren-Rosado
6. Ruby Sheldon
7. Keira Campbell
8. Hannah Chamadia
9. Alice Proctor
10. Michelle Markovic
11. Kushala Karunaratne
12. Hallie Robertson Bridgeman
13. Megan Barlow

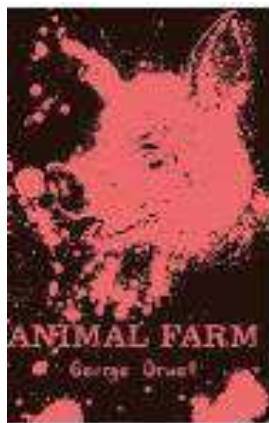
A Word From Our Library.....

This week's book recommendations are novellas. Nothing too long, but something concise to read in your spare time.

Small Things Like These, by Claire Keegan

This book has just been made into a film starring Cillian Murphy and Emily Watson.

In 1985 Ireland, devoted father Bill Furlong discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers shocking truths of his own.



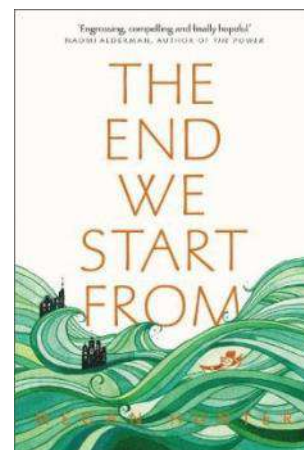
Animal Farm, by George Orwell

When the downtrodden animals of Manor Farm overthrow their master Mr Jones and take over the farm themselves, they imagine it is the beginning of a life of freedom and equality. But gradually a cunning, ruthless elite among them, masterminded by the pigs Napoleon and Snowball, starts to take control. Orwell wrote the novel at the end of 1943, but it almost remained unpublished; its savage attack on Stalin, at that time Britain's ally, led to the book being refused by publisher after publisher. Orwell's simple, tragic fable has since become a world-famous classic

The End We Start From, by Megan Hunter

In the midst of a mysterious environmental crisis, as London is submerged below flood waters, a woman gives birth to her first child, Z. Days later, the family are forced to leave their home in search of safety. As they move from place to place, shelter to shelter, their journey traces both fear and wonder as Z's small fists grasp at the things he sees, as he grows and stretches, thriving and content against all the odds.

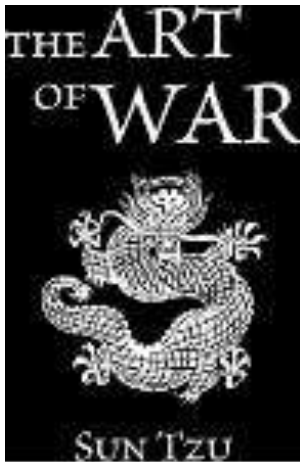
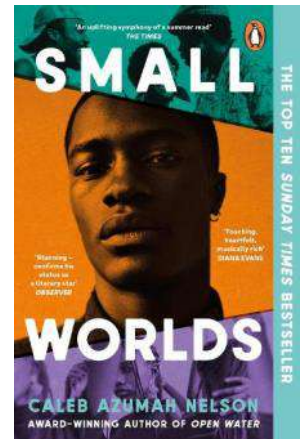
You can watch the film adaptation starring Jodie Comer and Benedict Cumberbatch on Netflix.



A Word From Our Library.....

Small Worlds, by Caleb Azumah Nelson

Small Worlds, the follow-up to Nelson's multi-award-winning debut Open Water, focuses on Stephen, a teenage second-generation migrant of Ghanaian parents, Eric and Joy. Theirs is an involved and loving family. Stephen's closeness to his mother is especially apparent in their tender biweekly visits to the Peckhamplex cinema. At Church with his family, the shimmer of Black hands raised in praise. With his band, making music speaking not just to their hardships, but their joys. Grooving with his best friend, so close their heads might touch. Dancing alone to his father's records, uncovering parts of a man he has never truly known. His youth, shame and sacrifice. Stephen has only ever known himself in song. But what becomes of him when the music fades?



The Art of War by Sun-Tzu

Sun Tzu was a Chinese military general, strategist, philosopher, and writer who lived during the Eastern Zhou period. This best-selling book offers ancient wisdom on how to use skill, cunning, tactics and discipline to outwit your opponent. For more than two thousand years, Sun-Tzu's The Art of War has provided leaders with profound insights into the use of skill, tactics, psychology and discipline to outwit opponents. Said to have inspired Napoleon, and used by Mao Zedong and General Douglas MacArthur, as well as many famous business gurus, politicians and sports stars, its ancient words of wisdom provide a touchstone for today's managers and executives fighting their boardroom battles.

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WHEN WE HAVE TO STAY
WHERE WE ARE.

— MASON COOLEY