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Langley Park School for Boys SIXTH FORM BULLETIN - VOLUME 5 Friday 29th November 2024

Message from Mr Edwards, Director of Sixth Form

Well we all had a very busy week this week with the visit from Ofsted. It was great to see so many sixth formers involved in the process and we thank you for your participation. The inspectors were keen to speak to our students about student leadership and the student panel was well represented by ACS, the Feminist Society, ISOC, Men's Mental Health, Med Prep, our Sports Captains, our Buddies and Reading Mentors. The inspectors also got to see the high level of musical talent that we have when they visited the Chicago rehearsal. On both days we were all impressed to see our sixth formers showing exceptional conduct around the school. Thank you to you all.



Message from Miss Parr, Head of Year 13

Thank you all for being such excellent ambassadors for the Sixth Form and for the school as a whole. The Ofsted inspectors were hugely impressed by your dedication to your learning but also your enthusiasm to get involved in the extra-curricular aspect of the school. A particular thank you to all students who were part of an interview panel, I know this can be daunting, but you did yourselves and us very proud.

I hope that Parents evening appointments were beneficial and helpful. Please take on board the guidance and advice from your teachers. Act on this feedback as soon as possible. The sooner you make a start, the sooner it starts to make a difference.

Please continue to work on your Personal Statements, remember that our School deadline is Friday 20th December. Please ask for help if you are finding this daunting.

Have a lovely and well deserved weekend, be ready for assembly on Monday - orange lanyard in tow!

Message from Mr Cook, Head of Year 12

This week I want to thank all of the Year 12s who volunteered to help out with Year 13 Parents' Evening. The eight who were on duty did a fantastic job and we really appreciate you giving up your time to make sure that important event ran smoothly. We had far more volunteers than we could use on the night, so, please if you volunteered but weren't one of the names out of the hat, don't think we've ignored you. Your willingness to help out with our school community is recognised and noted.

In the second half of the Summer Term, we will select our School Prefects and hold the voting for School Captain team. In order to be considered as a Prefect, each student needs a baseline of staff support, and so it's really important that you make yourself known within the school. Volunteering to help out with our events is certainly one way to do this, but there are many others. Contributing to a club, or society, helping out in a subject or with one of our mentoring programmes, organising or helping run charity events or assemblies are all opportunities for you to show commitment and give something back to the school and wider community.

Get involved and put yourselves out there!



Many thanks to: Eve Jackson, Tiffany Lau, Emma Stockwell, Ali Manekia, Liam Carroll, Adam Hopley, Daniel Stonkus, Ryan Aziz and Marchella Vecchiolla



Sixth Form Reminders

Lanyards and ID Cards—Keep Your School Safe

- 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



PUNCTUALITY

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.

Report Student Absence

Reporting—Note to Parents/Carers

It is <u>very important</u> 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/carer

Schoolgateway

You can access School Gateway using the website <u>School Gateway Login</u> 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

Sixth Form Reminders

Christmas Jumper Day



A letter was sent home this week to invite you all to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday 12th December.

We are asking students to make a £2 donation, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world. This is an optional event, but you are more than welcome to make a donation if you chose to. This year we will be collecting donations through our JustGiving Page "Langley Park School for Boys - Christmas Jumper Day" –

Langley Park School for Boys - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children! Or you can scan the QR code.

All money raised will go to Save the Children, making sure every child, no matter where they're born, has access to essentials like food and water, healthcare, education, protection, and shelter.

We would like to remind all students that Thursday will be a normal school day. Our usual expectations around their conduct and dress still applies. Students are still expected to adhere to our Sixth Form Dress Code, just with the addition of something festive.

> SIXTH FORM

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

Friends of LPSB Christmas Market	Sunday 1st December 11am—3pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12th December
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
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Thank you and Well Done....

On Thursday 28th November, the sports teams had a last-minute push to raise money for Movember, the leading charity changing the face of men's health.

Arranged by School Captain, Cillian Tookey, the event was inter-sport and involved the boys 1st XI rugby and the girls 1st XI netball team exchanging kits and engaging with a fiercely contested game of netball. Despite a valiant effort from the boys, the girls reigned supreme with a thrilling 13-12 victory over the boys.

Over **£400** was raised through the event, with money still coming in, and we are extremely proud of the sports teams for taking a leadership role in organsing this event. From organisational logistics, to refereeing to donation collection this was truly a student-run event.

Special mention must go to Hockey Team member, Eoin Moore (13A), who has raised £176.

The QR codes are still valid and thus any additional donations to the event will be gratefully received.

This event is true evidence of the unity we have developed at LPSB and the crowd of over 100 students is testament to the incredible community at LPSB.



Mental Health Society

We're talking mental health.

Following the Five Ways to Wellbeing can protect and improve our mental health. If you can't do all five every day, just start with one – you'll soon see a difference!





CONNECT

Good relationships help our brains produce chemicals that make us happy. They give us a sense of belonging and self-worth. Physical activity is good for our minds and bodies, reducing stress and anxiety and boosting confidence.



KEEP LEARNING

Learning new things gives you new perspectives on the world around you and opens doors to new opportunities.



GIVE TO OTHERS

Acts of giving and kindness towards other people or in your community create positive feelings and a sense of reward.



TAKE NOTICE

Stopping to take in the present moment can give a more balanced outlook on life and help keep us from worrying about the past or future.

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Next Steps

Year 13 - this week saw the culmination of our four-week, Year 13 Apprenticeship workshop and we were delighted to welcome public speaking and presentation skills trainer, Naomi Agnew to LPSB.

Naomi delivered a brilliantly informative two-hour session to students on all things interview and assessment centre related, including practical tips on feeling less nervous at interview, the importance of body language and tone of voice, preparing for behavioural questions, presentation skills and power posing and concluded with mock interviews and feedback. We would like to thank the thirty-five Year 13s for attending. Continued



support will be provided to all Year 13s applying for apprenticeships on an individual basis - please ask your young person to make an appointment with the careers team who can be found in the Careers Hub in Room 153.









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Summer Work Experience Programmes Information and Q&A Webinar

 We're excited to share our upcoming webinar, where our expert programme delivery team will guide students and parents through everything they need to know about our 2025 work experience programmes
including our brand-new Level 3 Award in Work Experience, which equates to UCAS points!

For more information about this webinar, please CLICK HERE

DECEMBER 10TH • 7-8PM (UK TIME) Summer Experience Webinar

If you are unable to attend live, you can still register to receive the follow up resources and event recording.

REGISTER NOW







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 <u>website</u>.





Geography

Royal Geographical Society with IBG



Year 13 A Level Revision Session

Royal Geographical Society, Kensington, London

On Wednesday, 31 of our Y13 A-level Geography students went to the Royal Geographical Society in Kensington for a series of revision sessions on key topic areas from their course, and to get some handy - and timely - hints and tips from a chief examiner.

Held in the Society's lecture halls - with corridors lined with images of famous explorers and geographers from our illustrious past, it was easy to imagine historical events with these famous names describing discoveries of new lands and wonders from around the world!

The students were involved in four intense sessions reprising topics on tectonic hazards, changing places and global governance, and all included golden nuggets of advice and case study examples (new and more up-to-date than anything in the textbooks (\bigcirc) and hints on how to use this real world knowledge within exam paper essays for aiming for the best possible results next Summer.



This is the first year we've attended this event, and benefitted from the school's new membership of the society. Feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive, and something we'll look to offer again in future years, no doubt!

The geography department are exploring other opportunities to build and excite our students throughout the school's year groups with the wonders of our world.



Geography



Sixth Formers across the Trust have been invited to attend a lecture being hosted here at LPSB in our Performance Hall. Geography students, make sure this is in your calendars! See below for details.

Geography: Monday Night Lectures

Institutional responses to the changing geopolitical landscape and climate change in the Arctic



With Alex Scarr-Hall Monday 9th December 3.15pm – Performance Hall





POLITICS



Harrison Johns, 12J

On Friday the 22nd of November I was lucky enough to attend the yearly, 'US Politics Today,' hosted by Head of Politics, Mr. Buckley in the quiet room. This was a live stream presented from the British Library, where we watched and listened to a complete and thorough break-down of the United States political system, including first-hand accounts from two American politicians. One was a Republican, Bob Dold, who had worked both the White House and Congress and a Democrat, Cheri Bustos, who had years of experience in Congress. This was exceptionally beneficial for me as it gave me an insight to what American politics entails, with personal experiences from extremely qualified personnel, who had witnessed the change in politics over the years, from multiple different Presidents.



As I wished to make the most of this experience, I decided to submit a question to the panel, about the new appointment of Elon Musk in Donald J Trump's cabinet and the influence of money in Politics. The answers I received were interesting, as the Democrat believed that all financial policies during an election must be completely reformed as too much money is spent. Surprisingly, the Republican had a somewhat similar view, explaining that Elon Musk's actions were legal but agreed that even himself would find it hard to turn down the opportunity to win such a large amount of money.

Overall, the day was very useful and consolidated my knowledge, giving me a clear head start for when I begin the US part of our course and a slight advantage over other students across the country.



MUSIC



Our Music Department has had a busy term so far, and the support of our Sixth Form musicians has been invaluable!

We began the term with a lunchtime concert at St Francis' Church, West Wickham on Tuesday 17th September. A small group of students performed and sung a range of solo pieces to a very appreciative audience. This marked the 10th year that LPSB have held the lunchtime concert at West Wickham - an excellent tradition to continue.





The following week on Wednesday 25th September, a group of students travelled to Southwark Cathedral to perform Choral Evensong, accompanied by Mr Bullen, Mrs Andrews and Mr Beach. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students, and an excellent chance to sing in a historical and expansive acoustic space.

One of the highlights of this term for the Music Department has been our Music Tour to the Netherlands on 17th - 22nd October! This was an exciting trip, with visits including the Museum Speelklok (which specialises in mechanical musical instruments), Anne Frank's House, a boat tour of Delft, and Dutch windmills at Zaanse Schans. Our three performances on tour were very well received!

The Music Department also held a successful Informal Concert several weeks ago on Wednesday 6th November. A third of the performers were Sixth Formers, and we very much enjoyed hearing everyone perform. The Informal Concert raised £130 for the charity Caspa!

Most recently, we also appreciated the help of musicians from the Sixth Form in making our Autumn Concert happen on Thursday 14th November. This was one of our larger concerts, involving nearly 100 performers!

Thank you again to the Sixth Formers below who were involved in the above - we have very much enjoyed your performances:

Ben Pounder 12B	Jacob Kendal 12J	Sam Bodley-Scott 13C	
Fionn Crossingham 12B	Pavlo Kanevskiy 12J	Barney Thomas 13D	
George Zelenov 12C	Elena Harwood 12L	Evie Kaciniel 13D	
Iona Hobbs 12C	Jasper Dobson 12M	Luke Armis 13D	
Jackson Crawford 12C	Joe Lowth 12M	Archie West 13D	
James Chowdhury 12D	Rufus Gregory 12M	Flynn Beeke 13E	
Sam Dye 12D	Eion Moore 13A	Edith McAuliffe 13F	
Jacob Preston 12E	Ewan Hart 13A	Mark Baker 13F	+ d
Daniel Cross 12G	Seb Maynard 13A	Martha Eddowes 13J	
Leo Karageorghis 12G	Cameron Radcliffe 13B	Aidan Dowling Dop 13K	
Trixi Addison 12G	Guilly Allen-Suarez 13B	Theo Bugden 13L	
Luke Quero 12H	Josh Ankers 13B	Oliver Sowter 13M	
	River Gal 13C		



LPSB Drama – Playground Theatre





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 — Playground Theatre





'Back in Time!' is the second Playground performance of the year, yet it stands out among the rest! Similar to the sell-out production of 'Seasons of Love' last year, this time we have shifted our focus onto musicals through time, lending ourselves to the title, 'Back in Time.' (loosely inspired by Back to the Future).

By exploring decades of songs, performed by some of our talented Sixth Form cohort, we want to take you on a journey from past to present. If you are interested in coming to see our show, speak to any member of Playground Theatre to get tickets (only $\pm 2!!$) – it's one night only so act fast! We hope to see you there! Thank you!

Written by Joe Lowth 12M









LPSB SPORTS



Netball Report - Grace Games

Wednesday 20th November Vs Canterbury Academy

On Wednesday 20th November we played Canterbury Academy in the 3rd round of the sister in sport competition. This was the furthest we've ever gone in the competition before and we knew we were in for a tough game.

It was close for the first two quarters, but unfortunately we were trailing. They had a very tall shooter so we tried to adapt putting Maisie in at Keeper. After lots of great playing we unfortunately lost to the opposing team. We showed lots of teamwork and resilience throughout and although we lost it was a great experience.

We will meet them again on Friday 29th when we are playing in the next round of the Kent Tournament.

The Squad

- 1. Kushala Karunaratne 12E
- 2. Maisie Roberts 13J
- 3. Lily Tahaney 13J
- 4. Zoe Cozma 12H
- 5. Alexia Moren-Rosado 13M
- 6. Grace James(Vice-Capt) 13A
- 7. Hannah Chamadia 12C
- 8. Ruby Sheldon 13D
- 9. Libby James (Capt) 13B

