



# May 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with pride, fondness and sadness that we bid farewell to Year 11 yesterday. They have responded with great courage, determination and a commendable resilience to the challenges they have faced during their last two years at Langtree. Their experience has been like no other, and the camaraderie of the students and their relationship with the staff has been a pleasure to witness. We are so proud of all they have already achieved and look forward with great excitement to their prom and exam results day. All the staff at Langtree wish them well for the future. We love to hear of your success (and challenges), so please do keep in touch.

Year 10 are now the senior pupils in the school and Ms Burman, the Pastoral Team and the Senior Leaders will be reviewing the applications for the student leader roles. We look forward to interviewing them for these important posts. These roles provide students with a fantastic leadership opportunity, where they can serve the school and its wider community. We look forward to Year 10 'stepping up' and being the role models for the other pupils in the school.

The final half term of the year arrives with great anticipation; the opportunity to open our doors to our new Year 7's for various transition events, the exciting activity days, the class of 2020 reunion and prize-giving and, most immediately, the return to something approaching a more normal school routine; The school day will start at 8.50 for all students with a registration period of 30 minutes.

The one way system has been reviewed, we will now allow students to walk round the perimeter of the buildings in either direction.

Assemblies will resume for students, but in smaller groups than before.

Students will no longer be allowed to come to school in PE kits on the days where they have PE lessons. They should attend school in full school uniform and will be required to change (in a covid secure way) for these lessons.

The school day will finish for all students at 3.30.

I trust these changes are welcomed by all as a sign that things are slowly and safely getting back to a less disrupted way of life.

As always, I hope you all stay safe, enjoy the break and, hopefully, are able to be outside savouring the much anticipated improvement in the weather.

Simon Bamford  
Headteacher



Year 7 Art Work  
"Henri Matisse"



# Class of 2021



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## The Music Department

It is with great pleasure that I can report that we are now engaged in music making activities. With judicious sharing of resources and using the "outdoor classroom", classes are now singing, using percussion instruments, and working in small groups.

Orchestra rehearsals have restarted in bubbles. A warm welcome to Isaac Sentinella and Tom Scurr both Year 7 who have joined the orchestra.

Congratulations to the following students who have passed music examinations. Josh Clark (grade 3 piano with distinction), Bethany Cox (grade 5 piano with distinction), Jasmine Hogg (grade 4 piano with merit), Hannah Bates (grade 5 piano with distinction) and Izzy Chandler (grade 7 piano with distinction)



**Jasmine and Izzy**

**Bethany**

**Josh**

**Hannah**



We are very fortunate to have employed a brass teacher from September 2021 to join our peripatetic music teaching team. His name is Stewart Lewins. If there are any students who are interested in taking up trumpet, cornet, horn, trombone or tuba please let me know.

Thank you Mrs Westcar and Mr Bromage for donating a piano each to the Music Department.

Stephen Henderson



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**Sporting success.....**

Sonny Gonsalves in Year 8 is a member of the Vale of White Horse under 13 team that won the Oxford United cup 3-1 v Southampton last week. Congratulations Sonny (blue shirt)

Also Joe Hubert and Aurnyn Aitchison in year 9 were members of the Vale of White Horse U14 side that were victorious in the final of the Vale cup against Basingstoke. They won 2-0 on the night with 4 goals disallowed. Joe was in goal and Aurnyn was left back.

Well done to all three boys on representing Langtree football at the district level.



**LUNCH TIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 6 2021**

STUDENTS OF ANY ABILITY ARE WELCOME TO ALL CLUBS.

SPORTS CLUBS	LUNCH		AFTER SCHOOL	
	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS
MONDAY A	YEAR 9 FOOTBALL ASTRO TRAINERS NEEDED			
MONDAY B	YEAR 9 FOOTBALL ASTRO TRAINERS NEEDED			
TUESDAY A	YEAR 10 FOOTBALL ASTRO TRAINERS NEEDED		YEAR 7 ROUNDERS & SUMMER SPORTS 3.30-4.30	
TUESDAY B	YEAR 10 FOOTBALL ASTRO TRAINERS NEEDED		BOTH WEEKS	
WEDNESDAY A	YEAR 7 FOOTBALL ASTRO		YEAR 9 ROUNDERS & SUMMER SPORTS FIELD 3.30-4.30 WEEK A ONLY	
WEDNESDAY B		YEAR 7 FOOTBALL ASTRO TRAINERS NEEDED	YEAR 10 ROUNDERS & SUMMER SPORTS FIELD 4.00-5.00 WEEK B ONLY	
THURSDAY A	YEAR 10 BADMINTON GCSE PRACTICE SPORTS HALL		YEAR 8 ROUNDERS & SUMMER SPORTS FIELD	
THURSDAY B	YEAR 10 BADMINTON GCSE PRACTICE SPORTS HALL		4.00-5.00 BOTH WEEKS	
FRIDAY A		YEAR 8 FOOTBALL ASTRO TRAINERS NEEDED		
FRIDAY B	YEAR 8 FOOTBALL ASTRO TRAINERS NEEDED			

**Mr Clark—Head of PE will be running in the London Marathon on 3rd October 2021**

He will be running in support of Quest for Learning. Quest for Learning support disadvantaged children in education in Oxfordshire. Mr Clark is hoping to do more fundraising throughout the year. You can support him by donating via Virgin Money Giving and follow his training progress on Strava. Please use the logos to access the links and also find out more about Quest for Learning. Thank you.



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**Lola Bint-Savage, Giacomo Bottini,  
Ruby King-Cooke and Ben Howes**

We were lucky enough to take part in a Year 9 Maths Masterclass for three weekends in January and February. We joined with other Year 9 students across Oxfordshire to learn about Modular Arithmetic and Pascal's Triangle. It was a very enjoyable experience and interesting to learn about maths that we might not necessarily learn in the classroom, as well as finding out more links that maths has to real life. Due to Covid-19 the masterclasses were online. It was a shame not to have met with other students face-to-face, as it usually would have been, however we thought it was well laid out, well prepared and worked perfectly.

We enjoyed the chat box too!



**Ex Langtree Student appointed School Captain  
at The Oratory School**

Oratory history was made on Tuesday 25 May 2021 with the appointment of its first coeducational team of male and female School Captains.

Olivia Smith, an ex Langtree student becomes The Oratory's first female School Captain in its 162-year history. Olivia said, "It is a huge honour to play such an influential role in The Oratory's move to coeducation. I look forward to being a role model to all pupils at the school."

There is quite a process to becoming a School Captain. Staff and pupils submit their recommendations to our Deputy Head Academic and Deputy Head Pastoral. The candidate is required to send a letter of application, which is then followed-up by interviews with senior management at the school. Final stages are an interview with the Head Master and a final pupil vote for their preferred candidate.

Congratulations Olivia.



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## 2020 – 2021 Term Dates

Thursday 27th May	End of Term 5
Friday 28th May	Inset Day
May Holiday – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021	
Monday 7th June	Start of Term 6
Mon 21st - June - Fri 2nd July	Year 10 Exams
Monday 19th July	Sponsored Walk
Tue 20th and Wed 21st July	Activity Days
Thursday 22nd July	End of Term 6 (Half Day)



## 2021 – 2022 Term Dates

**4 further INSET DAYS to be confirmed**

Wednesday 1st September	Inset Day
Thursday 2nd September	Start of term 1 for Year 7 students - Induction day.
Friday 3rd September	Term 1 starts for all other students
Friday 22nd October	End of Term 1
October Break – Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021	
Monday 1st November	Start of term 2
Friday 17th December	End of Term 2 (Half Day)
Christmas Holiday – Monday 20th December 2021 – Monday 3rd January 2022	
Tuesday 4th January	Start of Term 3
Dates TBC	Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams
Friday 18th February	End of Term 3
February Break – Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022	
Monday 28th February	Start of Term 4
Dates TBC	Year 10 Exams
Friday 8th April	End of Term 4
Easter Holiday – Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2022	
Monday 25th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 27th May	End of Term 5
May Holiday – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022	
Monday 6th June	Start of Term 6
Dates TBC	Activities Week Y7 Camp / Y8 France / Y10 Work Ex (all TBC)
Date TBC	Sports Day
Thursday 21st July	End of Term 6 (Half Day)

### LOST PROPERTY

When lost property arrives in the school office it is checked for a name. Named lost property is then returned directly to the owner. Unnamed property is kept in the school office in the hope that it will be reclaimed. 2 or 3 times during the school year the un-named lost property will be made available in the main hall for the students to look through. Please help us to return items to students by clearly naming all their uniform and other belongings. Thank you.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The school office keeps a supply of second hand uniform for students and parents / carers to purchase. We are always happy to receive donations of good quality uniform to add to the second hand cupboard.

### Absence Requests (other than for medical appointments)

Parents may not authorise absence; only schools can do this. Schools may authorise any absence that they deem to be appropriate; conversely, they can refuse to authorise any absence. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw students from school for a holiday, and, in law, have to apply for permission in advance. Retrospective approval may not be given. Holidays taken during term time without approval from the Headteacher will be recorded as unauthorised. Removal of your child for a holiday in term time without permission without authorisation from the Headteacher may lead to issuing of fixed penalty notice or even prosecution under section 444 of the Education Act.

**What to do:** Requesting absence should be done in writing at least one month prior to the absence. If the child does not return to school after an agreed period, they may be marked as having unauthorised absence. Requests for absence should be made in writing to the Deputy Headteacher Ms S Burman, via the attendance officer: Mrs Hayward [studentabsence@langtreeschool.com](mailto:studentabsence@langtreeschool.com) stating the dates of absence and the reason for the absence, the school reserves the right to seek further information about the requested absence.

### LANGTREE SCHOOL IS NOW CASHLESS for TRIPS / VISITS / BOOKS and EQUIPMENT

**If you do not have your unique pupil code please email the finance office:**  
[finance@langtreeschool.com](mailto:finance@langtreeschool.com) Paying online is quick and convenient and allows you to see what you have paid and any amounts left to pay, this is particularly useful for school trips. There is a link to the online payment system on the front of the school website.

