



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Thank you for your support during the first half of the academic year. It's good to reflect on what we have done in that time and how much progress so many of our young people have made.

This term has been a hugely positive seven weeks of learning and we are already looking forward to the rest of the year. But first, a well deserved half term break for staff and students, and I hope that families manage some quality time together before we return.

The term culminated in a creativity day which involved off site visits for four entire year groups. As I write this I am on the coach travelling back from Bletchley Park where the year 9s have had a fascinating and thought provoking day.

I hope all year groups have had equally enjoyable experiences. I am so grateful to all the staff who led and attended these days as there is no doubt that organising these large trips is challenging, time consuming and stressful. I know the students have benefited not only from the learning but also the chance to enjoy being together, outside of lessons, creating memories that will last long after they have left school.

As we pulled out the year 11 students were arriving, looking incredibly smart and grown up, I am sure they too had a fantastic day involving workshops, presentations and mock interviews. The programme has been brilliantly put together and I know the students will have benefitted so much from the activities Ms.Wood has worked so hard to coordinate.

There have been so many other successes this term from the performance of our year 11s in their mock exams to the theatre trip last week, I really hope you enjoy reading about them in the pages of this newsletter compiled and crafted so expertly by Ms Taylor-Lane who does so much to make the school run smoothly.

Mr Simon Bamford, Headteacher



Art Work
Year 8
Illuminated
Letters



Langtree School PTA

Despite the complications of Covid, your Langtree PTA have been doing their best to bring people together both virtually and face to face to raise valuable funds for the school we all love so much!

We have had a number of events and fundraising initiatives since the beginning of this school year. In September we held a **'Love Our Langtree'** morning, where parents and students came together to clear and revamp some of the school's outside areas. When you are next up at school take a look at the beautiful new planter outside the student entrance. We hope this can become a regular event to help keep the school looking tidy.

In November lots of fun was had by all when nearly 20 families spent an afternoon driving around the school catchment area in an attempt to find all the answers to the clues and complete the challenges for our **Car Treasure Hunt**, finishing with tea and cake at the school. Everyone's competitive streak became clear as mileage was counted to the yard to see who would travel the shortest distance! We raised over £365.

At Christmas, Langtree students designed cards for our online **'don't send me a card' Christmas card** initiative. We raised £165. This will hopefully become a yearly event to do our bit for the environment.



Earlier this term we held a cake sale and catch up at the **Whitchurch Art Café** raising over £190. It was lovely to be able to reach out into the community of part of Langtree's catchment area.

Other fund raisers have included being one of the charities to receive money from the **Co-Op**, donations from **Amazon Smile** and **The Giving machine** and being the charity for the **donation buckets on Whitchurch Bridge**. Over £300 was taken in the buckets on the bridge!



The money you have helped raise so far this year has been used across the school to fund IT, Food Tech and Gardening equipment, a Lighting board for drama, 3D printer accessories, History and English resources, games for the new Geeks and Gaming Club as well as building up significant funds for the ongoing plans for updating the Science Labs. Through various events and donations, we have raised nearly £7000 for the Science Lab project so far.

We have been blown away by the generosity of the Langtree Community via our new initiative, **'Langtree Wish List'** An amazing £3132 has been raised so far! This is an ongoing, ever updating website enabling parents, carers and everyone with an interest in Langtree School to purchase specific equipment and make donations at their leisure and from the comfort of their own homes. Please keep your eye on the site for things you might like to be involved with buying for the school – anything from a bottle of glue to a

Long Jump pit and so much more! Follow this link to find out more <https://langtreelw.co.uk/>

We have exciting plans coming up in March as we will be holding a **Casino Royale themed Movie and Cocktail evening** and also responding to requests for a **Nearly New Ski clothing and Equipment sale**.

As PTA Co-Chairs we are continually grateful to those who give their time to making these events and initiatives happen – you know who you are and we couldn't do any of this without you!

This is your PTA and we would love to get to know you and meet you at our upcoming events. The PTA can not exist without the enthusiasm, engagement and ideas of Langtree's parental community. We always need and appreciate more volunteers. If you have any questions or ideas don't hesitate to get in touch on pta-chair@langtreeschool.com, come along to one of our meetings and get involved.

We look forward to seeing you at The Casino Royale Movie and Cocktail Night on Friday, 11th March.

Enjoy the Half Term break.

Helen and Vicky. Langtree PTA Co Chairs.

WishList

I'm delighted to report that owing to your continued efforts and incredible support, our PTA fundraising website <https://langtreelw.co.uk/> has generated almost £3000 of items purchased and direct donations made to the school since we launched it on November 26th last year. This is an incredible amount of money and we are so grateful for your help.

As a result of this, we have been able to take the time to reassess what our pupils need to be able to have the best experience at Langtree and we have been busy building the list to reflect our current needs. The wish list will be changed and campaigns run throughout the year and we welcome any ideas that anyone might have.

We are engaging with local and national organisations for additional backing with this project and your help adds true momentum and credibility to allow us this great opportunity to aid towards the enrichment of our children.

Your generous and ongoing help is really making a huge difference. As we approach half term, I would just like to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt thanks on behalf of us all.



A New Way to Lend a Hand!

Please check the website for up to date information. www.langtreeschool.com



Music Department News.....

Congratulations to Dominic for passing his Grade 7 saxophone examination.



Welcome to two new members of the School Orchestra, Philippa and Iona are both in Year 7.



The clarinet section - Hannah, Laurie and Rebecca

Three Year 9 members of the orchestra - Eleni, Mia and Cleo

New orchestra and choir members are always welcome, talk to Mr Henderson if you are interested in joining.

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**Drama Club
having great fun
creating a performance
for you about
Thankfulness!
Look out for details of our
performance!**



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Theatre trip to see David Walliams, Gangsta Granny.

Our favourite part was when everyone got up and started dancing at the end and it was a lot of fun being there and having fun with our friends with some people there isn't much opportunity to see them out of school so this was really fun. One part we found sad though was when the granny died. We would definitely recommend going on drama trips even if you don't like the theatre because it tons of fun!! Tabitha and Leah (pictured right).



I liked how Fabiola acted when Ben performed. Scarlet.

During the gangsta granny trip the thing I enjoyed the most was the fact that no one really cared about what was going on around them because they were so focused on the show and what the performers were doing. Over all I thought it was brilliant. Reuben



The transitions with the ballroom dancing were very creative the way they set up the scenes.' Oliver

I especially liked the way they did the water with the fabric when they were swimming in the Thames, and the way the sound effects made it seem so real' - Tony

' I really liked the way the music made it feel so upbeat' Liam.

Year 8 'eggventors' and 'eggventions'!

Year 8 students examined history in a different way this term, students chose someone from the industrial revolution and gave a speech to say why they were significant. They illustrated their speech by creating an egg to represent them! Mrs Davies



Also in History students looked at significant British Victorian inventors, then choosing an inventor and creating a presentation about that inventor.



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TERM 3 Sports Results

11/01	U16 Girls Football	Cranford House & Aureus	Won 2-0 vs Cranford Won 5-0 vs Aureus	Goalscorers Lydia (4) Olivia (3) POM: Lydia and Olivia
12/01	U14 Girls Football	Cranford House & Aureus	Won 7-0 against CH Won 5-0 against Aureus	
13/01	Yr7 Girls Football	Cranford House & Icknield	Won 4-0 vs CH Won 3-0 vs Icknield	Goalscorers: Amie (1) Verity (4) Emily (1) Philippa (1). POM: Amie and Emily
19/01	U14s Girls Football County Cup	Didcot Girls	Won 4-3	Goalscorers: Aiofe (3) Megan (1)
20/01	Yr7 Girls Football County Cup	Didcot Girls	Lost 4-1	Goalscorer: Amie POM: Verity
25/01	Cross Country Oxfordshire Trials	All ran really well, with 2 students getting into the County Squad by finishing in top 12. Jemima O (9th) and Lydia G (11th).		Team: U15 Girls - Ava D, Jemima O, Lucy G U15 Boys - Harrison K, William K U17 Girls - Lydia G, Tilly O



2/2	Year 10 boys football	Home v Fitzharrys	Lost 3-2	David Spiers and Josh Livesey with the goals. Lost in last minute of extra time
8/2	Year 8 boys Football	Home v Wallingford	Lost 3-0	Archie Gadd - Player of the match
10/2	Year 9 boys Football	Away v Oratory	Lost 4-3	Adam Harper, Finn Beckwith 2 Sonny Gonsalves MOM
15/2	Year 11 boys football	Away v Gillotts		







2021 – 2022 Term Dates

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
Thursday 23rd September	OPEN EVENING for prospective parents (Half Day)
Friday 24th September	Inset day
Monday 27th September	Inset day
Wednesday 29th September	OPEN MORNING for prospective parents
Thursday 30th September	OPEN MORNING for prospective parents
Friday 1st October	SPONSORED WALK
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 4th to 14th January	Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams
Monday 17th January	Inset Day
Thursday 17th February	End of Term 3
February Break – Friday 18th February – Friday 25th February 2022	
Monday 28th February	Inset Day
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
Tuesday 3rd May	Inset Day
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	Year 10 Exams
Dates 11th to 15th July	Activities Week Y7 Camp / Y8 France / Y10 Work Ex (all TBC)
Wednesday 20th July	Sports Day
Thursday 21st July	End of Term 6 (Half Day)

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

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.



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 unnamed lost property will be made available in the main hall for the students to look through. please help us to return belongings 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 they deem 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 Debbie Hayward 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

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