

Weekly Bulletin 16th September 2022

**Week Commencing
Tuesday
20th September 2022**

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Transport to School—BUSES INFORMATION:
Oxfordshire School Transport information and timetables can be found [HERE](#).
Public Buses: Thames travel Timetables can be found [HERE](#).
Public Buses: Thames Travel BB3 Timetable can be found [HERE](#).

Weekly Bulletin and Letters: <https://www.langtreeschool.com/letters/>

If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child please contact: Ms Burman, Deputy Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead sburman@langtreeschool.com
Ms Wood, SENCo and Deputy Safeguarding Lead swood@langtreeschool.com Mrs Belcher, Head of Year 7 & 8, and Deputy Safeguarding Lead bbelcher@langtreeschool.com
For further information on Safeguarding please read our Safeguarding Policy in the school website

Thursday 22nd September 2022—Langtree School Open Evening **School will close at 1.20 for students. School buses will leave at 1.30pm**

Open Evening: 22nd September 2022: Firstly, thank you in advance if you have given permission for your child to help us on Open Evening. Secondly, please note, that the evening will end at 8pm. Please can you arrange to collect your child from school at that time. Helpers should arrive in school at 5.30pm. Ms Burman

School Calendar 2022—2023: This has been updated with the remaining inset day dates. The new calendar can be found on Page 6 or <https://langtreeschool.com/parents-calendar/>

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening: A Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award information evening will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 20th September from 7.30 to 8.30pm. If you are interested in your child joining the award this year, please come along to find out more information. The Langtree School D of E group is run by The Eyot Centre in Henley. If your child is interested please come along with your child to find out more.

Covid-19: The current advice from the NHS is that adults who have tested positive should stay at home for 5 days and children under the age of 18 who test positive should remain at home for 3 days. Staff and students should only return to school if they are well enough to do so. Where families have any specific medical concerns our advice remains that you should visit the [NHS website](#) in the first instance.

2nd Hand Uniform: We have received a huge amount of 2nd hand uniform, and so are unfortunately unable to accept any more donations at the present time. We do however have a lack of grey jumper so would be happy to accept these. If you need anything, please call the office, or pop in and take a look. We have plenty of blue jumpers, trousers, skirts and sports kit. All the proceeds go to the school!

Curriculum Information Evenings: The slides from the information sessions can be found [HERE](#).

Message from the PTA: It has been decided that, due to lower numbers than we hoped and also the fact that we now have the bank holiday in respect for Her Majesty The Queen, we will not go ahead with the Family Rounders this Saturday, 17th Sept. We hope to see you at our next PTA event - the **Love Our Langtree** day to help support the school in keeping the outside areas looking cheerful and tidy, due to take place on **Sat 1st October**. The PTA are pleased to invite you to our FACE TO FACE meeting on Tuesday 20th Sept, 7.30pm at The Perch and Pike. (The Street, South Stoke, RG8 0JS) Everyone is welcome. Come along to hear what's going on, find out what we're planning for the future and have your say. If you have any questions before the meeting, please don't hesitate to get in touch on pta-chair@langtreeschool.com This is your PTA and we need more parents involved to ensure we can continue supporting the school in the next academic year. We would love to hear from you to let us know you are interested in joining the PTA committee in any capacity. If you would like your email address to be added to the PTA contact list, please email Gillian McCoy on pta-secretary@langtreeschool.com
Vicky Weller and Helen Scurr. Co-Chairs of the PTA.

The CAMHS School In-Reach team are offering a parents awareness session on **Managing Teenage Anxiety on Monday 26th September 6.30-7.30pm** via MS teams. This presentation will explore teenage anxiety and how to talk with your young people about what they are feeling. It highlights the difference between appropriate levels of anxiety and when additional help might be needed. It explores what might keep anxiety going and provides an overview of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy as well as a number of useful techniques which parents can use to support their child.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 329 360 047 679
Passcode: QqdXNB

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)

London to Brighton Charity Ride:

Miss Painter completed the London to Brighton charity bike ride last Sunday in a time of 4 hours 56 minutes. She would like to thank everyone for their kind donations towards Riding for the Disabled. More than £300 was raised to support the running of this amazing organisation. If anyone would like to make a small donation there is still time:



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jessica-painter1>



Students have made a great start to the new year. Please see below some of our rules and expectations. For further details, please see our website. Ms Burman—Deputy Headteacher.

Student Handbook

Please see a copy of the student handbook which has been given to all students: [HERE](#). I want to draw your attention to pages 10, 11 and 12. If your child has been given a detention, they are expected to write it in their handbook on page 10. They should show you the handbook so that you are aware of the detention. Similarly, pages 11 and 12 are to record any equipment that is missing. Please look at these pages periodically so that we are all aware of any issues that are arising. If there are any problems with equipment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Mrs Belcher - Year 7 & 8

Ms Godfrey - Year 9

Ms Phipps - Year 10

Mr Sinnamon - Year 11

Punctuality Matters

Please ensure your child arrives in school before 8.40am - ideally at 8.30 am. Tutor time starts promptly at 8.40am. We will endeavour to email you when your child is late to school and persistent offenders will receive a Senior Leader Detention. We will email parents when students are late to lessons and we are very grateful for the support parents give us to ensure that this is rectified. Visitors to the school often remark on our calm and purposeful atmosphere and we want to maintain this high standard.

Attendance

The past couple of years have been very turbulent - understandably. Our attendance for last academic year was 92% . Our attendance target for this year is 96%.

We would appreciate your cooperation in refraining from taking your child out of school in order to avoid disruption to their learning. We do understand that medical appointments cannot always be arranged outside of school hours; however, we do expect all reasonable attempts to be made for your child to attend school before and / or after the appointment.

If your child's attendance is below 90% - they are considered to be a persistent absentee by the local education authority and this will have a detrimental effect on their learning. Students with low attendance will be closely monitored by the pastoral team.

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised (unless the circumstances are exceptional). Any unauthorised holidays may incur a fixed penalty fine.

Please note absences can only be authorised by Ms Burman, Deputy Headteacher - all request for absences or notification of absence must be emailed to studentabsence@langtreeschool.com

Mobile phones

Please remind your child that students are not allowed to use their mobile phones without a teacher's permission when they are in the school building.

Jewellery

This is a polite reminder that students are allowed to wear one small plain stud, gold or silver, in each ear. They are permitted to the stud either in their ear lobe or helix. No hoops, transparencies etc are allowed. We do not allow any plasters to cover non regulation jewellery. Students will be asked to remove any non regulation jewellery and items will be kept in the school office. Parents can collect items, otherwise students can collect any items on a Friday at the end of the school day.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE policy)

Please see the [RSE draft policy](#). If you have any comments about the lessons, please do contact Ms Morel on emorel@langtreeschool.com.

Students and parents are encouraged to read the policy each year for consultation. Consultation period ends September 23rd 2022.

Student Health

Please be aware that there has been a rise in cases of nerve damage linked to the use of nitrous oxide, commonly known as NOs.

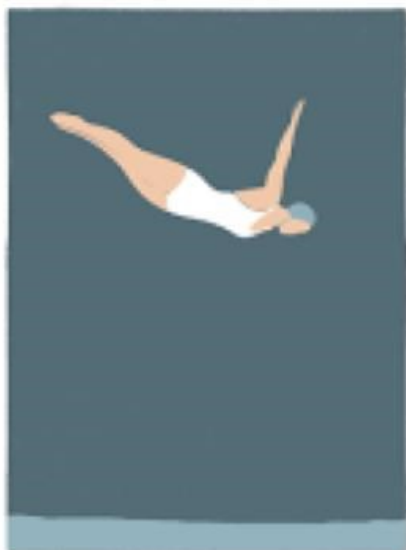
'Experts say that as the use of the drug has risen so too have cases of spinal cord and nerve damage, including paralysis' (Guardian 30th Aug 2022)

While it is illegal in the UK to supply nitrous oxide for human consumption or to sell it to children, it is not illegal to possess the drug. Users often buy small silver canisters of the gas – known as whippits because of their original purpose as whipped cream chargers – and inhale it from a balloon. The rise in medical cases is due in part to the NOs now being available in larger canisters - users are inhaling more gas and therefore experiencing greater effects - including the negative ones.

[Please use this LINK to see the Wellbeing provision at Langtree School](#)



Dive into a good book



Here are some suggestions for great books to jump into.

[Year 7 Must Reads](#)

[KS3 Recommended Reading List](#)

[Brilliant Books for KS4](#)

Students: please download the Woodcote Library app onto your phone to help you manage your library account.

COURTYARD TABLE TENNIS

(OUTSIDE BOYS CHANGING ROOMS)

MONDAY - YEAR 7

TUESDAY - YEAR 8



**Bake Off to raise money for
MacMillan Cancer research**

**Bake a cake to represent an
European country**

Sign up in room La2 by Friday 23rd



**Cake will be sold for
50p a slice during Thursday
lunchtime on 29th in the canteen!**



**Come have a look at
their beautiful
creations. There will
be a prize for the
winners.**

TERM 1 CLUBS						
Staff Lead	Department	Club Name	Which year group (s)	Where is the club held	Day	Anything else students need to know?
Mr Henderson	Music	Orchestra	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11	Music Room	Monday Afterschool	Rehearsals end at 4.30 pm
Miss Thorburn	English	Debate Society	Year 9, Year 10, Year 11	En2	Tuesday Lunchtime	
Mrs Lackey (Club run by Anne Wigmore from REACH)		Christian Union	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11	Science 1	Tuesday Lunchtime	Starts on 13th September. Everyone welcome. Sessions alternate every 3 weeks between games, questions and a talk. We will start next week with games and biscuits!
Mrs Jarvis	History	History Film Club	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9	H2	Tuesday Lunchtime	starting 13th Sept. 1st Film The Horrible Histories Movie
Mrs Pimm	Drama	KS3 Drama Club	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9	Main Hall	Tuesday After School	3.05-4.15pm weekly from 13th September, through Term 1
Ms Burman	Student Services	LGBT+	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11	Hums3	Wednesday Week B Lunchtime	Anyone welcome. The group's aim is to break stereotypes, celebrate identities and explore issues to do with LGBT+ issues.
Miss Thorburn	English	Debate Society	Year 7, Year 8	En2	Wednesday Lunchtime	
Mr Henderson	Music	Senior Choir	Year 9, Year 10, Year 11	Music Room	Wednesday After School	Ends at 4.30 pm
Mr Henderson	Music	Junior Choir	Year 7, Year 8	Music Room	Thursday Lunchtime	Students should come straight to the music room and eat their lunch in the music room.
Mr Nonweiler		Dungeons & Dragons	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11	En2 (TBC)	Thursdays After school	3pm to 4pm. No previous experience required. Not on some Thursdays when Mr Nonweiler is running detention. Students will need to "sign up". More information to follow in a tutor time!
Mr Jones	Maths	Chess & Cubing Club	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11	Ma2	Friday Lunchtime	Chess sets and cubes provided!

SPORTS CLUBS TERM 1				
Students of any ability are welcome at all clubs	LUNCH		AFTER SCHOOL	
	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS
MONDAY	GCSE BADMINTON SPORTS HALL 1.30-2.00		KS4 + GCSE BADMINTON SPORTS HALL 3.00-4.00	
	YEAR 7 FOOTBALL ASTRO			
TUESDAY		YEAR 8 & 9 FOOTBALL ASTRO 1.30-2.00	YEARS 8 & 9 RUGBY MATCHES & TRAINING	YEAR 8 & 9 HOCKEY ASTRO
			TRAINING UNLESS FIXTURES	
WEDNESDAY A	YEAR 8 FOOTBALL ASTRO	YEAR 7 FOOTBALL SPORTS HALL 1.30-2.00	YEAR 10 & 11 RUGBY TRAINING AND	YEAR 7 HOCKEY MATCHES AND TRAINING
WEDNESDAY B	YEAR 9 FOOTBALL ASTRO		TRAINING UNLESS FIXTURES	
WEDNESDAY			RUNNING CLUB - WITH MR SUDBURY FIELD 3-4.00PM	
THURSDAY	GCSE PE THEORY CLINIC YEAR 10 - A WEEK	YEAR 10 & 11 FOOTBALL ASTRO 1.30-2.00	YEAR 7 RUGBY MATCHES AND TRAINING SOUTH OXON	YEAR 10 & 11 ASTRO
	KS3 BADMINTON SPORTS HALL 1.30-2.00		TRAINING UNLESS FIXTURES	
FRIDAY A	YEAR 11 FOOTBALL ASTRO 1.30-2.00			
FRIDAY B	YEAR 10 FOOTBALL ASTRO 1.30-2.00			

GOSFORD ALL BLACKS OPEN WEEKEND



Sunday
18
September

Try out our **free session**. Free hotdog afterwards for all children taking part!

9.30am From age 4 to school year 6 (boys) and year 7 (girls)

11.00am School year 7 and year 8 to 11 (boys)

2.00pm – 3.30pm School year 8 to 13 (girls)

Stratfield Brake Sports Ground - OX5 1UP

Book your spot:

<http://bit.ly/GABYouth>



WWW.GOSFORDRUGBY.COM



Gosford All Blacks
Rugby Football Club

Pangbourne 10k Multi-terrain Sunday 25th September 2022

10.00am



A multi-terrain
race route
through the
beautiful woods
and countryside

Children's races for
ages 5-7 and ages
8-11 with medals
for all runners and
prizes for winners

Chip timing
Coffee bar
Cakes, snacks
and cold drinks

We have kindly been sponsored by



Enter now at pangbourne10k.org.uk

The race is suitable for beginners and all profits are in aid of Pangbourne Primary School

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Friends Of Pangbourne Primary School

family information Day

British
Dyslexia
Association

Join us Saturday 24th September 10-2pm
for the British Dyslexia Association's first-ever Family Information Day

2022 – 2023 Term Dates

Thursday 1st September	Inset Day
Friday 2nd September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students - Induction Day
Monday 5th September	Start of Term 1 for all other students.
Thursday 22nd September	OPEN EVENING - half day for student's, school ends at 1.20pm
Friday 23rd September	SPONSORED WALK
Friday 30th September	INSET DAY
Monday 3rd October	INSET DAY
Friday 21st October	End of Term 1
October Break – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022	
Monday 31st October	Start of Term 2
21st November to 2nd December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 5th December	INSET DAY
Friday 16th December	End of Term 2 (Half Day)
Christmas Holiday – Monday 19th December 2022 – Monday 2nd January 2023	
Tuesday 3rd January	Start of Term 3
Thursday 9th February	End of Term 3
Friday 10th February	INSET DAY
February Break – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023	
Monday 20th February	Start of Term 4
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4
Easter Holiday – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023	
Monday 17th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26th May	End of Term 5
May Holiday – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023	
Monday 5th June	Start of Term 6
Friday 23rd June	INSET DAY
Friday 21st July	End of Term 6 (Half Day)



WE ARE HIRING!

Aspens Services is currently recruiting for a General Assistant for maternity cover to join our friendly team at Langtree School.

If you would like further information, please get in touch to arrange a chat.

CONTACT AMANDA AT
LANGTREE.SCHOOL@ASPENS-SERVICES.COM

Your School Nursing Service

Someone you know and can trust...

Your School Nursing Service can work both in and out of School to help provide or find you support about:

Keeping Healthy

Immunisations

Emotional Health

Weight Management

Sexual Health

Drugs and Alcohol

Smoking

We can also help make sure that young people with disabilities, long term illness, or other needs can receive extra support when they need it. If we can't provide the help ourselves, we will connect you with someone who can.

When and Where can I Access my School Nursing Service?

Confidential

We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information in order to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Whenever possible we would discuss this with you first.

Qualified

School Nurses or Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are qualified nurses or midwives with specific graduate level education, and work with a team to support you.

Non Judgemental

We are here to help, not to judge.

Your School Health Nurse is Jody Coleman. Jody will be in school Friday afternoons only.

If you would like to see Jody, please attend Drop In on a Friday lunchtime

Email: lisa.clayden@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Text ChatHealth on: 07312 263084