

Term 3 Newsletter

February 2023



Apologies for the lateness of this newsletter but the last week of term was incredibly busy - even by Langtree standards!

As I am sure you are all aware we finally had our Ofsted inspection. We would never have chosen to have the inspectors visit in the final week of term - but having gone through the process I cannot pretend that the half term break was not welcome.

The outcomes and report are confidential until the report is checked and published (4-6 weeks after the inspection) but initial indications are positive and I would like to express our admiration for the way the students conducted themselves throughout the inspection. They clearly demonstrated Langtree's core values throughout the process and the inspectors were hugely impressed with their maturity, behaviour and pride in their school. I am also grateful to the parents who took the time to complete the Ofsted survey - the results of which were again a testament to the huge efforts all Langtree staff and students make to ensure Langtree is the excellent community we all enjoy.

If an Ofsted inspection was not enough for a week, the Thursday before half term was Creativity Day 2. You will be able to see photos to demonstrate the variety of activities the staff worked hard to arrange. The Year 7 students certainly seemed to enjoy the visit to Wembley Stadium arranged by Ms Lackey and the PE department. Our Year 8s visited SS Great Britain and saw some of the art work produced by Banksy in a varied day organised by the History and Art Departments. Our Year 9s unmasked the criminal among the science teachers - and to everyone's surprise it wasn't Mr Brown. Year 10s made phenomenal progress and, in many cases, were taken well outside their comfort zone - supported by the excellent Talk the Talk who worked with the students to give them the skills, tricks and confidence to face public speaking. The Year 11 students all looked incredibly smart and professional as they attended a circus of careers activities and workshops and went through some mock (and in many cases, real) interviews.

After such a crazy week you might think that we all needed to lie down in a darkened room - but not 76 year 10 students and 9 staff who embarked on the annual ski trip - this time to Austria. Despite a gruelling journey - made even longer by delays at the ports in both directions, they enjoyed six days of fantastic skiing in beautiful weather and stunning surroundings. They all seemed to enjoy the experience (some look like they are still recovering)

Our Year 9 students are in the midst of a busy year. A great many of them are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and it was a pleasure to see them training and preparing for their expeditions a couple of weeks ago. They are also looking forward to choosing their KS4 options. They have already had an assembly, the options information booklet and access to online materials and individual meetings with their tutors or other staff. The recent parents' evening also gave parents and students a valuable opportunity to talk to their teachers about suitability for KS4 courses. I know many of them already have a good idea of the subjects they want to take. The options information evening on Wednesday 8th March will provide another opportunity for students and their parents to gain valuable information before making these all important decisions.

The February half term break signifies that the run into exams has started. We have completed 21 weeks of the academic year and now have a six-week term before the Easter break. When we return there are two uninterrupted weeks, followed by two weeks with bank holiday Mondays (May Day and the extra one for the King's Coronation). Those students studying Art, Drama etc. will likely have already started their exams by this time with all others following shortly afterwards. From experience we know that this period of time will fly by and Year 11 students need to be prepared. I say this not to pressure them to work flat out over this term but to encourage them all to ensure they are well prepared for the final stage of their pre-16 education. We wish all our year 11 students (and their parents) the best of luck in these vital final few months before the exams begin and urge any of you with any concerns to talk to your tutors or subject teachers to ensure you are getting all the support possible.

Despite the fact that I have already written more than I usually do in these brief Newsletter articles I could not finish without saying how wonderful it was to see so many of our class of 2022 at their recent certificate presentation evening. Despite the postponement of the occasion the vast majority of ex-students attended to collect certificates, meet friends, be presented with awards and hear from the wonderful Imam Monawar Hussain on the value of public service and collaboration. It was wonderful to see all these young people - even though some were barely recognisable having grown up so much - and celebrate again with them their fantastic achievements both while they were here and in their new lives.

Simon Bamford—Headteacher

Bugsy Malone

Preparations for our whole school production of 'Bugsy Malone' are going well. The school is a hive of activity, with a cast of 80 students and an orchestra of 20 rehearsing hard to get the show ready for our performance dates of 21st-23rd March. The full cast and orchestra got together for the first time this week to run through a chunk of Act One. We were also joined by our dedicated student design leads - who are leading teams of students working on the lighting, sound, set, costumes and stage management. It was exhilarating to see so many students together! We definitely have the makings of a great show!

Tickets are now on sale.



BUGSY MALONE

**Tickets
NOW on SALE**

online through **SeeDay**

**You are invited to join us at "Fat Sam's Club" for
the school production of Bugsy Malone**

Dress Code: Finery

ADULT ticket - £8.00

Or

Under 18's and SENIOR ticket - £5.00

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Thursday 23rd March 2023

Curtain up 7.30pm

Seats will not be allocated, sit where you choose





Year 7 Art: responses to the work of Michael Craig Martin

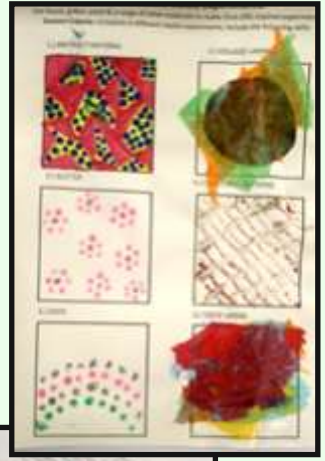


Year 7 Creativity Day trip to Wembley Stadium



Year 8 Creativity Day trip to Bristol





Examples of Year 8 Portraiture/Identity; tonal self portraits leading towards mixed media/watercolour painting outcomes based on Identity (currently underway), influenced by Chris Ofili's "No Woman No Cry"



Year 9 Art—Exploring Perspective (and page 1)



Year 9 Creativity Day

Year 9's creativity day focused on forensic science, Hayley Scott - who previously worked for the Metropolitan Police as a CSI spoke to Year 9 at the start of the day telling them about her career and the importance of forensic science in the detection of crime. After this they looked at clues, hand writing samples and finger prints, analyzing them and worked towards finding you who was guilty.....

Mrs Darkins did it!

Theatre Trip: Six

78 students had an amazing time watching the musical 'Six' on 2nd Feb. The show is a sassy, funny, feel-good exploration of the stories behind Henry VIII's wives. We had a brilliant time and everyone was up dancing at the end. Our students did us proud - it was an absolute pleasure to spend time with them! Keep your eyes peeled for more exciting theatre visits coming soon.



Year 11 Careers Day:

Creativity day for our Year 11's was focussed on careers, each student had a mock interview with an external interviewer and they also attended a series of workshops, we welcomed amongst others, Thames Water, The Cloud Factory, Activate Learning (Apprenticeships) and The Army.



SPORTS RESULTS for TERM 3

9/1	Year 7 Boys Football	Matthew Arnold	Lost 4-2	
10/1	Year 8&9 Girls Football	Cranford House Icknield	Won 1-0 Won 3-0	POM: Ellen S POM: Betsy S Scorers: Betsy S, Ellen S 2, Verity W,
11/1	Year 10&11	Wheatley Park	Won 7-1	POM: Geneva V Scorers: Rosie K 2, Geneva V 2, Aoife M 2, Own Goal 1
12/1	Year 7	Cranford House & Didcot Girls	Lost 3-1 vs DGS Won 5-0 vs Cranford	POM: Olivia T POM: Grace C Scorers: Grace C (3), Hanna C (1), Lucy C (1), Grace B (1)
12/1	Year 9 Boys football County Cup	North Oxford Academy	Lost 3-2	
18/1	Year 10 Girls Football	Wallingford	Won 2-0	Liz S (1) Ava L (1) POM: Mia H
26/1	Year 10 Boys County Cup Football	Faringdon	Drew 1-1 won 5-4 on pens	Toby C scored Sonny G saved two pens in the shootout
19/1	Year 7 Boys County Cup football Photo 1	The Swan School	Won 4-1	Owen H, S Clark (2) & Gideon L MOM - Gideon
19/1	Year 7 Girls county cup football	Wallingford	Won 6-1	Grace C (3), Ana D (1), Lucy C (1), Grace B (1) POM: Ana D Teachers mention: Grace C
30/1	Year 8 Boys Vale Cup	Oratory Prep	Lost 4-0	
24/1	County Cross Country Trials	At Radley College	Great commitment from the runners.	Poppy Chick 19th Emily Lewis 16th Will Kent 22nd Josh Sudbury 32nd
31/1	Year 11 Boys Vale Cup	Gillotts	Lost 4-0	
6/2	Year 7 Football County Cup Photo 2	Wallingford	Won 5-4 on pens Drew 3-3	Stan C, Owen H, George A all scored
7/2	Year 10 Boys County Cup	Larkmead	Drew 1-1 Lost 4-3 on pens	
8/2	Year 10 Boys South Oxon League	Gillotts Aureus	Drew 1-1 Aur Drew 0-0 Gill	James Denny man of the match





Presentation Evening for the Class of 2022

At the end of January we welcomed back the Class of 2022 for their Presentation Evening, it is constantly amazing to see how much individuals have changed since leaving Langtree and to hear about the courses they are now doing and their plans for the future. We were delighted that our guest speaker for the evening was Imam Monawar Hussain MBE DL FRSA, Monawar has been the Muslim Tutor at Eton for many years. He is the Founder of The Oxford



Foundation; the Muslim Chaplain at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; and an Honorary Fellow at the Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion, University of Birmingham. He recently concluded his year as High Sheriff of Oxfordshire and continues to serve as a Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire. In 2020 Monawar was awarded the prestigious Sternberg Interfaith Gold Medallion; previous winners include Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Basil Hume. We wish all the Class of 2022 the very best for the future and are always pleased to hear how they are getting on after leaving Langtree.



Thomas R



Erin A



Ciara S

Year 10 GCSE Food have been creating these beautiful Swiss Rolls

Debating Club

4 members of the Langtree Debating Club, Phoebe, Erin Panna and Alfie recently took part in the Oxford Schools parliamentary debate competition at St Edwards School in Summertown. They were very nervous but they stood there as the only state school and held their own. It was hugely beneficial thing for them to be able to watch other more experienced senators (a lot of them were 6th form) take part in the competition and it was so lovely to see them occupy that space as well.



76 students / 9 staff / 2 coaches / 875 miles twice!
 7 hours at Dover / 8 hours at Calais
 55 hours of travelling
 30 hours of ski lessons



And the Langtree first 11, the mighty reds
 making an appearance to support Mr Vitty



Ski Trip February 2023 Austria

The half term ski trip for Year 10's was a huge success with 76 amazing students taking part. The journey's were challenging with it seemed, all border controls and P and O Ferries conspiring against us both outbound and inbound. Despite this a good time was had by all, with everyone learning new skills from non skiers tackling red slopes by the end of the week to the already advanced skiers learning about avalanches and rescue techniques.



2022 – 2023 Term Dates	
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)
2023 – 2024 Term Dates 4 further inset days to be added	
Monday 4th September 2023	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students - Induction Day
Wednesday 6th September	Start of Term 1 for all other students.
Wednesday 13th September	Year 7 and 8 Curriculum Information Evening
Thursday 21st September	OPEN EVENING - half day for student's, school ends at 1.20pm
Friday 22nd September	SPONSORED WALK
Wednesday 27th September	OPEN MORNING - for parents of students in Year 6
Wednesday 27th September	Year 9, 10 and 11 Curriculum Information Evening
Thursday 28th September	OPEN MORNING - for parents of students in Year 6
Friday 29th September	INSET DAY
Friday 20th October	End of Term 1
October Break – 21st October – 29th October 2023	
Monday 30th October	Start of Term 2
20th November to 1st December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term 2 (Half Day school closes at 12.30pm)
Christmas Holiday – 21st December – 7th January	
Monday 8th January 2024	Start of Term 3
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3
February Break – 10th February – 18th February	
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 4
Easter Holiday – 29th March – 14th April	
Monday 15th April	Start of Term 5
29th April to 10th May	Year 10 Mock Exams
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 13th May	GCSE Exams Start
Friday 24th May	End of Term 5
May Holiday – 25th May – 2nd June	
Monday 3rd June	Start of Term 6
15th July to 19th July	Activities Week
Wednesday 24th July	End of Term 6 (Half Day school closes at 12.30pm)



LANGTREE SCHOOL IS 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 un-named 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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