

## Dear Parents / Carers

I am delighted by your decision to accept a place at Langtree School for your child starting in September 2025, and would like to take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome as a member of our school community. We are all looking forward to an exciting future with tremendous optimism, and are very glad that your child will be part of this at Langtree.

I would like to assure you and your child of a warm welcome when we meet, as well as excellent teaching and the individual pastoral care of which Langtree School is so justifiably well regarded for. As you hopefully already know, our GCSE outcomes are in the top 10% of schools nationally, and we are very proud of all the academic and other achievements of all our students.

But if for any reason you do not wish to take up your place at Langtree, then please be sure to let us know right away, and also notify OCC - because, as usual, we are hugely oversubscribed this year and have a very long waiting list of students who would dearly love to join us in September. So you will appreciate that the earlier we can let them know a place has become available, the less of an anxious wait these families will have.

However, we are hopeful that your child is looking forward to starting with us - and by now you should have downloaded your information pack which will hopefully provide you with everything you need to know at this very important time of transfer from primary to secondary school. However, if there is anything else you require from us, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Debbie Hayward, our Admissions Officer, at Langtree School on 01491 683364 email: dhayward@langtreeschool.com

In addition, we would encourage you to visit the school website on a regular basis. All the admissions information, as well as the weekly bulletin, letters and newsletters, are posted electronically on the website: <u>www.langtreeschool.com</u> Our aim is to communicate with parents electronically wherever possible, so it is extremely important that your email contact information is kept up to date. We pride ourselves in our efforts to communicate as frequently and effectively as we can with parents - and you can also follow us on Instagram on langtree\_oxfordshire.

Parents and Carers also often ask how they can help us at Langtree School. The main way that parents / carers can help is by supporting the fundraising of the PTA or by making a regular donation to the school through the 'Friends of Langtree School' scheme. For example, a donation of £5 per term really helps us to provide the little extras that allow students to really thrive at school. However, it is naturally up to parents and carers themselves how much they choose to donate. And all donations, whether a one-off payment or a monthly contribution, can of course be Gift Aided, which means that the government will add an additional 25% of the value of the donation to the school in tax relief. Please indicate if you would like to Gift Aid your donation when you make your payment online. Donations can be made via the 'SCO PAY' link on the front page of the school website (just select the 'school donation' option), or by completing a standing order mandate which should be returned to the school. Further details and the forms can be found on the school website: https://www.langtreeschool.com/friends-of-langtree/

Other ways that parents can support are by attending events such as 'Love our Langtree' days, or to help with school productions, and also with careers information sessions happening in school. These requests are generally made through the weekly bulletin.

In closing, may I say again how pleased I am that you and your child will be joining the Langtree School community. I speak on behalf of all our staff when I say that we look forward to working with you very closely during your child's career at Langtree, and am very confident that this will be a very happy and successful experience for you all.

I hope your son/daughter will enjoy their last few months at primary school, and will look forward to getting to know them when they officially join the Langtree family in September.

Yours sincerely

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