

# Weekly Bulletin 31st January 2025

Week Commencing 3rd February 2025 **WEEK B**

Please report any student absence ideally before 8.00am  
Please email: [studentabsence@langtreeschool.com](mailto:studentabsence@langtreeschool.com)

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](mailto:sburman@langtreeschool.com) Ms Wood, SENCo and Deputy Safeguarding  
Lead [swood@langtreeschool.com](mailto:swood@langtreeschool.com) Mrs Belcher, Head of Year 7 & 8, Deputy  
Safeguarding Lead [bbelcher@langtreeschool.com](mailto:bbelcher@langtreeschool.com) For further information on  
Safeguarding please read our Safeguarding Policy in the school website

**Transport to School—BUSES INFORMATION**  
Oxfordshire School Transport information and timetables [HERE](#).  
Public Buses: Thames travel Timetables can be found [HERE](#).  
Public Buses: Reading Buses 93 (BB3) Timetable can be found [HERE](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 4th: PSHE

13th Feb Year 10 Parents Evening (in person)

14th Feb—end of Term 3

Lunch Time and After School CLUBS  
INFORMATION: [HERE](#)

PE CLUBS: [HERE](#)

PE Match RESULTS [HERE](#)

**School Attendance / Penalty Notices for Term Time Holidays**  
Please read this [letter](#) from Mr Bamford about penalty notices for term time holidays  
Information about understanding penalty notices for school non attendance. [HERE](#)

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

PSHE will take place during P3 on Tuesday 4th February for the following year groups:

- Y7 - Harmonious Environments
- Y8 - Smoking & Vaping
- Y9 - Knife Crime
- Y10 - Consent
- Y11 - Looking ahead to becoming safe drivers/passengers

KS 3 (Y7, 8 & 9) Surf Trip 6th—8th June: Information letter and application form: [HERE](#)

School Health Nurse Newsletter—January 2025 Newsletter can be read [HERE](#)

Term Dates for the 2025 to 2026 Academic Year can be found [HERE](#)

**Help needed please for Year 10 Mock Interviews:** It is really important for young people to have the opportunity to learn about careers and to have encounters with employers. For this reason, we would very much like our Year 10 students to practise their interview skills. We have done this very successfully in the past, and this year we will be holding mock interviews for Y10 on Creativity Day, Friday 14th February between 9am and 11am. If you feel you are able to help by carrying out mock interviews, for all, or part of the morning or if you know of anybody else or employers who might be able to offer us their time and expertise please do contact me. Many thanks, Mr. Wakefield, Careers Lead - [iwakefield@langtreeschool.com](mailto:iwakefield@langtreeschool.com)

“The Langtree Three” Mr Bradley has put together a set of video’s to support students with their revision / information retrieval practice, these can be viewed by clicking on the links below.

- [Revision—Introducing the Langtree Three](#)
- [The Langtree Three Brain Dumps—Mind Maps](#)
- [The Langtree Three Flash cards and spaced retrieval](#)
- [The Langtree Three Self—Quizzing](#)

## YEAR 7:

Year 7 Camp July 2025: this is a whole year week long camp: full details on the letter [HERE](#)

Year 7 14th February Creativity Day 2: Wembley Trip Full details in the letter [HERE](#).

## YEAR 8

Year 8 Barcelona Trip: URGENT—**TWO** forms to complete: [DIETARY FORM](#) and Trip Information letter and FORM to complete [HERE](#)

Year 8 HPV Vaccination ALL Students: Full details and consent information can be found in the letter [HERE](#)

Year 8 14th February Creativity Day 2: History and Geography trip to Bristol, full details [HERE](#).

## YEAR 9:

## YEAR 10:

Year 10 Work Experience: 14th to 18th July 2025: Langtree has 20 places available on a work experience programme called Active Leaders ([www.activeleaders.co.uk](http://www.activeleaders.co.uk)) which combines leadership and employability training with hands-on practical experience and leads to an accredited national award. The programme will be based at Langtree School and students will be expected to attend from 9am-3pm daily. Full details in this [LETTER](#)

Year 10 Mocks: 31st March to 4th April AND 23rd June to 27th June 2025. Timetables to follow.

## YEAR 11:

Year 11—English Literature Mock Exam Monday 10th March—details over the page.

Year 11—GCSE Food Students: Information about the coursework and practical exam can be found in the letter [HERE](#)

Year 11—GCSE Drama Students: Your Component 2 performance exam is during the school day on Friday 7th February. This is worth 20% of your final GCSE grade. There will be a performance for your families on the evening of Tuesday 28th January at 6.30pm-8.30pm

## CAREERS:

At Langtree we strive to give students in all year groups access to information about careers.

To view the current careers notices please click [HERE](#) Careers page of the school website: [HERE](#)

Further Information: [Useful websites](#) [Linking subjects to careers](#)

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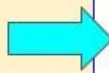
[CLICK HERE](#)  
FOR ALL  
THE REHEARSAL  
INFORMATION

# Year 11 English Literature Mock Information

## Monday 10th March

### Section A (30 marks) 'Animal Farm'

A choice of two essay questions; no extract .



### Section B (30 marks)

#### Poetry anthology: Worlds and Lives

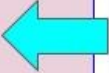
One essay which compares **1 named (and provided) poem** which you *compare* to a poem of your choice (**not provided**); no choice of question. Suggested poems to focus your revision on are:

- A Century Later
- A Portable Paradise
- Thirteen
- Homing
- Name Journeys

### Section C (2 parts)

#### Part 1 (24 marks)

Poetry essay on one unseen poem



#### Part 2 (8 marks)

Short comparison answers which compares the unseen poem to one more unseen poem.

## Women's soft ball cricket



New players welcome

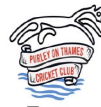


- For women and girls aged 14+
- Indoor training
- 6-7.30pm, Sunday 23 Feb - 30 March
- Little Heath School, Tilehurst
- £60 for 6 weeks

For more info or to book:

[www.purleyonthamescc.co.uk](http://www.purleyonthamescc.co.uk)  
[purleyonthamescc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:purleyonthamescc@hotmail.co.uk)

## Junior indoor cricket training



3-4pm - U13

7.30-8.30pm - U15



5-6pm - U13 & U15 girls hardball

6-7.30pm - girls (14+) & women's softball

- Sundays, 23 Feb - 30 March 2025
- £40 for 6 weeks
- Mixed and girls-only sessions
- Little Heath School, Tilehurst

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## Girls' cricket



- No experience needed
- Fun, team sport
- ECB qualified coaching team

- Sundays, 23 Feb - 30 March 2025
  - 2-3pm - U9/11 girls softball
  - 5-6pm - U11/13/15s girls hardball
  - 6-7.30pm - girls (14+) & women's softball
- £40 for 6 weeks
- Girls-only session
- Little Heath School, Tilehurst

For more info

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 or to book: [purleyonthamescc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:purleyonthamescc@hotmail.co.uk)

If you have any questions, please

contact the PTA Chair  
 (pta-chair@langtreeschool.com)

The PTA are now registered  
 with Easy Fundraising

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>





# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

<b>Chickenpox</b>	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
<b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b>	48 hours after their last episode
<b>Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)</b>	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
<b>Impetigo</b>	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared
<b>Mumps</b>	5 days after the swelling started
<b>Scabies</b>	they've had their first treatment
<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
<b>Whooping Cough</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

<b>Hand, foot and mouth</b>	<b>Glandular fever</b>
<b>Head lice</b>	<b>Tonsillitis</b>
<b>Threadworms</b>	<b>Slapped cheek</b>



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minftec>.

**AT THE  
KENTON**

**Dates & Times**

**Weds 29th Jan - 7:30pm**

**Thurs 30th Jan - 7:30pm**

**Fri 31st Jan - 7:30pm**

**Sat 1st Feb - 2:00pm**

**Sat 1st Feb - 7:30pm**



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## WANTED

Crowmarsh FC Under 15 Boys, who play in the Oxfordshire League, are looking for new players for their B League team. For more information, please contact Jason:  
**07771 568567**

If so this could be the opportunity for you!

Please contact us for more information:

[www.stemreturners.com](http://www.stemreturners.com) [jazmine.gouldbourne@stemreturners.com](mailto:jazmine.gouldbourne@stemreturners.com)

Resources for  
families, parents  
and carers

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Place2Be's  
**CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK**

3-9  
FEB  
2025



## Spring Term Parent Support Series

### *Free Parent Webinars*

*Join us and Elevate Education for FREE  
60- minute webinars designed to help you  
support your child's studies at home.*

**elevate**  
education

**[Click here to Register](#)**

#### ***In the Spring Term, we'll cover:***

- 1. How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking**  
- 21<sup>st</sup> January @6:00pm
- 2. How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)**  
- 4<sup>th</sup> February @6:00pm
- 3. How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams**  
- 11<sup>th</sup> March @6:00pm
- 4. How You Can Support Your Child During Exams**  
- 25<sup>th</sup> March @6:00pm





## 2024 – 2025 Term Dates

<b>Monday 2nd September 2024</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
Tuesday 3rd September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students - Induction Day
Wednesday 4th September	Start of Term 1 for all other students.
Thursday 19th September	OPEN EVENING for Year 6 Parents - (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)
Friday 20th September	<b>SPONSORED WALK - all students expected in school</b>
<b>Monday 23rd September</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
<b>Thursday 24th October</b>	<b>END of TERM 1 (As normal 3pm)</b>
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
<b>October Break – 26th October – 3rd November 2024</b>	
Monday 4th November	Start of Term 2
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Creativity Day
18th November to 29th November	Year 11 Mock Exams
<b>Monday 2nd December</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>END of TERM 2 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday – 21st December – 5th January</b>	
Monday 6th January 2025	Start of Term 3
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	<b>Creativity Day and END of TERM 3 (As normal 3pm)</b>
<b>February Break – 15th February – 23th February</b>	
Monday 24th February	Start of Term 4
<b>Friday 4th April</b>	<b>END of TERM 4 (As normal 3pm)</b>
<b>Easter Holiday – 5th April - 21st April</b>	
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Term 5
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	<b>END of TERM 5 (As normal 3pm)</b>
<b>May Holiday – 24th May – 1st June</b>	
Monday 2nd June	Start of Term 6
<b>Thursday 3rd July</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
<b>Friday 4th July</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
14th July to 19th July	Activities Week
<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b>	<b>END of TERM 6 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)</b>

Well Being Provision at Langtree						
Implementation	7	8	9	10	11	
All	Transition		Transition			Transition
All	<p>Assemblies will always be guided by our core values of <b>Courtesy, Respect and Integrity</b></p> <p>Tutor activities follow 6 steps to wellbeing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be Active... Go for a walk or run. Step outside. ...</li> <li>2. Keep Learning ... Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. ...</li> <li>3. Give ... Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger. Thank someone. ...</li> <li>4. Connect ... With the people around you. ...</li> <li>5. Take Notice ... Be curious. ...</li> <li>6. Care For The Planet ... look after your community and the world.</li> </ol> <p>All students complete a well being survey once a year. Pastoral leaders and tutors will review this information and follow up with any one to one discussions with pupils where appropriate.</p>					
All	6 discreet lessons PSHE/RSE PSHE/RSE Taught in curriculum					
All Year 7s	Student Leaders mentoring sessions					
All	Extra Curricular Clubs	Langtree Challenge	Reflections on progress	Sponsored walk	Creativity days	Activity Week
All	Have a Student PSHE/RSE google classroom / Have a Student Report a Concern page / Resources on the Student Tab for wellbeing					
Targeted Groups	Attendance	Resilience	Connections	Young Carers	Leadership	Exam support
Individual work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to tutor, HOY, SLT</li> <li>• CAMHs referral</li> <li>• Nomad: mentoring service</li> <li>• ELSA support</li> <li>• 1 to 1 interviews with PP students in 7&amp;8</li> <li>• Peer mentor - Year 11 students mentor younger years</li> <li>• School nurse</li> <li>• Early Help Assessment (EHA) work with family: Oxford County Council</li> </ul>					
Parental Support	<p><b>Supporting your child with their mental health</b>  <b>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs)</b> are holding several webinars for parents.  Please use <a href="#">this link</a> to find out more information and to register.</p> <p><b>Exam stress and anxiety:</b> Wednesday 23rd October Time: 6pm - 7.30pm</p> <p><b>Supporting young people who self harm:</b> Thursday 28th November 6pm - 7.30pm</p> <p><b>Promoting resilience:</b> Thursday 30th January 12.30 - 2pm</p> <p><b>Understanding the teen brain:</b> Tuesday 25th February 6pm - 7.30pm</p> <p><b>Sleep awareness for parents:</b> Wednesday 12th March 6pm - 7.30pm</p> <p><b>Supporting Young People who self harm:</b> Thursday 22nd May 12.30 - 2pm</p> <p><b>Childhood anxiety:</b> Wednesday 4th June 6pm - 7.30pm</p> <p>There is also a live meeting</p> <p><b>Typical Adolescent Brain development:</b> Friday 27th September 12- 1.30pm. Sandford-on-thames. Village Hall. Henley Road. Oxford. OX4 4YN. Limited spaces- book your ticket by emailing <a href="mailto:sarah.woods@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">sarah.woods@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a></p> <p><b>Useful websites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting well being: <a href="https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/">https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/</a></li> <li>• A useful leaflet <a href="#">Coping with self - harm: A guide for parents and carers</a></li> <li>• Supporting well Being <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/</a></li> <li>• Please also signpost your child to Langtree's Student Well Being page on the school website.</li> <li>• Supporting young people with grief: <a href="https://seesaw.org.uk/">https://seesaw.org.uk/</a></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Financial advice:</b>  <a href="https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/getting-financial-advice/">https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/getting-financial-advice/</a> / <a href="#">Advice regarding housing</a></p> <p>Food Banks: <a href="#">Wallingford</a></p> <p><b>Whitchurch United:</b>  Students (age 5 - 25 living in Whitchurch may benefit from a charitable fund aimed at helping them with their education such as sports equipment, music lessons etc. Applications received twice a year - for more information search for Whitchurch United Charities, email: <a href="mailto:whitchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com">whitchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com</a> or call 01189844262</p> <p><b>Hosting Ukrainian Family</b>  If you are hosting a Ukrainian family you may be able to access funds from the parish of Checkendon, Contact the vicar Rev Canon K Davies : <a href="mailto:langtreechurches1-office@yahoo.com">langtreechurches1-office@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Help with Heating Homes</b>  Oxfordshire County Council is part of a scheme called Better Housing, Better Health, which can support methods of heating homes giving grants, heating appliances and advice. See <a href="http://bhbh.org.uk">bhbh.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Community Hub Household Support Fund</b>  Please see South Oxfordshire District Council website for ways the community may be able to support you.  <a href="mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk">communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Pupil Premium (top up funds for students)</b>  Please see our website for information regarding Pupil Premium funds: and see <a href="https://langtreeschool.com/pupil-premium/">https://langtreeschool.com/pupil-premium/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Protecting your child online</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Advice for parents regarding online parental controls</a>: if in doubt, call the NSPCC's helpline counsellors on 0808 800 5000</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Supporting your child with concerns or questions about healthy sexual relationships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Online pornography: how to keep your child safe</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Online sexual harassment: pornography, editing photos and body image, sharing nudes, peer pressure, sexualised bullying</a></li> </ul> <p>Please also see our RSE policy on our school website.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Supporting parents knowledge of drugs</b> <a href="#">Information about drugs</a></p> <hr/> <p>National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247 <a href="#">Recognising domestic abuse: NSPCC website</a></p>					
Road Safety	<p>Parents and students must read and agree to the following Cycling to School rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All bicycles must be roadworthy and appropriate for the age of the student in terms of frame size and seat height. All bikes must have brakes that work safely.</li> <li>2. Students must wear a helmet to cycle to and from school and this helmet must be visible to school staff when students enter the school site. Helmets must be stored in lockers during the school day.</li> <li>3. When students leave the Reading Road, they must dismount their bike and walk the bike to the cycle storage areas.</li> <li>4. During the winter months when cycling to and from school in the dark, parents will ensure that students wear reflective clothing and that all bikes have front and rear lights.</li> <li>5. All students will cycle in a safe manner and take into account pedestrians and other school children.</li> <li>6. All students will refrain from listening to music through earphones whilst cycling to school.</li> </ol>					