

# Weekly Bulletin 7th February 2025

Week Commencing 10th February 2025 **WEEK A**

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

13th Feb Year 10 Parents Evening (in person)

14th Feb—Creativity day and the End of Term

24th Feb—start of term 4

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:

### Friday 7th February—Creativity Day:

**Year 7**—Wembley Trip (non school uniform) **Year 8**—Bristol Trip (non school uniform) **Year 9**—CSI Science day—in school (full school uniform)

**Year 10** - Careers Day—in school (smart dress suitable for a mock interview) **Year 11** - Revision and study skills in school (full school uniform)

Please note that if your Year 7 or 8 child is not going on a trip they are still expected to be in school—in their full school uniform—this is a school day and absence without authorisation will be marked as unauthorised.

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

### YEAR 9:

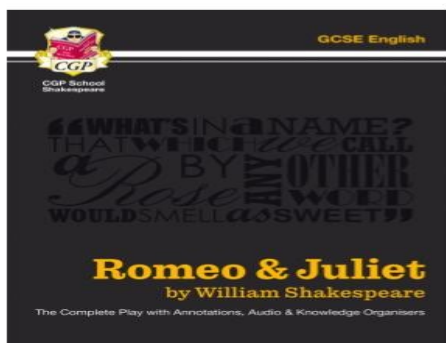
**Year 9—Creativity Day—CSI / Science Day in school. (full school uniform)**

### YEAR 10:

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

## Year 10 Parents and Carers Only - English Literature Set Text

As requested earlier in the week, please purchase a copy of 'Romeo and Juliet' for your son or daughter before Monday 24th February when we move onto Shakespeare! Best part of the year! 😊



Available from [Amazon](#) for £5.95;  
**second hand** from [World of Books](#) for £3.50;  
or from any good bookshop. Just check the ISBN 13  
number before you buy it to make sure it's the right  
version of the text **ISBN 13: 9781841461229**

Students entitled to the PP grant will have their copy provided. We have some preloved copies in the department that we are happy to share; they are a different version of the text so will have different page references.

### YEAR 11:

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

**Year 11—GCSE Food Students:** Coursework and practical exam information: [HERE](#)

**Year 11—information for Year 12** can be found [HERE](#)

### 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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INFORMATION

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# Year 11 English Literature Mock Information

## Monday 10th March

### Section A (30 marks)

#### 'Animal Farm'

A choice of two essay questions; no extract.

### 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.

### 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

## 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/>



# Pilates with Katie

## Monday

Woodcote Village Hall  
7:30 am

Upper Basildon Village Hall  
9:30 am

## Tuesday

Woodcote Village Hall 9:45 am

## Wednesday

Upper Basildon Village Hall 9:45 am

Mixed ability class for all  
Beginners welcome

For more information  
Call Katie  
07773 399 263

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# Half Term 'Hang Out'

[www.graceandgravity.studio/events/workshops](http://www.graceandgravity.studio/events/workshops)

## Hoops of Fun!

**Kids Aerial Hoop with Luana (6-12 years)**  
Thursday 20th February 14.45 - 15.45 £15

## Circus School!

Includes aerial hoop, silks, trapeze, acrobatics, partnering, juggling, and ball balance.

**Kids Aerial Circus with Sabine (9yrs - Teen)**  
Sunday 23rd February 10.00 - 13.00 £45

## Flying Families!

One Adult (required) and up to two children per booking

**Family Aerial Hoop with Luana**  
Thursday 20th February 16.00 - 17.30 £45

**Family Aerial Yoga & Circus with Esther**  
Sunday 2nd March 10.00 - 11.00 - £30

Ask about our  
Flying Circus  
Parties!

**SPECIAL OFFER**

**10% Off with code TREAT10**

Code is valid for one workshop booking

[hello@graceandgravity.studio](mailto:hello@graceandgravity.studio)



Click on the links above or scan the QR code to book

Grace and Gravity Studio, Innovation Annexe, W-13, Howbery Business Park, Wallingford, OX10 8BA



## February 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Thursday  
20th Feb  
19:00 - 20:00  
FREE



**FREE SESSION**  
**Supporting Healthy Screen Use**  
A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday  
3rd Feb  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
11th Feb  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



**Facing Defiance**  
Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
18th Feb  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



**Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness**  
Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday  
25th Feb  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



**Understanding the Teenage Brain**  
A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

Until...

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Chickenpox                                     | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over  |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                         | 48 hours after their last episode  |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | 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. |
| Impetigo                                       | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics  |
| Measles  | 4 days after the rash first appeared   |
| Mumps  | 5 days after the swelling started  |
| Scabies  | they've had their first treatment  |
| Scarlet Fever                                  | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |
| Whooping Cough                                 | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |

## No

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

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

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



## 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.

[Click here to Register](#)

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

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

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Disney  
**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**



## 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<br>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><br/> <b>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs)</b> are holding several webinars for parents.<br/> 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><br/> <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><br/> 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><br/> 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><br/> 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><br/> Please see South Oxfordshire District Council website for ways the community may be able to support you.<br/> <a href="mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk">communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Pupil Premium (top up funds for students)</b><br/> 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>   |                    |                         |                |                 |               |