

Monday 4th to Friday 8th May

2025-26 Student Briefing Notes

Term Week

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# Year 10

[Work Experience - Accessing website and inputting placement details PowerPoint](#)

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May Holiday	<a href="#">IWa IT1/GPi IT2</a>	Assembly <a href="#">Break DT</a> MWi	<a href="#">MWi IT1/SDa IT</a>	<a href="#">Quiz</a>

- 06/05 BBe Is anyone available to help out this evening between 4.30-6.30pm at the year 8 parents' evening? If so, please come and see me at break today.
- 6.5: A reminder that homework club is cancelled today
- 6.05 NO DEBATE after school due to parents evening
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- 5/5 PSi - Please see the [attached sheet](#) outlining who is eligible to apply for Mentor, Student Leader and Senior Student Leader positions. Any concerns of inaccuracies should be addressed to Mr Sinnamon for checking.
- 5.5 Well done - no litter on field after lunch last week - keep it up
- 5/5 PSi If I spoke to you on Friday, please remember to ask your parents to check for the work experience permission slip.
- w/b 5.5 As you know, this week you will be filmed for the **Spoken Language Endorsement** section of your **English Language exam**. As a result, **you will stay in your English Language groups ALL week**. Here are the rooms for your teachers: **Tuesday - English Language rooms as usual** **Wednesday P2 - NPO La1, HQU La2, SBU/MWI En3, ITH En4, KSM En1, JHO En2** **Thursday P5 - NPO Hu4, HQU En2, SBU/MWI En3, ITH En4, KSM En1, JHO Hu1**
- 27/04 Your parents have received a letter about a trip to Berlin for GCSE History students next summer (NB you will have technically finished school so please bear this in mind). They have been asked to complete an expression of interest - the deadline for this is tomorrow

# Year 11

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Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
Silent Revision	<a href="#">Turbo tutor time</a>	Revision in silence	<a href="#">Turbo tutor time</a>	Revision
Revision Sessions				
Lunch: Lunch: Maths Clinic After school: Music and PE (SC1)	3:05 Art (Ar2) After school: Music	3:05 English (En1) After school: Music	<b>Lunch:</b> Romeo and Juliet EN1 - bring your food. Prompt start	<b>Lunch:</b> A Christmas Carol EN1 3:05: Geography (Hu4 History revision until 4.30pm (HU2)) After school: Music

- 6/5 Please can all Year 11 GCSE PE students that attended the moderation yesterday meet me at food tech at the start of break time.
- 6.5: A reminder that homework club is cancelled today
- 06/02 NSM. For clarity- Students must not draw or write on the front of their exam paper. Students may only fill in the front of the paper when they have been asked to do (name, cand no etc). Don't forget to use full legal name and sign the paper if it requires it. Updated Exam slideshow as a reminder of rules/expectations [here](#)
- 5.05 NO DEBATE after school due to parents evening
- 06/05 TW revision in EN1 for English Language 3-**3.45 (slightly earlier end)** due to Parents' Evening)
- 05/5 JAL: There is a knife crime charity talk in the hall on THURSDAY 7TH MAY. Please refrain from using the hall between 11.20-12.30. You are able to use the lower canteen and courtyards for your lunch. Thanks!
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Useful Links

[Detentions](#)

[Equipment check](#)

[Term 5 Sports Rota](#)

[Quiz](#) or

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/the-rundown-itv-news-daily-update-for-teenagers/d0sgv38>

# Putting Learning First at Langtree



The Term 6 Mobile Phone Policy Trial.  
Starting 1st June 2026.

# Creating a calm, focussed and connected school day.



## Headspace and Calm

Removing the constant pressure of notifications to help you focus entirely on your learning.



## Real-World Connection

Fostering meaningful, face-to-face socialisation with your peers.



## Protecting Wellbeing

Stepping away from the anxieties and expectations of social media for seven hours a day.

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# Escaping the Digital Pull

Backed by Department for Education guidance, this policy gives you permission to completely **disconnect** while on the school site.



## The Digital Pull

Smartphones are designed to constantly pull your **attention away**, causing exhaustion and anxiety.

The School Gate: Focus Boundary



## Analog Clarity

Large-scale studies prove that **phone-free** environments significantly **boost academic progress** and reduce off-topic chatter.

# The Golden Rule:



**Not Seen.  
Not Heard.**



## Point 1

Applies to every student, everywhere on the school site.

## Point 2

Includes lessons, transitions, breaks, lunchtimes, and after-school clubs.

## Point 3

If a device is seen or heard by a member of staff, the rule is broken.

# Key Stage 3 Faces a Total Smart-Tech Ban

Years 7, 8



## Total Prohibition

You are not permitted to bring smartphones or **equivalent smart technology** (including smartwatches or internet-enabled wearables) onto the school site.








## The Commute Exception

You may bring a basic 'brick' phone solely to ensure safety while travelling.

This basic phone **must be switched off (not on silent)** and stored securely in your bag immediately upon arrival.

# Defining Acceptable Travel Tech for Key Stage 3

Only basic devices incapable of internet access are permitted for your journey to and from Langtree.

Acceptable	Brick vs. Smart Anatomical Diagram	Banned
		
		 <p>If the device can run apps, access social media, take photos, or connect to Wi-Fi, it is a smartphone and must be left at home.</p>

# Key Stage 4 Must Keep Devices Off and Away

## Years (9), 10 and 11

Because you have off-site privileges at lunchtime, you are permitted to bring smartphones for your commute.

However, these devices must be completely switched off and kept out of sight in your bags at all times while on the school site.

The 'Not Seen, Not Heard' rule applies without exception.



# The Policy at a Glance

Despite the differences, the baseline is identical: zero digital distractions during the school day.

	Current Years 7 & 8 (will include 9s in September)	Current Years 9 & 10 (will not include 9s in September)
Smartphones allowed on site?		
Basic 'brick' phones allowed for travel?		
Rule while on school grounds?	Total Ban / Switched off in bag	Switched off and out of sight in bag

# Clear Boundaries Require Consistent Sanctions



**Device is Seen or  
Heard on Site**



**Device Confiscated  
by Staff Member**



**Device Stored Securely  
in the School Office**

If you break the rule, your phone will be confiscated immediately.

Headteachers and authorised staff have the statutory power backed by the Department for Education to search for and confiscate prohibited items.

Staff will not debate the confiscation. The process is a matter of school policy, not personal negotiation.

# Retrieving Confiscated Devices



## End of Day Collection

Allowed for a confiscated KS4 smartphone, or a confiscated KS3 basic 'brick' phone.



## Parent/Guardian Collection Required

Mandatory if a KS3 student brings a banned smartphone to school, or for repeated confiscations of a KS3 basic phone.

# Strict Exceptions for Medical Needs



Exemptions are granted strictly on a case-by-case basis by school leadership for specific physical health conditions.

For example:  
Students with diabetes who require a smartphone for monitoring glucose levels.

These accommodations are pre-arranged with parents and documented in advance. No informal exceptions will be made.

# We Have You Covered for Emergencies



**You do not need a smartphone to be safe or connected to your family.**

**The School Office remains the primary communication hub.**

**If you need to contact home for an emergency, report to School Reception or your Head of Year. We will facilitate the call.**

***Parents are aware they must contact the office, not your personal device, to reach you.***

# Replacing the Tech with Physical Tools



## Student Diaries

We will provide physical diaries to help you manage timetables and homework (a slimline in-house version for Term 6, moving to a full diary in September).



## Satchel One

Homework and communication will still be managed through this platform, accessible via school devices or safely at home.



## Travel Passes

Students currently using digital bus passes on their phones must transition to physical hard copies for their commute.

# This is a Trial Beginning 1st June 2026



We are testing this policy during Term 6 to see the positive impact on our school community.

All rules and sanctions will be strictly enforced during this entire trial period.

We will evaluate the trial and use what we learn together to refine the policy for the next academic year.



# Putting Learning First, Together.

Thank you for your maturity  
as we make this transition.

You are more than  
your screens.

Langtree is investing in your real-  
world experience, your headspace,  
and your academic excellence.