



Year 11 Leavers and Exams: A major focus this term has been ensuring our Year 11 students are fully prepared for their public exams. They celebrated the official end of their time at Langtree on Friday, 1st May, enjoying the customary fancy dress, quizzes, assemblies, and a visit from an ice cream van (with a huge thank you to the PTA for providing this!). They seem to have coped extremely well with the first block of exams and we wish them well for the ones still to come after the break.

Facilities Update: While we were disappointed that our application to the DfE for Urgent Capital Support (UCS) for the Drama Studio ceiling was rejected, we did receive some excellent news this week. We have been awarded a government Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) Grant to undertake much needed work on our drainage systems. This will resolve our ongoing plumbing issues and save the school the recurring expense of calling out plumbers.

Staff Recognition: I would like to publicly recognise the sensational work of our admin team. Alongside their already extensive workload, they have stepped up to cover the attendance officer role following the recent departure of the post holder. Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

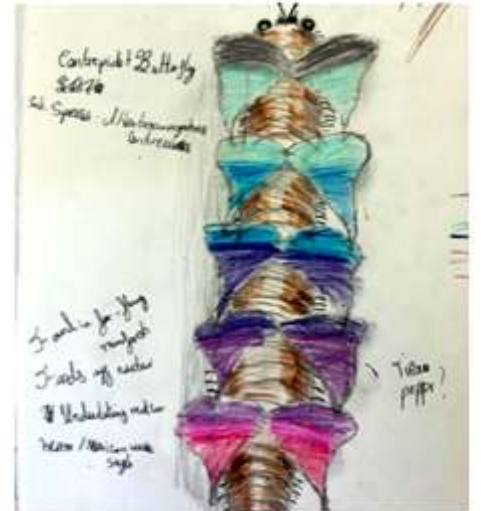
Debating Success at the Oxford Union: A large group of students involved in debating this term had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Oxford Union to watch a debate on the current state of the monarchy. Not only did they witness an engaging and interesting discussion, but a few of our students even had the incredible chance to speak at this illustrious venue.

Our athletes also performed incredibly well at the recent district athletics tournament. The number of individual successes is too many to mention here but special mention to the the year 8 boys team who came second in the overall competition and the year 7 girls team who won and were crowned district champions. Not bad for little old Langtree competing against much bigger schools.

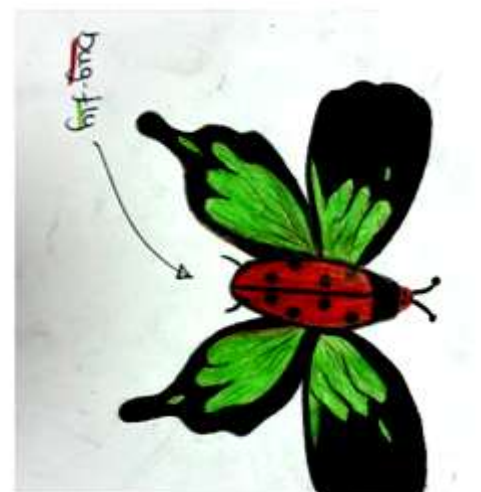
Revised Mobile Phone Policy: finally a reminder that due to changes in national expectations for schools, we have had to revise our Mobile Phone Policy. We will be trialing a new strategy during Term 6. Under this trial, smartphones will be banned completely for KS3 students. KS4 students will be permitted to retain their phones on their person, but they must not use them at any time while in school. We will review this approach during the final term to determine whether to extend the complete prohibition or roll the complete ban up the school as the students progress. I know this has not met with universal approval and will cause some short term issues but I am confident that this is the correct and proportionate response to the upcoming legislation.

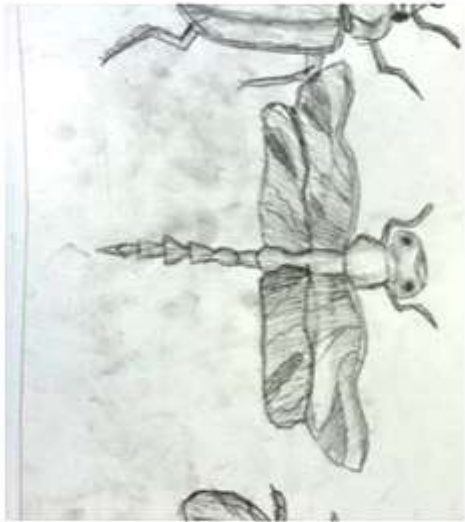
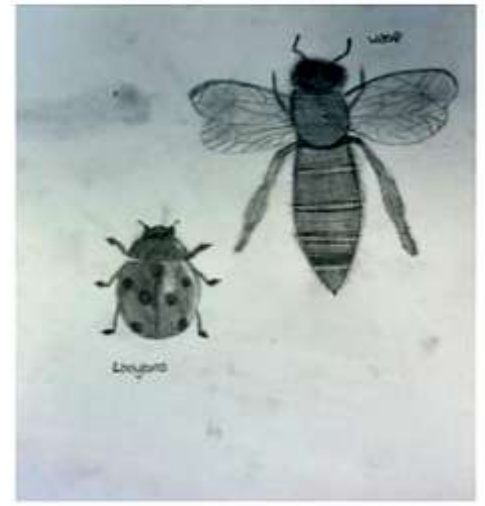
Simon Bamford, Headteacher.



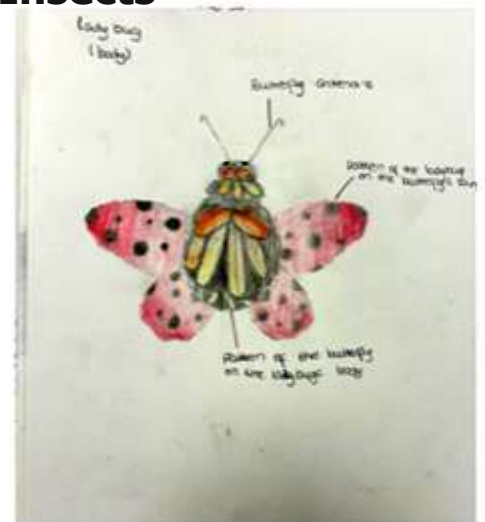
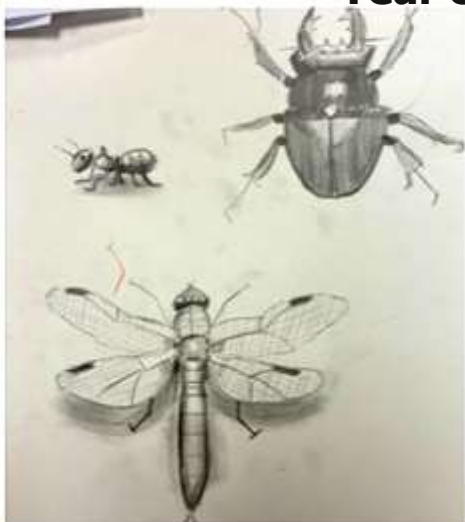


Year 8 Art—Insects and Hybrid Insects





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Beyond Langtree.....

Channon in Year 7 travelled to Greece with the Oxford United Academy.

Oxford United fate decided in dramatic penalty shootout

The Long Journey. First of all my journey to Greece was long and tiring as we went on a 3 and a half hour flight, followed by a bus journey to the hotel called Eona Beach Resort. When we arrived at the hotel we firstly had dinner, then we went to our hotel rooms getting ready for the upcoming days.

Tournament. The international two day football tournament had big teams such as Benfica, Porto, Eintracht Frankfurt, Paok FC and Malmo FC, to name a few. We battled hard against players and teams that were a year older and physically stronger. My team qualified for the Bronze cup and scored its way into the final, without losing a game. The spirits were high and we all felt excited. We faced a strong opponent and drew, so we had to face a penalty shootout. Nerves on the edge. The deciding goal was sadly saved and so we came second after all. Not what we have hoped for. Yet it is a great experience to play football in such circumstance and against great opponents.

The Hotel. The hotel was really exiting and fun as some crazy stuff happened during the time we were in the hotel. The food was good, the hotel was massive and we got to do a quiz night on the day before we left. Then one of my teammates decided to get a haircut, lost in translation. We went to the beach to play football and so much more. The hotel was overall a great and fun experience.

The Beach and the Journey Home. The beach was right next to the hotel, all we had to do was cross the road. When we got to the beach we played 2 touch and played against the coaches in a match. My team then decided to get into the ice cold water after we finished the footballing day. The journey home was scary as during the flight we experienced turbulences a number of times but we made it to England after all, and after a long and exiting experience of our tour in Greece it all came to an end. **Channan**



Beyond Langtree.....

Dexter, Nath and Marius were all selected to play for the **Vale of Whitehorse County Football Team** this year. The team have had a very successful season, and reached the final of the Meeson Trophy Cup Competition which is contested by U13 County teams in the South of England. All three boys had an excellent game beating Southampton 70, with Nath scoring a hatrick and Dexter also scoring a goal. Well done Dexter, Nath and Marius, we are all very proud of your achievements!



Beyond Langtree.....

Arty is really committed to his golf and now practices and plays daily. He's worked really hard on his handicap and that's 100% driven by scoring in competitions rather than general course play. Last season he won the U12's Order of Merit for the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Counties tour and is now part of the 12 players in the U14's county squad. Last year he also had success winning the Junior Club Championships at both Henley GC and The Caversham and also won various British Junior Golf Tour events and the Tyrell Hatton Masters. Not surprisingly his goal is to pursue a career in golf.

This year started with wins at Surbiton and Coventry in the Rob Rock tour and Arty has brought his handicap down again, to 5. Then onto the first of his County matches against Surrey and Hampshire and then hopefully the Berks & Oxfordshire schools event at The Caversham. Arty writes "On the 27th April I played in the Oxfordshire Schools England golf competition. I didn't play my best golf and I finished +8 and missed the cut by 2 but it was a great experience and I'm looking forward to the next England golf event. But I've had a good start to the season and won the U14s county matches." Arty S



Congratulations to our Year 10 GCSE Drama students!

They have finished this term with impressively creative devised pieces.

Designers and performers have done themselves proud



Year 7 Students brought their Bunraku puppets to life!

Bunraku is the traditional puppet theater of Japan, originating in Osaka in the 17th century.



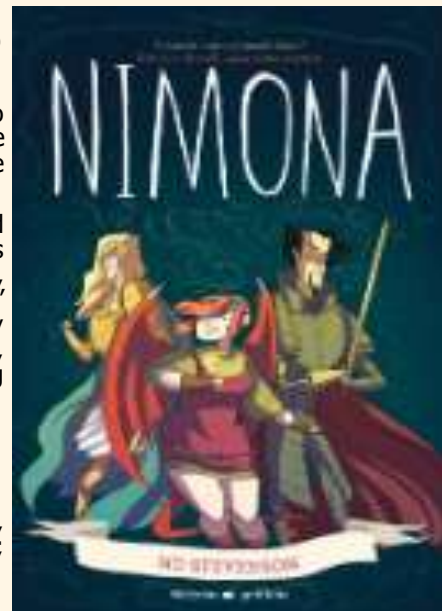
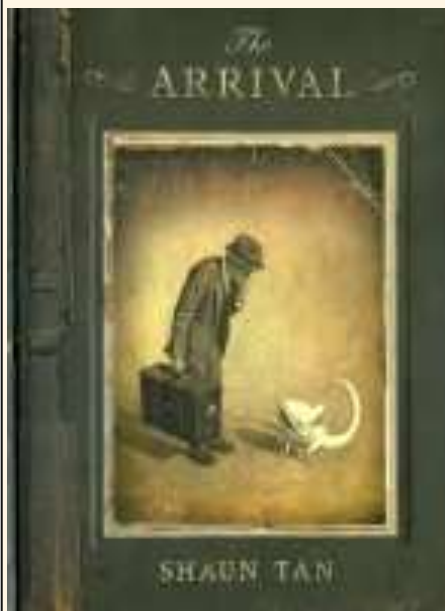
Year 8 and Year 9 Online Book Group

Our online book groups met again this term to discuss Terry Pratchett's "The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents" (year 8) and Angie Thomas's "The Hate U Give" (year 9).

Terry Pratchett's classic was met with a mixed reaction with year 8, whilst year 9 readers adored "The Hate U Give". They found that, whilst brutal in places with some "choice" language, the themes of racism and identity were explored brilliantly by Angie Thomas, making it a really important read for young adults.

Our final choices next term are two graphic novels, "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan (year 8) and "Nimona" (year 9).

If you'd like to take part for the final session, please contact: Mrs MaunderHand; kmaunderhand@langtreeschool.com



Congratulations to the Year 10 Rounders Team who won every match at the Area Rounders Tournament.



You played exceptionally well, and represented the school wonderfully by being competitive and always displaying great sportsmanship. Well done!

Year 9 and 10 cricket team at the Aston Rowant six a side tournament



At the recent Area Athletics Event at Tilsley Park, Abingdon Langtree produced some excellent results. On Thursday 14th May, over 50 students attended the Tilsley Park Athletics Competition, where they competed against seven other schools in running, jumping, and throwing events. Every student performed brilliantly and was a credit to the school through their behaviour, teamwork, and support for students across all year groups to achieve their best. Some of the many outstanding performances were:

Year 7 Girls Team 1ST in the OVERALL competition.

- Thea O 1st in the 100m and 200m heats and finals / 2nd in Long Jump.
- Daisy R 1st in 800m finals
- Isla C 1st in 1500m
- Issy C 3rd in 800m finals
- Girls Relay team 1st
- Boys relay team 3rd

Year 8 Boys Team 2nd in the OVERALL competition.

- Nath D 1st in the 100m and 200m heats and Finals / 2nd in Long Jump
- Gillan D 3rd in the 100m Finals
- Sol G 2nd in 800m Finals
- Jessica T 3rd in 100m Finals
- Asha B 3rd in 800m
- Juliet Am 3rd in 1500m
- Boys Relay Team 1st
- Girls Relay Team 3rd

Year 9

- Ollie J 3rd in Javelin
- Zara A 3rd in 300m / 2nd in Shot Putt
- Charlotte S 3rd in 1500m

Year 10

- Jake M 2nd in 800m
- Oscar PH 2nd in 1500m
- Caitlin K 3rd in 100m and 200m Finals
- Alexia C 2nd in 1500m
- Penny DL 3rd in 1500m
- Sara S 2nd in Shot Putt
- Boys Relay 2nd



Massive congratulations to everyone involved





Year 11 Celebration Day



Thank you to the PTA for providing all Year 11 with an ice cream.



Good luck for the rest of your exams and your life after Langtree





KS3 Surf Weekend 2026



Sam's Memorial Match in aid of the Meningitis Research Foundation



On the 28th of March, Year 10 Citizenship students hosted a football fundraiser as part of our GCSE Active Citizenship project. We raised money in memory of Sam Godwin, a former student who sadly lost his life to Meningitis last year.

Throughout the day, Year 10 students played a series of football games, with the main match taking place later on, which featured Sam's brother and his friends. It was so fantastic to welcome back to school so many former Langtree students.

Alongside the football, we ran a refreshment stall, a raffle, a bracelet stand, and a few other stalls. At the end of the day there were presentations of cups and awards to the winning speech and heartfelt speeches of thanks and appreciation from Sam Godwin's Mum and Sam's best friend and former student Harry Roberts.

Thanks to the number of kind donations we had received from local businesses and supporters, including the local pub the Red Lion we managed to raise a total of £1,258.15 on the day.

All the money raised has gone to the Meningitis Research Foundation, supporting vital research into prevention, treatment, and awareness of Meningitis. Harriet B



KS 3 Science Fair 2026

Congratulations to all those who entered the KS3 Science Fair 2026, the standard was really high this year. The winner this year was Maya with Theo as the runner up, well done all.



UK Mathematics Challenges – 2026

Some of our top mathematics students in each year group entered the national Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenges recently, run by The University of Leeds, with some outstanding results. Overall there were 13 Gold Awards, 36 silver awards and 41 bronze awards. Congratulations to all who participated! Mr Jones

The GOLD winners were:

Laurie H Y7 Sienna W Y8 Tess H Y8 Khubaib S Y8 Pippa SS Y8 Samuel T Y8 Luke W Y8 Will F Y9
Jamie B Y10 Felix R Y11 Adam R Y11 Joshua S Y11 Noah WR Y11

Inter House Chess Tournament 2026

Chess Club has thrived this year with attendance regularly around the 40 mark every Friday lunchtime. As a result, Mr Jones decided to run Langtree's first ever Interhouse Chess Competition. With 32 chess players ranging from complete beginners to county level, it was an incredibly entertaining competition with quick victories, longer hard-fought matches and even several stalemates. Blue House only entered 5 players but they still managed to overcome the odds and win the competition! Red House, having 10 players in the tournament managed to come 2nd, with Green in third followed by Yellow.

It was a thrilling final between Duncan W (Year 9) of Red House and Charlie D (Year 7) of Blue House. After an entertaining opening they whittled down their pieces to just pawns and bishops and after a brilliant sacrifice of a bishop by Charlie it was a guaranteed victory for him. Congratulations to all who participated!

By semi-finalist, Luke W (Year 8)



Achievement Points Cup Winners

Attendance Points Cup Winners

Year 7: 7JAI with 702
Year 8: 8NPo with 681
Year 9: 9MLO with 446

Year 7: 7NDa with 97.1%
Year 8: 8HQu/KMH with 95.57%
Year 9: 9MLO with 95.44%



Langtree School 2026 - 2027 Term Dates Calendar

Please note that these are the dates for the start and end of term for 2026 / 2027. Dates for the INSET days to be added.

TERM 1	Tuesday 1st September 2026	Inset Day - no students in school
	Wednesday 2nd September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students - Induction Day
	Thursday 3rd September	Start of Term 1 for all other students.
	Thursday 17th September	School closes at 12.30pm (Open evening)
	Friday 18th September	SPONSORED WALK - all students expected in school
	Friday 23rd October 2026	END of TERM 1 for students (As normal 3pm)
October Break – 24th October – 1st November 2026		
TERM 2	Monday 2nd November	Start of Term 2
	Friday 18th December 2026	END of TERM 2 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)
Christmas Holiday – 19th December – 3rd January 2027		
TERM 3	Monday 4th January 2027	Start of Term 3
	Friday 12th February 2027	END of TERM 3 (As normal 3pm)
February Break – 13th February – 21st February 2027		
TERM 4	Monday 22nd February	Start of Term 4
	Thursday 25th March 2027	END of TERM 4 (As normal 3pm)
Easter Holiday – 26th March - 11th April 2027		
TERM 5	Monday 12 th April	Start of Term 5
	Monday 3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
	Friday 28th May 2027	END of TERM 5 (As normal 3pm)
May Holiday – 29th May – 6th June 2027		
TERM 6	Monday 7th June	Start of Term 6
	12th July to 16th July	Activities Week
	Tuesday 20th July 2027	END of TERM 6 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)

LANGTREE SCHOOL IS NOW 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 unnamed 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: 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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