

LOVE OUR LANGTREE

Please come along and help tidy up our school grounds and improve our learning environment

Saturday 10th October 09.00-12.00

Gardening, sweeping, tidying, weeding

A lot of tea, cake and camaraderie!

Satisfaction guaranteed!

Please bring: Sweeping brushes, dustpans and brushes, garden forks, garden waste containers, secateurs, weeding tools, hoes/scraping tools, wheelbarrows, strong muscles, gardening gloves, power tools and as many willing helpers as you can!

If you can't join us, could you donate something instead? Please get in touch to discuss any possible donations

**RSVP TO: Clare Hodges
clarerawlins@hotmail.com**

Thank you so much for making a difference

Weekly Bulletin 5th October 2026		Week Commencing 12th October 2026 Week A	
Please report any student absence ideally before 8.00am Please email: 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 Ms Wood, SENCo and Deputy Safeguarding Lead swood@langtreeschool.com Mrs Belcher, Head of Year 7 & 8, Deputy Safeguarding Lead 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 .	
Love OUR Langtree - 10th Octotber	Important Dates		Friday 23rd October End of Term 1 School finish as normal at 3.00pm
Y11 GCSE Geography Field Trip 19th to 21st October 2026			
Sports Club LIST Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs LIST			
The Langtree PTA PTA Update: Love our Langtree is taking place on the 10th of October from 9am-12pm (see poster for details) Our PTA AGM is being held on the 12th of October, everyone is invited, so come along and support your local committee. CHANGE OF VENUE: The AGM will now take place at Langtree school in Room C1 (Accessed via the SportsHall) from 7.30pm. The PTA will be running the Whitchurch Coffee shop on the 17th of October . Please pop along and enjoy a hot drink and a slice of cake. Located in the stables in Whitchurch on Thames near the Ferry Boat Pub from 10.30am to 12.30pm Murder Mystery evening 13th November - please note this has now been postponed until the new year. We will update you soon.			
General Relationship and Sex Education Policy: Please find a copy of our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy for your information. We review our policy annually and welcome comments and feedback from both staff and parents/carers. Last year, our Student Council also reviewed the policy and were happy with its content.If you have any comments or feedback, please contact Ms Allen, our PSHE Co-ordinator, at jallen@langtreeschool.com . Thank you for taking the time to read and engage with our policy. Read the POLICY HERE REMINDER: If your child is leaving school before the end of the day for an appointment - they MUST sign out at the school office. Students should also sign in at the school office if they arrive after 8.40am in the morning. School Health Nurse - Newsletter Autumn 2026 can be read HERE			
WHOLE SCHOOL FLU IMMUNISATION Please read the letter HERE consent required - online via the NHS - full details are contained in the letter.			
Year 7 Year 7 online bookgroup: This is a book group run by the English Dept with an aim to encourage and celebrate independent reading for our Year 7s - and their parents! The book group will take place once a half term, after school and online. It will last for half an hour. If you are interested in finding out more, including which books to read and when, please complete this short survey by Friday 16th October. Thank you. Mrs Maunder-Hand SURVEY HERE Year 7 Creativity Day 12th November 2026: We are pleased to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to visit Warwick Castle on Thursday 12th November 2026. As part of Creativity Day students will be visiting the medieval castle developed from a wooden fort originally built by William the Conqueror in 1066, have an opportunity to visit the dungeon, and participate in a Sword and Battle Skills session delivered by Castle staff. Full details can be found on the LETTER HERE			
Year 8 Year 8 Creativity Day 12th November 2026: Modern Foreign Languages Day. During the day, students will attend a play performed in French / Spanish, take part in sessions of flamenco dancing, Football sessions, Boules and Art in French and Spanish. Please read the letter HERE and give consent though ScoPay			
Year 9			
Year 10 Year 10 GCSE English Theatre Trip - A Christmas Carol - please read this LETTER for more information			
Year 11 Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable HERE Year 11 GCSE English Theatre Trip - A Christmas Carol - please read this LETTER for more information			
LOST PROPERTY: We already seem to have a vast amount of lost property. To help us return lost item PLEASE can you name your child’s uniform and PE kit. Then, when items are found they can be returned to their owner, rather than joining the increasing amount of un-named lost items.			

Woodcote Food fair, back by popular demand!

Food lovers in Woodcote and the surrounding villages have a date to put in their autumn diaries, as the Woodcote Food Fair returns this October for its fourth edition.

Taking place on **Sunday 25 October 2026, from 10.30am to 2.30pm**, the popular event makes full use of Woodcote Village Hall and the adjoining village car park to bring together a tempting selection of artisan food and drink producers celebrating the very best of our local and regional producers.

Visitors can expect a wide and carefully selected variety of produce; from award-winning cheeses, locally grown vegetables and freshly baked breads to handcrafted truffles, small-batch preserves, locally produced honey and premium spirits. Expect to see many of Woodcote's favourite traders including the Fungi Farmer, Henley Distillery, the Artisan Loaf Maker, Cherry Me, Ethel's Pies and Johnny Hot Stuff, to name a few, as well as lots of new ones including the Fabulous Fruit Co., Mei's Homemade and Fettle Foods. The real highlight of the Food Fair is the opportunity to discover new products, to

meet the producers, find out more about their products and how they are made. Whether you're searching for ingredients for your next dinner party, an indulgent treat for yourself, or an early Christmas gift, you'll find plenty to inspire you. It's the perfect opportunity to stock up on your favourite ingredients or pick up something special to take home. For shoppers already thinking ahead to Christmas, the fair is also an ideal opportunity to find unique food and drink gifts while supporting small independent producers.

Woodcote Food Fair has always been about more than simply shopping for food. It brings people together, gives local producers an opportunity to showcase their products and helps support the village hall, making it a real celebration of community with plenty of culinary appeal. With a pop-up tea room, hot street food, artisan coffee and lively local music, there's plenty to make it worthy of a visit. So, if you're a passionate foodie or simply enjoy a relaxed trip with friends and family, Woodcote Food Fair promises to be one of the tastiest events in the local calendar. So, wrap up, come hungry and bring your shopping bags!

Whether you're a regular visitor or have yet to experience the don't forget to save the date of Sunday 25th October. We look forward to seeing you.

Woodcote Food Fair: Sunday 25 October 2026, 10.30am–2.30pm at Woodcote Village Hall, Reading Road, Woodcote, RG8 0QY FREE Entry and parking woodcotevillagehall.com/woodcotefoodfair/

WOODCOTE Food Fair



Sunday 25th October

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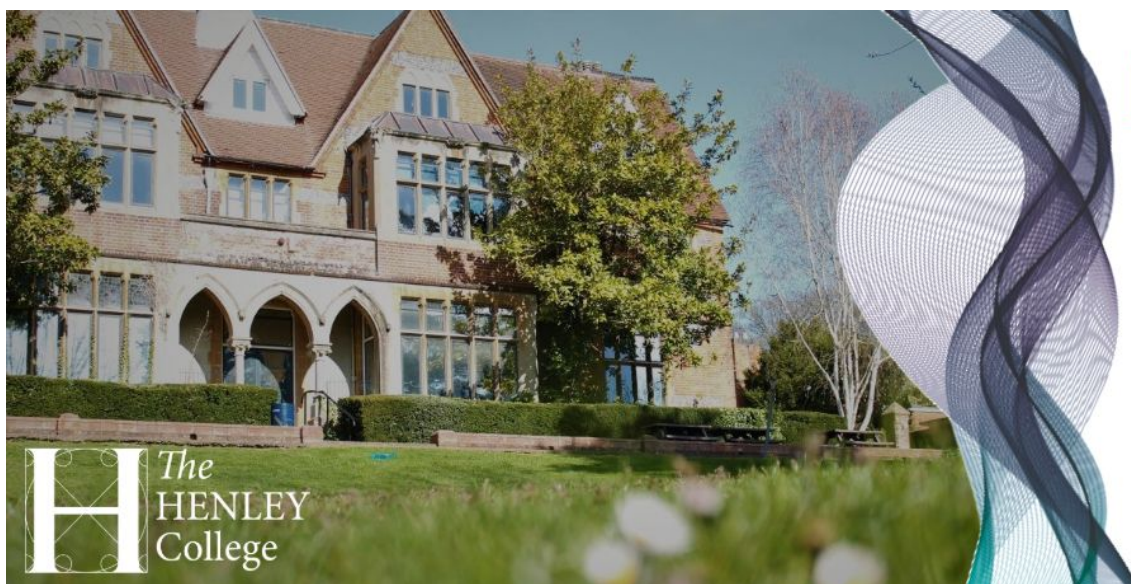
SIXTH FORM SUBJECT FAIR
WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER - 17:30 TO 19:30
SIXTH FORM TOURS - 9AM 12TH NOVEMBER 2026



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR OUR
OPEN EVENTS PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE OR
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and students, and tour our facilities.

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INFORMATION EVENTS

**THURSDAY 15TH
OCTOBER
5:30PM-8:00PM**

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Playwriting Opportunity

Would you like to co-write a brand-new play?

We are inviting local young creatives to write and submit a five-minute scene. Scenes will be knitted together to create a vignette-style play. The play will have public performances in July 2027. No experience necessary!

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Apply by 6 November 2026

Woodcote Scarecrow Trail "Celebrity Cats" Take Over the Village!

This October half term, the **1st Goring Heath Scouts** are launching their very first **Woodcote Scarecrow Trail**.

We're asking residents of Woodcote and local businesses to create a **cat-themed scarecrow** to display outside their home/business during the trail week.

Each entry costs **£5**, and there's a **cash prize** for the best scarecrow — so grab your hay sacks, dust off your hats, and start crafting your star-studded cat!

Prize money kindly donated by:

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1st Prize - £50

2nd Prize - £20

3rd Prize - £10

To enter, simply email your ideas to goringheathscouts@gmail.com or go to www.tinyurl.com/1GHWCCCT.

Closing date for entries:
17th October 2026.



Scouts
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when there are no
matches)



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be part of a great
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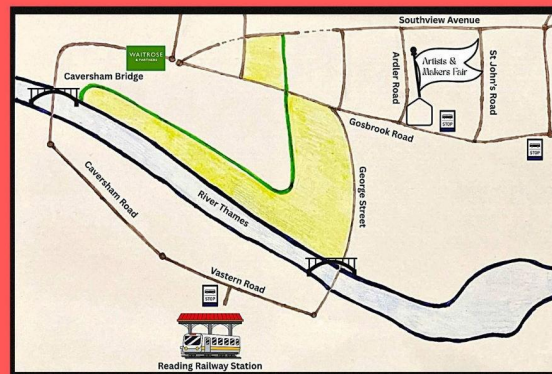
SHORT STORY COMPETITION

2027”

ENTRIES OPEN: 14 SEPTEMBER CLOSING DATE: 15 NOVEMBER

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

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Please support you PTA in any way you are able.

If you have any questions, contact the PTA Chair

pta-chair@langtreeschool.com

The PTA are now registered with Easy Fundraising

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



Opportunity to borrow a telescope!

Due to the efforts of the PTA, the science department has managed to secure funding to purchase an entry level telescope. We would like to give students the opportunity to borrow the telescope for a week so that they can be inspired to look at the stars.

The telescope would obviously need to be taken good care of, returned on time and in the same condition as it was when it was received.

All safety instructions would also need to be followed which can be found in the booklet that comes with it.

If your child would like to register an expression of interest in borrowing the telescope please ask them to do so by contacting Mr Brown via email: kbrown@langtreeschool.com

Yours sincerely
Keith Brown
Head of Physics

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Save The Date

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Rotherfield Hall, Henley College



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THURSDAY
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Importance of Healthy Eating and Sleeping

Although this may seem like an obvious piece of advice, eating healthily and having good sleeping habits isn't something that all of our students take as seriously as they should.

In our well being survey this academic year, 9.9% of our students who responded said that they did not eat breakfast in the morning and 21.5% said they sometimes did.

39.8% of the respondents said that they keep their phones in their bedroom when they sleep and 18.6% said they sometimes do. 38.2% of the respondents said that they do not have their phones in their bedrooms when they sleep.

If students have smart phones in their room, they may still be using their devices during the night which will impact on their sleep.

Eating healthily and having quality sleep is important for all our students. We are particularly mindful of our Year 11s who are entering their exam period. Some of the duration of the exams are very long - with English Language Paper 2 being 2 hours and 5 minutes (and some students will have extra time). Therefore, it is crucial to ensure healthy habits are adopted.

Sleep

Getting enough sleep is essential for students as it directly impacts their physical and mental health, as well as their academic performance. Satisfactory sleep helps in consolidating information learned throughout the day, improving memory, concentration, and problem-solving abilities. Students who are well-rested are more likely to be alert, attentive, and engaged during classes, leading to better retention of knowledge.

Healthy eating

Maintaining a healthy diet is crucial because it provides the necessary nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being. A balanced diet ensures that students receive the essential vitamins, minerals, and macronutrients needed for optimal physical and cognitive functioning. A nutritious diet supports healthy brain function, enhances focus and attention, and boosts the immune system, thereby reducing absenteeism due to illness. Breakfast is a really important meal of the day and it is important to note that if some students skip breakfast, they are not eating from dinner time until 11.00 am the following morning. If students skip eating at breakfast, their next opportunity to eat is 13.20. We do see some of our students experience 'hanger' moments! Please do make sure your child has appropriate snacks / packed lunch / money for them to last throughout the day.



Avoiding energy drinks

It's important for students to refrain from consuming energy drinks due to their potential negative effects on health and academic performance. Energy drinks often contain high levels of caffeine and sugar, which can lead to increased heart rate, restlessness, and difficulty concentrating. They can also disrupt sleep patterns, leading to fatigue and reduced alertness during classes. Encouraging students to stay hydrated with water or natural fruit juices is a healthier alternative.

Energy drinks are banned at Langtree. If we see students consuming these drinks, we will confiscate them.

Well Being Provision at Langtree

Implementation	7	8	9		10	11
All	Transition		Transition			Transition
All	Assemblies will always be guided by our core values of Courtesy, Respect and Integrity Tutor activities follow 5 ways to well being: 1. Connect with people. 2. Be active 3. Take notice of the world around you 4. Keep learning 5. Give back 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.					
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 that they can use / Resources on the Student Tab for wellbeing					
Targeted Groups	Attendance	Resilience	Connections	Young Carers	Leadership	Exam support
Individual work	- Report to tutor, HOY, SLT - CAMHs referral - Nomad: mentoring service - ELSA support - REACH mentoring			1 to 1 interviews with PP students in 7&8 - Peer mentor - Year 11 students mentor younger years - School nurse •Early Help Assessment (EHA) work with family: Oxford County Council		
Parental support	Supporting your child with their mental health: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs) are holding several free webinars for parents. Please use this link to find out more information. CAMHs offer Parent-led support groups, where you can meet others with shared experiences, ask questions, and talk openly in a safe and understanding environment. Professionally led webinars, offering practical advice and information on commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns please use the above link. Useful websites: - Supporting well being: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/ - A useful leaflet Coping with self - harm: A guide for parents and carers - Supporting well Being https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/ - Please also signpost your child to Langtree’s Student Well Being page on the school website. - Supporting young people with grief: https://seesaw.org.uk/ Financial advice: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/getting-financial-advice/ Advice regarding housing Food Banks: Wallingford Whitchurch United: 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: whitchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com or call 01189844262 Hosting Ukranian Family If you are hosting a Ukranian family you may be able to access funds from the parish of Checkendon, Contact the vicar Rev Canon K Davies : langtreechurches1-office@yahoo.com Help with Heating Homes 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 bhbh.org.uk Community Hub Household Support Fund Please see South Oxfordshire District Council website for ways the community may be able to support you. communitysupport@southoxfordshire.gov.uk Pupil Premium (top up funds for students) Please see our website for information regarding Pupil Premium funds: and see https://langtreeschool.com/pupil-premium/ Protecting your child online Advice for parents regarding online parental controls: if in doubt, call the NSPCC’s trained helpline counselors on 0800 800 5000 Supporting your child with concerns or questions about healthy sexual relationships Online pornography: how to keep your child safe Online sexual harassment: pornography, editing photos and body image, sharing nudes, peer pressure, sexualised bullying Please also see our RSE policy on our school website. Supporting parents knowledge of drugs: Information about drugs Domestic abuse support: National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247. Recognising domestic abuse: NSPCC website a2dominion : domestic abuse support services Bright Sky website and app offering practical support and guidance on domestic abuse - practical support					
Road Safety:	Parents and students must read and agree to the following Cycling to School rules: - 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. - 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. - When students leave the Reading Road, they must dismount their bike and walk the bike to the cycle storage areas. - 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. - All students will cycle in a safe manner and take into account pedestrians and other school children. - All students will refrain from listening to music through earphones whilst cycling to school.					