

Dear applicants,

I hope that you all had a fantastic half term and were able to have time to yourselves and recharge ready for the rest of the year. When you receive this, I hope that you are preparing or even back in school. If you are anything like our Year 11 students, you are all ready and raring to go.

A reminder, you should have received an email from LPGS informing you that a follow up Teams Meeting will be sent over the next three weeks. This is for our Sixth Form Transition Meetings. This will be the first time we get to meet you (virtually) and we are ALL looking forward to it. You have been intentionally assigned members of staff that have experience with your subject choices and we will be able to advise you on the choices and options available to you. You do not need to prep for this, other than considering why LPGS over other schools. Please let us know in advance if you are unable to attend, we can reschedule to the April interviews. Thank you all in advance.

On Thursday 4th March, LPGS had their third digital detox day, we will share with you images next KIT! We know how valuable that they have been in the past and hope you have had a chance to do the same.

There are plenty of things to look forward to and plenty of positivity on the horizon. Our Year 12 Prefects have hosted their own assemblies, one around wellbeing. It focused on the positives that are coming up, and things to look forward to. Our question to you is ... what are you most looking forward to?

Mr Watkins is looking forward to seeing his family and going on city breaks again!

Have a fantastic week – Mr Watkins, Head of Key Stage 5.

Crisis Step Forward Campaign.

At LPGS we have raised over £3,000 for Crisis in 2020. We are continuing the support, even during difficult times. If you are interested in joining then please register, track your steps and spread the word with **#CrisisStepForward**. Join our Step Challenge, Step Forward To End Homelessness, this March.

International Women's Day

This year our Feminist Society is hosting an assembly specifically for IWD 2021. It will contain challenges as well as information about the long strides taken to combat discrimination. **#ChooseToChallenge**



At LPGS we have been encouraging all students to be globally aware, we have focused on a news story each week. Please feel free to explore them for yourself. We hope that you find something of interest. This terms focus has been on protest and democracy around the world.

Should you participate in a short quiz, you can complete the [Microsoft Form here](#). We will contact winners after two weeks with a special thank you for participating. Once again, please do not feel that you MUST complete, this is just our way of making you feel welcome before you join.



Civil War in Yemen has its roots in the failure of the political transition following the Arab Spring in 2011. The Houthi Movement has fought a series of rebellions against Saleh, the long-time authoritarian leader due to corruption, unemployment and food insecurity.

Disillusioned with the transition, many ordinary Yemenis supported the Houthis. This battle, between Saleh and the Houthi forces has raged since. At least 7,700 civilians have been killed. 85,000 children have died from malnutrition. A humanitarian crisis raging in the 2020's.

A War that has been raging for two decades. Has cost \$822 billion, led to the death's of 2,000 US troops, 45,000 Afghani troops and over 100,000 civilian casualties.

The war in Afghanistan has had a huge impact on their lives. As they move towards peace, we ask, who are the Taliban? What parallels can be drawn with our own struggles in Northern Ireland? What is the price of peace?



- [BBC News: Biden's foreign policy reset.](#)
- [BBC News: Women's role in the Uprising.](#)
- [BBC News: Growing up in a war torn country.](#)

- [BBC News: Why is there a war in Afghanistan](#)
- [BBC News: Who are the Taliban](#)
- [LA Times: Troop withdrawal from Afghanistan](#)
- [Telegraph: Brain Drain from Afghanistan](#)
- [NY Times: Handing Afghanistan to the Taliban](#)
- [Fact Check: Two decades in Afghanistan was it worth?](#)

Sixth Form Welcome Messages

We are unapologetic about our focus on academic achievement and success but, we offer so much more than just our results. Sixth Formers that have joined from other schools also wanted to share what life at LPGS Sixth Form is like. Follow us on **Instagram** @LPGS_Sixthform for more information and insight into the virtual world at Langley.



Andrea – Bonus Pastor Catholic College



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Louise-Anne – Bishop Challoner School



“ I joined because of the wide range of subjects on offer. The quality of teaching is amazing, and you never feel like you are asking a silly question. Teachers encourage independent learning while providing the students with support when needed. Students are friendly and supportive, and we help each other. Since joining my confidence has grown immensely. I have been cared for both academically and personally.”



Elvira – Meridian High School



“ I chose to join Langley Park school for girls because I wanted to learn in a new environment and I believed that this was the right option for me. The welcoming, supportive environment has assisted me in developing both academically and personally. So far, I have enjoyed my experience at Langley, meeting new people and studying my chosen subjects”

Hugo – Ravensbourne



“ Joining Langley Park School for Girls Sixth Form was a very new experience for me as it was completely different from my old school, Ravensbourne. It has been a very welcoming community to join and I am encouraged by my teachers, and peers, to be my best self everyday. I chose LPGS so that I could study Physics, Computing and Further Maths as my options.”



Native – Shirley High School



“ I joined Langley park school for girls in Year 12 because I wanted a change and the chance to experience new things. And in the time that I've been attending this school the support that has been offered to me was more than I expected. I have been able to grow as an individual and gain more confidence due to the help that surrounds me. So far my journey has been great and I am look forward to what the future holds for me here.”

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Toby – LPBS



“ Transitioning to the LPGS sixth form from LPBS was a difficult decision for me to make, but it definitely is not a decision I regret. The community at LPGS is very welcoming and accepting of all the new students that make the transition into their sixth form. The staff, along with my peers help to push me to become a better person each day, helping me to attain new life skills in my transition into adulthood, as well as providing excellent experiences and advice to help me progress to my post-18 education.

Tahseenah – Orchard Park High School



“ At first I was nervous coming to a new school and worried about making friends. But I was able to make lots of friends due to the friendly environment in the school. The teachers are also nice and always there to help you.”

