



10th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, it is hard to comprehend that already the year group has now started Year 11. It seems only a short while ago when they arrived as Year 7. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some important information for the term and year ahead.

I know over the years you have got to know Mr Pearce and Ms Glover very well. For this year Mr Mackenzie (Deputy Headteacher) will oversee Year 11 and lead our Raising Achievement Plan (monitors Year 11 academic progress). Mr Haque (Assistant Headteacher) will work closely with the team and produce for you academic monitoring reports.

The first report we will collate is the Attitude to Learning (ATL). Teachers will provide these grades in two weeks time. When we look at GCSE outcomes there is a simple and clear correlation between students with high attendance - 96% plus and a good ATL score. If students don't have a good ATL they will be placed on report and you will be informed about this.

An important date to note is Wednesday 23rd October which is Progress Review Day when you are expected along with your child to attend a review meeting at school. During the meeting, the tutor will be discussing PPE2 which start on the 4th November. These exams will be used for predicted grades – so are very important.

Teachers across the school have been preparing and will deliver additional classes and lessons after school therefore most days your child will have a period 5. Your child is expected to attend these lessons and so your child is likely to be in school each day until after 4.00pm. Mr Mackenzie will send the programme to you. If your child is not attending the scheduled lessons again, we will contact you as he/she is at risk of under achieving. We also have the library open each morning at 7.45am and NET rooms are available at lunchtime.

Every evening your child should be revising after school. They can access past lessons on Google Classroom and also use Sparks Maths. We suggest that your child organises a schedule and allocate subjects to different days. Year 11 will be tough at times and we have a range of support on offer if needed. Do contact us or come to see me at the Headteacher's Surgery if you have questions or concerns. The best advice is that your child should get into a routine, get organised and start now.

Next week we will open applications for the 6th Form and Ms Gillin (Assistant Headteacher) will share details with the students. Our 6th Form is over subscribed and students were turned away as courses are full. Langdon Park students have priority but applications must be completed soon and students must look at the required grades. We will not accept students with low attendance and poor punctuality.

At the end of the academic year we will celebrate everything that has been achieved at Rewards Evening and Prom. We do reserve the right to invite students to these events and

the criteria will be attendance, ATL and conduct in school. More will come to you on this later in the term.

We are always here to help and want the very best for your child. The teachers are ready for the year ahead and we have appointed several highly qualified teachers across the school and several excellent teachers in Maths. Every opportunity and provision is there for your child this academic year and we have set this year group ambitious targets – never achieved at Langdon Park School before. I believe with your total support we can achieve this ambition.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Langham
Headteacher

C.C: Mr Mackenzie (Deputy Headteacher)
Ms Gillin (Assistant Headteacher)
Mr Pearce (Head of Year 11)