



LANGDON LIFE



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As we enter the half-term holiday we're very aware that our Year 11 students will hardly be relaxing. They're now in the middle of their GCSEs and so much hinges on their results - not only for the students themselves, but for the school.

They have been an outstanding year group and look set to launch the school into a new era of success. We wish them well. Students in all years will also be taking exams in the next few weeks and it is vital that they too approach them with effort and discipline. Those students who have shown the most effort and determination throughout the year will be invited with their parents to our first **'Academy Awards'** evening in July. This will be a prestigious annual occasion to celebrate

the qualities which lead to individual excellence and school success.

In my article last time, I said that we'd be introducing **'Cashless Catering'** at the end of June. This date has now moved to the start of next term in September, but will be a great bonus to parents / carers when it comes. Also to be unveiled in September will be our newly-restored Middle Gym building, which will provide state-of-the-art facilities for our Drama and Business Studies departments. It was good to meet with, and hear the views of, parents at our recent coffee morning and to find so much support for the developments in the school. Your views help us to keep on our toes, so look out for the next coffee morning. We'll inform you by text and on the website.

Until then, I wish you all a happy and restful holiday—if you're lucky enough to get one.

Peter Whittle | Principal

Langdon Hustings 2015

"Searching and probing questions in a very good learning environment".

Stephen Timms | MP

Over 100 Langdon students took part in hustings for the General Election 2015. Students held a debate with prospective Parliamentary candidates asking them questions about topics including climate change, crime, voting age and democracy. *"Young people like us have a voice and we wanted the politicians to listen to our concerns"*

Mohammed Kha | Year 11

The event featured the long-serving MP for East Ham, Stephen Timms from the Labour Party, Samir Jassal from the Conservatives and Rachel Collinson from the Green Party. In the style of the BBC's Question Time, candidates were given

just a minute each to respond to some very challenging questions from students around issues like policing, taxation and engaging young people in politics.

Saif Mumtaz who helped students organise the event, and is planning to study Government and Politics at college, described it as *"an amazing experience."* Yusaf Uddin asked *"about getting young people involved in politics and how politicians could do more"*. *"It was just like Parliament when they started arguing amongst each other about spending and taxes,"* commented Fadumeen Ahmed who asked about more support for young people going to college. The debate was chaired by Yaseen Bux our Young Mayor for Newham who shared how *"we like to talk to politicians, to vote and make a difference."*



For further information on our Langdon Hustings please see Newham Recorder <http://www.newhamrecorder.co.uk/news/east-ham-pupils-probe-candidates-at-langdon-hustings-1-4061957>

DIARY DATES

- 25 May to 29 May Summer Half Term Break
- 26 Jun CPD Day
- 8 July Year 7 & 8 Award Evening
- 9 July Year 9 & 10 Award Evening
- 13 July Year 10 Work Experience
- 17 Jul Last day of Summer Term



Langdon Extra



Langdon's 'Speak Out' Champion Zafor Chowdhury

● 'Speak Out' Challenge

Year 10 students from across the Borough have gone head-to-head in their schools in delivering speeches to see who will represent their school at the Regional Final for the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge. The selection process narrowed it down to 5 finalists, and after a final speak-off Zafor Chowdhury was selected as the Langdon Champion.

Zafor competed in the Regional Final against 19 students in front of 200 people. The stands were packed with Langdon teachers and students with signs and pom-poms to support Zafor. Despite giving a flawless performance, with a strong voice and delivery, Zafor did not make it to the National Finals. We are proud of his achievements and look forward to his next challenge.

●● Petchey Nominations

Congratulations to our April and May Jack Petchey winners.

- Natalia Kalisz (Year 8) nominated for showing a high level of maturity by calling emergency services when a house caught fire as featured in *The Newham Recorder*.
- Ruth Zeweldi (Year 10), a Young Carer who whilst supporting her family continues to be motivated and maintains her high attendance in school.

● Fourth Plinth Winner

Last month we announced Rosie Boe's design 'You are here' as the Borough Winner for the 2015 Mayor of London's Fourth Plinth Schools' Award Competition. Since then Rosie has attended the award ceremony at London City Hall where she was presented with her certificate and prize. *"I felt proud to collect my prize for the Fourth Plinth Schools' award and to represent Langdon. It was my first time visiting the City Hall so it was a great new experience."*



Rosie Boe with her winning design at City Hall

● Audio Visual Workshop

"I enjoyed creating mind maps to produce music from my Art"

Meenakshy Vijayakumar

Art students in Year 10 worked with local artist, Sonya Patel Ellis to create work stemming from the themes of



maps, personal geography and music. Inspired by her work students created graphic maps to visualise a personal event, characteristic or feeling. Using a hole punch to highlight important areas these maps



were turned into musical scores. When fed through a musical box to create sound, each

student had the opportunity to see how their art had been turned into a musical motif! Not only did students extend their ideas using maps, they created an audio visual composition and experienced working with a local exhibiting artist.

● UCL Dyson Engineering

"Students from schools around London worked in groups to present models to the assembly. Our group made a solar powered light that used an air cooling system."

Muhammad Rehman Zulfiquar | Year 9

The D&T department sent budding Year 9 engineers - Muhammad Rehman Zulfiquar and Bharathiennyar Sritharan to attend an engineering event organized by Elutec, the Dyson Foundation and the University



College of London Faculty of Engineering. Students had a unique opportunity to solve engineering problems assisted by professional engineers working for the Dyson group whilst using UCL facilities.



Langdon Learning

● Creating Computers

We were given a box which had all the component parts of a computer. Our challenge was to identify each part using the instructions and join them together from scratch to make a 'raspberry pie'. We gave power to our computer and some of us even managed to connect it to a monitor and use it as a PC. We enjoyed the project because it was an interactive practical lesson, and involved problem-solving.



Zakiya Zulfiqar & Vejeeva Jeevanthan | Year 9

● 'Weather of the Week'

Monday morning will be muggy in Manchester. The misty, moist clouds will melt in the sky, Making the ground below miserably murky While, Mexico remains mild. Tuesday in Tokyo is tepid, While a torrent of rain scares Thailand. Terrified Turkey hides from a typhoon And Tunisia has a twister approaching.

Sadia Amin | Year 7

Junior Maths Challenge



"Nervous, excited and fun," were the sentiments shared by over 150 students in Year 7 & 8 who took part in the 2015 Junior Maths Challenge Competition. Good luck to our highest scoring competitors who will go through to the next stage - UK Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

● Year 11 Interventions

The summer exam season is well under way and we have been very impressed with the students' focus and commitment, which we believe will bring about positive outcomes this year. Exams will continue at a rapid pace after half term with revision opportunities right up to the final exam. The last day of the current Year 11 curriculum will be on Thursday 21st May and there are no normal lessons after the half-term holiday, just examinations and revision sessions. At all other times between these sessions students will revise from home, so please ensure your child structures their time wisely.

Year 11 Interventions		
Date	9.00am -12.00 pm	12.30 -3.00pm
Sat 23rd May	Science	
Tue 26th May	English	English
Wed 27th May	English Media	English
Thurs 28th May	Maths	Art
Fri 29th May	History	Business Studies
Sat 30th May	Geography	
Sat 6th June	Art	
Sat 13th June	Media Studies	Graphics

●● IntoUniversity

Groups of students took part in a range of activities from forensic science to problem solving riddles, and developed transferable skills such as teamwork and communication. Each activity had a certain twist which really boosted my communication skills. It was really enjoyable. I am extremely grateful to be a Langdon citizen and able to grasp this opportunity.

Ayman Ali | Year 8

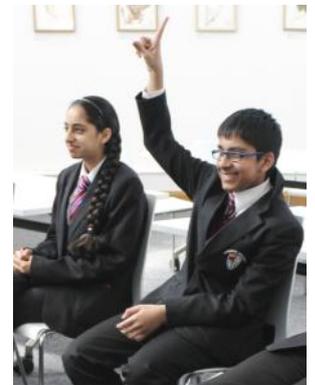


Photo Gallery



Artist of the Month

Collage by Fathima Siddika inspired by Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes. Year 10 students have been compiling a body of work that responds to her techniques, processes and styles.



Mohammed-Shadid Showkat Year 10 engaging with the Audio Visual Workshop at Beckton Library



Sophie Pla Year 11 practising an ensemble piece for the string quartet

IntoUniversity has been delivering seminars and workshops to help students to attain university places or other aspirational pathways. In partnership with local schools the East Ham Learning Centre provides free after school academic support sessions on Monday and Thursday from 4.00 - 5.30pm.



Sporting Success

Fixtures

Year 7 - 10 cricketers have been entered into the London and Essex cups as well as various Leagues including the prestigious Newham League.

25 May Year 7
26 May Year 8
27 May Year 9
29 May Year 10

TBC Year 8 London Cup
Final V Woolwich
Poly Fixture



Former red tie student Jessica Cooley who has been training to become a Jockey finally had her first race at Wolverhampton on 2nd May 2015 wearing the famous colours of owner HH Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. After the race Jessica said, *"that was the best thing I have ever done. All the hard work and dedication has paid off."*

FEEDBACK

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Newham Champions



A game, set and match for anyone!

There has been a buzz about table tennis both in the playground and at extra-curricular clubs. The relentless competition between students and vast commitment to training both at lunchtimes and after school have significantly improved the quality of our young players. These efforts finally paid off when Langdon Academy took part in the Newham under 16s Table Tennis Championships.

10 students from Years 7 and 9 took part in the tournament where teams were placed into 3 groups. After a successful first round of games, all 3 teams qualified for the knockout stages and 2 Langdon teams ended up playing each other in the Final. Langdon A eventually won the Competition, with our B's finishing runners up. A big thank you to Mr Cain for his tireless commitment developing our talented players at after school table tennis club.

Langdon Football Leagues

May has seen the Football Leagues kick off, with well over 200 students from Years 7 - 10 competing in their respective competitions. Prior to the opening game it was a frantic week with players 'tapping up' the best talent to finalise their squads, choosing a team name and a personalised kit. They will now play once a week until the end of the academic year to battle it out for medals and the coveted trophy which will be presented by a mystery guest. We will keep you updated in the next newsletter and inform you of results.

Karate World Champion

"I never thought someone like me could have the honour of representing my country."

I first started Karate when I was 5 and was inspired by my uncle. 11 years later I am now a black belt 2nd Dan and have taken part in national and international competitions. The most memorable one and a dream come true has been the 2011 World Championships in Florida, where I became World Champion in my age group. I am currently a double World Champion in my age group for Weapon Hyungs and Sparring. Whilst Karate is extremely important to me, my priority is to concentrate on my GCSE exams to extend my life chances. My next challenge is to train for the 2015 World championship in Las Vegas.

Jay Heath



Shooting for Success

As part of their GCSE PE programme 12 Year 11 students were selected to participate in an archery course. Students learnt about the safety and technical aspects of archery and over the weeks improved their techniques and analysed their own and others' performances to highlight areas for improvements. To refine their skills and improve their GCSE practical scores further, students attended extra-curricular clubs. Thank you to *Newham Archers* who run the club on Wednesdays 4.30 - 6.00pm. It is free and open to all year groups. Please see Ms Fairest for further details. Priyatharsini

Locanathan said, *"I have really enjoyed the archery and it has been good to learn a completely new sport. I'm pleased with the progress I have made and also the score I received for my GCSE PE exam. It has been really worthwhile."*

