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Dear Parents and Carers,

10th September 2026

Firstly, welcome back. We have enjoyed a very positive start to the new academic year and I want to say a particular warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and families.

During the summer we received the schools A-level, BTEC and GCSE results. In all measures we have seen improvements which is great news. The average grade at A-level has improved and the majority of students gained their preferred educational destination. At GCSE we enjoyed our best ever results. The key headline measures are as follows:

- English and Maths 9-4: 69% and 9-5: 52%
- English 9-4: 78% and 9-5: 67%
- Maths 9-4: 74% and 9-5: 58%

The final Department for Education figures will be published later in the term, a link will be added to our website.

Since the results arrived, staff have started post and pre-mortems to look at how we can improve next year, we are confident that results will improve again next summer. With this letter I have included results by subject and they are compared to the THEP/LA average. You will note in the majority of our subjects Langdon Park performs in-line or above the local average. This is very good news and something to be celebrated and further signals how far we have come as a school. My congratulations to the class of 2026 and families for your unwavering support. The improving outcomes is testament to the hard work of teachers and all staff. A copy of the School Improvement Plan 2026-27 is on the website which shows how we are improving further this year.

Part of our mechanism to improve the curriculum, teaching and outcomes is our staff development programme. Assistant Headteachers Ms Warren and Ms Islam lead on this. This means we continually seek ways to improve and staff have access to Step Lab (a personalised online training platform) and we have a number of staff trained as instructional coaches. All of which aims to enhance the learning experience for all students and deliver a broad curriculum. Supporting our SEND students remains at the heart of everything we do. We also have reading support programmes and the importance of reading books is something we promote daily. New research shows a decline in reading amongst school aged children in the UK and the impact on educational attainment. As parents you must be encouraging, listening to and discussing reading at home.

In both my whole-school address and assemblies key messages and reminders have been shared with all students. Your child has been provided with their new planner in which you can find key information including the Global Knowledge Organisers which your child must study, there will be regular knowledge tests in lessons. Using the knowledge organisers will be in addition to other home learning activities and reading, so your child always has something to be studying. The school invests in the Student Planner and the expectation is that they are used as a professional learning tool and treated with care.

All details regarding uniform and expectations are in the planner and we do check uniform and equipment every morning. There are no excuses for getting this wrong and it also

means that students are expected to conduct themselves accordingly to and from school in accordance with the Behaviour Policy. I would like to remind you that all electronic devices must be out of sight and not heard at school, we will confiscate items and return the following day.

Each academic year we hold whole school training on updates to Keeping Children Safe in Education and our systems are consistently praised by external audits and Ofsted. In assemblies students have been reminded of their responsibility to Be Inclusive and to report any concerns. We have extensive support for students if needed, we all need help at times and we should never be afraid to ask. During this academic year we will be using RSHE and Character Development Days on reminders of school policy, the law and how we take a stand against the following:

- Bullying (in all forms)
- Hate Crime
- Knife Crime
- Violence against women and girls

This is in addition to key aspects of the wider curriculum and topics covered across all subjects. At Langdon Park we believe that a community should work in harmony to ensure all our children are safe and play a positive role locally.

Over the summer we have carried out further internal works to provide the very best learning environment. This has included decorating areas of the school and we are continuing IT upgrades. I have stressed the importance of caring for our school and how we go about the business of learning. Students will receive a sanction if they litter or bring chewing gum into school. We are stewards of the school and must care for the environment for future generations.

During this term we will be hosting Open Mornings and our Open Evening. Do encourage friends and neighbours to attend and tell them that based on our results and Ofsted report what a good school Langdon Park is. Our latest Ofsted report says 'pupils enjoy coming to school, enjoy their learning and pupils feel safe'. The Open Evening will take place on the 1st October which means we will have a late start on Friday 2nd October and students should be on site by 10.15am – gates will open at 10.00am.

Finally, a reminder of my Headteacher Surgery date for this term:

- Thursday 8th October – 9.00am – 10.00am at Byron Street reception

I wish every student a wonderful academic year and I thank families for your continued support do come and see me before and after school I am normally by the DLR station to share any good news and if you have any questions. Being headteacher and serving you is something I am very proud of. Every student should be proud to be a student here and you (parents/carers) should be proud of what has been achieved at Langdon Park and excited for the future.

Yours sincerely,



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