



Langley
SCHOOL



I see my *child*
HAPPY,
THRIVING and
EXCELLING at
Langley every
day.

- *Langley parent*





Welcome



A warm welcome to Langley School. We hope that this prospectus gives you a glimpse into life at Langley and, if you haven't already, do come and see it for yourselves.

Here at Langley we aim to enable every young person to flourish and positively contribute by giving them the tools to live happy and productive lives.

So, what makes us so special, what is 'the Langley difference'? Our pupils, parents and staff say it's the beautiful green campuses, the perfect setting for outdoor learning, as well as our small class sizes where learning development is accessible for all abilities. It's also the Langley Football Academy and our sporting provision – some of our greatest strengths – and our wellbeing, which is national-award-winning. Langley is a pathway for your child from as early as 6 months old to 18, and the Langley difference is that here your child will flourish at every step of their journey.

Jon Perriss
Headmaster



Our values

We are based across two enviable countryside sites: at Taverham you will find the Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School, while Langley Senior School and Sixth Form are just outside Loddon, both are vast green campuses with incredible parkland and woodland. 'Langley Green' is not just the colour of our uniform, it represents our commitment to the environment and community too.

Challenge and opportunity encapsulate the Langley education, with a focus on academic excellence ranging from STEM to Languages to Creative Arts. It is a holistic, values-driven education, leading to world-ready skills. Our values of kindness, confidence, curiosity and integrity are key components to our warm and nurturing community. As a result, our young people are aspirational, wanting to make a positive difference to others, their communities and the world.

Langley Senior School
Loddon



Wellbeing

Prioritising wellbeing has earned us the nationally-recognised Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS) for both our Prep and Senior School. We have trained mental health first aiders, plus a programme in place to train all staff.

Some of the things we prioritise are well-balanced class sizes for an educational experience that is tailored to the learning needs of each individual, volunteer listening services to support our pupils, wellbeing walks with our two lovely resident dogs, Outdoor Learning sessions in a beautiful setting, plus Mindfulness courses and meditation.

“We chose Langley because smaller class sizes mean more opportunity to thrive at what is loved, and for one-to-one support to strengthen and nurture where needed, to challenge and expand thinking, experience and horizons. As a parent I have not been disappointed.”

- Langley parent

Outdoor Learning Centre

Within Langley Prep School's 100 acre site, you will discover ancient woodland and the home of the School's fabulous Outdoor Learning Centre. With an outside classroom, mud hut shelter and pizza oven, the area is described by ISI Inspectors as a "paradise for pupils."

The special woodland setting is where Langley's approach to learning favours child-led inquisitiveness. It is also a place where achievable goals help build self-confidence and encourage teamwork, while National Curriculum subjects are further reinforced by hands-on learning.

Activities in the Outdoor Learning Centre include pond dipping, building dens and shelters, practical knotting, growing, cooking and eating own-grown produce, plus much more.





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Bluebell Nursery

Nestled within 100 acres of stunning parkland and woodland at the Prep School campus in Taverham, you will find Bluebell Nursery at Langley School. Each class within the Nursery is designed to emulate your child's development as they move from the Seedlings class (ages 6 months – 2 years), up to Acorns (2 – 3 years) and then to Oaks (3 – 4 years). A Transition class is also available to pupils aged 3 to 4 going on to join the Pre-Prep at Langley School. Whatever their age, your child will be happy, safe, secure and nurtured in our special Nursery.

Please ask for a copy of our Bluebell Nursery prospectus for all the details.

Pre-Prep



Here in Pre-Prep, pupil wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. We have an extremely caring body of staff; generous pupil-to-staff ratios allow us to know our children very well and to plan for their own learning.

We work together as a team – staff, parents and pupils – to ensure that your child's first steps in their journey through school take place in an atmosphere of warmth and kindness, with lots of exciting lessons to be learned and discoveries to be made. We want your child to be happy, confident, curious and, importantly, kind.

Parents often describe our Pre-Prep as a magical place and it truly is. We always love to meet in person on site, so do come and visit, and see the magic for yourself.

Allison Skipper
Head of Nursery and Pre-Prep

Curricular

In Pre-Prep we encourage our children to become independent, committed and enthusiastic learners by providing them with a wide range of interesting and challenging activities. From Transition to Reception to Year 1 and 2, children follow the statutory requirements of the EYFS framework and the National Curriculum and have daily numeracy and literacy lessons. Topics range from transport to the weather and from the Great Fire of London to life and work in Victorian times. Children also receive tuition in Music, Dance, PE, French and Computing as they progress through Pre-Prep.

From the very beginning, all Pre-Prep pupils attend morning assemblies, which provide opportunities for spiritual, moral and PSHEE learning. Drama is an important part of the Pre-Prep curriculum and all children are encouraged to become confident performers; they take part in plays, class assemblies, House competitions and Music concerts. Pupils have one session per week of physical activity and also swim once a week in our on-site indoor swimming pool, taking part in the ASA swimming award, which is a nationally-accredited programme.

Co-curricular

The Langley ethos is about offering children every opportunity to develop interests and talents outside of the classroom, and in Pre-Prep we love doing this via our after-school Hobbies programme. We vary the offering each term to ensure that we are providing something for everyone.

Popular Hobbies include Flower Arranging, Cooking, Choir, Tennis, Yoga, Drama, and Fun Dance. Our After School Club is a further provision that provides working parents the convenience of a later pick up time, and children will often join this club after attending a Hobby.

Prep



I warmly invite you to visit us here at Langley Prep School to speak with our teachers and children and to see our stunning site. In the meantime, please enjoy this prospectus, which will give you a snapshot of life in our wonderful Prep School.

We are proud to be known as a warm and welcoming School, where academic excellence flourishes alongside creativity and fun. All our children become empowered learners – thinking, planning and making decisions for themselves while showing kindness and consideration to others.

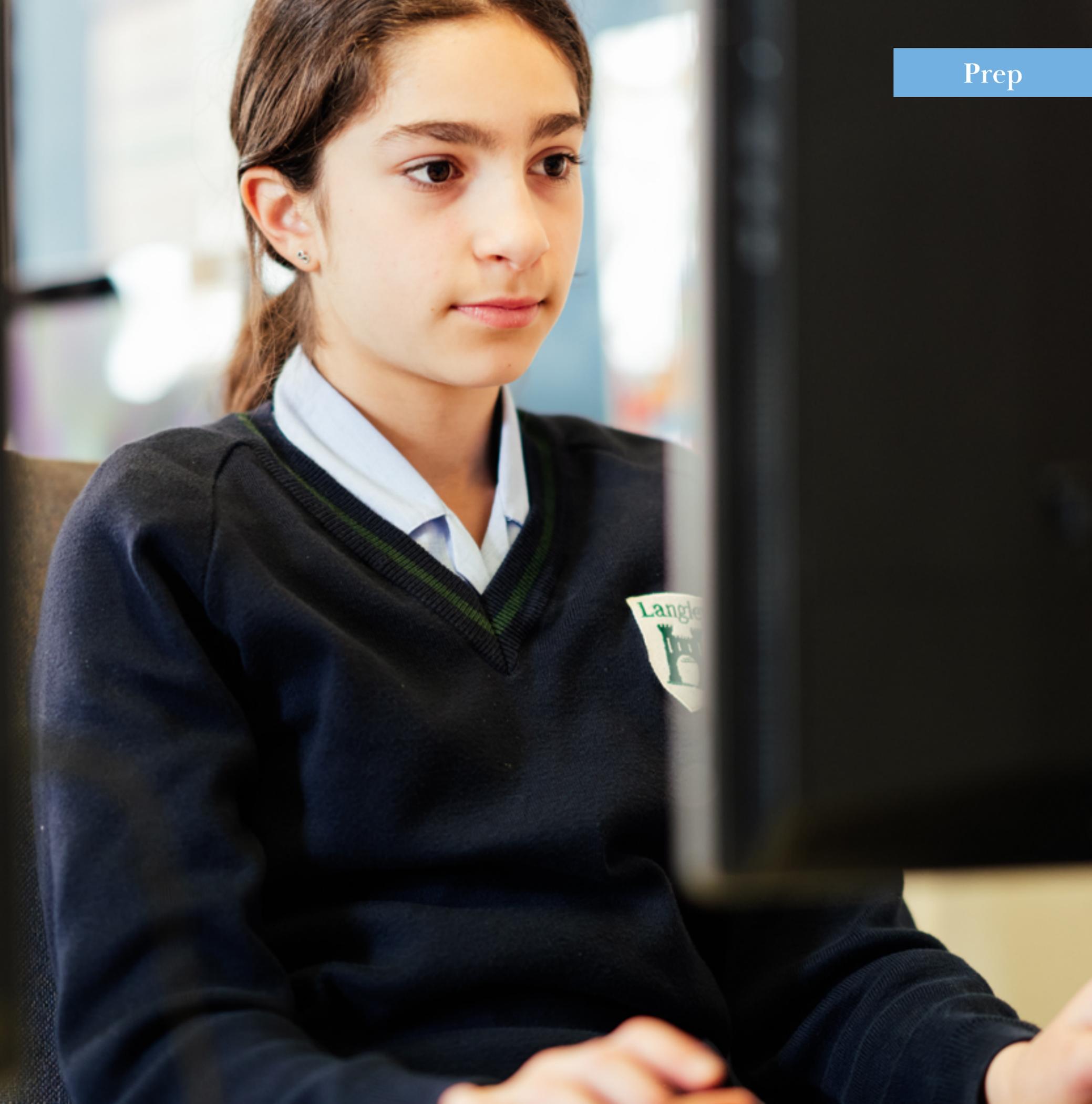
Within our first-class facilities we have our own Outdoor Learning Centre, where lessons are set among the ancient woodland that our pupils love to explore. We place great emphasis on wellbeing, and ours is a supportive and nurturing environment for each and every child in our care. We look forward to welcoming you.

Mike Crossley
Head of Prep

Curricular

Here at Langley Prep School we study all the core subjects – Maths, English, Science, French – and our curriculum also embraces disciplines such as History, Geography, RS, Computing, DT, Art, Music, Drama and PE. It is this rich, vibrant and broad curriculum that provides a thorough academic grounding delivered by subject specialists, alongside many opportunities for pupils to develop positive habits of mind and a joy for learning.

Small class sizes allow for individual attention with a focus on personalised learning, target-setting and monitoring of progress. Learning support is offered on an individual or group basis depending on a child's needs, which are identified through annual standardised testing and teacher assessment. Children with High Learning Potential are challenged daily in lessons and offered opportunities to use higher thinking skills and to participate in a range of masterclasses, clubs and competitions such as the Junior Maths Challenge and Science Olympiads.





Co-curricular

While traditional games of Cricket, Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Athletics, Tennis and Swimming are included as part of the PE and Games programme; pupils are encouraged to join at least one Hobby group or club, with many children choosing several.

Our extensive Hobbies programme means that children embrace things they might not have even heard of; the experiences challenge them, ignite new passions, and present wonderful opportunities. The options are endless and vary from Cooking to Coding, Fishing to Chess, Go Karts to Rock Band to Clay Pigeon Shooting.

PSB and Wensum Award

Our Pre-Senior Baccalaureate (PSB) programme combines rigorous academic standards and opportunities to develop resilience, communication, collaboration, independence, leadership and creative thinking. The programme is aimed at helping to prepare children

for Senior School and beyond. The PSB is further enhanced by The Wensum Award, in which a holistic and bespoke approach encourages character education through the development of life skills, wellbeing best practice and cultural capital.

Creative Arts

Through the Arts, creative thinking and imagination flourish here at Langley Prep School. Drama provides an opportunity for children of all abilities to interact, role play, share ideas and listen to each other. It is approached with energy and enthusiasm, displayed in performances throughout the year.

Art lessons are planned to expand each individual's skills, and to encourage imagination and experimentation. Music is taught to all pupils and involves practical music-making, composing, listening to – as well as performing in – School choirs and ensembles, at concerts, soirées, assemblies and House competitions. For composition we use Sibelius software as well as our iMac recording and composing equipment. Many children receive extra-curricular specialist tuition and study for ABRSM exams, often gaining merits.

Sport

Our sporting programme is aimed at encouraging participation and having fun, across all levels and abilities, whether in House competitions, fixtures against other schools or local, regional or national competitions. We are the proud recipient of the Sainsbury's Gold School Games Mark, which recognises our 'sport for all' philosophy, the high level of attainment, inclusivity and provision for sport in the School, as well as our contribution to the wider community and the leadership

opportunities for pupils. In addition to the benefits of fresh air and exercise, sport also brings out personal qualities such as team spirit, pride, leadership and fair play.

Our facilities:

- Grass pitches
- Hard courts
- Sports Hall
- Indoor swimming pool
- AstroTurf (off Beech Avenue)



Enrichment

Thanks to the combination of the curricular and co-curricular offering at Langley Prep School, pupils explore areas like the Sciences in a practical, hands-on way; through Computer Science they learn how to code; in Design and Technology they use CAD (Computer Aided Design) and CAM (Computer Aided Manufacture) software; in Modern Foreign Languages they learn not just a language but culture. These are just some examples of how Langley Prep School enriches the pupil experience so that it is not only education but life-learning too.

An aerial photograph of a large, ornate garden. The garden features a central circular path that leads to a large, circular topiary structure. The topiary is a complex, multi-layered design with a central circular opening. The garden is surrounded by a dense forest of trees, and a small bridge crosses a stream in the foreground. The overall scene is lush and green, with a mix of different tree species and well-maintained lawns.

Senior

Based just outside Loddon, our 110 acre site at Langley Park is home to our Senior School and Sixth Form. The Grade I listed grounds were originally designed by 18th century landscape gardener Capability Brown. The campus includes fantastic woodland, a lake, and extensive grounds that feature Tennis and Netball courts, Cricket pitches and nets, Athletics fields, floodlit AstroTurf, Football and Rugby pitches. Tucked away within part of the woodland area is our beautiful Chapel in which weekly assemblies are held for all Senior School Year groups. The campus also includes purpose-built classrooms, a Design and Technology centre, main performance hall with sound and lighting rig, computing suites, state-of-the-art sports hall, fully equipped gym and a medical centre. The site is a hub of activity and centre for excellence when it comes to academia, co-curricular and pastoral provision.

Curricular

The Senior School curriculum is lively, engaging and exciting. We ask pupils to take an active role in their own learning by asking questions, thinking critically, responding positively to feedback, challenging their assumptions and developing independence. This is echoed by our excellent digital platform, which supports learners outside the School setting. When our students leave us, we are always delighted to hear their progress, including studying at the likes of Cambridge University.

We believe that all our pupils have the potential to achieve no matter their starting point when they join us. We also offer expert Learning Support and Development through a team of specialists who work closely, with both individual students and with teachers. Our EAL team has a diverse portfolio of experience teaching overseas and the department is able to plan bespoke schemes of learning for our pupils with English as a second language. At Langley, everyone is an individual and their learning journey is seen as unique.

Co-curricular

The co-curricular offering at Langley Senior School is held in high regard, which is no surprise in light of the plethora of opportunities on offer outside the classroom. From Monday to Thursday, the last formal teaching lesson of the day is an Activity, chosen each term by the individual pupil, ranging from Gardening, to Computer Programming, Chess to Sign Language, to Mah-jong. The co-curricular provision has recently taken pupils to Lotus-sponsored kit car competitions, and to Wycombe Abbey for a three-day Model United Nations conference, developing leadership and cultural empathy. These are just two examples of where Langley can take your child.



Creative Arts

Langley boasts a wealth of departments that fall under the Creative Arts, notably Fine Art, Drama, Music and Photography. All are headed by specialist teaching staff with educational and industry experience. Each department is resourced to a high standard and the school was awarded Artsmark Gold in recognition of the absolute commitment to embedding arts and cultural experiences at the very heart of pupils' learning.

Drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking are all explored in depth, using a variety of media in Fine Art. When it comes to Music, there are plenty of opportunities to perform in and outside of School, including at Norwich Cathedral, with the choir ensemble, orchestra, Dixie band and Music Scholars' events. The Drama department is a thriving hub of creativity that offers our pupils the chance to participate in every aspect of live performance including via School productions, junior plays, scholar events and academic teaching. Photography pupils enjoy a fast-paced and challenging course that is highly practical and covers demanding theory, semiotics and critical analysis of the visual world in which we live.

Sport

Sport is one of our greatest strengths, and it's within the culture here at Langley that pupils dream big and are ambitious in the activities that they do. Work ethic is vitally important, as is celebrating success, regardless of what the scoresheet says. We use sport and physical activity to develop gritty, hard-working, resilient pupils who are confident communicators, supportive teammates and committed to working towards their goals.

We have our own Langley Football Academy and Netball Club, and our sporting partners are British Canoeing, Harleston Magpies Hockey Club, Leicester Tigers Rugby Academy, Northamptonshire County Cricket Club, Norwich City Football Club, and the University College of Football Business (UCFB).



CCF

We have seen pupils thrive during the Combined Cadet Force programme, which includes training, field experience and leadership opportunities. Run by ex-service personnel and teachers, Langley's CCF is a prime example of service to the community. Cadets develop adaptability, resilience and confidence through courses such as Cadet Leadership, Navigation, First Aid and Survival Training.



Enrichment

'The Langley difference' is the range of opportunities that exist within the classroom and well beyond it – on Music and theatre stages, at Model United Nations and Diplomacy events, in high level sporting competitions, and national Maths and Science challenges. As a Centre of Excellence in Design and Technology, Langley was one of the first schools in the country to receive the Design Mark, which rewards schools for the excellence of their design teaching. D&T regularly sees pupils racing at Lotus-sponsored events. Specialist subjects such as Mandarin and Photography open doors for many of our pupils. The Langley Difference is the opportunity that comes hand in hand with education.

A young woman with long brown hair, wearing a green Nike hoodie, and a young man with dark hair, wearing a green sweater, are looking intently at a model of a ship's hull. The model is made of cardboard and has several metal rods protruding from it, with colorful clay or putty applied to the rods. The background is a workshop or classroom with wooden chairs and tables.

Boarding

For ages 10 to 18, we offer a variety of boarding options from full boarding – which includes 24-hour care, seven days a week, fully catered, with laundry service included – weekly, flexi and day boarding, which involves an evening meal and supervised prep session, and even a taxi arrangement to get home. Our boarding community is made up of students who live locally, regionally in the UK, and internationally in places such as Asia, Europe and Africa. Every individual makes up the Langley community.

We find that daily routines really help, particularly for those new to boarding.

We have set prep sessions, which are supervised and come with academic support, and our dedicated Events and Activities coordinator ensures that there is a real range of activities for all age groups to enjoy in the evenings and at weekends. The School's ICT suites are available for personal and prep use, co-ed common rooms are in the Main House, we have Wi-Fi in the dormitories and across the School, and a library full of resources. There are also leadership opportunities for pupils to assist in the running of the Houses, and to assign student representatives to promote views and concerns of the boarding family, so that every voice is heard.



Sixth Form

Whatever our students aspire to – whether it be academia, Sport, the Arts or Sciences – the individual is supported every step of the way by our staff. Alumni often talk about the Sixth Form guidance they received when going out into the world after School and the support is two-fold; emotional in terms of encouragement and practical in terms of resources.

“Langley gave me a solid grounding in the Sciences and Maths, allowing me to have a wide choice of career to go into. Even though I didn’t have my current career in mind until later, School allowed me to pursue the option due to the skills and experiences I developed while I was there.”

*- Biomedical Science graduate and
Langley alumnus*



About

Our Sixth Form Centre has its own ICT suite, café, resource and seminar rooms, and a variety of work areas. It's a central hub for our Lower and Upper Sixth Form students, whose two Year groups are combined when it comes to Tutor Group time.

In small class sizes, we have an extensive academic offering, including Creative Arts, the Sciences, Languages, Economics, Politics, Sport (BTEC) and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Academia is complimented by the Langley co-curricular provision, which ranges from subject seminars, revision conferences, Model United Nations, debating, to international trips. Leadership opportunities are extensive, including Heads of School, School Prefect, House captain, chair of a club or society, CCF team leader, coach of a younger sports team – there are opportunities for all.

Spotlight on...

Alumna Ella joined Langley in 2012, leaving in 2019 with A-Levels in English Literature, History, Mandarin and Politics. In 2020, Ella began at Cambridge University to read English Literature. Just as she did during her school years, Ella has embraced every opportunity that's on offer, becoming the ADC theatre director, editor for the Cambridge Review of Books magazine, and Cambridge Union Press Officer.



Destinations

The destinations of our cohort of Upper Sixth leavers in 2021 included going on to study Mechanical Engineering at Loughborough University, Zoology at Exeter, Medicine at the American University of Medicine in Antigua, International Law and Globalisation at Birmingham University, Law at the University of York, Musical Theatre and Acting for Film at Chichester University, and Geography at Swansea University, to name but a few. We also have a student with a professional football contract and another with a full scholarship by the English Speaking Union to attend Culver Academy, USA.





The LFA

The Langley Football Academy (LFA) is directed by ex-professional Norwich City striker Grant Holt. The coaching team as a whole is made up of UEFA A Licenced Coaches, former professional players and specialist support staff, including former Norwich City Academy coach Ali Colman.

Between them, they have more than 40 years of professional playing and coaching experience, notably in the English Premier League, and importantly they are all extremely passionate about what they do. Langley School is also the official education partner of Norwich City Football Club, providing education and accommodation to their elite academy players.

The Academy

Becoming part of the LFA means training with former professionals, who have international contacts and links to the most elite clubs in the UK, such as Manchester City. Being an Academy player also means receiving expert strength and conditioning coaching, nutritional advice, post-game analysis, all while following an academic programme.

Through the LFA, pupils get the best of both worlds; footballing excellence and outstanding academic opportunity. Come and meet us to chat through your child and their place in the Academy.

Follow us on Instagram
[@LangleyFootballAcademy](#)

LFA alumni

2021 was a big year from Matt Ward, who finished his A-Levels at Langley School, graduated from the Langley Football Academy, and signed a professional playing contract with Ipswich Town Football Club. Matt has gone from strength to strength and he is just one example of how the LFA – with its training and playing opportunities, plus academic programme at Langley Senior School – can support a youngster’s journey from School to a career in one of the most competitive sporting fields in the UK.

“There were aspects of my game that the LFA really aided me and helped me with.”

- Matt Ward, Ipswich Town FC and Langley alumnus



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