



Langley
SCHOOL



Sporting Vision



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Vision

The multi-sport experience at Langley is for all ages and levels, from aspiring professionals to recreational players. At every level, we celebrate performance, progress and perseverance because we know that training, fixtures and competition are mentally and physically enriching for all. Through the wide and varied sporting offering at Langley, we want pupils to gain experience, feel satisfaction, contribute to society and reach their full potential.

Leadership

“Leadership skills are important on and off the pitch. They help create successful teams, great work in the classroom and, importantly, personal growth.”

Andrew Walker, *Deputy Head Co-Curricular (Senior)*

George, Upper Sixth
*Captain of Langley
Football Academy and
Deputy Head of School
(2021/22)*

Teamwork

Within a team, motivation and a sense of belonging encourage young people to take part and work with their peers. Vitally, teams are a platform for our future leaders to lead the way by example.

Communication

Sport develops fundamental character traits including the communication skills that are essential for any young person, and honing them from an early age helps prepare pupils for life beyond school, to which many of our alumni pay testament.

Strategy and organisation

Sports and team activities offer opportunities for participants to create strategic game plans for all to buy in to, as well as learning about perception and potential, all of which ultimately lead to success and legacy.

Self-discipline

Pupils are encouraged to recognise the importance of contributing to a team, the significance of a challenge, and the need for self-discipline to make necessary improvements individually and collectively.





Culture

Directly linked with the School's ethos, Langley's sporting culture positively influences on a day-to-day basis how our pupils' function, perform and grow. Complimenting the School's values of kindness, confidence, curiosity and integrity, the sporting culture also promotes:

- ★ Accountability
- ★ Determination
- ★ Respect
- ★ Appreciation
- ★ Process
- ★ Trust



Performance

Langley pupils are given the opportunity, support and skills they need to exceed their own expectations without fear of failure. Our philosophy – including our vision, leadership, sporting culture and values – reinforces that there are no limitations to the potential and performance of each individual Langley pupil. We praise, reward, help develop self-esteem and management of feelings, so that in each performance we are the best version of ourselves and we let the score take care of itself.



Development

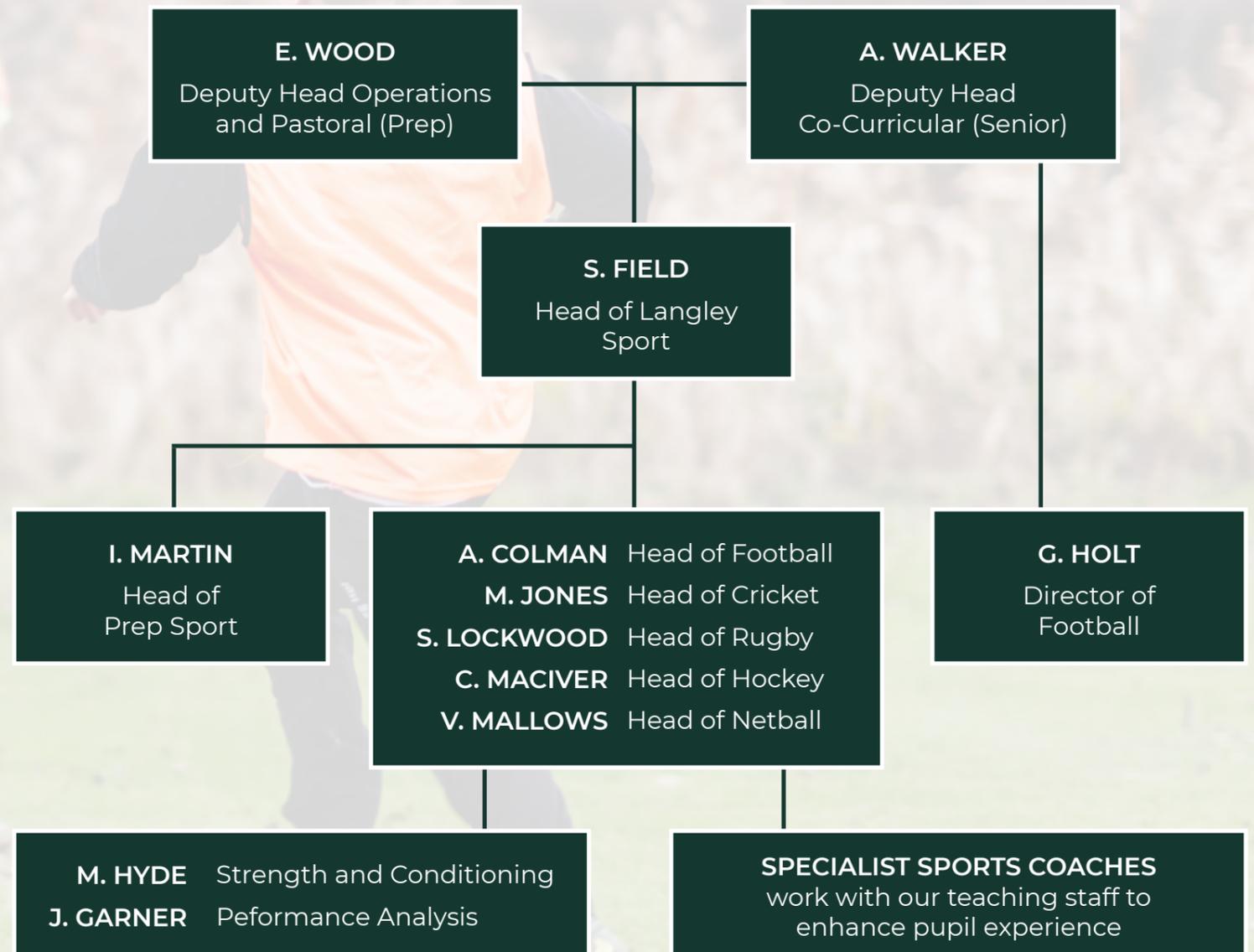
At Langley it is all about the individual and through sport we aim to develop the individual through technical ability, tactical awareness, gameplay experience, and via a twofold approach to training, in which we learn to train and train to compete. Learning is a huge part of sport and that is why we look to challenge pupils, encourage them to feel pride, help them be a good team mate and a good human being.

Achieving our goals

- ★ Congruence between our Prep and Senior sites
- ★ Development and increased recognition of the importance of girls' engagement in sports and physical activity
- ★ Development of 'sport for all' ethos and inclusion in a supportive, accepting environment
 - ★ Development of areas of excellence (Football, Netball, Hockey, Rugby)
- ★ Diversity of sporting provision for those of all abilities and interests
 - ★ Elite development of partnerships with local and national sports clubs and organisations
 - ★ Opportunity through experience and first class coaching
 - ★ Parity between sporting disciplines
 - ★ Prospect of travel for competitions
 - ★ Specialist 'sporting academies' to support and develop our young athletes
 - ★ Providing a programme of support for Sports Scholars
- ★ Engaging pupils in our Athletic Development Model for performance sport and lifelong engagement in physical activity



Staffed for success



For a full overview of our sport staff's profiles, please visit langleyschool.co.uk/sport

Sporting Partners

Our sports staff are recruited for their exceptional knowledge, experience and excellence in their specialism. However, we recognise that our pupils benefit exponentially from the wealth of opportunities available via our Partners. Our Heads of Sport will continue to develop, enhance and build relations with new and existing Sporting Partners.



Outreach

Working with local state schools, sports clubs, and by developing a breadth of commercial holiday camps, we will be able to share our success and engage with our local community, so that they can benefit from our resources, staff skillset and the opportunities presented by our Sporting Partners. We aim to do this

by hosting events, providing coaching support, offering facility hire, running festivals and founding new clubs.

Sports Scholarships and Bursary funding will continue to be available to assist gifted children who would be unable to access an independent education without financial support.



“We work to develop good human beings who have the confidence to pursue lifelong participation in sport and physical activity.”

Stu Field
Head of Langley Sport

Alumni

Matt Ward

Now a signed, professional footballer

In March 2020, just before finishing his A-Levels and completing the Langley Football Academy (LFA) programme, Matt Ward signed a deal in principle with Ipswich Town Football Club, marking his first ever contract as a professional. In an interview with ex-professional Grant Holt, the LFA's Director of Football, Matt said, "There were aspects of my game that the LFA really aided me and helped me with."



Joe Plunkett

A leader both on and off the pitch

Determined to pursue a career in Rugby, Joe was a key contributor in fixtures across many sports and was a respected leader on the field and in the classroom, becoming Head of School in 2020/21. A potential career threatening injury in Y11 was his greatest test of resilience. He worked through his injury and his studies simultaneously and attributes his success in exams and selection to the Leicester Tigers Academy to "friends, family and the brilliant academic and sport staff at school. I couldn't have done it without them". Joe is now studying Sport and Exercise Science at Loughborough University.



Simone Panella

An award-winning entrepreneur in the sport industry

Armed with Business and Double BTEC Sport A-Levels from Langley in 2020, talented rugby player Simone went to study Business and Management at Brunel University in London, where he launched a start-up business that saw him awarded 'Outstanding Entrepreneur' in a Venture Competition, "thanks to an idea I had on rugby headgears back when I was at Langley," says Simone.



Alice Woollatt

An athlete whose lifelong love of sport started at School

A gymnast at just six years old, Alice loved the small classes and level of teacher support at Langley, where she managed her time and workload while playing for high-level hockey club Harleston Magpies. Going on to degree-level education at Nottingham Trent University, Alice has played alongside international hockey players from the likes of New Zealand and Team GB.



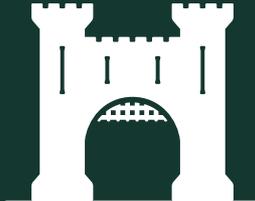
Facilities

With two 100+ acre sites to take advantage of, there is no shortage of rugby, cricket and football pitches to be enjoyed. The Senior School hosts the national U15 rugby festival at Langley Park every year, showcasing the quality of our facilities.

Both sites benefit from exceptional full-sized sports halls with multisport facilities, including changing rooms,

toilet and shower facilities. Our Prep site offers a convenient viewing area over the sports hall as well as a purpose-built indoor swimming pool. While the Senior site boasts a full-sized AstroTurf suitable for hockey or tennis. This comes complete with floodlights, enabling the facilities to be enjoyed all year round and into the evening for activities and fixtures.





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