



July 2017 Edition

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Hello from the Headteacher



What a fantastic year it's been and we seem to have reached the end of it in record time! We've had an extremely busy final half term, with so much happening across the whole school.

Our Year 11 students finished their exams and said their goodbyes with the twin celebrations of their Barbecue and Prom. We wish them every success for the future and look forward to seeing them back with us for Graduation Evening on 30th November.

Year 10 students made the most of their opportunity to spend a week with employers during Work Experience. We received a record number of complimentary, positive reports back from employers, so well done Year 10!

It was something of a test of character for our Year 8 students and staff on their camp at Blackland Farm this year; they were flooded out by torrential rain, but I'm pleased to say that everyone rose to the challenge and team spirit saw them through.

Students who remained in school enjoyed a variety of enriching activities, including Young Enterprise business challenges for Year 9 students. Employers from local and multinational companies gave up their time to run the workshops, from which we hope to develop some young entrepreneurs of the future. Year 7 students enjoyed collaborative working with the University of Brighton, as well as raising money for local charities with their fun run. Well done Year 7!

Our drama and music production was an absolute triumph this year, with an amazing production of School of Rock. I know that many of you came to watch the two evening performances and our younger pupils from the Deans Partnership enjoyed their very own matinee performance.

Last week saw our annual Celebration Evening, where we were able to celebrate some of the many successes of our students with their families and carers. It was a lovely evening and a fitting way to show the Longhill community what an amazing group of young people we have at Longhill High School.

On that note, I wish you a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kate Williams
Headteacher



Celebration Evening – Student Success

What a lovely evening this was for Longhill High School students and their families! It was an opportunity to come together and share some of the fantastic achievements of students over the past year. Students were nominated across all years and subjects to receive awards for their achievement and attainment in a particular subject; an additional group of students were also recognised for their extra special contribution to either their Houses, for overall work at Key Stage 3 or 4, for Art, Drama, Science and Sport, for Work Experience, Peer Mentoring or Special Endeavour.

The final award of the evening, the Headteacher's Award, was deservedly won this year by Year 11 student Alex Emery. Alex has been an absolute credit to the school, taking part in every school production from Year 7 until his final memorable performance as Fagin in *Oliver!* Alex is a multi-talented performer, with astonishing skills in acting, singing and dancing. So wide-ranging are Alex's talents that he has been offered a highly sought-after place to study at the prestigious Brit School in South London. We wish Alex every success with his future career and will look out for his name in lights in the not-too-distant future!



Sky Sports Day

This year, sixteen Year 9 students have been part of the Sky Sports programme, which aims to inspire students to be successful in all aspects of life by using the six key Steps to Success: Mental Toughness, Hunger to Achieve, People Skills, Sports and Life Knowledge, Breaking Barriers and Planning for Success.

The project is funded by Sky Sports who employ Olympians and Paralympians to deliver this message through a day workshop. Our students have been meeting during mentor time to develop their skills and have led activities for primary-aged children.

Longhill High School was lucky enough to have Alastair Mckean visit us and spend time talking about how he changed his life around from having nothing to being a teacher, Deputy Head, world champion rower and Beijing Paralympic bronze medallist. He led the students through team-building and personal challenges, whilst talking about the keys to success.

Students, pictured here, received a certificate for their participation and involvement in this project.





Goodbye from Year 10

I'm sure everyone will agree that it has been a fabulous year and I am delighted that we have achieved so much.

I am so proud of the mature attitude our students displayed during work experience, even to the extent that some students were offered Saturday jobs, as the employers were so impressed with their efforts. All the students were visited and the feedback was incredible. Our students represented Longhill High School fabulously well and should be proud of their achievements in the work place.

Year 10 students have been experiencing college life and preparing for the next stage of their education by attending college open days. These have been really popular and students have enjoyed having a taste of college life.



Another highlight was the enrichment trips to Roedean School. The first, an evening event, was an Oxbridge Conference to help students find out about life at Oxford and Cambridge Universities and how to make a successful application. The second event was held for students who were potentially interested in studying Medicine at University. This was also well attended and students gained an important insight in how to help make their medical Science applications successful along with speaking to current medical students.

The final highlight of the year was our Sports Day. This was an absolutely fabulous day with all of the year 10 students participating in Benchball and Volleyball during the morning and finishing with track events.

Congratulations go to Lily Froome, Hollie Bowen, Frankie White, Millie Whitfield, Justin Coloma, Laura Howell, Archie Redgrave, Louie Richardson, Leia Smith, Alex Ridley, Jessy-Frank N'Sukama, Freya Hengeveld-George, Jude Easteal and Aston Scott for their amazing drama performances in the "School of Rock", everybody who attended commented that it was a fantastic evening.



Myself and Mrs Williams would like to congratulate all the Year 10 students on their determination and resilience during the year, we are incredibly proud of them.

May I end with wishing all students and their parents/carers a very happy and restful summer holiday and I am looking forward to you all returning in Year 11 ready for the new year ahead which will be full of new challenges.

Ms Winfield
Head of Year 10



Longhill High School Students and the Community

On Tuesday 20th June our year 11 Sports Leaders received their Rotary Young Citizens awards at the Hilton Metropole Hotel Brighton. These were in recognition of exceptional service to the community, presented by the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Peter Field. Congratulations to the following students who taught sport in our local primary schools and received Gold, Silver and Bronze awards:



Tamzin Balameh, Aimee Bishop, Maiser Churcher, Lillie Goddard, Taylor Grantham, Kerri Heasman-Tyrrell, Lois Hepburn, Victoria Jarvis, Megan Lambert-Baker, Megan Lloyd, Georgia Marchand, Hattie Pendry, Ellie Steele, Eddy Stevens, Daniella Wilby and Sam Wilkinson.

Longhill Sports leaders in the community have had a very positive impact by supporting, promoting sport and demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities. Eddy Stevens, Sam Wilkinson, Kim

Stroomberg and Lillie Goddard, after their exams, refereed Volleyball, Football and Tag Rugby at the Yellow Wave Sports Complex, in partnership with our primary schools. It was an outstanding day, with Longhill High School students at the heart of delivering competitive sport and sporting opportunities for over a hundred primary school students. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mr Darren Hambrook who organises these brilliant events.

Our year 9 Students have been great at teaching Multi Skills for a day at St Margaret's primary school in Rottingdean. Thank you to Ellie Rose-Ford, Emily-Anne Peacock, Kiera Long, Max Wilkins, Max Daniels and Dean Ingram for all their time, effort and commitment.

Year 7 Charity Run

Thank you to our Sports Leaders for supporting our annual charity run around the school fields. The event is aimed at raising money for the Royal Sussex County Hospital Heart and Kidney Departments, the Wooden Spoon Rugby Charity and Cancer Research UK. We look forward to raising a good sum of money in the future and a 'big thank you' for the great support from students, parents, staff and local businesses.

Mr N Rolf



School of Rock

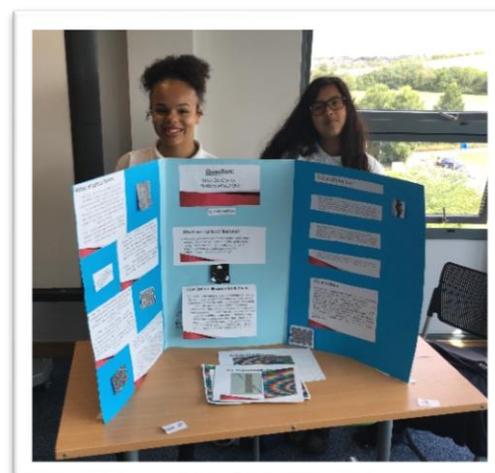




Science Fair

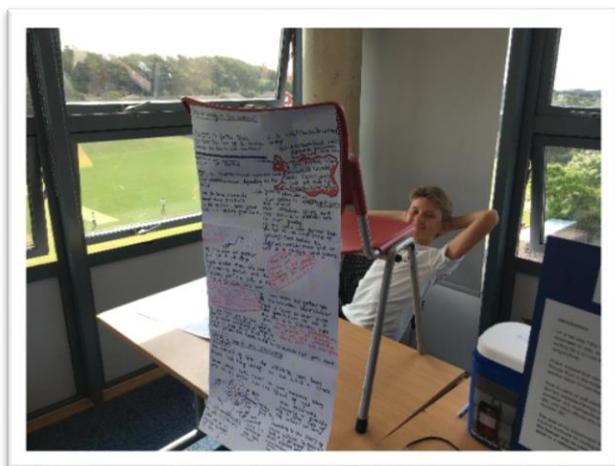
Longhill High School held its first Science Fair last week for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. The Fair, which ran all day, was attended by many staff and students who were all amazed at the level and quality of work on show. Deputy Head of Science Ms Abingdon explained, "The Fair is a real showcase. Our students have worked very hard on this and their level of engagement, understanding and presentation is incredible. You will leave the Fair having learnt something amazing!"

Topics covered were extremely diverse: how your brain works, the cool conundrum, the most efficient renewable energy, how big really is the universe and are dogs left or right-pawed to name but a few!



Science teacher Ms Holland, who organised the Science Fair told us, "Having so many staff and students to have a look around has been really exciting for the students and has made all their hard work worthwhile. They have really enjoyed sharing their excitement for science with everyone. I'm looking forward to next year already!"

So are we!





TERM DATES 2017-2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

1st September to 19th December

1st September INSET DAY

4th September YEAR 7 ONLY

5th September ALL YEARS IN SCHOOL

Inset Day

24th November

Half Term

16th October to 27th October (2 weeks)

SPRING TERM 2018

3rd January to 29th March

Half Term

12th February to 16th February

29th January INSET DAY

SUMMER TERM 2018

12th April to 24th July

Half Term

28th May to 1st June

DIARY DATES

Year 7

12th October Pastoral Evening

7th December Parents' Evening

14th June Parents' Evening

Year 8

14th December Parents' Evening

8th February Options Evening

8th March Parents' Evening

Year 9

23rd November Parents' Evening

17th May Parents' Evening

Year 10

22nd February Parents' Evening

12th July Parents' Evening

Year 11

16th November Parents' Evening

1st February Parents' Evening

Whole School

28th September Open Evening

30th November Graduation Evening
(Year 12)

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