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Newsletter - July 2018

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Hello from the Headteacher

It's been a fantastic end to the year, made even better by what seems to be a record-breaking summer of fine weather.

We've had a huge variety of trips this term, including sports science at the University of Brighton, business enterprise with Albion in the Community, trips to the V & A Museum and the Saatchi Gallery and, last week, a trip to the British Library in London.

Our 'Ignite' students were rewarded with a visit to the British Airways i360 and our Year 7 students enjoyed a scary treat watching Jurassic World at our local cinema at the Marina.

We aim to stretch, challenge and enrich the school experience of our students, whatever their interests or abilities and we will continue to offer them as many opportunities as possible over the next academic year.

If you didn't manage to see our summer production, Guys and Dolls JR, you missed a real treat. Our Performing Arts department work extremely hard, not to mention our incredibly talented students, to put on two excellent shows each year. Watch out for our next production, which will be a Christmas pantomime.

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, with students showing their sporting prowess as well as just having fun in the sun on our numerous sports fields. Well done to Pier House, who came first overall.

This was followed by our annual Celebration Evening, where students and their families are able to come together to celebrate academic achievement and progress made throughout the year. It was lovely to see so many of you there on the night.

Students and staff have worked extremely hard this year and I wish them and all the Longhill community a lovely summer break.



Kate Williams
Headteacher



Science – Exploring the Environment

This summer has been a very successful one in the science department. This is the time of year where we make the most of the excellent weather by venturing out into the school grounds to explore our environment and to meet the flora and fauna that we share our habitat with.

The annual science fair was, once again, a roaring success. It provided an opportunity for our aspiring triple science students to flex their research and investigative muscles and to follow their curiosity. From Cartesian divers to optical illusions, the range of scientific phenomena that was on display was as impressive as the enthusiasm and presentation skills of the students.

A group of our year 9 students attended the Big Bang Science Event at the University of Brighton. This event gave them insight into the world of STEM jobs and the career potential that a science education can unlock. They also had the opportunity to try out some of the latest technology and to see some scientific marvels.

We said goodbye to our year 11 students who all did themselves proud in their approach to their summer exams. We expect to see another strong set of results and wish everyone the best of luck on results day.

The science faculty wishes everyone a pleasant and sunny summer!

“The Sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent upon it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the Universe to do.”

— Galileo Galilei





Modern Foreign Languages – Travel and Cakes

This has been a very exciting half term for the MFL department. We have led our first trip to Granada in conjunction with UKHSI and we have welcomed two groups of students from China to be part of our school. We are organising a Year 8 trip to Lille Christmas Markets in December for our students who study French, and we are preparing to take a joint trip to Barcelona with Hove Park School and BACA.

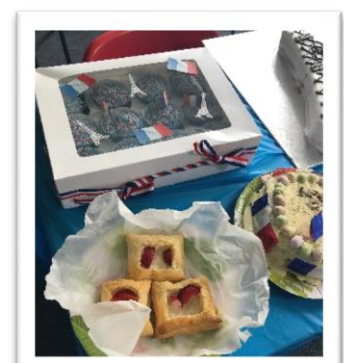
In September we will be working again with Fondaccion LLor, a sports college near Barcelona, from which 20 students will be joining the Longhill family for 4 weeks. The integration programmes we run are hugely beneficial for students and staff alike and the MFL department are very grateful to everyone involved for their help and support and to SLT for their continued work on making this all possible.

We have also held our fourth annual Great Languages Bake-Off, a fantastic and delicious addition to the MFL department calendar, with lots of participants from across year groups! Congratulations to all who took part!

This term we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Ann Butters, former head of department and teacher of French, Spanish and Business Studies. Ann has been part of the school for 11 years, and will be sorely missed by staff and students alike. We wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavours, and she will not be forgotten at Longhill High.

We have appointed a new full-time staff member, Mark Chesters, who will be starting with the department in September.

A polite reminder to all MFL students to keep practising your language skills over the summer using Memrise, Quizlet and Linguascope and to stay up to date on news and events in Francophone and Hispanic countries. Have a great summer and we will see you in September!



Maths – Taking Things Further

Teacher Grace Geilinger and fellow students (Ursula Eastwood, William Sand, Jacob Norris, Rosie Jones and Hannah Andrews) from BHASVIC visited Longhill High School recently to raise awareness of maths courses at college and persuade more pupils to consider this as an option.

Part of our focus this year has been to look at how we inspire our students to seek further challenges at A-level. The program with BHASVIC was designed to demystify maths courses and build subject confidence by working together on typical mathematical problems from the A level syllabus. Comments like "this isn't as hard as I expected" or "I'm intrigued by what college is going to be like" were a common trend amongst our young mathematicians.

Ms Geilinger offered further help to those that are still unsure by both online maths help and monthly taster days at their site in town. We thank them for coming in to see us.

Maths students in Year 7 have enjoyed creating optical illusions using lines and nephroids. The drawings enabled them to focus on construction skills, repetition and patterns. The students showed some great understanding, creativity and competent skills with maths tools like rulers and compasses. Here are some of their creations.





Year 8 Camp 2018

Year 8 camp this year was a raging success, taking higher numbers than we have for many years and keeping everyone on camp; a great credit to both the students' behaviour whilst on camp and the hard work from the staff.

This was the hottest camp to date, a complete contrast to last year's camp which is now affectionately known as "the great flood".

Suncream, water and ice-creams were flowing throughout the week, with activities being undertaken and fears conquered. The students of Year 8 got to realise that the staff are not just strict, faceless adults telling them off; relationships developed and, as a year group, they entered the "club" that only those who have attended camp understand.

The routine of camp life was only broken when we all sat around listening to England playing their world cup fixture. Although the result is not to be spoken about, the memory of them as a group gathered around listening to a world cup game will be carried with them well beyond their time at Longhill High.

One Year 8 said "I wasn't sure what it would be like on camp, but I am glad my friends convinced me to go."





English Faculty

After waving goodbye to our dear departing Year 11s, in English we have been busy putting our Year 10s through a series of mock exams while waltzing through the delights of poetry in Years 7, 8 and 9.

In Year 7 our students have been learning the skills of annotation, note taking and how to frame an extended response using popular poems like Pam Ayers' 'Where There's A Will' and Pie Cobett's 'City Jungle.' In Year 8 the students have been studying poetry from The Great War including work from Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.

In Year 9 the students have studied a range of complex poetry at GCSE level to prepare them for the demands of English literature paper 2. Here is a taste of the level of analysis (the poem was Michael Baldwin's 'Death on a Live Wire'):

The poet uses language to deliberately challenge the obvious message: that the narrator has witnessed a tragic death. For example, the words "A laughing fellow," suggest that the man found the situation funny, that maybe he was drunk or had a mental illness. Similarly, the word "cage" can be read in a number of ways and challenges simple readings. It could convey almost a childish atmosphere, like a climbing frame, a toy to play with, not an electrical wire that would bring about his death. However, it might equally signify imprisonment or capture. The tone may sound playful, but the reader realises that it's there for effect, not to make the poem funny or less meaningful. In fact, it makes the poem more meaningful, raising tension, fulfilling the promise of the sinister title.



Combined Cadet Force

Day 1: Range Day! Shotgun, 25m Range, Obstacle course, night-vision stand, weapon stand, AFV recognition stand, paintball and archery was a great start and a full on day for the cadets on camp.

Day 2: Adventurous Training Day. Mountain biking, long bow, rock climbing, arrow tag followed by water activities of kayaking and the A6 assault boat.

Day 3: Fieldcraft Day 1. Laser Quest, first aid stand with scenario and an Intro to sniper stalking. After this day we all managed to go back into camp and watch the England Football World Cup Semi Final, though no one is allowed to speak about the result.

Day 4: Fieldcraft Day 2. Survival (fire, shelter and water), tracking - ground sign awareness, sign interpretation, room/compound clearance and a patrol followed by a raid. A lot was learnt and enjoyed - we have some naturals at survival!

Competition Day: Placing 3rd in the Obstacle Course, 2nd Place in First Aid and 1st Place in Shotgun and Drill - what a fantastic competition day! From 16 other schools, 12 of these not being state schools, we also managed to come 3rd overall, another fantastic year with amazing results.

A few cadets earned their promotions on this camp, Sgt Ezme Tiley got promoted to Colour Sergeant and is now our senior cadet, the go between for cadets and staff - no easy job. And congratulations must also go to two of our Year 10s, Sophie Mantell and Freya Wilson, who were promoted to Lance Corporal for all their hard work and leadership since joining; these are ones to watch, a lot of potential still to come!

A final thank you must go to our staff. This would not be possible if not for the dedication and hard work put in behind the scenes. A massive thank you from Longhill CCF to Maj Pringle, Maj Lonsdale, Capt Capper and 2Lt Woolcott - we know how hard you work and are so grateful.

Capt Tester- Training Officer.



Humanities Faculty

Geography

The Geography Department have been busy collecting data and making the most of the good weather.

Year 10 spent two days looking at the risk that traffic poses to pedestrians around Churchill Square in Brighton. They collected risk, traffic and pedestrian data in order to decide if any of the streets should be pedestrianised in the interest of public safety. The results collected were surprising and we found that roads which we predicted would be quite dangerous were actually among the safest. Students were shocked to learn that three of the roads we studied need a reduction of up to 34% in order to reach EU targets for nitrogen dioxide levels!

Year 9 also conducted fieldwork over two days at Rottingdean beach. They were tasked with deciding if our sea defences are sustainable, by conducting environmental quality surveys and groyne effectiveness tests. Overall, most of the defences came out positively and the students were confident that they will be beneficial to our coastline in the long term.

It was lovely to see so many of our students engaging with and enjoying Geography fieldwork. They were a credit to the school and we look forward to more trips next year.

Year 9 Theatre Performance by 'Alter Ego Creative Solutions' - 'County Lines'

On Wednesday 4th July, Year 9 showed the greatest of maturity, empathy and compassion whilst watching 'County Lines'.

The play told the story of a couple of young people who are drawn into criminal activity around drugs supply. It showed how they were tricked and coerced into trusting a peer and agreed to deliver money and drugs to various addresses. It described some of the ways in which criminal drug dealers groom and use young people.

The 30 minute production and 30 minute post-show Q & A proved highly effective in raising awareness of:

- Risky behaviour
- The grooming process
- Child exploitation
- Where young people can go for help and advice

County Lines and exploitation are highly sensitive topics and every care was taken to ensure that the production was hard-hitting and relevant without being graphic or offensive. The issues were raised and discussed in a manner entirely relevant and suitable for the target age group and were preceded and followed by work in Mentor groups.

'Alter Ego Creative Solutions', who have performed in every secondary school in Brighton and Hove, stated how Longhill High offered the best support and compassion for students that they had seen.

Year 9 Work Insight Day

As a part of Enrichment Week, on Thursday 28th June, all of Year 9 was extremely fortunate to benefit from a Work Insight Day.

This was a day of activities and talks for Year 9, the outcome of which was to give students a greater awareness of different job sectors and the skill sets, attitudes and passions therein. There was a carousel of rooms each year 9 class rotated around, with different visitors in each one. The visitors included:

- NHS
- Mears Group
- Lloyds Bank
- Simply Beautiful Print
- Sussex Police
- The Mace Group

There was also a computer room session for each Year 9 group to research their own career pathways. Your child can inform you of the work they did on their future career pathways, including their skills, personal qualities and interests, and the jobs generated to match their individual profiles, at: <https://www.startprofile.com/>

Thanks very much to Cordelia Dobbie, our Careers Adviser, for arranging the whole thing. The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, including:

"I have learnt about multiple careers"

"Thanks for the teaching and helping us with our future"

"I've learnt about different types of jobs I thought were one thing"

"Thank you for a great day"

"I found today helpful and helped me think about what job choices I have"

And "I learned that the Police are cool men"!!

History

Year 9 GCSE history students sat their first ever mock GCSE on 4th July. The exam lasted 1 hour and 20 minutes and was a real challenge for students, especially in the temperatures we have been experiencing. As part of the Enrichment Week programme, each Year 9 history class spent a whole day with their history teacher working on exam technique. We wanted students to have this experience to raise their awareness about the expectations the course demands of them. All in all the students did really well.



Year 7 LGBTU Awareness Days

This year we hosted our fourth Year 7 LGBTU Awareness Days during Enrichment Week on Monday the 25th and Wednesday 27th June. This was another successful occasion for our Longhill High students to explore issues of being gay, lesbian, bisexual, unknown or transgender. We were joined by Reuben from the local LGBTU support group 'Allsorts', who have always committed their time and expertise to Longhill students; whether through workshops, small group meetings or one to one sessions, it is always heartening to know that we can offer our students the most effective support and skills to keep themselves safe, healthy and happy.

The feedback from students and staff was that the day had helped us to understand our diverse society and where we sit in a global picture; to be able to value differences and similarities in people; to be able to support one another and signpost ourselves and friends to services; as well as enjoying the challenges and stimulation of a day within which we could offer varied sessions with visitors as well as staff.



Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Some of our students don't use their free school meals allowance.

A healthy, balanced meal and a drink will help your child to concentrate and work more productively during the afternoon.

You know it makes sense!

Creativity & Enterprise Faculty



Technology

The Technology and Art departments are always happy to help out with props and stage sets for school productions and this year was no exception.

During Enrichment Week, Mr. Maloney was accompanied by two very hardworking and creative Year 10 students who had a work placement in Technology.

As part of their work placement, George Boyland, Joshua Wallace and Year 9 student Jacob Sullivan all worked with Mr. Maloney to design and build stage props for the Guys & Dolls JR performances.

The team managed to build the props out of 100% recycled materials; this involved foraging in the woods for sticks, reclaiming scrap wood and recycling scrap paper, newspapers and magazines. The boys assembled a mobile prop that acts as both the Tiki Bar and the News Stand.

Origami flowers, painting techniques, photo-shopped prints and spray painting are just some of the methods used to create the illusion of flowers, a thatched roof and realistic details. What an excellent job they made of it – the stage sets looked amazing!

Making the Props for Guys & Dolls JR



LONGHILL PE AND PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY NEWSLETTER

Summer Term Success

Wow, what a fantastic half term we've had across the faculty!

It's been incredible with the amount of success across the faculty in all of our sporting events. We've dominated the Year 7 Athletics across the city and I am pleased to see so many students involved in extracurricular events and leadership opportunities. I wish all students a restful summer and will look forward to meeting our new Year 7s in September.

Mr Fallick

Charity Fun Run Success

Every year at Longhill High, we try to raise as much money for Royal Sussex County Cardiovascular and Kidney Departments, Cancer Research UK and The Wooden Spoon children's rugby charity. This year was an absolute success with all students working together on the day, having loads of fun and raising over £1500. A fantastic effort from everyone on the day!



Rugby at Hurstpierpoint College

Over the year we have run a three training session programme with Jordan Tuner-Hill (former England and Harlequins player).

We focused on developing the skills and tactical awareness of our players. The lessons were first rate, fun, enjoyable and challenging.

Well done to the following players that were selected to take part in 3 coaching days at Hustpierpoint in June July and August.

Will Blair
Harry Bundy
Charlie Dykes
Connor Bettsworth
Louie Thwaites
Robbie Stoner

Leadership at Longhill

Rotary club of Brighton's Young Citizens Awards Ceremony 2018.

Congratulations to the following students for obtaining their Silver awards in recognition of exceptional service to the community.

The presentation of awards by The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Peter Field, was a fantastic evening.

Fay Woodley	Community Dance
Hannah Fleming	Community Dance
Kacey Burstow	Thai Boxing Community club
Lewis Latham	Year 7 Rugby Training
Robbie Stoner	Year 7 Rugby training
Connor Bettsworth	Year 7 Rugby training
Dylan Simpkin	Year 7 Rugby training
Bradley Andersen	Year 7 Rugby training
Lewis Brown.	Year 7 Rugby training

Mr Rolf

Summer Sports Day!

On Tuesday the 10th of July we held our Summer Sports Day. It was a fantastic day for all students and staff involved. The day is split into two sections; morning games and afternoon races. Year 7s took part in Benchball and Rounders, Year 8s Handball and Longball, Year 9s Capture the flag and Ultimate Frisbee and year 10s took part in Dodgeball and Volleyball.

In the afternoon, students took part in fast and furious races, which saw lots of students engaged and working well with each other. I was proud to see so many students involved in our wonderful and inclusive Sports Day.

The results were really, really close and here they are:

Pier 4025 1
Lanes 4000 2
Dome 3925 3
Pavilion 3850 4

Well done to all students who smashed it! **#TeamLH**

PE Reward Afternoon

On Friday the 13th of July we held our first ever PE Reward afternoon for a group of students in Years 7 – 9. The event was a real success and we plan on running more events next year.

Our next event will be a sports presentation evening that will take place in early September to celebrate the success of our year in school sport.

Mr Fallick

Year 6 Transition Day

70 year 9s organised and ran a multi-sports session for all of the Year 6s who visited Longhill on their transition day earlier this month. Each year 6 group took part in a different activity including basketball, netball, rounders, tag rugby, capture the flag, handball, endball. The year 9s had spent time planning warm-ups and practices and learned different ways of organising students into groups. Year 9s could also choose the role they played; whether they were the main leader, giving out instructions, officials keeping the score and checking for fair play or whether they were motivators or equipment organisers, essential for the smooth running of the session. The year 9s were a real credit to Longhill High and particularly the PE department. We were all very proud of the way they stepped up and made the year 6s experiences of PE at Longhill both safe and fun. Many of the year 6s were so pleased to have met an older student and will hopefully remember the year 9s' names for when they start in September.

Kit for September

Please could I ask all parents to check that students have perfect PE Kit over the summer holidays ready for September?

If you need to buy any new kit please follow the link here:

<https://www.sussexuniforms.co.uk/collections/longhill-high-school>



Guys and Dolls

The school production of Guys and Dolls has been an amazing success! A range of students from years 7-10 have been working tirelessly over the last few months rehearsing and learning their lines and have been an absolute credit to Longhill. They also gave a matinee performance to a large number of year 5 students from a range of schools across Brighton.

The students thought it was 'AMAZING' and were super excited to meet the cast after the show had finished! The Performing Arts department are very proud of the students and cannot wait for the Christmas Production (which will be announced in September!). So any students wishing to audition- please keep an eye out for information around school and in the student forum.

Miss Fenwick

Rock Club

A number of students from years 7, 8 and 9 have been attending Rock Club over the last few months and have become a really strong band! All the musicians involved are incredibly talented and Rock Club has helped them showcase their amazing talent. They are performing in the Golden Ticket assembly at the end of this term so watch out for that- it's going to be brilliant!

Keep an eye out in September for Music opportunities at Longhill.High

Saltdean Primary Drama Project

6 Students from year 9 spent some time working with year 4 and 5 students from Saltdean Primary School to help them with their production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Students from Saltdean spent a day at Longhill taking part in workshop activities (planned by the year 9 students).

We then went to Saltdean Primary to watch their performance and the students helped them develop their characters. It was a great experience for all the students involved and is something we hope to do again in the future.

The students involved were:

Lewis Brown
Saoirse Burke
Molly Rogers
Katie Beasley
Spencer Murfitt
Dania Brierly

'Gulldashians' for Latest TV

Latest TV (a local TV Channel) approached the Performing Arts department about an exciting opportunity to work in collaboration with Brighton Palace Pier. The TV company were asked by the Pier to create a soap opera about a group of seagulls, as the Pier had been blogging about them for over a year. We were asked to bring them to life! Latest TV came to Longhill High for two days to work with a group of year 9 Performing Arts students to write the scripts for three 20-minute episodes of 'The Gulldashians'. Our students came up with some amazing ideas and characters!

The students' idea was that a group of seagulls have moved to the Brighton Palace Pier from Armenia. They then decide they want to become famous so they create their own chat show; once they have done this, they decide they want to go bigger- so they then make a movie! There is also kidnapping, stealing, arguing and even an appearance from Justin Beiber.

The students then spent three days shooting the soap opera on the Pier and in the Latest TV studio. The shows are set to be edited and ready to be broadcast on Latest TV in the autumn term.

The students involved; Joel Sayers, Chloe Short , Lewis Brown, Molly Rogers, Charlie Barr, Shae Bergin , Saoirse Burke, Katie Beasley ,Priscilla Lupata, Owen Brown, Shamiah Sweeney, Maddie Harris , Toby Hammond



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5.00 - 6.00pm school years 3 - 6 (primary) & 7 - 11 (secondary)

THURSDAY (NEW CLASS ADDED)

13th SEPT - 18th OCT - £35 & 8th NOV - 13th DEC - £35

4.00 - 5.00pm school years reception, 1 & 2

5.00 - 6.00pm school years 3 - 6

FRIDAY

14th SEPT - 19th OCT - £35 & 9th NOV - 11th DEC - £35

4.30 - 5.30pm school years reception, 1 & 2

5.30 - 6.30pm school years 3 - 6

PRE-SCHOOL 14th SEPT - 19th OCT - £20 & 9th NOV - 11th DEC - £20

4.00 - 4.30pm ages 3 & 4 years

SATURDAY

15th SEPT - 20th OCT - £35 & 10th NOV - 15th DEC - £35

9.00 - 10.00am secondary school years 7-11, 10.00 - 11.00am school years 3 - 6

11.00am - 12.00pm school years reception, 1 & 2

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