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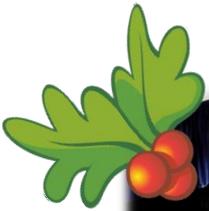


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Newsletter



December 2018

Hello from the Headteacher

It's been an incredibly busy half term and as always, there has been lots going on and students have been working hard throughout the school.

Year 11 had a taste of things to come by sitting their mock exams. Students will find these an invaluable means of identifying areas for improvement in the coming months.

Our CCF cadets have shown outstanding commitment to the school and the local community again this year during the British Legion Poppy Appeal. They took part in the remembrance parade in Rottingdean and raised a staggering £2,550, along with going on an exciting trip to Crowborough Training Camp.

We celebrated the success of our class of 2017/18 by welcoming them back for Graduation Evening. Students have enjoyed trips to the Lille Christmas markets, Goldsmiths University, the Amazon IT Project and the drama department were delighted by *A Comedy About a Bank Robbery* at the Theatre Royal. On top of all that, the music department held an amazing Christmas Carol Concert at St Margaret's Church in Rottingdean.

The icing on the cake this term has been the absolutely fantastic pantomime, *Snow White and the Seven Citizens of Several Sizes*. I'm sure that many of you will have seen and enjoyed this original production and will appreciate the work and dedication of students and staff that went into making it such a memorable show.

It just remains for me to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. See you on January 3rd.



Kate Williams
Headteacher





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The staff in Dome House always celebrate the achievements and success of individuals and teams in a very talented House. The students and staff have been brilliant supporting a number of events that have promoted two key values, loyalty and service - the foundations of Dome House. I am so proud of the commitment and 100% effort students have demonstrated in the following areas:



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Poppy Appeal Dome House Raised the most money £84.22 and won the most House points!

Year 7 students achieved 2nd place in the Inter House Indoor Athletics.

Students with other Houses took part in a Children in Need fun run lead by our rugby Leaders donating £20.

Our participation and the performance of our students acting in Snow White and the Seven Citizens of Several Sizes was outstanding.

Some of our students have been taking part in rugby this term training regularly on a Wednesday night. Our Year 10 competed in a festival at Hove Rugby club where we played against Blatchington Mill and Patcham High losing to both by a one try in each game. The Year 8 squad recently had a 30-25 victory against BACA and our Year 7 team will be playing Brighton College in January.

I have been really pleased with the number of students across all houses taking part in sport leadership opportunities in order for them to achieve a Rotary Club Bronze, Silver or Gold award in 2019.

Our students have had an impact in the local community volunteering their time promoting the power of sport and the benefits that you can achieve as a result of participation. Our students have developed their leadership skills supporting a Badminton Primary School Partnership Festival event at Longhill, Community Football and Community Dance -- well done!



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Lanes! I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your hard work over the term and for leading the way in the House Cup. Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year for more hard work and raising money for our chosen charity.

News from Year 7

I am very proud to be the Head of Year 7 after this incredible term. As a year group we have maintained the highest number of achievement points throughout the term and the highest whole year group attendance too. The Year 7 students have shown incredible resilience with their transition. Secondary school is a big step up from Year 6 and the whole year group has managed with this really well. A highlight of the term for me was how each mentor group worked together to raise money for Children in Need. We had a 'tenner challenge' and each mentor group had to turn just £10 into as much money as possible. This was entirely student lead and showed how far they have already come since Year 6. I'm looking forward to next term to see what else the year group has to offer. Thank you to all the parents and carers that have supported the students and made this term so positive. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

- Miss Holland



Year 7 have been mega busy with transitioning from primary to secondary school this term but have settled in well finding their way around the school and making new friends. They have even enjoyed new subjects which perhaps they haven't done before. We had a successful peer mentor project which has really helped those that were nervous about coming to Longhill settle in very well, so thank you to the mentors for this.

We have had lots going on such as friendship club in lunchtimes, some Year 7s have really thrown themselves into sports after school and we had numerous Year 7s in the panto as well.

Sadly I will be leaving after Xmas and would like to wish all the Year 7s all the best for the future and I am sure they will have a successful time at Longhill High School. It was a pleasure!

- Miss Roth

It was fun moving from primary to secondary school because I would be able to make friends. The

Peer Mentor trips were fun because we got to do activities with students who already attend Longhill. This made me feel better about coming to secondary school and meeting new students other than the ones from my primary. I have made lots of friends and I have more staff here that I can speak to if I have any worries

- Kai Hinton 7G

I have settled into Longhill very well. I have made so many friends from lessons. The teachers partner us up with others so this has made it easier to make new friends. I was a little nervous at the start of coming to secondary because of meeting new people, but I feel I have settled in well and I am happy.

- Yasmin Onslow 7I

News from Year 8

It's been a busy Autumn term but Year 8s have continued to throw themselves enthusiastically into everything the school has to offer. Our attendance has been great generally and many students have shown their competitive side in the first half term's attendance battle - it went down to the wire with 8N beating 8G by 0.3% and well deserving their lunch treat! This half term has been the Winter Wonderland Competition- the mentor group with the highest attendance this half term will be treated to a continental breakfast on the last day. We are hoping that one of Year 8's snapchat attendance groups will be pulled out of the hat for the huge Amazon vouchers prize! Not only are students being rewarded with points and golden tickets for attendance, they also don't miss out on their learning so should reach their potential in the future - it's a win-win situation!

Our Year 8 students have continued to play key parts in the sporting success at school and we have had successes in football (both boys and girls), rugby (boys) and netball (girls), table tennis (boys). We have some keen runners so it will be great to field a strong cross-country team in the local championships in January. There were also some notable performances in this year's school pantomime, in particular with Olly Emery and Stanley Hardwick-Owen playing the roles of Prince Charming and Muddles respectively, but we also had students from our year playing key roles both on and off the stage - well done to: Keira Raczkowski, Isobel Ryder, Jensen Kemp, Lewis Chick, Joe Duke, Saffron Keeley, Paige Smith, Brooke Notman and Emily Young. They were all fantastic and it was a pleasure being on stage with them!

Mr Griffiths and some keen Year 8 bakers helped bake mince pies to be sold at parents evening for charity- we raised £30 which we will add to the House charity collections.

The turnout for parents evening on a wet December evening was good but it would be lovely to see lots more students and parents at the Options evening on Thurs 7th Feb 6.00-8.00pm where you'll be able to speak to any of the subjects on offer and find out if the courses are suitable. Prior to this the options booklet will be sent home for parents to look at with the students and students will be having special options assemblies so that you all feel fully informed prior to making choices for Year 9 onwards.



The linguists who went to Lille did Longhill and themselves proud; it is amazing to get such positive reports back from all staff involved.

I am convinced that the year group will go from strength to strength if each student continues with their positive approach to school. I want our Year 8s to aspire to be the best they can and be determined to get there through hard work and success whilst at the same time being kind and supportive of each other. I wish all of the year group a fantastic Christmas and hope 2019 brings further adventures and achievements!

Thankyou also so much to you, parents and carers, for your continued support: I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to working with you in the New Year!

Shania's Superb Trip to Amazon

When we arrived at Amazon, it was huge and we got given 2 cards that we had to take care of. One that had our names on, the other that let us through gates. We were told to sit in the main hall with 3 other schools all from London. We were the furthest school and still managed to get there before everyone else!

First we had to plan out our ideas and within that time we shared our ideas. My idea had the most questions and some helped make my idea better and more advanced.

We had break and lunch then shortly after we had a workshop to help our confidence and ideas expand. We met new people and had to improvise 30 second presentations. It was so fun!!!

Throughout the day, we got to work with many different staff who worked for Amazon. Their jobs ranged from making apps, meeting with designers and marketing. They volunteered to spend the day with us. These people were inspirational.

I am so glad I got this opportunity and the most unexpected thing for me was when I went in I was so shy but when I left I felt so confident. There are two things I remember most. There might have been 1 person with the idea but the person who joined in made them a leader, and you can only be yourself because everyone else is taken. I'm so lucky and delighted to have been given this opportunity so thank you Miss Bradley and Miss Essex!!!



News from Year 9

All students now have free access to Seneca - a revision and homework platform making studying more fun. Seneca is an interactive way to learn official course content. Their web app covers 150+ exam board specific courses condensing what students need to know for their exams. The software is able to identify gaps in learning. For instance, when you get a question wrong, the platform will repeat the topic in different formats and their smart algorithm has proven to make students remember topics 2x faster. Seneca is totally free for students, teacher and parents. You can sign up via [senecalearning.com](https://www.senecalearning.com)

News from Year 10

We've had a positive start to Year 10. Students are working hard and getting their heads down in preparation for next year. There's been amazing sporting success this year, along with students preparing for their work experience. A huge well done to all students who have found their own placements and to those who have been working hard to try and secure a placement. There is still time for students to find their own placement – if they can continue to look over the holidays we will accept forms back in the New Year.

I would like to wish all students, parents and carers in Year 10 a peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Combined Cadet Force

Our amazing Combined Cadet Force recently went on an exciting trip to Crowborough Training Camp and Pippingford Park for 5 days over half term.

They got up to a lot of exciting activities, including a 24 hour military field exercise where they lived out in the woods, patrolling, setting ambushes and even did an individual firing manoeuvre where they fired on enemy targets! On top of that, they had an archery session and on their last day enjoyed a challenging obstacle course.

This was the first camp for 13 of the CCF's new cadets. It was a fantastic success with them all really enjoying themselves and throwing themselves enthusiastically into all the activities. A few of our hardworking cadets won shooting badges and passes, made all the more exciting as this was their first time shooting! Some of the more experienced cadets successfully stepped into command positions and made a fantastic effort achieving great results. What a fantastic experience our cadets had, made all the more rewarding for their hard work.

Special Mentions:

Abi and Gus, who got promoted to Lance Corporal after a fantastic few camps, showing great leadership.

Freya got promoted to Corporal. This is amazing, happening in a short amount of time but fully deserved and with a great future ahead of her in the cadet forces.

2Lt Judith Woolcott - This is her last official camp for Longhill CCF. She has been an absolute rock, someone who can always be relied upon and always getting involved to enhance the cadets' experiences. Due to her old age, she is off to pastures new, we wish her all the luck.



History

Year 11 History students got a taste of what they will face in the summer with their History mock exam. They sat the exact paper 2 exam from last summer, which covered the two topics: 'Anglo-Saxons and Normans' and 'The American West'. This was a challenge for students as this is the most difficult of the three History papers, plus they had to put in some serious revision as a lot of the learning for the paper had taken place in Y9. A big help for students was the website: <https://www.senecalearning.com/> which has just added History to its library of free revision resources. Students all received an email inviting them to use this excellent resource.

Other news from the Humanities Faculty: Ms Seaby is leaving us to have a baby, but will be back in September 2019, we wish her lots of luck. Mr Wilson (Head of Humanities Faculty and Head of History) will be taking on Ms Seaby's Geography GCSE classes and acting as Head of Geography from January until September; Ms Kenward will be stepping up to be the acting Head of History. Joining the Faculty will be Mr Collington who will be taking on some of KS3 geography classes as well as some KS3 and KS4 History. Season's greetings from all the Humanities Faculty!



Music

Longhill School's Music Department held a fantastic Christmas Carol Concert at St Margaret's Church in Rottingdean on the 6th December. Although it was a rainy and windy night, the concert was well attended with over 100 family friends and staff. Students performed a selection of music and songs they had chosen themselves and rehearsed to a high standard. Music ranged from whole group performances, such as Lean on Me, to solo instrumentals such as Blackbird performed on an acoustic guitar.

For the final song, around 30 members of staff came up on the altar to join the students in singing the last song "All I Want for Christmas is You" – making a very memorable performance! The evening was a huge success with a sparkly, festive atmosphere. Many thanks to all staff who supported our students and made the event extremely enjoyable for all!

Drama

On the 12th and 13th of December, Longhill High School's Drama Department held our annual pantomime, "Snow White and the Seven Citizens of Several Sizes"

In true Longhill High School tradition, this year's play was written by Deputy Headteacher Bill Holland and was directed by Drama Teacher Jo Fenwick. We found out who the magic mirror said was the fairest of them all, booted the evil Queen and her two bungling spies as they set out to capture and kill Snow White, followed Prince Charming as he set out on his quest to find a bride and, of course, met the several citizens of several sizes!

The show was an amazing success, with the highest audience numbers in years. Our amazingly talented students (and staff!) performed incredibly well, acting, singing, dancing, and getting the audience involved in classic pantomime style. We're all looking forward to the next production already!

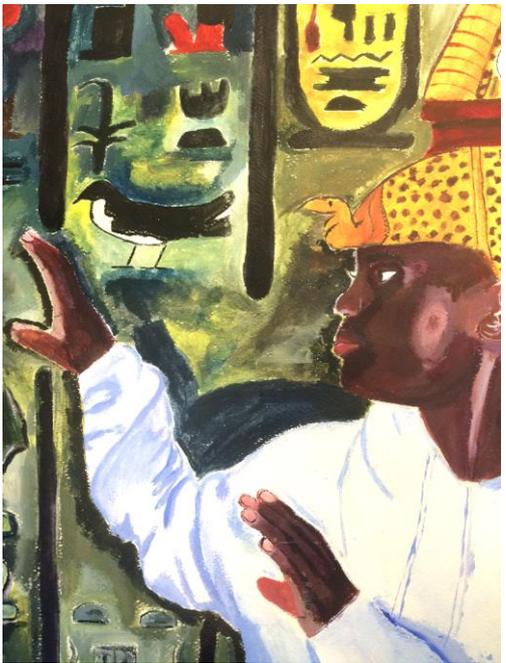
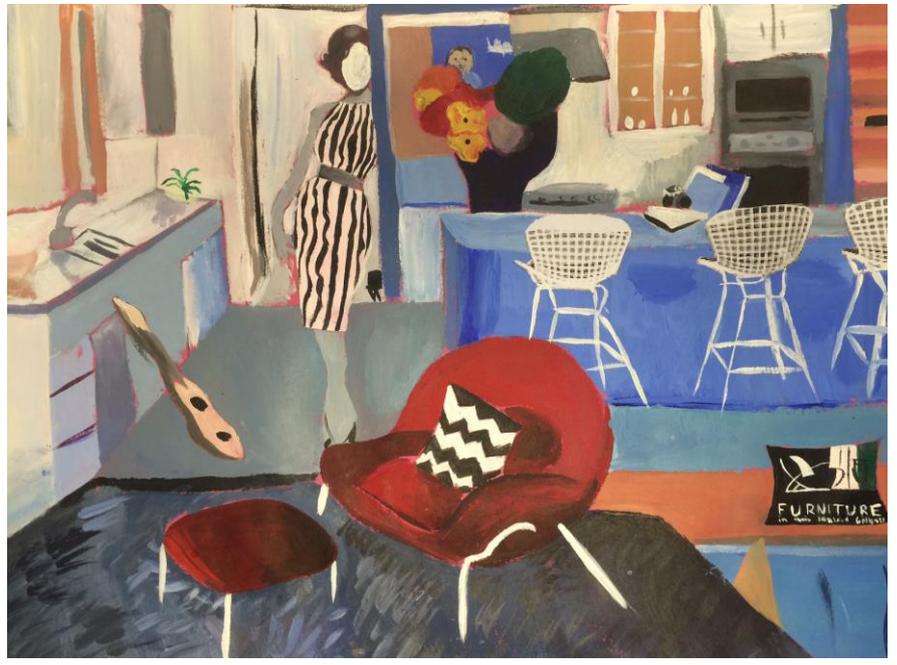
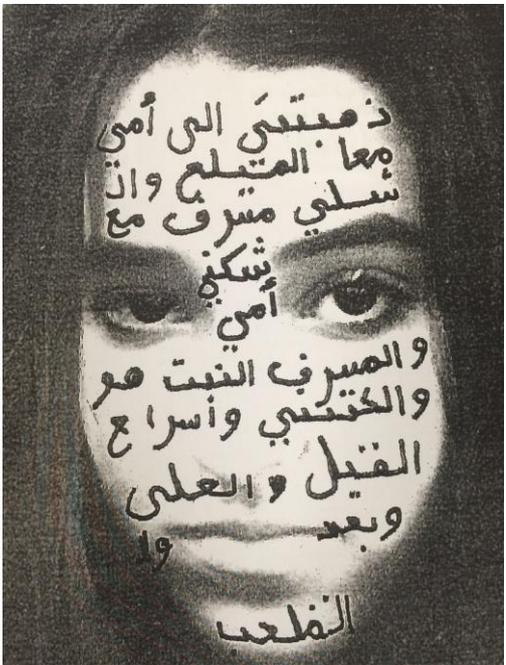
Snow White and the Seven Citizens of Several Sizes

by Bill Holland



Amazing Artwork





LONGHILL PE AND PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY NEWSLETTER

Netball Success at Longhill High School

Welcome back to our second newsletter. It's been a busy one with plenty of football, rugby and netball matches taking place across all year groups. Sport at Longhill is at the heart of the school with huge amounts of students taking place in clubs and fixtures most weeks.

The benefits of playing sport are well documented and we be will creating a sports council soon to listen to our students to ensure we planning a creative and forward thinking curriculum for all.

Please read about all of our success below and have a very merry Christmas!

Mr Fallick

Celebrating Success @ Longhill

We have a fantastic new display board in the PE corridor that we wish to use to display our students sporting success outside of Longhill in.

If you play sport outside of school please let us know so we can get this updated with information!

Any questions please speak to the PE Department.

Inter House #TeamPE

After a very successful year we will be continuing inter house sport.

We have started the year with Athletics and will be following on with Dodgeball in the New Year.

Please keep an eye out on developments throughout the year via the PE Department and Twitter Pages.

Indoor Athletics @Longhill

Longhill yet again hosted the Year 7 and 8 indoor athletics for the Brighton Schools district. For the Year 8's there was high expectations after the success of last year. They did not disappoint with both the girls and boys teams finishing in second.

There were some fantastic wins for Bayley Kibble and Olly Emery. Sophie Wilkinson has a very close battle with an athlete from Kings and was just nudged into second. Well done to the following athletes; Ronnie Hunt, Bayley Kibble, Stanley Hardwick Owen, Olly Emery, Harry Eteen, Alfie Green, Noah Connolly, George Wood, Maia Darling, Megan Gilbert, Isabel Clark Lovell, Evie Durant, Kitty Taylor, Lily Forsyth, Jasmine Hammond and Sophie Wilkinson.

The Year 7 teams demonstrated great resilience, determination and support for one another. Baxter Meredith showed a good turn of speed in the sprint races and Lyla-Bleu Mears paced her 6 lap race to pip another athlete on the line. Well done to the following Year 7's; Mya Steer, Jasmine Salvidge, Evie Meredith, Betty Lou Dobson, Scarlett Wade, Isabelle Wickenden, Lyla Bleu Mears, Adem Baxter, Baxter Meredith, Daniel Edmeads, Davis Mwankuseye.

Netball Update

The Year 9 netball team are in fine form, they are unbeaten in the division 2 league with 3 games remaining with hopes of promotion. Their most recent result was a 10 - 1 win against Cardinal Newman in the pouring rain! They also won the Brighton, Hove and Portslade Schools division 2 tournament in November. Their strength is that they are a squad of 11, working for each other to achieve their goal whether they are on or off the court. It has been a pleasure working with them this term and a joy to see their passion and determination to win. Many congratulations to Olivia Hardwick, Jess Magee, Eve Campbell, Ellie Short, Hallie Irvine, Lois Martin, Sophie Lind, Jodie McSwiney, Leah Kelly, Tegan Orchard and Hannah Coulson.



The Year 8 netball team is growing in strength and had an emphatic victory over Patcham (10 - 5). New players are stepping up and positional play is developing every match. They have played 3 games so far with 1 win and hopefully will be ready for the tournament in March being held at Longhill. Well done to Isabel Clark Lovell, Lauren Townsend, Sophie Wilkinson, Megan Gilbert, Evie Durant, Maia Darling, Emma Daniels, Kitty Taylor and Lily Rose Hunt.

Table Tennis @ Longhill

Brighton Table Tennis club is a fabulous reclaimed building in Kemptown, open to children and adults of all ages and ability and Longhill entered both a girls and a boys team into the Under 13 competition.

The boys were all Year 8s and had a fair amount of experience between them - Damon Brown being a regular at the club. They had many close matches and played with commitment and passion. They made it to the semi-finals but were finally knocked out so came 3rd overall out of 8 schools competing. The boys were Damon Brown, Henry Taylor, Luca Marcus, Joe Wilkins

The girls team was made up from Year 7 regulars who attend table tennis club at school. Although less experienced than some of the Year 8 club players they opposed, each girl gave her best and we saw great improvements throughout the tournament. All of the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and said they would be willing to play again when Patcham host a tournament in the New Year. The Year 7 girls: Mya Steer, Jasmine Oquosa-Smith, Ruby Tindall, Zara Poulter.



Basketball @ Longhill

Year 7 girls attended a basketball festival at Dorothy stringer; some had a little netball and basketball experience yet a number were novices to the game. This didn't matter though as the festival was run by South Coast elite Basketball based at Dorothy Stringer and they led a number of skills stations so our students could work on dribbling, passing, set shots and lay-up shots. All of our girls were enthusiastic and mixed really well with the girls from schools across the city, They all seemed to enjoy the session and each of them made progress in at least one area so we are looking forward to going back to Stringer in the New Year to play lots of games in a tournament.



Rugby @ Longhill

Some of our students have been taking part in rugby this term training regularly on a Wednesday night. Our Year 10s competed in a festival at Hove Rugby club where we played against Blatchington Mill and Patcham High losing to both by a one try in each game. . The year 8 squad recently had a 30 -25 victory against BACA and our year 7 team will be playing Brighton College in January.

Football @ Longhill

We have finished all of our first round cup competitions and we will find out who we have drawn when we return from Christmas. Well done to over 200+ students who attend football training at lunch / after school.

Clubs @ Longhill

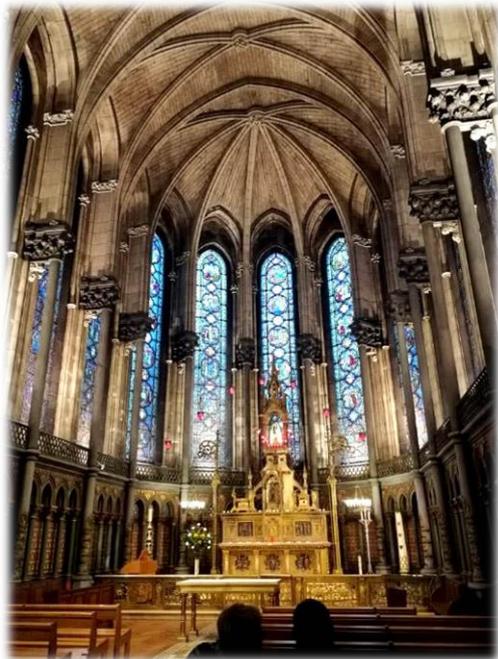
Please find all information about clubs on the main website

Modern Foreign Languages

The MFL trip to Lille took place on the 13th December. Ms Stallard, Mr Chesters and Mr Wilson took 40 Year 8 students to Lille for a day trip to explore the city and enjoy the Christmas Markets. Despite a very early start, the students (and teachers) were up and ready to go, and it was a very successful event. We took the ferry (discovering that even Starbucks cups are an opportunity to learn new vocabulary) and had a smooth journey to Lille city centre. Students took advantage of free time to get some lunch and explore the old town, and purchase a lot of souvenirs and Christmas presents. We walked together to Lille Cathedral which is a beautiful Gothic Revival building which was finally completed in 1999. As we prepared to go home, we ventured into a French supermarket to pick up supplies for the journey (and some more souvenirs) and to practice transactional French at the tills. The journey home was quite a bit more relaxed as everyone was very tired.

A huge thanks to the staff involved, and to the students who represented Longhill High wonderfully, and were a real credit to the school.

Elsewhere in the languages department it's been quite a quiet half term as we have been completing Mock exams for the Year 11 students, who are now preparing for their Speaking mocks which will take place in January. We have a new half-termly programme of MFL stars, which can be seen on the wall outside B301.



TERM DATES 2018-19	
AUTUMN TERM 2018 5 th September – 19 th December	
22 nd October – 2 nd November	Half Term
November 23 rd	Inset Day
20 th December – 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
SPRING TERM 3 rd January – April 7 th	
January 28 th	Inset Day
February 18 th – February 22 nd	Half Term
April 8-9 th	Inset Day
April 10 th – April 22 nd	Easter Holidays
SUMMER TERM April 22 nd – July 29 th	
May 27 th – May 31 st	Half Term
July 29 th – August 30 th	Summer Holidays

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
AUTUMN TERM 2018	
November 15 th	Year 10 Parent's Evening
November 22 nd	Year 9 Parent's Evening
December 6 th	Graduation Evening
December 13 th	Christmas Panto
SPRING TERM 2019	
February 7 th	Year 8 Options Evening
February 14 th	Year 10 Parent's Evening
April 4 th	Year 7 Parent's Evening
SUMMER TERM 2019	
4 th June	New Intake Evening
10 th July 2019	Year 11 Prom
18 th July	Celebration Evening

We're seeking invigilators!

Longhill High School has begun its journey to outstanding and we are looking for enthusiastic and determined staff to join us.

We are looking to recruit individuals to join our existing invigilation team to support our examinations cycle. Full training will be provided; experience of working with young people would be an advantage. The main examination season is in May and June -- however, there will be examinations requiring invigilators at many other times during the academic year.

Duties would include preparing examination rooms for school candidates to ensure the smooth running of the examinations working in accordance to exam board regulations. Full training will be provided.

Variable hours, £8.75 per hour.

STUDIO CLASSES

JANUARY – JULY 2019

CLASS	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	NON-MEM PRICE
MONDAY			
BODY SCULPT	6.00 - 7.00pm	SANDY	£6.50
PILATES	7.00 - 8.00pm	SANDY	£6.50
TUESDAY			
CARDIO FUNK	7 - 8pm	ANNELI	£6.50
WEDNESDAY			
BOOTCAMP CIRCUITS	7.05 - 8.05pm	KAREN	£6.50
THURSDAY			
SUPER SENIORS	10 - 11am	ANNELI	£5.50
BOXFIT	6.15 - 7.15pm	SAMMY	£6.50



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