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# Newsletter



# February 2019

# Hello from the Headteacher

It's lovely to finally see lighter evenings as we head towards Spring and, as always, there's been a lot going on during the past few weeks at Longhill High School.

Some of our Year 10s and 11s have been expanding their knowledge, attending the Roedean Academy Programme, an academic enrichment programme aimed at the most able students every Wednesday evening for seven weeks that gives children a chance to have A-Level style tutorials on subjects they haven't had the opportunity to study so far.

Some Year 9 students are benefiting from a fantastic programme called *Be the Change* for those who have real potential to improve and push themselves further, increasing levels of hope, confidence and happiness. We are delighted to be able to offer these opportunities for Longhill High School students thanks to the strong links that we enjoy with our local community.

Year 11s have been working hard preparing for exams and our new revision strategies programme is having quite an impact. Meanwhile, Year 8 are in the process of deciding which options to take with our successful Options Evening.

Please enjoy the break and I look forward to welcoming everybody back on February 25th.



Kate Williams  
Headteacher





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	Overall total
Lanes	84
Dome	89
Pier	144
Pavilion	97

### News from the Houses

Our Houses have been working hard this half term to try and win the most points in their weekly quizzes, such as languages and world flags. This is the current score – well done to Pier House!

## What’s Next for Year 11?

Along with January exams, revision sessions and preparing for the end of year exams, Year 11 students are looking forward to their next steps after Longhill. Lots of events are happening to guide students and help them figure out their futures.

Apprenticeship workshops started on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February to help students find out what they need to do if they want an apprenticeship after they leave and college applications and interviews are well underway. Additionally, BHASVIC are sending out letters and MET are interviewing all the way through Spring.

Parents need to ensure their sons/daughters are accepting all offers made to them. If they do not accept their place once it’s offered to the students it will be withdrawn by the college. If students have lost the letter they can call the college or e-mail our careers advisor [cdobbie@longhill.org.uk](mailto:cdobbie@longhill.org.uk).



Amazing photo taken by Laith on his drone!

# English

It's been a busy start to 2019 in the English department and mostly it's been all about the bard, as students in year 8, 10 and 11 get to grips with Shakespeare. Year 9, meanwhile, are looking for clues as they study Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes mysteries and year 7 are investigating non-fiction writing.

In year 10 the students are studying Macbeth and for light relief a bit of war poetry! Nothing like a bit of betrayal and bloodshed to cheer you up on a winter's day. Well actually, we hope Years 10 and 11 will be thrilled to bits with travelling youth theatre Box Clever's visit on the 1st of March. All Year 10 and 11 students will attend a special one hour performance in the hall which we hope will bring the energy and imagery of the play out of the classroom and fire up our students' imagination. We promise to keep you updated!

Year 8 are swooning for Romeo and Juliet while Year 11 students are thrilled with our new student resource areas which enable them to find the work they need out of class to work on skills and to revise content.

## Modern Foreign Languages

We have two Spanish groups visiting Longhill in March 2019. We welcome these students to Longhill and love having them be part of the school family. We have spaces available for students to be buddies, and although studying Spanish is a bonus, it's not essential. We welcome volunteers from Y8-11, especially Y8 students if they're opting for Spanish GCSE next year.

We also have a visit from a French school in March - they will be spending time with Y9 and 10 French classes to practice speaking and listening skills and to discuss cultural similarities and differences. These visits are always fun and educational, photos and reports from students to come after the event!

For updates to the MFL stars rewards, these will be posted at the end of the half term on the notice board outside B311.

# Year 9 Be the Change Project

Be the Change is a ground breaking, inspirational programme aimed at Year 9 students in Sussex who, for one reason or another, have become disengaged with school or lack confidence in their own abilities; who may struggle academically, but have real potential once engaged in an activity that captures their imagination.

## *Be the Change Aims:*

- To increase levels of hope, confidence, happiness in participants and to help them develop better relationships and
- improve employability
- To help participants see themselves in a new light
- To help participants feel better about talking to new people
- To help participants understand why they behave the way they do
- To help participants develop important life-skills and become more pro-active about their future
- To help participants understand what employers need from them
- To increase participants desire to try harder in school to strengthen the profile of local employers and related career opportunities.



# Maths



## It's all about revision for Year 11.

Use our four tips to get motivated and find enthusiasm for your revision. They'll help you to focus and create order.

### 1. Give yourself a revision pep talk

If you're not feeling confident about exams then it follows that you won't want to work hard.

### 2. Start your revision with something fun

If you kick off with something interesting, this will help you gather some momentum. Just get stuck in!

### 3. Go cold turkey on gadgets and social media

Social media is highly addictive and you can spend a lot of the day aimlessly browsing it. You shouldn't spend lots of valuable time religiously refreshing Facebook.

### 4. Plan rewards after revision

It's easy to let your social life fall by the wayside when you're revising, but you should plan nice activities to look forward to – you aren't a machine. It's good to have something at the weekend to focus on. You can get cinema tickets, book a table at a restaurant or go bowling.

# Roedean Academy Programme



The Roedean Academy Programme was created in 2018, offering an academic enrichment programme for our most able Year 10 and 11 students. Nearly 50 students from Roedean, Blatchington Mill School, Longhill High School, and Peacehaven Community School are taking part in the programme this year.

Students attend classes at Roedean every Wednesday evening for seven weeks. They choose a strand out of Arts, Science and Humanities studying subjects as varied as Portuguese, Mao's China and Medieval Ethics!

Longhill students study alongside the brightest and best of Roedean's Year 10 and 11 students and have the opportunity to have A-Level style tutorials on subjects they have not previously studied.

This is a wonderful extra-curricular opportunity for students to have a chance to study topics outside of what they learn in lessons and push themselves academically, acquiring knowledge that may help cultivate their passion and give them a better idea of what they want to do next.

## LGBT Club

The weekly LGBT club are getting involved in a very exciting project, starting a TV link with Latest TV where some of our students will be writing, producing and starring in a TV show which interviews politicians and local celebrities.

The project started with Lloyd Russel Moyle coming in to speak to a group of students from Year 8-11. He talked about his own career history, and about how Parliament works in general. He gave us a history lesson covering Oliver Cromwell and how that linked to his own media headlines when he grabbed the mace in parliament.

Finally he talked about his experience of speaking in Parliament as a man living with HIV, and the process he had to go through to get that platform to speak. At the end he opened the floor to some questions from students about expenses and the world of politics in general. His best advice for students regarding politics was to know the rules, know when to break them, and know the consequences!



# Amazing Artwork





# What's Coming Up for the Combined Cadet Force?

There's a lot of exciting stuff coming up for our hardworking Combined Cadet Force this term!

After the success of the previous camp at Crowborough Training Camp and Pippingford Park last October, the CCF are preparing for their exciting Easter camp in Folkestone from the 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April. They're also working on route planning for their Duke of Edinburgh expedition in May.

Captain Tester is preparing the cadets with some first aid training, which will lead to a recognised first aid qualification. After this, they'll be moving onto radio communication training.

*Any new recruits are welcome!*

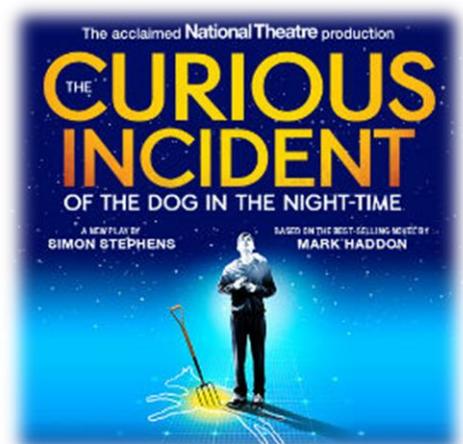


Year 10 have the exciting opportunity to head into London and see the Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time at the Picadilly Theatre on March 28<sup>th</sup>!

## Drama Department

Our talented young actors and actresses have started rehearsals for High School Musical, taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July!

Tickets will be available after Easter.



# Dance Club

Our very talented dancers have been working hard this year, coming back to Spring Term with a positive, enthusiastic attitude. The girls are eager to confidently show off their favourite moves as they practice them. Just one example is how many of our amazing girls can do some very impressive splits!

The Lower School Dance Club for Years 7 and 8 will be on a Wednesday after school from 3 – 4pm. Year 7 Kayleigh said that she “loved the club” and was eager to tell us all about the new skills she’s learning, such as routines and choreography in different styles. Students in the club learn performance skills and even have the opportunity to choreograph and create their own.

Students will also have the opportunity to perform their dances at various events throughout the year. We witnessed these skills in person at our Xmas Factor event on the last day before Christmas and they wowed us with their technical skills, and we can’t wait for future performances!



# Making Longhill Proud

Two of our students recently made Longhill High School proud due to their first aid efforts.

Lelo Dida and Georgie Williams, two of our Year 11 girls, came across a man having an epileptic fit on their way home from school. His son, who is in Year 5, knew what to do, putting him in the recovery position while Lelo and Georgie ran to assist him on Warren Road.

The man was taken to hospital and has made a healthy recovery. His son was so glad for their help and said they were “amazing” – and we agree! We are so proud of Lelo and Georgie for their compassion for somebody in need.

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

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



# Holiday Activities Club

## FEBRUARY 2019

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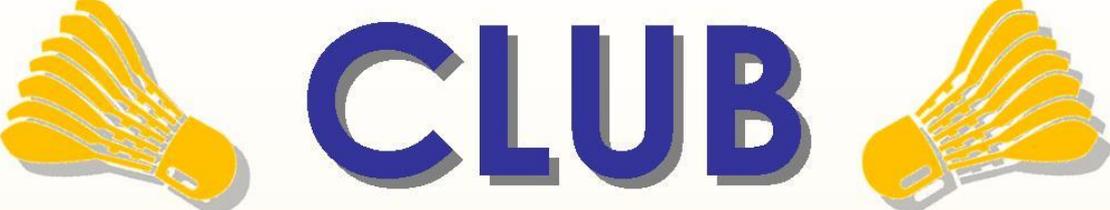
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# BADMINTON CLUB



Longhill Sports Centre for those aged 14+ who want to learn & improve their skills or even become a part of our team!

There are group sessions with a Qualified Coach every **Wednesday** from **8pm to 10pm**,  
**£25 for 10 sessions.**



For more details please contact **Gary Dove** at Longhill Sports Centre by email on **[gdove@longhill.org.uk](mailto:gdove@longhill.org.uk)** or by phone on **01273 391 683**

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