





Newsletter









Easter 2019

Hello from the Headteacher

It's hard to believe that we've reached the end of the Spring term already, when it seems that we are hardly finished with Winter! As always, there's been a lot going on during the past few weeks at Longhill High School.

As we are quickly approaching exam season, our YR11s are working hard to revise both at home and during after school booster sessions. We have also offered additional revision sessions during the Easter Holidays to ensure our students have the support they need at this important time of their school career. This has proved popular with the students and we are pleased that so many have signed up.

In preparation for the English Literature exams, Longhill High School hosted a performance of Macbeth by the Box Clever Theatre in our school hall. This was a fantastic performance and has already helped our students contextualise Macbeth as their key Shakespeare text for the exam.



The Performing Arts BTEC students also had an exciting trip to London's Piccadilly Theatre on the 10th of March to see the critically acclaimed "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" which they will be writing about for their coursework. I was delighted to receive feedback from the show's organiser, praising how wonderfully our students represented our school during the show.

We've also had 19 International students visiting us all the way from Madrid this half term, joining our Modern Foreign Languages department as part of our ongoing partnership with the UK High School Immersion Programme.

Our talented dancers showcased their skills at the "Let's Dance" show at Brighton Dome, performing a moving piece named "Gone".

In addition to the exciting opportunities for students, our staff celebrated Red Nose Day with an all-day non-stop cycling and rowing event – they managed to cover a distance of 200k and raised over £170!

Please enjoy the Easter break and I look forward to welcoming you all back on the Tuesday 23rd of April.

Kate Williams Headteacher



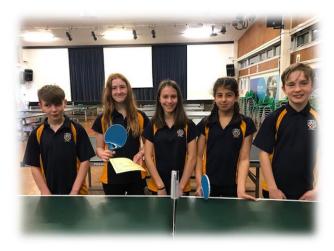






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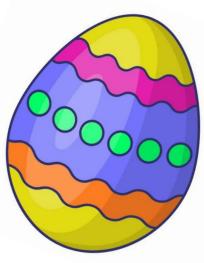




Our Year 8 sports teams have been very busy this half term - excitingly, our Year 8 table tennis team came 2nd in the city!

Year 9

This half term, Year 9s have been up to an array of exciting extracurricular activities such as Brilliant Club, Be the Change, The Girls Network, dance shows and run club. On top of all this, the Year 9 Girls Netball Team are champions!



Year 10

It's been a successful half term for Year 10 this year!

A huge thank you to all those who have supported students in organising placements for their work experience.

We are pleased that all students now have a placement and will be working during their PSHE lessons next term to complete CV's and covering letters to send to their placements which take place 1^{st} - 5^{th} July. If you have not yet returned your consent and medical form, please do so as soon as possible.

As we move into the summer term we are preparing for our mock exams - good luck to all students in these!

What's Coming Up for Year 11?

The exam season is finally upon us and some of the students have already started their final exams, which the practical elements of Food Technology, Textiles and Art already completed.

After school booster sessions remain popular, with students sometime attending 2 sessions each day. Over the Easter holidays there are revision sessions each day which students have been eager to sign up for. Please can I remind students that they should only attend sessions they have signed up for and there will be no food available during these sessions so if they are here for the whole day, they will need to bring supplies!

Prom preparations are well underway - the majority of students in Year 11 have gained enough passport to prom points and will receive a letter regarding purchasing tickets. For this year's Leavers' Prom, we have been very fortunate to once again book Pangdean Old Barn in Pyecombe. This is a fantastic 17th Century Grade II Listed Barn once owned by Prince Regent (who later became King George IV). The Old Barn includes a stable, a covered courtyard and lovely outdoor spaces affording beautiful panoramic views of the downs, creating a unique backdrop for the celebratory Year 11 Prom.

The all-inclusive price includes sole use of the barn, stable and covered courtyard, disco, security, unlimited soft drinks from the bar; water, cola, lemonade and juices and platters served throughout the evening of: homemade pizzas, mini burgers, cones of homemade chips, cocktail sausages with dips and vegetarian alternatives.







Please can I remind parents and carers that the deadline for leavers' hoodies is 3rd May 2019 and can be ordered directly from the Sussex Uniforms.

I wish all the Year 11 students luck for their remaining time at Longhill and look forward to seeing them at the prom.

Ms Winfield, Head of Year 11



Performing Arts

Performing Arts Evening

There will be a Performing Arts evening to showcase the amazing talent of our students in Music, Dance and Drama. More information to follow- but it promises to be an excellent event!

High School Musical

Rehearsals are well underway for the next school production- High School Musical and we cant wait to show it to you all!

The show dates are 24th and 25th July and tickets will go on sale soon.

Sponsored sing!

The cast of High School Musical are doing a fundraising event to help raise much needed money for the costumes for the show. The event takes place on Monday 20th May and will be a sponsored sing! All the cast will have to sing throughout the day instead of speaking.

So please get sponsoring!

English

The English department have enjoyed a busy spring term with the students' study of Shakespeare branching out into poetry for Year 7s and 9s and political viewpoints for Year 8.

All Year 10 and 11 students were treated to a fantastically energised performance of *Macbeth* by Box Clever live in our very own school hall.

Best of luck to our Year 11s as they approach the exam season!







Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day 2019 took place on Friday the 15th of March. Comic Relief is a charity event that helps people living tough lives across the UK and internationally.

Our staff celebrated with an all-day nonstop cycling and rowing challenge. The aim was to see how far our staff could cycle/row as a team, signing up for 15 minute slots each with donation buckets for students and staff to try and raise as much money as possible for the charity throughout the day.

In total, we managed to cover a distance of 200k and raised over £170!

Well done to all staff who participated.



Mini Mile



On Wednesday 6th March, Longhill held the "Mini Mile" event, where children from local Primary Schools come to Longhill to compete in a competitive one mile race.

The event brought over 250 students from our fantastic feeder schools to Longhill High School to take part in the race on our field.

The weather was grey and gloomy, however the participants were not! The primary school runners worked incredibly hard and it was a joy to see them perform so well, with the top runners being awarded medals for their efforts.

We had over 20 leaders help to run the event who were absolutely outstanding in their roles. Overall a fantastic event!

Well done to all!

Technology

Our technology students have been very busy this half term! One example of what they've been up to is metalwork which includes forging, cold forging, annealing, brazing and bending in a hydraulic press. They've also been doing some recycling for developing countries, using milk bottles to turn into bowls and sheet materials, alongside recycling plastic bags into containers!















Modern Foreign Languages

Another term over in the MFL department and we have been very busy. We've had visits from two Spanish schools and one French school. It's always wonderful to welcome students from abroad into the Longhill family, whether for a full week or just for a few hours. Thanks to all the staff and students who supported the visits, they were all very successful. Ms Stallard especially enjoyed the paper aeroplane games, and the human bingo activity!

Coming up next we are preparing our Year 11 students for their speaking exams on 29th April - 3rd May, and their real GCSE exams shortly after that. We have had a wonderful time with this year group, and will be sorry to say goodbye. Tuesday afternoon will be very strange without our regular catch-up attendees.

We have lots of opportunities for international exchanges over the next six months. We have three long-term French placement students in May and June (see Mr Chesters) and our annual visit from Fondaccion Llor in September where Spanish students will have buddies at Longhill for 4 weeks (see Ms Stallard). We are also planning a return trip to Escolapies Figueres, near Barcelona, with 15 students, thanks to a generous sponsorship from UKHSI. Application forms will be available in the next 3 weeks and places on the trip will be allocated in May.



LGBTQ+ Club

This has been a very busy term for Longhill's LGBTQ+ student group which meets every Friday.

We have been continuing our TV project with Latest TV, which has been going very well. Any students who'd still like to get involved, please see Mrs Fenwick. We have also presented to the Governors of the school and talked to them about what the LGBTQ+ group does and our plans for future adventures (including maybe one day a float at Pride!). We meet weekly to have social time, snacks and relax, and are hoping to introduce LGBTQ+ history learning sessions and cultural sessions, as well as trying to plan group trips for the future.

Huge thanks to Mr Garling for arranging the events of Trans* awareness week, including assemblies for all year groups, stickers, badges and posters. It was a great day, and awareness was definitely raised!

All students are welcome, whether they are LGBTQ+ or allies. See Ms Stallard for details.









The Girls Network

On Tuesday 2nd April, 15 Year 9 girls attended their first session with Girls Network after school at Longhill High School.

The Girls Network is an organisation set up to empower young women and develop self-confidence, public speaking, as well as to find out more about future careers. The girls all took part in a 'speed meet' where they spoke with 8 different women who came from a variety of backgrounds and sectors. The group all had the chance to ask questions about careers, helping to improve their social skills.

The girls were very impressive and many of the adult mentors said they were amazed at the confidence of our students! The students were matched at the end of the session with their mentor who they will meet once a month for the next year.

Well done to all our students for being so impressive, and thank you to parents and carers for your support!

An Evening of Dance

Longhill High School and The Deans Sports Partnership worked together to present an Evening of Dance at Longhill High School. There were some fantastic performances from some of our local Primary schools which were Saltdean, Woodingdean, St Margarets, Rudyard Kipling and Our Lady of Lourdes. The Deans Partnership Dance Club also performed two outstanding pieces of dance.

'Unity Dance Company' from Longhill performed their new work 'Gone' and there were also some creative GCSE Dance pieces performed in Contemporary and Jazz styles. The Lower School Dance Club also performed a fantastic version of 'Singing in the Rain'.

All the students involved danced with confidence and performed to a high standard and really enjoyed being part of this Community Dance Event!













Our Talented Artists













Impressive Construction









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 7th		
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 29th		
May 27th – May 31st	Half Term	
July 29th – August 30th	Summer Holidays	

DATES FOR THE DIARY		
AUTUMN TERM 2018		
November 15 th	Year 10 Parent's Evening	
November 22nd	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.

CADEMIES

23rd APRIL - 19th JULY 2019

£5 per session or £45 for 12 weeks, saving you £8.00

TUESDAYS





for ages 5 - 8yrs



BADMINTON 5.00-6.00pm



for ages 7 - 11yrs £20 for 6 weeks (2 x 6 weeks)

FRIDAYS J **ATHLETICS** 6.00 - 7.00pm

Our academies **DO NOT** take place during half terms or on bank holidays

For more information or to book your child/children on to our academies please contact us on 01273 391 683 Falmer Road, Rottingdean, BN2 7FR

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GYMASTICS MONDAY

29th APRIL - 20th MAY (5 week) - £30.00 & 3rd JUNE - 22nd JULY - £35.00 4.00 - 5.00pm school years reception, 1, 2 & 3 5.00 - 6.00pm school years 4 - 6 (primary) & 7 - 11 (secondary)

THURSDAY

25th APRIL - 23rd MAY - £35.00 & 6th JUNE - 18th JULY - £35.00 4.00 - 5.00pm school years reception, 1 & 2 5.00 - 6.00pm school years 3 - 6

FRIDAY

26th APRIL - 24th MAY - £35.00 & 7th JUNE - 19th JULY - £35.00 4.30 - 5.30pm school years reception, 1 & 2 5.30 - 6.30pm school years 3 - 6

PRE-SCHOOL 26th APR - 24th MAY - £20 & 7th JUNE - 19th JULY - £20 4.00 - 4.30pm ages 3 & 4 years

SATURDAY

27th APRIL - 25th MAY - £35.00 & 8th JUNE - 20th JULY - £35.00

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

Our Gymnastics Club does **NOT** take place during half terms or on bank holidays

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Activities Club

EASTER 2019

Wed 10th - Fri 12th & Mon 15th - Thurs 18th April

EVERYDAY IS FILLED WITH...
FUN GAMES, INDOOR SPORTS,
ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS.

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