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# Newsletter



# May 2019

# Hello from the Headteacher

It's been a busy five weeks here at Longhill High School and as always we seem to have packed a lot into this short half term.

Students in Year 11 are now fully immersed in the exam season and are taking advantage of the revision opportunities open to them. We've had 27 Year 11 exams so far, including over 70 impressive speaking exams in the Modern Foreign Languages department in Spanish, French, German and Arabic.

I am sure that the half term break will give them the opportunity for some revision and relaxation. They've worked hard over the past 5 years and we wish them every success.



We've had some very exciting events held by the PE and Performing Arts department this term, including a Performing Arts Evening to showcase our students' incredible talent. We're all looking forward to the exciting High School Musical summer production in July, with our students already dedicated to rehearsing, even holding a 'sponsored sing' fundraising day, where students could only sing and not speak to raise money for costumes.

We've had some great trips this past half term, including a ski trip to Andorra over the Easter Break, a visit to the Amex Enterprise and Albion in the Community, and a trip into London for some dedicated Year 8s for the Amazon Get IT project.

I hope you enjoy the half term break and I look forward to welcoming every back on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

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Kate Williams  
Headteacher



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## Ski Trip to Andorra



# Albion Numeracy Cup

On May 17th, a group of Year 7 students travelled to the American Express Community Stadium to compete in the Albion Numeracy Cup. Alongside other teams from different schools, they took part in a series of fun, interactive, football-themed numeracy activities and also had a chance to experience a tour of the Amex.



One activity took place in the club shop, where the students were challenged to see how many individual items they could buy for £100 - but they could only have one of each item.

For another activity we were taken to the stands, and there the students were given a set of questions all themed around the pitch below us. In the end neither of our teams won, but over the course of the day they demonstrated resourcefulness, strategic thinking and strong teamwork skills as they took on the various challenges presented to them.

We all enjoyed ourselves immensely and look forward to next year!



# Maths

The annual Junior Maths Challenge was held at Longhill High School on the last day of this half term.

A total of 100 young mathematicians were chosen from Year 7 and Year 8 and we are all very proud of the effort, concentration and dedication they all have shown.



We spoke to Harry (Year 8), Rhiannon (Year 8) and Lily (Year 7). They all agreed that they were nervous before the challenge started, but quickly got into it and enjoyed the mathematical problems given.

Lily said she often feels nervous before a test but that the more she does, the more she realises that once she gets started they are actually ok. Harry and Rhiannon are both strong mathematicians and are planning to use their maths for Engineering and Forensic Science. Both disciplines require good problem solving skills and analysing tools, and they are excited for their results!

## Mr Tester's Year 10s



Year 10s  
investigating  
the reactivity  
series of  
metals!

# The Girls' Network



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 Network has now completed two visits to Brandwatch which is our new base. The girls have gotten to know their mentors well and have been working on plans for how to improve their grades at school; working out career paths and career opportunities as well as discussing personal growth.



The girls have been very mature and have impressed many of our mentors who have stated that the girls have been 'a pleasure to mentor' and how 'bright and enthusiastic' our students have been. A huge thank you to Miss Mitchell and Miss Dann who have been assisting the girls on this programme and a huge thank you to parents and carers who have been so helpful and supportive!

Looking forward to our next event in June!

# Amex Enterprise 2019

On the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 15 students from Year 8 and Year 9 attended the launch of the Amex Enterprise Programme. The students had a fantastic morning meeting Katie Cook, their course leader, as well as students from other schools. They were given a tour of the stadium and even got to walk out of the tunnel onto the pitch to the tune of 'Sussex by the Sea'!

Albion in the Community is the official charity of Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club. They are committed to using the power of football and the brand of Brighton & Hove Albion to deliver high-quality, accessible opportunities that improve the health and wellbeing, education and aspirations of our community.

One of their programmes is the Premier League Enterprise Programme which uses professional football clubs' business models to:

- Inspire young people to engage positively in education
- Develop important life skills
- Raise awareness of the world of work

Premier League Enterprise is targeted at students in secondary schools and is delivered during school time and at the American Express Community Stadium where students explore and develop key enterprise skills of: communication, confidence, financial capability, initiative, organisation, problem solving, resilience and team working.



Thank you to the Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club for such a wonderful opportunity!

# Year 8s Impress at Amazon Summit

9 of our Year 8 students who have been part of the Amazon Get IT project attended the AWS Summit on Wednesday 8th May at the ExCel Centre London. The students were selected due to their commitment and dedication shown throughout the project in which they worked in teams to create a problem-solving community based app.

Upon arrival, they joined students from 10 other schools at this international conference which attracts over 12,000 industry representatives.

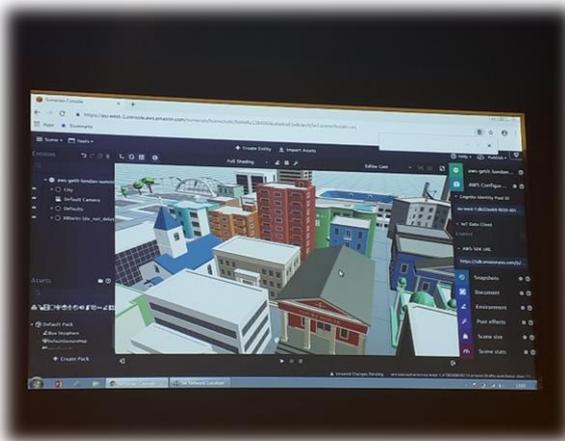
They were introduced to the Amazon Summarian Console, an app that allows users to build virtual and augmented reality environments and hosts. Working as a team they used this technology to plan and build a sustainable and future-proof city.

After lunch, they presented a poster and 30 second advert for their city "Ecoast". The students were excited to have the opportunity to work with such innovative technology and specialist advisors from AWS.

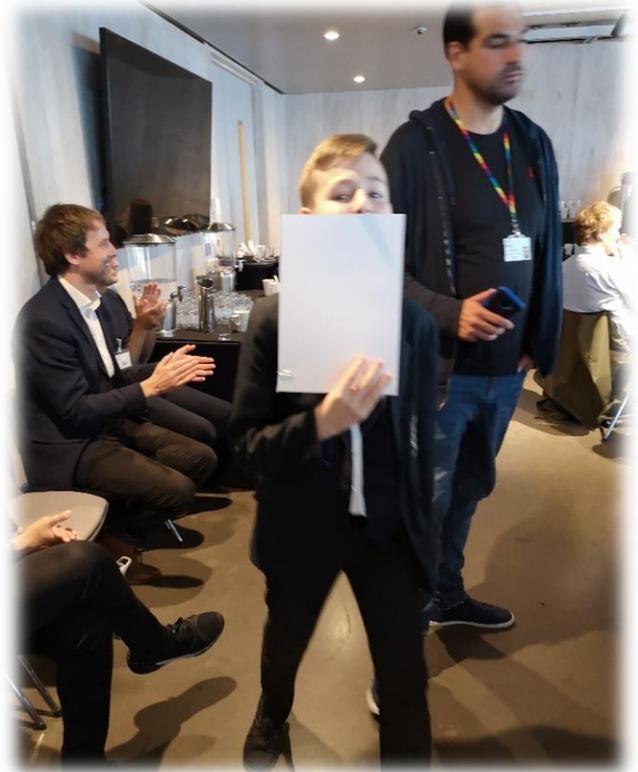
The day ended with presentations from top two teams nationwide. The winners were announced and their idea "Connect Hearo" – an app to enable hearing impaired students better access to lessons – will be developed by AWS.

Team 'Theco' from Longhill were successful in setting up a networking opportunity with an engagement manager from AWS. Our student Reem said that "we would like to further refine and develop our app to get it made in the future."

The Amazon Get IT project has been an amazing opportunity for our students. It has particularly inspired girls to consider a career in the STEM industry and raised the aspirations of our Year 8 students! Well done to everyone involved!



# Be the Change





**Well done to everybody involved!!**

## Modern Foreign Languages

MFL has been a very hard-working department this half term, dealing with over 70 speaking exams, including Arabic and German, and our Reading, Listening and Writing GCSEs. Spanish students have just one exam to go - the writing exam on the 5th June. Buena suerte to all!

We are excited to welcome four French students on placements after half term to buddy with Y9 and 10 students, and we

Finally we are preparing for our annual immersion trip to Figueres in Northern Spain. We have selected 15 students from Y8, 9 and 10 for the trip which promises to be very exciting. For some it's their first ever trip abroad so it will be a very new experience!

We are saying goodbye to Mr Da Silva who's been part of the department since January, and we are very sad to see him go. Good luck with your new job!



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

## Health and Safety Notice

In the interests of Health and Safety, we would like to remind all members of the school community that there is a 5mph speed limit in force on The Vale and on our school site. Please be mindful that these areas are frequently used by pedestrians, so you must drive carefully. Thank you for your cooperation.





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# Holiday Activities Club

# MAY 2019

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