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Summer Term Newsletter



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Letter from the Head

Summer has arrived at last and our students are really able to appreciate the wonderful grounds and surroundings in the warm weather. Remember please to pack some sun cream in their bags we will remind them to apply, if they forget at home.

Our good news is that the school is ready to invite Ofsted back to enable them to move their judgement back to 'Good'. I am confident that our progress data meets their needs and their judgment will be a positive one.

We have been the focus for frequent reviews from the Local Authority, Challenge Partners, National Leader of Education and HMI over the last two years. We have worked hard to demonstrate our capacity to meet various criteria and we are confident now in our ability to provide this evidence.

Last year we had the highest attainment in Secondary Schools in the East of Brighton. Our progress will continue this year and into the next. Our students achieve better results year on year and this year will no exception.

We have developed our provision in different ways, from our assessment practice, our Pastoral systems and our raised expectations for all within the school.

I have presented our renewed expectations and routines to all students, in the form of a PowerPoint at assemblies in July. I have copied a link to that assembly here to enable you to share and support the school. Without your support we would not be able to reach the levels of progress that we have, and I thank you for this and in your trust.

<http://www.longhill.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Assembly-July-end-of-year-2015.pdf>

Our Celebration Evening was an exceptionally positive experience for all of us and I thank you for a really impressive attendance by our students and their families.



Our Year 9 camp was very positive with our Year 10 students attending work experience at the same week. The Year 10 students had an exceptionally strong week, ranging from shop assistants through to apprentice mechanics, animal husbandry to working at Lawyers office's, University and Lewes Crown Court. The feedback the school has had from our employers has been very positive and although we are one of the very few schools who still organise this, we will continue, as it is so powerful in enriching and engaging the students within the world of work.

Our annual Year 11 leavers Prom was again a really lovely event. Our young adults presented themselves in a stunning fashion. Parents and families attended at the start to wave the arrival of the Year 11's. It was a very affirming and positive event underlining the nature of our school community, sharing our memories, experiences and regard for each other. Thank you to all our students, families and staff who made it such a wonderful occasion.

I wish the Year 11 students and their families every success in their exams and will hopefully see you all at the Graduation Evening, 16th September 2015. Please RSVP early, it is a wonderful evening and the last time this year group will be together... a few tears may be shed.

Have a really good summer, stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Haydn Stride
Headteacher



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Goodbye from Heads of Houses

SPENCER

Well done on another successful term Spencer house! So much has happened this term. I would like to say a special thanks to 'Belle' Olivia Kingswood along with Liberty Redgrave, Amelia Martin, Alex Ridley, Archie Redgrave, Jessica Bristow, Saffron Brown, Jessy-Franck N'Sukama and Aidan Walker for their fantastic school production of Beauty and the Beast. Other successes of the term include the Year 9 camp and Year 10 work experience.

I would like to congratulate all the Spencer Year 11 students on their determination and resilience during exam season and look forward to sharing their successes on results day.

Another highlight of the year was the Year 11 Prom, a particularly proud moment, seeing how wonderful all of the students looked, it was such a magnificent evening celebrating the end of their time at Longhill.

Many I end with wishing all Spencer students a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you back in September. As you all know from September, Mr Clacher will be taking over as House Co-ordinator, leading Spencer house into the future and I wish him all the very best.

Ms Winfield

MANDELA

A big Hello and Goodbye for the last time ever to Mandela House, I have had the privilege and honour of being the Head of House for the best House in the school, Mandela. I have really enjoyed these past four years working with Mr. Davis, the Mandela Mentors and most importantly the students. I am so proud of all of your achievements and hope that you continue to make your new Head of Year proud as you move into your new mentors and year groups (if I am that new Head of Year then how lucky are you!!). For those of you leaving Longhill I hope you look back at your Mandela days with fond memories and it would be nice for you to pop in from time to time and keep us updated on your continued, future success.

Be the best you can be and good luck in everything you do.

Mr Davie

KING

King House- will always be a large part of my life. I have seen many students come and go and each one has made me very proud. King House is a house that might not always stand out, we don't need to shout the loudest or jump the longest, but we are determined, focused and supportive of each other.

In the six years of being HOH for King our uniqueness in supporting each other has resulted in improved attendance, improved behaviour and improved progress. Just yesterday we had the celebration evening. As I sat and listened to the speeches and prizes being awarded for Achievement and Progress from the departments within the school it was clearly evident at how many King students were the recipients.

I am very proud of you all and I will always be there for you to have a chat or help out. I hope that my new role will bring as much reward as you have.

Mr Grier

NIGHTINGALE

The last two years have been the most challenging yet rewarding years of my career so far. It has been a privilege to lead Nightingale House.

It is with mixed emotions that I look forward to next year. The school is developing with the introduction of the Heads of Year and House Co-ordinators. This is an exciting change and one I would love to have been part of. However, the promise of beautiful beaches, sunny weather and new experiences was too much to ignore and my immediate future lies in Malaysia where I shall take up the position of Head of Year 11 and teacher of PE. Nightingale and its student population have evolved. There is an awareness of pride in the House that didn't exist two years ago. A belief that we are a 'great House' with a sense of community, full of talented, caring and hard-working students who want to achieve.

I have been delighted with our commitment to attend school... finishing as the highest attending house both years. In my first year, we earned the Thorpe Park trip finishing top of the achievement points. This year we broke the record for money raised on our House day. All worthy acknowledgements which demonstrate a community spirit.

I am thrilled to be passing over a House I have come to love so much to a man who has Nightingale running through his veins. Mr Rolf returns to oversee the



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House as a Co-ordinator. Get involved, support Mr Rolf and the new House Captains and Senior Leaders. Make our House the best it can be. You have been such a significant part of my life; it is with a heavy heart that I bid you farewell and wish you all luck for the future. Thank you for the support and the memories.

Mr Faulkner

PANKHURST

It has been an honour and a privilege leading Pankhurst House these last three years.

As our pastoral system evolves this next academic term into a leaner, faster, even stronger animal... the current Heads of House become Longhill's new Heads of Year. Sadly, however, I will not be joining the team as I have accepted an exciting, new post in Lincoln. My family has long lived away from our relatives and it's time for us to return home to bring my 'weans' nearer to the Grandparents who so badly wish to see them regularly.

I stepped into Dewi Vaughan's enormous shoes that short time ago and my heart is warmed by the all the actions and achievements of the Pankhurst students and staff here in my time. Rooted as we are in 'deeds not words', we've been at the forefront of developments here at Longhill with innovative movements through student leadership. We were the first to form our JLT and the first to demonstrate the progress peer mentorship can produce through the Pacemaker programme. These initiatives are now in place in every House.

This would not have been possible without the dynamic young people which Pankhurst has produced and continues to produce; there is not a single House Captain nor Senior Leader in any passing Year 11 who has not displayed the sort of grit, resolve and flair which makes me glad and proud... whilst the younger students of our JLTs have hoisted the green flag high. We have seen the development of unusually talented staff also with Ms Nwokedi, a former Pankhurst linchpin, now in post both as Head of Year 7 and as Growth Mindset lead for the school! At one time or another, these past three years, we've been sent to Thorpe Park as the highest achieving House, set the record for the highest earning Charity House Day and reigned as Sports' Day Champions. As

the only Head of House without PE training, at the time, that last one was particularly gratifying for me!

Filling rather smaller shoes than Mr Vaughan's, in 2015, is our wonderful, new House Co-ordinator, Ms Melody Warnett, who... I have every confidence... will lead Pankhurst House into new and uncharted waters. She has my complete faith and I look forward to seeing the wonderful things she'll 'do with the place'.

These numerable successes, upon which I will look back with a wide grin, were not forged by me, nor by Ms Nwokedi nor even really by our committed mentor team. These successes were earned by the remarkable students of Pankhurst House and I thank the school and you the parents for giving me the chance to work with them.

Goodbye Pankhurst. Goodbye Longhill. Remember me well. I'll remember you well.

Mr Bennett

Hello from the House Coordinators

SPENCER

Excited and overwhelmed with happiness. That is the only way I can express my joy at being appointed as the Head Co-ordinator for Spencer House. I would like to thank Mrs Lowrie, Mrs Williams and Miss Winfield for doing such a wonderful job at nurturing and encouraging our house's students. The students are a fantastic community that makes Longhill High School proud of them, both while they are at school and once they have left to face the next challenge. I wish the students a brilliant summer and I look forward to working with them during the next school year. Together, we will be taking the next step in developing and expanding Spencer House.

Mr Clacher



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MANDELA

I am very excited about being House Coordinator for Mandela House.

It is going to be an exciting year and very busy! The House has got an amazing group of House Captains, Senior Leaders. Junior Leaders and students and I am sure they will do their house proud getting involved in assemblies, house days, competitions and community events. Jo Noble, Mandela House Coordinator.

Mrs Noble

KING

I am very proud to be able to introduce myself as House Co-ordinator of King House and am very honoured to be taking over from Mr Grier in September. I have been a King Mentor for the past two years and only seemed right for me to take the next step. King house is about pride, ambition, progress and achievement, and we are always determined to be the best we can in whatever we set out to do.

King has had a very successful year with Junior Leadership Team, House day (which was celebrated on Martin Luther King's birthday), which showed off the achievements and talents of all the students in the house from Year 7 to Year 11. Myself and the newly appointed House Captains and Senior Leaders have some amazing ideas and events planned for next year and we therefore know that King will be an even bigger success than last year. We encourage everyone in King to get involved and take this opportunity to make King house even more fantastic in the future.

Ms Rhodes

NIGHTINGALE

It will be a real privilege working with Nightingale students in the future as a House co-ordinator. The House has a strong tradition based on loyalty and service and I will be aiming to build on these strong foundations. Every student in Nightingale House has real talent and potential, it is my aim to build on this energy and enthusiasm and support students taking part in the wider aspects of school life. I will have a strong focus on encouraging students to take part in the outstanding facilities and opportunities provided by staff at Longhill high school. It is my philosophy that if students are fully involved in school life and taking part

in extracurricular activities such as, Music, Art, Drama, Sport and many other enrichment activities, this will have many benefits for them. Students become self-motivated and want to achieve and do their best and support their school and local community. It is my belief that these activities promote values that are important in life.

I will give a 100% supporting students from all the Houses taking part in house competitions and support helping both national and local charities. Motivating students to take part in a wide range of educational activities draws out leadership qualities, such as communication, team work, independence, resilience, respect and self-discipline. Participation in extracurricular activities connects students to school life and that builds good moral momentum and motivation to achieve.

I look forward to working with all the house coordinators, house captains, senior leaders and junior leadership teams which will develop strong working partnerships between students, staff and parents supporting student progress and learning. The vision is to have a special atmosphere in the House where commitment, determination and enthusiasm for learning will be extremely important and reinforced. When these three elements come together they are a powerful collective force which can change attitudes and change lives. As a House we will invest in student ideas to create interesting and exiting projects to develop leadership qualities. Please do not hesitate to phone me if I can support over any matter with your child's education at Longhill high school.

Mr Rolf

PANKHURST

I'm delighted to be able to introduce myself as the Pankhurst House Co ordinator and feel very proud to be taking over from Mr Bennett in September. We have a fantastic team of House Captains and Senior leaders that will be working with myself and students from across the house and school to bring you some very exciting events and activities for you all to get involved in. We have had another fantastic year in Pankhurst with many wonderful memories made, and with so many more to come it is a very exciting time for us. I would like to say a hugely fond farewell to Mr Bennett from all of us. Your dedication and passion for Pankhurst is inspirational to us all and we will do our very best to carry on with the outstanding work you have done for all of the students here. I hope you all have a fantastic summer holidays and see you in September!

Ms Warnett



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Hello from Heads of Years

YEAR 7

Congratulations Year 7 for a successful first year at Longhill!! It has been a pleasure working with you as your Head of Year. Mrs Draper, Mrs Barnard and I are very proud of your accomplishments.

It was fantastic to see some of you in our wonderful school production last month, "Beauty and the Beast." We all thoroughly enjoyed your performances. Broadway and the West End will need to watch out! We would also like to say well done to all of our sports teams and to those of you in the choir, Junior Leadership Teams, School Council and all other extracurricular clubs. You have represented the school brilliantly throughout the year and have worked so hard! It has been delightful watching you all mature since starting here in September. It was so impressive, for example, to see Noura Merouani and Kaia Allen-Bevan, speak to the whole hall of parents on New Intake Evening about their first year at Longhill. This took real courage and you spoke beautifully and articulately. Moments like these remind us how much our students have grown since their first day! It was also lovely to see students volunteering to help out during our recent Year 6 cookery sessions. All of the year 7 students who supported during these sessions were sensible and helped the younger students to feel comfortable and welcome.

The summer term saw the launch of "Year 7 Golden Time", which has been a joy to lead. Each week, the Year 7 Team has rewarded 10-20 of our students, through cookery, sport, films etc. The idea behind "golden time" was to recognise and thank students for their dedication to their studies. There are so many students in year 7 who have shown independence, cooperation and resilience all year; acting as role-models for their peers. These students have managed to gain several achievement points and minimal behaviour points. Well done to you all and we hope you enjoyed Golden Time!

Mrs Draper, Mrs Barnard and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Year 7 Mentors and to all of our parents and carers for your continued support this year. You have been fantastic.

We wish all of our students the very best of luck in Year 8 and beyond! Have a lovely summer and we will see you all in September.

Ms Nwokedi

YEAR 8

Hello to you all. As the new head of year I am incredibly excited to be taking on the progress and pastoral care for year 8. In the first two weeks of the role I have witnessed so many fantastic students, this makes it exciting for me as I believe strongly that we will become a very successful cohort. I hope that the Summer break will have everyone revitalised and refocused to support each other and engage in learning to create and cement some new fantastic moments.

Mr Grier

YEAR 9

I am delighted to be the Head of Year 8. It has been an exciting time getting to know all the new students in my care. I would like to wish you all a very happy and restful summer holiday and I am looking forward to you all returning in Year 9 ready for the new year ahead which will be full of new challenges, including options and Year 9 camp!

Ms Winfield

YEAR 10 & YEAR 11

For the first time in a school bulletin, I would like to say 'Hello' to year 10 and 11.

I am excited to be your new Head of Year and look forward to the many new challenges that lay ahead of us. You don't need me to tell you that these two years are by far the most important of your time in school. These two years will have a huge impact on the adult you will become and the path you will follow in life. I hope you all respect yourselves and each other as I do, but equally important is that you respect 'learning'. Learning is the reason we are here at Longhill, either inside or outside the classroom. We learn to better ourselves and better our chances in life. I have high hopes for every single one of you and will do everything in my power to ensure you leave school with as much as you can. I hope that is your main wish and motivation as well. Be determined to be the best you can be.

Mr Davie



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Athletics News

Athletics

The summer term has been busy for the track and field athletes. Open events, friendly matches, town sports and Sussex events saw Longhill athletes producing some fabulous performances.

Year 7

Longhill hosted a friendly event to give athletes a chance to try events in a competitive situation. Adam Cranfield ran a superb 600m, Amira Maatugh dominated the sprints and Nicole Agaid produced a fine long jump. At the town sports event Amira won her heat in style and finished 3rd in the final. Jake Campbell finished 3rd in the discus, and the girls relay finished 4th. Year 7's were also able to take part in the Super 6's where there were some fine performances from Bayley Dorrington and Krischan Yanov in the relay and sprints.

Year 8

Frankie White has had a great summer in the long jump, winning the town sports and representing the district at the county schools event improving her personal best to 4.41m. Other highlights from town sports are; Michelle Protasenko (discus) and the girls relay finishing 4th, Kane Doherty (shot) and Harry Dawson (100m) finishing 3rd.

Year 9-11

Congratulations go to Harvey Day (javelin) and Sam Wilkinson (800m) who represented the district at the county schools and both finished a creditable 6th in Sussex. The town sports had many highlights but Jude Hill (1500m steeplechase) showed true determination when sprinting passed an athlete ahead of him in the home straight to take 3rd. Other highlights were; year 9 girls relay team improving their time to 57.9s, 3rd places for Ezme Tiley (long jump), Jhaheem Kiambi (discus), Ross Barclay (1500m), Alfie Keen (100m), Harry Pollard (400m), Jack Cloak (Shot), and the year 10/11 boys relay. Sam Wilkinson (800m), Aled Edwards (200m) and Harvey Day (javelin) took fine 2nd places. The 10 and 11 boys finished 4th in the overall competition by 1 point! It was good to have some year 11 boys back supporting the school.

Thank you to all the athletes whatever the year group and outcome for putting yourself forward and challenging yourself to perform for the school and all those athletes that have regularly shown up for training.

Sports Day

The year 7 and 8 sports days were held on the Longhill fields and produced some fine competitive track and field as well as participation by all during the multi sports. Both days followed the same structure; athletics in the morning, multi sports during lessons 3 and 4, finished off with more athletics.



The year 7 event saw a tightly fought battle in the boys 1000m. Callum Underhill (Spencer) and Alfie Edmeads (Pankhurst) were neck and neck throughout the race, bustling their way down the finishing straight. Alfie managed to squeeze past Callum in the final few metres to take the win. A great race to watch. Meanwhile in the field events Jacob Campbell threw a magnificent discus (21.18m) to not only take the win but break the year 7 sports day record; the only one to be broken over the two days.

The year 8's were not to be outdone! The competitive spirit was clear to see during the multi sports, with students showing their resilience on the marathon to get those extra points for their team; cooperating to get the highest number in a tennis rally, which was 242, achieved by a team of Pankhurst and King boys; and having full teams in every event in the athletics. The last few inter house events coming up in July are, football and the relays.

The PE department would like to thank all the students for getting involved representing their house in these events – well done to all!

Ms Buxton – PE Department





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Year 9 Camp

Whilst Year 11 students were off relaxing in the sunshine and Year 10 students were completing their Work Experience, Year 9 students were making themselves at home for a week, in a field at Blackland Farm for their annual Year 9 Camp. The students showed great resilience after getting well and truly soaked on the Monday but thankfully the weather was incredible for the remainder of the week. The students were engaged in all sorts of activities such as kayaking, climbing, Sports Day and hiking. The students were challenged to make their own seating and flagpoles for their respective camps.

The camp experience is an amazing opportunity for the students to challenge themselves at every level, whether that be succeeding at an activity that scared them, preparing and cooking their own food or being away from creature comforts such as mobile phones and TV for a week!

As usual, our annual exertions were exceptionally rewarding and it was a privilege to be part of such a special time in these students' lives at Longhill. There are many reasons why we uphold this tradition, not least to prepare them for GCSEs and some of the skills they will need for life beyond school. The activities are all designed to promote self-reliance and independence, resilience, positivity and respect, teamwork, leadership, and problem solving. Living together in the camp situation is not always easy but this year most of our 9s responded to the challenges with great positivity and a sense of fun. I hope this has led to tolerance and understanding between all involved, and will help foster positive relationships between students and staff for the next two years. A huge thank you to those people who made Camp possible and well done, Year 9! Good luck in Key Stage 4.

Ms Abingdon



Year 8 Mental Health Day

On Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd June Year 8 attended a Mental Health day. This was led by professional visitors to the school as well as trained Longhill staff. Our aims were to promote healthy attitudes; to have the skills and knowledge to be able to look after yourself; to know how to get support if you or a friend needs it.

There were 4 workshops of an hour each:

- 1) Self Harm
- 2) Reducing stress and anxiety
- 3) Counselling and signposting of support
- 4) Healthy Eating

In the afternoon Year 8 had the opportunity to experience an activity led by instructors in Boxercise, Zumba and Yoga.

Year 8 conducted themselves with great maturity and responsibility. All of our visitors commented on how well everyone participated and were able to give the sensitive topic matter the respect it deserved. Students were supportive of the visitors and the content of their workshops as well as of one another.

Please extend my thanks and praise to your child if they attended the day.

If you have any concerns or queries about anything of the content of the day please do not hesitate to get in touch at:

hgarling@longhill.org.uk

Below are some very helpful websites with information and guidance for young people and parents/carers on the topics we covered. The first link in particular gives very straightforward advice to parents/carers with who have been affected by issues of a young person's mental health.

Thanks very much and enjoy the summer.

Mr Garling

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/140wu42tcsfns/SelfHarmFilmDraft1.m4v?dl=0>

http://www.youngminds.org.uk/training_services/publications/32_worried_about_self_harm

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.mind.org.uk

www.time-to-change.org.uk



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Peer Mentoring

Everyone needs to have that little bit of extra encouragement at times and Longhill's Peer Mentor scheme provides that by supporting year 6 through their transition to secondary school. Students supporting others within their student body are a valuable resource at Longhill and we are immensely proud of the work these young people do. This year Yr 9 have been supervising their younger counterparts and will continue to support them in their work next year.

From a year 9 perspective

Megan and I have been peer mentors for 2 years now and have had a great time, making new friends and creating new experiences along the way! While some students grow out of working with the peer mentor scheme we have stuck to it and have loved every second of it, from the long hard days to the fun and exciting days- it's been the best experience and we've learnt so much from it! We can still remember the early days when we had our interview and being so nervous, then we interviewed the new peer mentors and now we're going to be watching the current year 8 interview the next bunch and next year we will be supporting the supporters!!

Finally we want to say It wouldn't be what it is today without Jill Robson supporting us!

...and from a year 8 mentor

Being a peer mentor is a great opportunity to meet and support the upcoming year 7. Helping those younger students who are worried, to become more confident about joining Longhill makes being a peer mentor definitely worthwhile. Getting to know our year sixes was really good fun, since most of them are quite enthusiastic about starting in September, even if they are a little bit worried. As peer mentors we have come so far and although we are relatively still new to this, are continuing to learn along the way. The work we do may not be easy at times but we will work just as hard anyway!

Year 6 we look forward to seeing you all in September!!

Ms Robson



Careers Advice

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are probably aware, next term Year 11 students need to choose what they are going to do once they leave Longhill High School. I am here one day a week to help them with this decision. I check their understanding of the different options open to them after leaving and I encourage all students to apply to at least one of the local colleges. I help them explore the different paths they could take and the pros and cons of available choices. Applying to University is often a topic of conversation and I try to help students appreciate the implications of this very important decision and guide them appropriately. Many careers will require a degree or higher, many others won't.

Each student by now has a copy of the college open evening dates.

Please ask to see this as it is important that they attend preferably with you to support them. The dates are available on the college websites too. The deadline for college applications this year is 3pm Wednesday 25th November 2015. Forms will need to be handed in to Student Services on or before this date. If a student prefers the idea of finding an apprenticeship after Year 11 an application to college is still important as it provides a back-up in case they are unable to find work next summer. If parents have any questions about the college application process or any of the options open to Year 11 students please email me on chaynes@longhill.org.uk Please bear in mind I am normally only in school on Wednesdays.

I will be available to talk to parents at the Year 11 Parent's Evening on Thursday 12th November. I operate on a first come first served basis. You do NOT need an appointment to see me. I look forward to meeting you then.

Ms Haynes



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Year 7 – Beach Trip





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Rewards Shop



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REWARDS SHOP

The Rewards Shop has moved out of Student Services and into the Learning Resource Centre, AKA The Library. We have a new webpage and lots of exciting new items to purchase with your points, such as stationery, food and drink bottles. Take a look via the Longhill website > School Information > Rewards Store.

See you soon!

The Librarian's

Year Book Committee

This term the year 10 yearbook committee was formed to start work on their leavers' book. The book will be hard back with 56 pages of photos, messages and memories of the Class of 2016's time at Longhill. The team are already working hard to collect in photos and raise funds to reduce the book price. Order forms will be sent out in September. The deadline for ordering will be in December.





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Widening Participation

There have been several trips, workshops and activities this term through the widening participation programme with University of Brighton and the University of Sussex.

Robogals - Uni of Sussex

A group of our year 9 girls joined students from other local schools on 8th June to experiment with robotics at the University of Sussex. They took part in a race using sensory robots which traced the course of masking tape across the floor. They also worked in the Attenborough Creative Suite at the university, looking at lighting and light sensory mechanics.

Computer Science Day - Uni of Sussex

Year 10s visited the university and worked with lecturers and students in various workshops on computing and science. Students looked at brain activity patterns and programming. They also had the opportunity to speak to current undergraduates about the university experience.

Yr 10 Summer School - Uni of Sussex

A hugely exciting opportunity for 6 of our year 10 WP students, who spent a week at the University of Sussex as 'freshers'. The Uni had over 180 applicants for 120 places so a huge well done to our students on the strength of their applications. Thank you to the staff who supported them with these. They stayed in the halls of residence along with students from schools across the south east and London. They took part in lectures and seminars throughout the week in either science or humanities based sessions. There were various social events in the evenings such as a sports night, quiz and pizza evening. All 6 year 10 students said what an amazing experience this was for them in terms of confidence building, learning what studying at HE/FE is like, and how much they enjoyed the independence and opportunity to meet new people.

Fashion Project - Uni of Brighton

In the Spring term, a number of year 9 students too part in an 8 week fashion project run by Juliana Scissons, Head of Fashion at Textiles Faculty from the University of Brighton. Juliana and her undergraduates came in to the school once a week to work on the project with our students to produce a collection for

a catwalk showcase which took place in June. Alongside this, several year 10 WP students who worked on the Saturday Club Fashion Project at the university also displayed their work at the show. The collection was fantastic and students should be extremely proud to have been involved in this.

Ms Dolton





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Work Experience

For the week 22nd – 26th June our Year 10s swapped the classroom for an experience of the world of work. They chose a variety of places to go: architects, builders, dance school, engineers to name a few. Each student had a unique experience and discovered different things about the world of work. Here are some of the students' comments "I have learnt you have to be more responsible and independent." "Had a lot of fun, interesting meeting lots of new people. It is tiring." "I liked meeting the new people and interacting with the children. I didn't like the hours, it was really tiring because you are always on the go". "Most of the work was fun and I enjoyed it but some of the jobs were very boring". "I found out that even though it was tiring, it was a lot of fun and showed me the reality of what life will be like after school." Staff visited the students during the week and were impressed with their attitude and conduct and received some very positive comments from the staff: they were a credit to themselves and Longhill School. Reading the reports that have been returned from the Employers highlights skills our students have and how important employers view these. Some quotes are: "Always arrived on time", "polite", "attentive and responsive to instructions", "cheerful, responsible and a pleasure to have", "conscientious and adaptable", "good communication skills", "showed initiative", "used common sense", "one of the best work experience students we have ever had", "an absolute delight" and I could continue. We are very proud of our students successes and they should be too.

Work Experience is only for a week but the things learnt and faced I am sure will stay with the students for a long time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the Employers for giving the opportunity to the student as it is a lot of hard work for them but I hope they realise the enormous benefit it gives.

Ms Ashton

Eco Team

Litter

Following our big Tidy-Up in March we have been focussing on litter at school during the summer term. We have written a Litter policy for the school, and have been out litter picking too. Our aim is to have a litter free environment for staff and students across the whole school site. This will benefit everyone locally as litter soon spreads out into the local neighbourhood, and countryside around the school.



Eco Committee

We have an Eco Committee that meets each term and consists of students from Year 7, & 9. At the committee we review our action plan for the school and monitor how we are progressing with our Eco work. We have been concentrating on Energy, Waste, Litter and Biodiversity. At the last meeting we looked at the draft Litter Policy and discussed it to make sure that the committee agreed with how it was written before we publicise it to the whole school. More about the Eco-Schools can be found at: www.eco-schools.org.uk/aboutecoschools.

Nine topics image.

Mrs Booker





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Drama News

Beauty and the Beast

On June 17th and 18th students from all year groups performed Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast' to packed audiences. The Performing Arts dept are super proud of the students and with how fantastic the show was. It was said to be the best Longhill show ever!

Beauty & The Beast – Cast

Belle- Olivia Kingswood

Beast- Josh White

Gaston- Alex Emery

Lumiere- Indigo Jackson

Cogsworth- Rebecca Bridges

Mrs Potts- Hannah Greer

Chip- Hattie Pendry

Babette- Molly Shooman

Maurice- Lily Froome

Lefou- Anthony Allen & Marley Williams

D'arque- Ethan Wells

Wardrobe- Izzy Howard

Book seller- Josh Parker

Baker- Alex Ridley



Silly girls

Chloe Robinson

Liberty Redgrave

Amy Wykes

Katherine Bowman

Ellesse Peters

Frankie White

Sara Tokarz

Kaia Allen- Bevan

Emelia Martin

Polly Mitchell

Aimee Duke



Villagers

GEORGIA KING

Lila Coldwell Simmons

BRADLEY CHICK

LAUREN HANDLEY

FREYA HG

NAOMI GILL

CODIE MANSELL

Archie Redgrave

HOLLY BOWEN

JESS BOLTON

JESS BRISTOW

LEIA SMITH

SAFFRON BROWN

LAURA HOW

JESSIE N

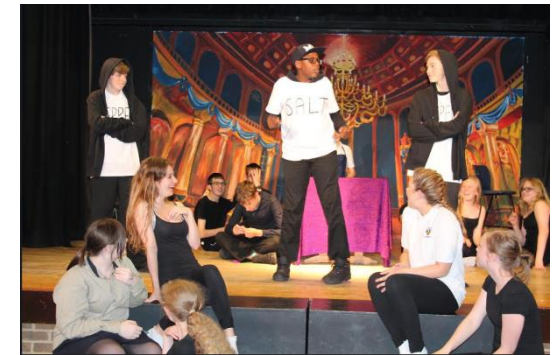
JUSTIN COLOMA

DANIELLA WILBY

GEORGIA MARCHAND

TAYLOR GRANTHAM

JASPER THORPE



Goodbye

Longhill Production Society are very sad to be saying goodbye to 3 of its members: Miss Dolton, Mr Davis and Mr Jenkins.

Miss Dolton and Mr Davis have been with us since our first production (Grease in 2011) and have been an integral part of the shows. Joe has even managed to secure a cameo role in each of our musicals! (from teen angel-mermaid!). Pam has working tirelessly year on year to ensure each of the shows run smoothly. She will be greatly missed! Guy joined us slightly later but has still been key in helping with directing the shows. Also thank you to Mr Bennett who has helped us out with a number of shows over the years!

The production society wish you all the best in the future!

Drama

The Drama dept. would like to say a big good luck to Mrs Fenwick who is off on Maternity Leave at the end of this term. We wish you and your family all the best and look forward to welcoming you back in the spring.



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The Deans Leisure Centre

As part of the centre's 10th Anniversary celebration we will be re-branding the Deans to Longhill Sports Centre as of the 1st September 2015.

Our main objective of this re-brand is to clearly link the school and centre as a united entity showing our students, community, customers and staff that all the wonderful work the centre does is part of the school's action plan not just the centre's.

We have given the logo a fresh and exciting look that fully incorporates both the Longhill High School Shield and iconic Deans athlete. We have utilised the traditional school colours and blended them to deliver our fantastic new logo.

As part of this celebration we have lots of exciting events planned, working closely with Darren Hambrook, Dewi Vaughan as well as Mr Emmet and the PE Department the whole community will be included in various sports festivals.

Longhill Sports Centre will also be working within our cluster primary schools to deliver coaching for multi sports and gymnastics for both Christmas term and Summer Term, as well as running trampoline courses for Longhill students on Wednesdays after school.





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Year 7	04.09.15 – Year 7 Start School
	04.09.15 – Year 7 Photographs
	22.09.15 – Year 7 Information Evening
	22.10.15 – Year 7 Parents Evening
Year 8	07.09.15 – Year 8 Return to School
	07.09.15 – Year 8 Photographs
	17.09.15 – Year 8 Information Evening
Year 9	07.09.15 – Year 9 Return to School
	07.09.15 – Year 9 Photographs
	15.09.15 – Year 9 Information Evening
	17.09.15 – Year 9 Diversity Workshop
Year 10	07.09.15 – Year 10 Return to School
	07.09.15 – Year 10 Photographs
	10.09.15 – Year 10 Information Evening
Year 11	07.09.15 – Year 11 Return to School
	07.09.15 – Year 11 Photographs
	08.09.15 – Year 11 Information Evening
Whole School	22.07.15 – LAST DAY SUMMER TERM

Important Links

Documents

[Parent/Carers' Consultation 2015/16 – Important Information](#)

[Local Authority Guide to Persistent Absenteeism 2015](#)

Online Sites

[Longhill High School Website](#) – for more information about the school and other activities and triumphs we have had this half term

[Longhill High School on Twitter](#) – Follow us!

[Longhill Alumni on Facebook](#) – see what our past students have achieved and if you're an Alumni yourself let us know!

[Longhill Live](#) – produced and written by current students