



Longhill High School

Longhill News



February 2016

Letter from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It's been an interesting and enjoyable start to 2016 as I become accustomed to life at Longhill and learn more about the whole-school community. The more time I spend in school, the more I can see what great potential our students have and what a dedicated team of staff we have to support and help them to develop.

The dark winter months can be some of the most challenging in school for everyone, but now as we move towards spring, the atmosphere becomes lighter and there is an air of anticipation and optimism about the school.

Our senior students are working hard in preparation for their examinations and our younger students are getting ready to make important decisions about their futures by choosing their GCSE subjects.

We have enjoyed many successes through the magnificent efforts of our rugby, football and netball teams and their coaches; a particularly special mention goes to our under 16 boys' football team, who reached the quarter finals of the National Schools' Cup competition; their dedication and teamwork has been a fine example and great source of pride to all of us here at Longhill.

Finally, we have had an extremely interesting few days as the rigorous recruitment process for a new Headteacher reached its conclusion. I am delighted to announce that an appointment has been made and that we will welcome new Headteacher, Kate Williams, to Longhill in September.

In the meantime, I look forward to what the second half of the spring term has to offer.

Best wishes,

R Bradford

Mr R Bradford
Executive Headteacher



National Cup Dream Comes to an End.....but the County Cup is Still in Sight!

After a fantastic cup run to reach the quarter finals, the Year 11 boys travelled in fine spirits to Bath last week for their quarter final match against Broadlands Academy in the National Schools' Cup competition.

Stopping for an early lunch, the team was greeted by Dynamo the magician, who happily posed for photos as well as showing the lads a trick before wishing them well. A good omen? Some cup magic? At the very least yet another unforgettable memory for the boys to take with them on their incredible cup run!

Broadlands made the better start to the game, but the pressure was on when Longhill won a corner. The ball was drilled towards the front post by Danny Lalwani, then Sam Nye Grey got across his defender, reacting first to tap home with an outstretched leg, giving a 1-0 lead to Longhill.



The lead didn't last long unfortunately, with Broadlands retaliating with a high ball over our defensive line to their centre forward, who timed his run to perfection, levelling the score at 1-1. This was a blow to the Longhill players, which Broadlands capitalised on again just moments later in a carbon copy scenario, resulting in a penalty finding its way convincingly into the bottom corner of the net.

At half time, the Longhill side was still full of belief and determination, coming out to play the second half with an exciting, attacking approach, allowing few opportunities for the opposition. Despite our best efforts, things were against

us as our Captain and regular match-winner, Alfie Rogers, was sent hobbling from the pitch. The team tried their hardest to keep Broadlands at bay, causing them problem after problem, but were not quite able to find that elusive equaliser.

Efforts from Charlie Lambert, Joe Rudwick, Danny Lawani and Harvey Day, amongst others, couldn't find the back of the net and the Broadlands goal keeper finished the game as *man of the match*. The final whistle inevitably came to bring to an end the most successful cup run that Longhill High School has ever seen in a National sporting competition. The Longhill community is immensely proud of the squad, who tried their very best right to the end of the match.

"The end" sounds final, but with two semi-finals coming up in the Brighton Cup and County Cup, both against Hove Park, a team they put aside 9-2 in the National Cup second round, things are far from over for this team! Hove Park will pose more of a problem this time around as the 9-2 score line does not reflect Hove Park's ability as a team, but the Longhill boys are up to the challenge!

If you want to support our boys, then our Brighton Cup Semi-Final is at Longhill High School on Wednesday 24th February at 2.30pm. We would gladly welcome you to The Vale to spur the team on with your support.





House News



THE KING'S MESSENGER

Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.
-Martin Luther King Jr

So far this year we have been busy over at King House... with January 15th being Martin Luther King's birthday and the day we decided to celebrate King Day. The hall was transformed into a birthday party themed venue and the day was marked by plenty of fun and festivities.

There was even a lunch time event of New King vs Old King, with myself and Mr Grier going head to head in a competition that required a strong will and nerves of steel. New King won, of course!

We raised well over what we had hoped for and our money will be going to our sponsored child, Dhruvika Kunvar, from Navsari, India and the remaining money will go to King's chosen charity, Rise - Freedom from Domestic Abuse.

We are looking forward to the *Get Set for Community Action* project coming up, which aims to strengthen relationships between young people and their local communities through the Olympic Values (friendship, excellence and respect) and the Paralympic Values (courage, determination, equality and inspiration).

Thank you to all King students and staff; your continued support is much appreciated.

Ms Rhodes
King House Co-ordinator



Mandela House News

It always seems impossible until it's done! Nelson Mandela

The start of the new term has been reasonably quiet for Mandela House. Last term was extremely busy with our House Day, Panto and other events.

Mandela JLT (Junior Leadership Team) has started Academic/Peer Mentoring. This involves a selection of Year 7 and 8 students being coached by the Year 9 and 10s this term. The students meet once a week to discuss subjects from the curriculum and ways the Year 7 and 8 students can improve their learning. They set personal targets and discuss how they can achieve these targets.

All the Houses are going to be getting involved in 'Get Set for Community Action'. This is a brand new programme, which aims to strengthen relationships between young people and their local communities through the Olympic Values (friendship, excellence and respect) and the Paralympic Values (courage, determination, equality and inspiration).



I would like to thank all Mandela students and staff for their continued support.

Mrs Noble
Mandela House Co-ordinator



This half term we were delighted to receive information about our sponsored child, Bina Lahoon, who is from India and we have enjoyed putting together an information pack with our JLT students all about Longhill and Brighton. It has been interesting for the students to read about how different Bina's way of life is and they have enjoyed taking photos and writing all about themselves and our school.

Plans for PANKFEST 2016 on March 18th are well underway and soon will be launched around school. This year we are hosting a music festival and also having a fantastic obstacle course built for the students to challenge each other! We are raising money not only for Bina, but also for the Clock Tower Sanctuary which helps homeless young adults in Brighton and whom will be delivering an important assembly soon to the House about the fantastic work that they do in the local area. The music festival and assault course are going to be two of the biggest events we have hosted, with over 20 students planning and preparing each week in readiness for the event.

The Pankhurst JLT have begun their academic mentoring programme and already there is some excellent student support and progress being made. The programme allows students to work together to build confidence, skills and improve their targets in lessons and after just two weeks there are already clear improvements and great friendships being made. Once more we took 4 lucky students to see Brighton and Hove play Huddersfield at the Amex Stadium as a reward for their great attitudes, behaviour, work ethic and support for their House. Already we are looking at the next batch of nominations which will be for the Year 10 students.

As we embark upon the Spring Term, Pankhurst are looking forward to putting our plans into action. At the last count, Pankhurst were in joint 2nd place in the House Cup, so all eyes will be on us to see if we can make *Pankfest* a huge success, raise lots of money for our charities, and take over 1st place!

Ms Jones
Pankhurst House Co-ordinator

Spencer House

Although Spencer Day was last term, it was so close to the holidays I was unable to comment on how brilliant it was in the last newsletter. So far it has been an amazing first half to the academic year being the House Coordinator for Spencer. We have definitely tried many tasks differently, ranging from a Lip Sync Assembly to creating a beautifully atmospheric charity day. All of this could not have been done without so many people coming to help. I had around 34 students helping with the day in various ways, ranging from selling and performing on the day, baking lots of cakes to endless hours creating and decorating the hall. What was amazing about this gathering of students was that they were not all from Spencer house. I am still very proud of every student from all the different houses coming together and helping in ways that have not been seen before at Longhill High School. Because of all of the students and staff who helped, we raised a record breaking £635.14, with the previous record being £504.

We all look forward to the second half of the school year and are very excited to see what Spencer will achieve next.

Mr Clacher
House Co-ordinator



Memories of Brighton Intrigue History Students

Older members of the local community visited Longhill recently to take part in a 'Memory Workshop', as part of the Giddy History project, which is being undertaken by Longhill Year 10 history students. Giddy History is an exciting two-part digital exercise which aims to capture memories of being a teenager in Brighton. These personal memories will be incorporated into an app with an interactive map which will lead people across the city, whilst they listen to the memories that were made in each place they visit.

These oral histories will be also be stored on a website, along with archive images and film of Brighton throughout the mid-20th century.

The students explained that they had asked participants about their lifestyles and memories of when they were teenagers in Brighton to be compiled into the app, so when people are walking around Brighton they can hear about the history of the area they are in from the point of view of different people during the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Students have conducted interviews at The Keep (the Brighton historical resource centre), as well as visiting a local care home to talk to elderly residents about their memories. The main question they asked is whether people prefer Brighton then or now. Year 10 student Megan said, "The consensus is that they prefer it back then, because it was so different and they had a lot to do. They could go out without much money and make their own fun. Now, everything costs quite a lot of money."

Megan and her friend Megan are both from Brighton and both enjoy living in the city now. Megan 1 said, "I like it now; but I don't know what it was like before. There's lots to do and I like modern technology, which helps." Megan 2 told us, "I like Brighton, but think maybe I would have preferred it back then, but I do like it now."

The girls added, "We are attracted by things like the dancing and the way they dressed back then. They used to go to dancehalls - now we have nightclubs; back then there was a dress code; there's not really anything like that now. I think the coolest era was probably the 60s when the mods and rockers used to come to Brighton. That must have been a really exciting time!"

The girls explained, "We're still gathering the data together - interviews and photos - then we will compile the data into the app and website. It's going to be on show at the Brighton festival which is on in May."

"We were chosen for the project because we are taking GCSE history and everyone on this project is interested in history. Next term we are starting the topic of the 'Swinging 60s', so we will be able to use what we've learnt from this project to back that up and incorporate into our coursework."





Performing Arts Department



Casting is currently underway for the Performing Arts department's next venture, which will be put on during the summer term. Auditions have just been held to cast leading roles and chorus for the much-loved musical, *Oliver*. It promises to be an exciting show and we will keep you posted on when you can book your seats!

Key stage 4 drama and performing arts students are looking forward to a theatre trip to London next month to see the award-winning production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. The play, now running at the Geilgud Theatre, is based on Mark Haddon's award-winning novel which has been adapted by Simon Stephens.

We look forward to telling you all about their trip in the next newsletter.

Longhill Careers Department – Spring Term

Hopefully by now all Year 11 students who want to go to college in September have applied for their college course(s). College interviews are currently taking place and these will continue for the next couple of months. Dates and times of college interviews are sent to the student, but can also be found on the PSRE Office door in school and on the Careers Information Board by the school Library. Please encourage Year 11s to check here if they have forgotten or mislaid their college letters. After their interview the student should be offered a place at the college in writing. It is VERY important to ACCEPT the place if the student wants the option of studying at the college in September. If they do not accept their place, it will be withdrawn and given to another student. It is OK to accept places at more than one college.

Please email me at chaynes@longhill.org.uk if you have any questions about accepting college places. I am in the school on Wednesdays and will respond to emails when I am next in.

We have 22 students who are looking for apprenticeships when they leave school this summer. If you run your own business or work for a local firm, would you be interested in taking on an apprentice this year? If so please let me know on the email above.

Best wishes

Cordelia Haynes
Careers Adviser



Business Studies Meets the Hissing Cockroach!

In the cold, dark days of early January, forty five intrepid Year 10 Business Studies students visited the Drusilla's Park Education Department to research how the Park is run as a business. This is part of the Business Studies GCSE in which a comparative study of two different businesses is made.

During the visit, we had a presentation given to us by James Woodward, Head of Education, who gave us information and answered key questions that will be beneficial for our coursework. Thanks James! Towards the end of the presentation, James brought out a few animals which we were able to touch and view; these animals included a snake, a monkey, a chinchilla and the famous armadillo, Gretel, who had been mentioned in many newspapers for her 'new year, new me' dieting plan!

The students of year ten were then taken on a guided tour around the Park itself, where they saw the large variety of animals which led to many of the students' jaws dropping in interest and, at certain points, terror! The bravest of the students took the chance to hold the hissing cockroach whilst others escaped to the less ghoulish rabbits who were based just around the corner!

In my opinion, one of the students' favourite parts of the trip was venturing around the new and exclusive 'Hello Kitty Garden' which included the Hopper Ride, which propels you into the sky and the Car Ride which involved the students being able to steer around the track, through a tunnel and around the water fountain. Finally, there was the Hello Kitty Tea Cup Ride which sends you spinning at a fast rate around the giant central tea cup!

Daniella Wilby, Year 10

Drusilla's praised the Longhill students for being the first to brave the elements this year and for their exemplary behaviour – they were a credit to the School!





Hello to Our Future Students

Staff from Longhill visited Saltdean Primary School this term to set up a special notice board for Year 5 & 6 pupils and their parents.



Moving up to secondary school can be a daunting experience for many children and the transition team at Longhill aim to make this as easy as possible for the children and their parents.

The notice board gives useful information about important things such as uniform and our online payment system, as well as showing the exciting activities that the children will be able to participate in once they join us in year 7. All the staff at Longhill are looking forward to welcoming more new students from our local community in years to come.

If you would like a tour of the school, please call Reception on 01273 304086 to book. If you have any questions about transition, please email headspa@longhill.org.uk

Peer Mentors Prepare to Train the New Recruits

This term the Peer Mentors have been busy; our main focus being on recruitment of new students for the Peer Mentor scheme. We started off with an assembly that is given to Year 8 students, asking them if they would like to apply to join the team. Those who were interested picked up an application form and made their application; they were then invited to attend a meeting that included the Peer Mentors and anyone else expressing an interest to know more about the scheme, to talk about 'What it means to be a Peer Mentor' etc. Finally the selection interviews were held, with so many students applying that not everyone could be given a place, but we are extremely grateful to all students who applied. The students have now been notified of whether or not they have a place on the scheme and the Year 9 Peer Mentors are ecstatic about supporting them to become great Peer Mentors.



This is our 10th year of Peer mentoring at Longhill and we have come a long, long way! The skills and ability that these young people display are truly awesome and every year, I can never quite bring myself to dare hope that I have an equally talented bunch, but somehow I always do! I wish our newly recruited Year Eights huge congratulations for getting this far and I and the year nines welcome them to the wonderful world of peer mentoring!

Jill Robson
Inclusion Learning Mentor

The Learning Resource Centre



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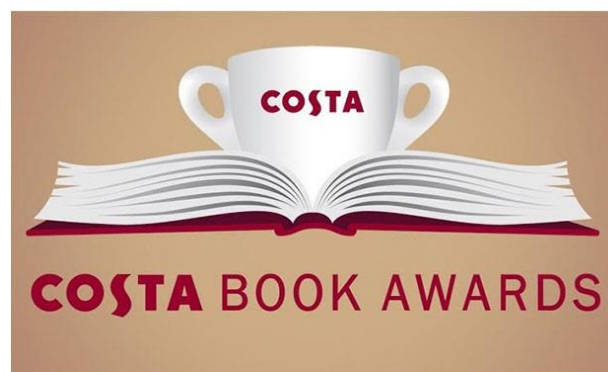
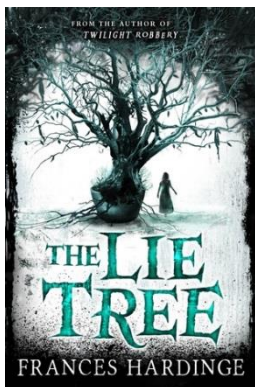
This term we have launched our ‘Write a Book Review’ reward

It couldn't be easier, just borrow a book from the Learning Resource Centre; once you have read it, email the Librarian with the book's title, author, what you liked and disliked (without ruining the end), any favourite characters and why, would you recommend it and finally give it a star rating out of 5. Once received you will get 5 achievement points and a postcard home as a thank you. If you write 5 reviews then you'll get a Golden Ticket! With hundreds of books to choose from, you are sure to find something you like.

You can find information on our rewards web page <http://rewards.longhill.org.uk>.

Did you hear about the Costa Book Awards?

The 2015 award was announced on the 26th January 2016. The COSTA Children's Book Award went to Frances Hardinge for *The Lie Tree*. We have ordered two copies of this book which will be arriving in the Learning Resource Centre soon—so keep an eye out for this fantastic book!



Keeping up with Current Affairs—Don't be left behind!

Are you interested in the news? Did you see a recent article in the Daily Mail which read, "People who keep up-to-date with current affairs are more health-conscious and will live longer," say scientists'. Even if that doesn't catch your attention, keeping up with current affairs will help you build informed opinions, gain knowledge that will allow you to decide where you fall on key issues and it also provides you with the ability to influence people in a meaningful and thoughtful way.

You can watch BBC News before school and during break times in the Learning Resource Centre on our new TV!



Longhill School Combined Cadet Force



Longhill CCF has been busy since we were last featured in the Newsletter!



We had our autumn camp, which allowed new cadets to take on command positions. We were very impressed with all the cadets who attended, stepping out of their comfort zones, but becoming all the better for of it.

We had to say goodbye to a few seniors: Sgt Zara Wilkins, Sgt Will Lawrie and CSM Donovan; the up-side is that this allows people to step up into command positions and we look forward to seeing how they get on.

Remembrance Day was where our cadets really made us proud! They helped the Royal British Legion collect for their poppy appeal for 2 weekends at ASDA, then represented the school at Rottingdean by laying the wreath and helping with further collections. We were very proud of our cadets who helped out so selflessly.

We are now looking forward to our Easter Camp, which has been specially designed to push everyone to new levels.

A big thank you must go to all the staff and cadets who help/instruct on Thursday afternoons. This is a big responsibility, but all who have shown their skills in instructing have excelled beyond expectation. Keep up the good work all!



We would love a new flood of students to join our ranks!

If you are aged 13 or over and wish to give CCF a try, then come and give it a go - if it's not for you then you've lost nothing, but could potentially have a lot to gain.



We parade on Thursday after school, from 2.45 to 5.00pm, where you will learn skills and take part in activities which will help you with camps.

Camp is the mainstay of the cadet world; once you have attended a camp, you will find that the friends you make and the experiences you have will mean you'll never want to leave. If you are nervous or unsure, bring a friend with you - the more the merrier!

It isn't all military - we have taken part in, and are planning, much adventurous training, which includes hiking, rock climbing, sailing, archery and much more!



Part-time Casual Work – Exam Invigilator

£7.85 per hour

Staff required to assist in the supervision of candidates during GCSE and other examinations. Applicants should be available for morning or afternoon sessions (or both). Applicants must be fit and healthy, as they are required to be mobile for periods of up to two hours.

**Morning sessions begin at 8.15am
Afternoon sessions begin at 1.15pm**

Successful applicants will be required to have an enhanced Certificate from the Disclosure from Barring Service (DBS)

Applications by email to personnel@longhill.org.uk or by post to Mr J Hollingworth, Business Manager, Longhill High School, Falmer Road, Rottingdean, Brighton, BN2 7FR

Casual Sports Centre Attendant

£7.87 per hour

We are seeking a dynamic, enthusiastic person with a passion for sport, to join our dedicated team here at Longhill Sports Centre.

The post will involve supporting the current sports centre team to deliver a top quality service, working within our holiday club, running adult and child coaching sessions and assisting in the day to day running of the centre.

If you are up to the challenge, we'd love to hear from you!

For further details and an information pack, please email personnel@longhill.org.uk or email the Leisure Centre Manager, Allan Parker-Read, on aparkerr@longhill.org.uk

Closing date: Midday Friday 26th February



Forget Cash – Remember sQuid

What is sQuid and why should you be using it?

sQuid is a secure online payment system that eliminates the need for your son or daughter to bring cash into school. It can be used to pay for school trips, lunches and any other expenses that may be incurred at school.

International payment network

sQuid is a pre-paid online account with cleared funds; where you never get in to debt. sQuid is a pre-pay network where funds are pre-loaded on to a secure online account and then spent via the sQuid network using a contactless smart card, an online account or unique biometric identifier, enabling digital stored value to be securely transferred

eMoney

As such sQuid is electronic money (or eMoney) a new kind of cash, that can be used to pay for the little things in life: coffees, school dinners, snacks, all the things you keep cash for.

More than just a payment partner

sQuid is used across many different sectors and is already widely used across the UK as well as internationally. sQuid work with local Councils, Transit operators, Schools, Colleges, Universities, and International Aid agencies. Uniquely offering a multi-wallet account, sQuid also offer cashless payments with integrated loyalty.

Where will I find sQuid?

On the front page of the Longhill High School website <http://www.longhill.org.uk/> You can easily set up your account – just follow the instructions. If you already have an account, but have forgotten your login details, please email studentservicesstaff@longhill.org.uk and we will help you get back into your account.

We would like to encourage you to use sQuid whenever possible – it is easy, safe and avoids the need to bring cash to school.





Up and Coming

Year 7	Thurs 10 th March – Year 7 Subject Surgery
Year 8	Thurs 3 rd March – Year 8 Options Evening Thurs 10 th March – Year 8 Subject Surgery
Year 9	Thurs 25 th Feb - Year 9 Subject Surgery
Year 10	Thurs 25 th Feb – Year 10 Subject Surgery
Year 11	
Whole School	Fri 18 th March – Pankhurst House Day Thurs 24 th March – Last Day of Spring Term

Year 11 Leavers' Yearbook

**Don't forget to order yours from the Cashier's Office
A full-colour, hard-back book full of Longhill memories**

Look back and remember!

Orders MUST be in by Monday 22nd February



STUDIO CLASSES

JANUARY - AUGUST 2016

Class	Time	Instructor	Price
MONDAY			
SUPER SENIORS	9.30 - 10.30am	Nicola	£5
BODY SCULPT	6 - 7pm	Karen	£6
FITNESS PILATES	7 - 8pm	Karen	£6
TUESDAY			
CARDIO FUNK	7 - 8pm	Anneli	£6
WEDNESDAY			
BOOTCAMP CIRCUITS	7.05 - 8.05pm	Karen	£6
THURSDAY			
SUPER SENIORS	10 - 11am	Nicola	£5
FITNESS PILATES	7 - 8pm	Nicola	£6



Booking a place onto our classes is essential. This can only be done from 10am of the Sunday before the week of the classes.

Please contact us on 01273 391 683.

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Holiday Activities Club

**Monday 15th - Friday 19th
February 2016**

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