



Longhill High School

Longhill News



March 2016

Letter from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It's been a short, but jam-packed half term here at Longhill and I think that students and staff are looking forward to the Easter break.

Our numerous able sports teams have continued to take part in many events ranging from football, to basketball to table tennis; in addition, our performing arts students have been well and truly in the limelight, with our singers taking part in the fabulous *Voice in A Million* at Wembley Arena and our dancers appearing at the historic Brighton Dome in the wonderful *Let's Dance* show; our geographers enjoyed an interesting trip around our own City of Brighton & Hove; our Year 11 students have undertaken their mock GCSE examinations, which are an important opportunity to 'rehearse' for the forthcoming summer examinations, as well as being a vital indicator for areas of improvement before the real thing!

Last week we received a long-anticipated return visit from Ofsted, the results of which will be announced once we have received them. The behaviour of our students during the visit was exemplary and the hard work and dedication shown by the whole staff was a credit to the school. I would like to thank students and staff alike for showing the inspectors what a great school Longhill really is.

Finally, please accept my best wishes for a sunny, relaxing Easter break.

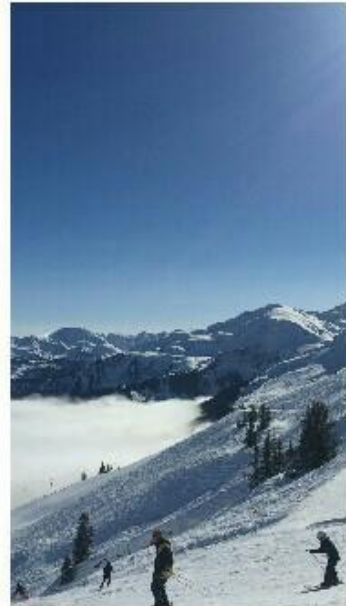
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Mr R Bradford
Executive Headteacher





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Students Take to the Slopes

During the half term holidays, 25 year 10 students went on the 21-hour coach journey to Wildschönau in the beautiful Tyrol region of Austria. During the first morning, Sunday, we settled into our groups of either beginner, intermediate or advanced. Then we really started our holiday with a five hour skiing session! We stayed in a typical Austrian hotel, which was very traditional and cosy inside. The food was good too; we had a variety of warming soups each evening, followed by the kind of food we're more accustomed to, such as pasta and chicken wings, usually finishing up with fruit and ice cream.

From then on we enjoyed five days of skiing, followed by a fun evening activity, which we all enjoyed very much. To say the least, we did have some funny moments during our time skiing. Not mentioning any names, we had several people falling spectacularly, someone forgetting to get off the ski-lift and, lastly, somebody losing their ski in knee deep snow and handing over the responsibility of retrieving it to Miss Molloy! Despite Mr Kelly's run-in with a 'piste basher' and Miss Molloy wiping out a couple of random skiers, I'm pleased to say that we all enjoyed the skiing and there weren't any serious injuries!

In the evenings we enjoyed some fun activities, including bowling, swimming (with the world's first loop the loop slide), pizza night and ice skating. Finally, after five days of fun and excitement, we got back on the coach for the 18-hour overnight journey back to Longhill!

I think I speak for everyone when I say that we had a fantastic time and we'd all like to thank Mr Kelly, Miss Molloy and Mr Foulkes for making it such a great trip.

Contributed by Sam Wilkinson



Do you have any
unwanted/unused musical
instruments? All donations of
instruments in good condition
gratefully received!





The Sounds of Longhill

The music department and its students have been incredibly busy this term, with a variety of musical events happening in Brighton and London.

The first of these was Voice in a Million, which took place on a cold, miserable March day at Wembley Arena. 29 boys and girls from Longhill, aged from 11 to 15, travelled excitedly to Wembley to take part in this annual event, the idea of which was to create a children's show which would raise awareness of the plight of children in care around the world and the issues and problems facing prospective adopters. Children from schools from all over the country make up the 5,000-strong choir, who this year sang songs such as *Hold Back the River (James Bay)*, *I believe I can Fly (R Kelly)*, *Like a Prayer (Madonna)* and *Someone Like You (Adele)*. One of the musical highlights of the show was a song called *Children United*, which had been especially written for the event. Another highlight was the *Destiny Africa Children's Choir*, from Uganda, who performed on both evenings of the event.

Head of Music at Longhill, Ms English, told us, "Staff from other schools commented on how amazing Longhill students were. They said that our students were open, confident, friendly and happy to exchange musical ideas with children from other schools. Our students were enthusiastic and mindful of younger students taking part. They were a real credit to the school."

The next event on the calendar was Sound City 4, which is where the Brighton & Hove Music Education Hub brings together the leading organisations for music in the city into an annual showcase of bright young talent. A group of Longhill boys, aged from 11 to 15, were invited to take part in the event, working in collaboration with students from Blatchington Mill and Cardinal Newman schools. Composer/performer Kushal Gaya held workshops for the boys to practice an original composition, which they performed at the Brighton Corn Exchange. Year 10 student Alex, along with Year 9 student Jessy, added some diversity to the performance with their improvised dance routine, which was well received. Year 8 student Callum was enthusiastic about the project, "I like singing and the rehearsals were fun. I enjoyed working with other schools and



I'd definitely do it again!"

The final event in this musical trilogy was Sounds from the City, which returned to the Studio Theatre at the Dome for a 16th consecutive year. Since its launch, this two day festival has provided a platform for over 300 acts, some of which now enjoy national and international success. The talents of over 25 young bands and solo performers were showcased, with Longhill's own Point Blank – Lewis, Anthony, Nic and Pearce - playing their distinctive style of indie rock to an appreciative audience.

What a deep well of talent we have at Longhill; we look forward to hearing more from our talented musicians!



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

I want to wish all King students and their families a very happy Easter from all the staff in King House.

What a term it has been, from football trips, to raising money, Easter challenges, to being a community that pulls together and achieves.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work, dedication, passion and commitment, not only to King House, but also to Longhill. Enjoy the Easter break and I will see you next term for more exciting things to come, so watch this space.

Ms Rhodes
King House Co-ordinator



Mandela House News

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

All Houses have been involved in some exciting Easter Activities this half term. We had an Egg Hunt where students had to locate pictures of teachers' faces which were hidden around the school. The winning House will receive 'House Points' and these will be added to the House Cup scores.

The Houses have also been asked to support the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital in Brighton by donating Easter Eggs for children who will be in hospital over the Easter holidays. I would like to thank all Mandela students and staff for bringing in Egg donations.



Mandela House will be teaming up with Nightingale House for '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). This is something we will focus on after the Easter Holidays.



I would like to thank all Mandela students and staff for their continued support. I hope you all have a relaxing break.

Mrs Noble
Mandela House Co-ordinator



Happy Easter Pankhurst! This half term has been a fantastic one as we finally brought together six months of planning with the Junior Leadership Team to hold our annual Pankhurst day that took place on Friday 18th March; and what a day it was! We were treated to some incredible live music onstage as we hosted our first ever music festival! A host of talent onstage and a great variety of stalls led to all having a fantastic time. Furthermore, we held our own version of the hit TV show, 'Ninja Warrior', with a huge assault course set up for the students to tackle in teams to beat the clock! This really was Pankhurst at its best, working together to give our school a brilliant day of activities whilst raising money for The Clock Tower Sanctuary, helping young homeless people in Brighton and Hove. Next term we will be meeting the team and seeing directly how our donations help those young people towards a brighter future, which will also be an invaluable experience for our students. Thank you Pankhurst for all your dedication and hard work; I hope you all enjoy a restful Easter.

Mrs Jones
Pankhurst House Co-ordinator

Nightingale House

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for their support; it has been a really positive term and I have been really impressed with Nightingale students' engagement in sport, music and drama. We had a great non-uniform day and we raised over £350 for ActionAid and the Royal Sussex Hospital stroke department. The students' leadership, demonstrating loyalty and service to the school and local community was fantastic. The students organised fun events such as a cake sale and nail and face-painting; senior students developed a football and basketball challenge which raised a huge amount of money. I'd like to also thank all the students who have been involved in the Junior Leadership Team, mentoring our younger students with their academic studies - they have been brilliant! A special thanks to my House Captains, Amy Banks and Lily Waller and Senior Leaders, Shannon Gamberdella, Eddy Stevens, Tom Drury and Jessica Wootton. As a House, we have really enjoyed supporting all our charity events for the local community, together with other houses.

Mr Rolf
House Co-ordinator

House Cup

After the Christmas term, competition for the House Cup was a close-fought contest with just one point separating Nightingale from King and Pankhurst. This term saw the great 'Egg Hunt'; eggs with staff faces on them were placed around the school for the students to find and record on their mentor sheets. The first mentor group to find all 20 faces on eggs wins a prize and valuable points for their house. All eggs needed to be spotted to decide the overall house winners.....results coming soon!



Year 11

At this time of year I would like to take a bit of time to recognise the hard work that you are putting into your studies.

You should be extremely happy with the effort and determination that you have all put into this year. I hope you will open your results in the summer and be proud that you gave everything you could and more. Sometimes year 11 can feel very difficult and a lot of pressure is placed on you with exams, results and college places or future plans. You have been a credit to your House and yourselves and I trust you will be able to look back at your school career with fond memories of your friends, teachers and experiences here. You have been excellent role models for the younger students in the House, actively promoting morale, confidence and the positive values that we at Longhill encourage. Make good choices in the future and remember the lessons you have learnt inside and outside of the classroom. Good luck in the future whatever your path and I wish you every success.

I would like to congratulate all members of the Year that have represented Longhill in various sporting achievements this term, and hope that everyone continues this success in the future. Enjoy the Easter break and come back refreshed and ready to be the best you can for your final term of the year.

Mr N Davie

Year 10

A very big well done to all of you for making the successful transition from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4. You all now have 42 school weeks left until you will be in the same position as the year 11s, getting ready to take your final GCSE exams! I hope you know that means no time to waste and any extra time in catch-ups will be very beneficial to you.

I hope you are ready to take on the responsibility of being the oldest pupils at Longhill when the year 11s leave and you are aware that the rest of the school will be looking up to you as role models.

You are a fantastic year group and I wish you every success in the future. Be determined to be the best you can be.

Mr N Davie

School Council

The School Council was lucky enough to gain tickets to attend the UK 'WE Day' event at Wembley. The day was full of inspirational speakers from all over the world, explaining what they achieved and how they have been successful.

There was also music to keep us going from Fleur East, Labrinth, Nico and Vinz, to name a few. It was a long but thought-provoking and motivating day, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. This has motivated the students to kick start our fundraising raffle after the Easter break.



Sports News

Rugby

Twenty year 7s and twenty year 9s have trained really well for the past two terms and I thank Mr. Vaughan for his support coaching these students. Both squads have demonstrated great teamwork and we look forward to playing next season. The year 7s will be watching the university finals at Twickenham on Wednesday 23rd March, we will have a sports meal and each team will have a squad photo taken. I have been really impressed with the year 7s who have recently competed in the Brighton schools 12-a-side tournament, both winning and losing games, they have real potential and I look forward to working with them over the next few years. Rugby is a great game it can shape students' lives and develop values that are key in life, like commitment, respect, teamwork and self-discipline. The year 7s took part in a Sport Relief run and raised over £20 an example of them demonstrating their leadership and commitment to a national charity. Well done, I look forward to next season!



Basketball

In January Longhill entered three teams into the Sussex Basketball tournaments. Our girls in all three teams performed remarkably well. The first to go was the year 10/11 girls. We had a small team of five – Emze Tiley, Olivia Darbyshire, Scarlett Simson, Oakleigh Murphy and Jess Ruckman. These girls had little rest and worked tremendously to finish second only losing to Dorothy Stringer in extra time.

The year 8 and 9s had two teams and again demonstrated some fine skills particularly from Nicole Agaid. These girls had definitely benefitted from the lunch time club. Great determination saw Longhill finish 3rd and 6th. Well done to all.



Sports Leaders

Year 11 Sports Leaders are completing three months of coaching in our local schools, teaching a range of sports such as tag rugby, football, basketball and multi-skills. They have been excellent at promoting sport whilst developing their leadership, communication and organisation skills. We look forward to the Rotary Club presenting community awards to our students at the Grand Hotel in June. I wish them every success in the future with their exams and I am sure they will coach sport in the future because they are all super role models.



Eggs Galore for Rockinghorse Appeal

Generous Longhill students paid a surprise visit to the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital in Brighton this week to deliver a massive haul of chocolate Easter eggs to the Rockinghorse Appeal. Staff were delighted to receive the huge consignment of 175 eggs, which they plan to give out to the children and their siblings who are in hospital over the Easter holidays.

Students from Longhill High School held a competition to see which House and which mentor group could collect the most eggs. "Our students have really been on-board with this idea." said winning mentor Mr Matthews. "Lots of our staff and students have personal experience of the Alex and the wonderful work they do. It's great for us to be able to give something back."

Everyone in the Longhill community wishes all the children and staff at the Alex a very happy Easter!



Let's Dance!

Longhill High School's fantastic new dance company, 'Inspire', took to the stage last week for their debut performance as part of the incredible 'Let's Dance' event at the Dome Theatre. Over 71 schools and over 2,000 dancers took part in the event and Inspire had rehearsed every week for six months in order to be polished and perfected for the performance.



Inspire's dance piece was based on urban fairy tales and incorporated a mixture of street dance, jazz, contemporary and modern dance, all brought together with colourful costumes and boundless energy. The dancers had a fantastic time at the Dome, enjoying feeling like a professional dance company for the day in front of a sell-out audience of family and friends.

Inspire are now back to rehearsals and looking forward to three more upcoming shows in April, where they will showcase a brand new routine.

The Learning Resource Centre



AKA—the Library

Borrow Books * Type up work * Print Homework

Welcome to our bright and friendly Resource Centre, students are always welcome to come and use the resources here either before school or during break times. If you visit in lesson or mentor time then you MUST have a note in your diary or day diary. Remember the rules, no eating or drink, coats off and phones away!

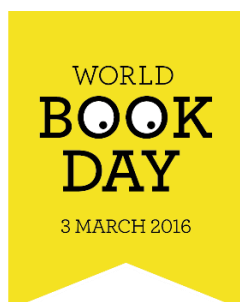


This month we celebrated World Book Day in the LRC with an **ENORMOUS** Book Sale. Following our audit of the Fiction area in February we had a number of books up for grabs at just 20p each!

The Staff and Pupils at Longhill got fully involved with the Book Sale and we sold just over 500 books.

As a little sweetener, for every book bought, a raffle ticket was entered into our Giant Chocolate Tower prize with first, second and third prizes up for grabs. First prize was a whopping 9 Easter Eggs dressed up with a bow.

The winners will be selected at our Golden Ticket Assembly.



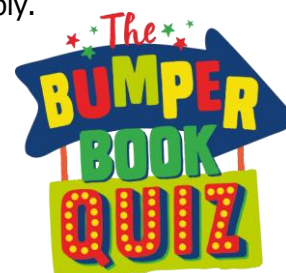
CONGRATULATIONS

The winner of our Bumper Book Quiz is

Lila Skye Senaini from 7MKA

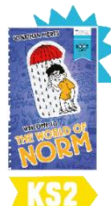
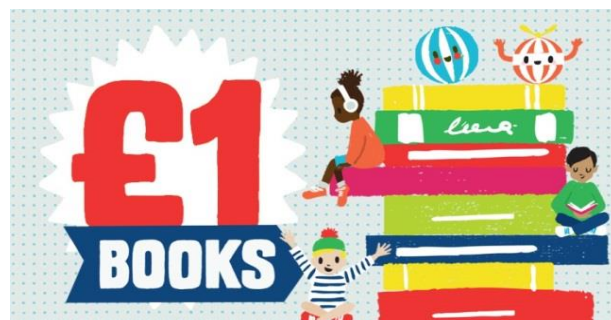
A £10.00 Book Token was the prize!

Well Done Lila!



Don't forget to use your World Book Day token – valid until 27th March. These can be exchanged for one of the £1 Books or if they don't take your fancy you can use them to get £1.00 off a book of your choice as long as it costs £2.99 or more.

Available locally at WH Smiths, Waterstones, City Books or the Book Nook in Hove.



Longhill School Combined Cadet Force



On Thursdays we have had a number of new recruits join us and we would be very happy to welcome more of you. If you feel that you might be interested in joining us, then just come along and give it a go to see if you like it – drop by, bring a friend with you, give it a try on Thursdays after the Easter Holidays.

We are currently looking forward to our annual Easter Camp. During this camp we will be taking part in military activities to push our seniors and challenge our new recruits. The seniors will be taking part in a 3-day exercise, designed to test their leadership and field-craft skills, whereas the juniors will take part in a 24-hour exercise designed as an introduction into field-craft. As well as this we will be taking part in two range days, a drill competition, some first aid, an obstacle course and other great activities for everyone to try.



A big thank you must go to Captain Pringle for his efforts in planning our Easter Camps; hours of his own time is spent making sure that our cadets gain the best experiences they can.



It's Not All Military!



In the Combined Cadet Force, although there is a military side, there is also a massive side dedicated to adventurous training and sports.

You could try anything from rock climbing, sailing or skiing to playing a sport for your county. If you are interested in any of these, then come along and ask!

Have a lovely Easter holiday all, we look forward to seeing some new recruits after the Holidays!



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 9 th June – Year 7 Parents' Evening
Year 8	Thurs 16 th June – Year 8 Parents' Evening
Year 9	Thurs 19 th May - Year 9 Subject Surgery
Year 10	Thurs 12 th May – Year 10 Parents' Evening
Year 11	Friday 24 th June – Leavers' Barbecue Thurs 7 th July – Year 11 Prom
Whole School	Friday 22 nd July – Last Day of Summer Term

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



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TUESDAYS

FOOTBALL 4.00-5.00pm for ages 5 - 8yrs

WEDNESDAYS

TRAMPOLINING 4.00-5.00pm school years 1, 2 & 3

5.00-6.00pm school years 4, 5 & 6

20th Apr - 25th May **£33** & 8th June - 13th July **£33**

THURSDAYS

TENNIS 4.00-5.00pm for ages 6 - 11yrs

CRICKET 5.00-6.00pm for ages 6 - 11yrs

FRIDAYS

ATHLETICS 6.00-7.00pm for ages 6 - 11yrs

Our academies DO NOT take place during half terms.



For more information or to book your child/children on to our academies please contact us on **01273 391 683**,

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GYMNASTICS CLUB

APRIL - JULY 2016

MONDAY

18th April - 6th June - £33 & 13th June - 18th July - £33

4 - 5pm school years reception, 1 & 2, 5 - 6pm school years 3-6

6 - 7pm secondary school years 7-11

NOT taking place on Monday 2nd May

THURSDAY

21st April - 26th May - £33 & 9th June - 14th July - £33

4.30 - 5.30pm school years reception, 1,2 & 3

FRIDAY

29th April - 10th June - £33 & 17th June - 22nd July - £33

4.30 - 5.30pm school years reception, 1 & 2

5.30 - 6.30pm school years 3-6

29th April - 10th June - £18 & 17th June - 22nd July - £18

4 - 4.30pm ages 3 & 4 years (*pre-school*)

SATURDAY

23rd April - 28th May - £33 & 11th June - 16th July - £33

9.30 - 10.30am school years 3-6, 10.30 - 11.30am school years reception, 1 & 2

Our Gymnastics Club does **NOT** take place during half terms.

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