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Longhill News

October 2016

Hello from the Headteacher



It's been an exciting start to the term and I've already met lots of amazing people on my travels!

I'd like to extend a big 'thank you' to all our local primary schools who have made me feel so welcome during my visits over the past seven weeks. I've been fortunate enough to meet many parents during these visits and have been able to speak to them face to face about their hopes, concerns and aspirations for their children; this is a vitally important time for parents as they consider the all-important next step for their child into secondary education.

Many of our local primary children, particularly those in the Deans Partnership, will be familiar with Longhill. They may have attended one of our sports tournaments, or perhaps enjoyed sport at their own schools with our young Sports Leaders; they may come to one of the many clubs or

academies at the Longhill Sports Centre; they may have attended one of our Saturday Science Workshops, or perhaps came to our special matinee performance of Oliver last term. We look forward to welcoming many more of our primary pupils to up and coming events and activities at Longhill.

Longhill is a very special place and plays a huge part in the life of the local community. Our students are generous with their time, involving themselves whole-heartedly in community and charity events and initiatives. We've had a great start to the year with our Year 7s settling in nicely, thanks in no small measure to the kindness of the rest of the student body in helping them to find their feet, as well as the tireless work of our fantastic transition team.

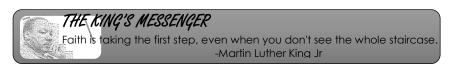
It's been great so far and I look forward to what the rest of the term has to offer!

Kate Williams Headteacher

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House News





Welcome back King House ... I hope that you have enjoyed the term so far. 2015/16 was an amazing year in King with events and money raised throughout. 2016/17 can only get better. This year so far we have had the Thorpe Park rewards trip and the food drive where King House collected the most items over all. Thank you to each student and member of King House that took part in the food drive. Your donation was gratefully received and will go to a person or family who is in need of this.

After half term we will be preparing for our House day that will be held on the 13th January. All our prep will be done before we leave for the Christmas Holidays. This year we will be collecting for Education in Ecuador and King's chosen charity. Hopefully we can raise more than we did last year of £450. After half term the events in the calendar will be the Poppy Appeal and Text Santa. Another chance for King House to shine and raise money for worthy causes!

Year 11s, even though I would like you to enjoy your half term, remember you will be starting your mocks at the end of November. This will be a great time to think about getting started with your revision.

Have a lovely and safe half term and I will see you soon!

Ms Rhodes King House Co-ordinator



NIGHTINGALE — LIGHT THE WAY

It has been a very positive start to the term and I would like to thank all students, staff and parents for their support.

Nightingale staff are always aiming to promote and support opportunities that develop loyalty and service towards their school. The Junior Leadership Team is key in promoting and developing projects. We gained 3rd place in a recent quiz competition and we gave 100% effort in supporting the food drive to help those in need. As a team, we will aim to raise as much money as possible for the Poppy Appeal.

Nightingale House is an exciting team of students and staff to work with. We aim to compete at all times and, win or lose, we will always try to do our best. The key to success is teamwork and providing opportunities that empower students to utilise their abilities; we want to encourage experiences that are challenging and that enable them to express themselves whilst developing their talents and potential to the full. The staff are regularly informing students about enrichment clubs and motivating them to take part.

Mr N J Rolf House Co-ordinator





Where have the last few weeks gone? We have had a brilliant start to the new academic year and all Mandela students have been extremely positive and are wanting to get involved in the school community.

We are currently preparing for our House Day which is Friday 18th November (Children In Need). Over the next few weeks, our JLT students will be coming up with ideas as to how we can raise money for our chosen charity, Brighton & Hove Young Carers and Education in Ecuador.





Events organised last year for House Day included **Cake Sale, Sweets in a Jar, Sponsored Silence, Nail/Face Painting, Photo Booth, Penalty Shoot Out, Tin Can Alley, Balloon Bash and Lucky Dip.** All of these initiatives raised an amazing amount of money. Hopefully this year we can raise more money for our chosen charity.

Mandela is currently second in the House Cup after two events (staff quiz and mentor quiz). Congratulations to everybody so far who has contributed to this success.

Other initiatives taking place before Christmas include the Food Drive and Poppy Appeal.

I would like to wish all Mandela students and staff a fantastic half term break and I $\,$

look forward to more exciting things happening in 2016/17!

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LONGHILL HOUSE CUP

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quiz 1 5 10 4 8 3 4.5 1.5 4.5 1.5 3

Event points are given for where each house finishes in the event.
Rolling is the running total for each house.

Mrs Noble Mandela House Co-ordinator





Pankhurst House are 'rooted in deeds, not words' and so this year our chosen charity is one that we can all get behind and support in many different ways through many different deeds. This year we will be raising money for The School Bus Project. The School Bus Project is a grassroots charity that was founded September 2015 in response to the growing refugee crisis on our doorstep. In Calais there are currently 9000 men, women and children, 500 of whom are alone. Did you know...

- only 1 in 2 refugees go to primary school
- only 1 in 4 refugees go to secondary school
- only 1% of refugees learn useful work skills or go on to college or university

The School Bus Project delivers education, pop up school courses, cookery and life skills and support to children and young people in the refugee camps in Calais. Pankhurst will be working hard this year to raise as much money as possible to support this fantastic project and share some of the wonderful education and life we have in Brighton, with the children in Calais. We will be aiming to raise £400 to cover the cost of a full 6 day course, with a teacher, and resources, to be delivered in the refugee camps, so look out for our first fund raiser!



Our Junior Leadership Team has welcomed our year 7 students into the team and now the hard work (and fun of course) can begin planning our fundraising. We kick start with our annual food drive to support the Whitehawk Food Bank, providing an invaluable source of support to the local community, and this year I hope to raise even more donations than last.

And then, we move onto Pankhurst day

2017...Watch this space!

Mrs Jones Pankhurst House Co-ordinator





We have begun our Junior Leadership for this year and so far this has been successful, with our students coming to the meeting and bringing fundraising ideas.

October sees our Food Drive of non-perishable food items e.g. dried pasta, tins, beans, soup. We will announce the House with the most donations – so watch this space.

Well done to our Sports Leaders, Oakleigh Murphy, Callum Butterworth, Amelia Martin and Ellie Rose-Ford.

I would like to welcome our Year 7 Spencer students and hope they have a fantastic time within our Longhill family.

Our chosen charity for this year will be 'The Rockinghorse Appeal.' They are celebrating their 50th anniversary and are aiming to provide £500,000 worth of funding, which will be split between 10 worthy children's centres and paediatric services across Sussex.

Our Spencer day will be 9^{th} December. Non-uniform for our Spencer students with £1 donation, but it is 'Dress Yourself as an Elf Day' as well. It would be great if as many of you as possible wear red and green. Photos will be sent to the Rockinghorse Appeal to show them how brilliant we are. We discussed in our meeting about having a craft stall, so if anyone in Spencer would like to be a part of the craft stall please let us know. It could be drawings, card making, sewing, knitting, origami etc. The list is endless! Parents and Carers are welcome to donate any crafty things which we can put on our stall to sell.

We are collecting Christmas presents for teenage children. We will be wrapping these up and then will take some of our students to the hospital to hand them over. It will be fantastic if we can collect as many presents as we can for these children who will be spending Christmas Day in hospital. Let's help ease the stress of being in hospital and make someone smile.

If anyone has any achievements or ideas for the JLT please, please let us know. We are happy to display achievements on our noticeboard. If you do have any ideas for our noticeboard, please see me or our noticeboard team: Abbie Strachan, Priscilla Lupata and Taryn Doutre. They have done an incredible job so far ensuring the board is up to date and also looking appealing for all to look at. Well done girls.

Thank you to all parents and carers who support us by baking, making and donating.

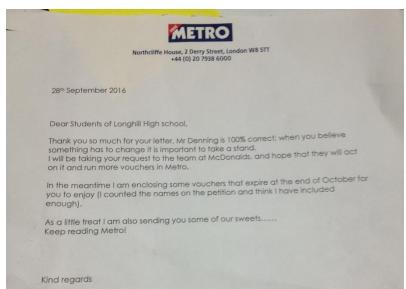
Mrs Barnard Spencer House Co-ordinator

Longhill Students are in for a Treat!

Mentor group 8MDG have been reading the Metro newspaper as part of Silent Reading in Mentor Time for the past couple of weeks. Spurred on by a flippant remark from their mentor, Mr Denning and what they saw as an inadequate amount of McDonalds' vouchers in that week's edition, two students, Liberty Scott and Lana Rankin, took it upon themselves to write a letter of complaint to the Metro. They petitioned the rest of the mentor group for their signatures and it was posted off that very evening.

About two weeks later, after much impatience, a package arrived from the Metro with a reply from the Creative Director of the paper, thanking the students for their letter and promising to take their comments to McDonalds.

The Metro also rewarded the students' action with some sweets and an abundance of McDonalds' vouchers – a nice treat for the half term holiday perhaps. It just shows that if you think something isn't right, then it's worth trying to do something about it and putting your point across politely. Mr Denning added that his mentor group will be looking at the topic of healthy eating next and we look forward to hearing about that!



Year 7

Starting a new secondary school can be a difficult time for some students. Meeting new people, taking new subjects and trying to find their way around a huge school are all challenges that we forget can be trying. It is also hard for parents. So my first comment is to my Year 7 parents - well done! I have spoken with many of you over that last 4 weeks and thank you all for your commitment and support to your children and to the school.

Now to the real stars - Year 7 is an incredible year group! They have met all challenges head on with kindness and good humour. After their first week of being collected and taken to their lessons we let them loose. 200 Year 7s trying to find their own way to lessons was sometimes quite tricky for them. I think everyone got lost at some point, most more than once and some an awful lot. But by the end of that week, Year 7 were confidently making their way around. Many told me of the kindness of the older students in helping them find their way.

Year 7 have thrown themselves into the whole life of the school. We have had incredible attendance at sports clubs, lunchtime clubs and after school clubs; if you haven't attended one yet, give it a go. We had Year 7s helping within departments and on the tours at our recent Open Evening.

I also had six students meet the governors and discuss what it was like starting at the school.



I gave the students three key areas I wanted them to keep at the front of their minds whilst here - be polite, be kind and work hard. Every single student has demonstrated that this is now a normal way in which we interact with each other.

As I write this at the end of week four, I am astonished to say that Year 7 have amassed a staggering 7122 achievement points.

Year 7, we couldn't be more proud.

Dave Stokes, Head of Year 7 Mrs Barnard & Mrs Draper

Year 11

So a busy start to the new term and a big year ahead.

This term we have had excellent and informative talks from our local colleges and the apprenticeship scheme. There have been many college open events, with still more to come in November for Varndean College, City College, Bhasvic, Plumpton and Northbrook College.

All college application forms need to be returned to Student Services by 3pm on Wednesday 23rd November. Cordelia Haynes, our careers adviser, has been meeting with students to discuss future courses and apprenticeships. If you would like to contact her she can be emailed on the following email: chaynes@longhill.org.uk

After school enrichment sessions:

Tuesdays: Art & Textiles in T25 3-4:30

GCSE/BTEC PE enrichment in A27

Wednesday: Media in A32 after school

Maths after school (location enquire from your Maths

teacher)

Thursday: English after school

Art & Textiles in T25 3-4:30

Upcoming events:

Art & Textiles practical two day mock exam week beginning 7th November

Mock written examinations (all subjects) 28th November to 6th December

Year 11 parents evening: Thursday 10th November 17:00 - 20:00

Ordering of leavers hoodies in November

Year 11 Macbeth workshop and performance: Monday 14th November

Year 11 parents' evening: Thursday 2nd February 17:00 - 20:00

Longhill School Combined Cadet Force



The end of last summer term saw the contingent attending 11 Brigade Central Camp at Crowborough. This camp was a week long and involved a series of 3 training days followed by a competition day and a final overnight exercise. The training days were split into three themes; these were Ranges, Fieldcraft and the added bonus this year was the ever-popular Adventure Training day. This included raft building, climbing, mountain biking and kayaking, all held at Bewl Water. The camp was attended by schools from all over the UK and abroad with the Canadian exchange cadets who are always very skilled and overwhelmingly polite.





Our cadets worked hard throughout the week; their conduct was, as always, exemplary. They excelled on the competition day, winning the Obstacle Course, coming third in Skill at Arms and also the Commanders Award for Outstanding Endeavour.

Most pleasing was that, although we had recently lost a number of highly experienced senior cadets, their successors have really stepped up to the plate and have exceeded all expectations. We are now looking forward to the October camp which will bring new challenges to all our cadets whether they be new or more experienced.





At the end of last term we had to say goodbye to a few cadets as they moved on to pastures new. They have all been a great credit to the school, contingent and themselves. We all wish them all the best of luck in the future.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to Lt Tester for his continued efforts to assist me and to all our contingent staff for their support and commitment.

Mr A Pringle (Capt)



The Learning Resource Centre AKA—the Library

Borrow Books * Use the computers * Print Homework * Collect Rewards

Reading in the Holidays

We want to encourage students to make reading part of their daily routine and the half term holiday is a perfect time to find a really good book to sit down and enjoy. If students have not borrowed a book from our school library then we would love them to visit their local public library where they can borrow books for free, including Ebooks and audiobooks.



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We believe that reading develops your verbal abilities, Improves focus, concentration & imagination, Increases academic achievement, can encourage life goals and most important of all, Reduces Stress and Improves Memory.



Books to support understanding of mental health.

This half term we are happy to announce some new books arriving to Longhill's library. The lives of a huge proportion of children and young people will be touched by mental health issues, whether directly or indirectly. As many **as one in ten children and young people** aged five to 16 have a diagnosable mental health disorder - that is three in any one classroom.

By adulthood, the figure rises to one in four, meaning many children will come into contact with relatives or other adults who are affected.

Books that acknowledge and explore mental health problems can help to increase awareness, encourage dialogue, reduce stigma and develop real understanding.

Please encourage students to come and borrow these books from Longhill. Students need their diaries to loan a book, (All books can be renewed if not finished).

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.

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eMoney

As such sQuid is <u>electronic</u> <u>money</u> (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.

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.

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.

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



TERM DATES 2016-2017



AUTUMN TERM 2016

Monday 5th Sept to Friday 16th December

Monday 5th September – INSET Day

Tuesday 6th September – Year 7 Only

Wednesday 7th September – Whole School

Friday 21st October – INSET Day

Half Term

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

SPRING TERM 2017

Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 7th April

Tuesday 3rd January – INSET Day

Monday 30th January – INSET Day

Half Term

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February – INSET Day

SUMMER TERM 2017

Monday 24th April to Tuesday 25th July

Half Term

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

AUTUMN TERM 2017

1st September to 20th December

Half Term

16th October to 27th October

SPRING TERM 2018

2nd January to 29th March

Half Term

12th February to 16th February

SUMMER TERM 2018

12th April to 24th July

Half Term

28th May to 1st June

DIARY DATES

Whole School

14th & 15th Christmas

December Production

CinderAbba

Mandela House

18th November House Day (non-

uniform for

Mandela students)

Spencer House

9th December House Day (non-

uniform for

Spencer students)



LONGHILL EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS NEWS

Physical Education department

- Mr Fallick
- Ms Keating
- Mr Rolf
- Miss Buxton
- Mr Emment
- Mrs Lowrie
- Mrs Jones
- Mr Grier
- Mr Kelly

Follow LONGHILL PE Dept on twitter to keep up with our fixtures and results!



@LonghillPE

Welcome back!

After an amazing summer, the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games came to an end on the 18th of September. The games truly inspired a generation and we want to integrate the Olympic and Paralympic values into our KS3 and KS4 curriculum areas.

Make sure you come down to PE to see our fantastic new notice boards!

Throughout the year we will be offering a wide range of clubs and activities to all students. It is important to keep your eyes peeled and get involved with as much as possible

TEAMLH

Mr Fallick (Head of PE)



Leadership in Sport

Longhill has a fine tradition of delivering a sports leadership course to year 11 students, to develop their confidence and to give something back to the local community by teaching in the local schools. This year it has been opened up to a small group of year 8 and 9 students too.

From week two the students have been into Rudyard Kipling school learning about how to plan sessions, the structure of a lesson, as well as getting stuck in and teaching the children some sports skills.

Not only are Longhill students going into the primary schools, but many sports leaders are giving up their time to help officiate and lead on Deans Partnership sports events. The rugby festival has already taken place with 16 Longhill students working in groups to deliver a high quality and fun session for over 60 year 5 and 6 students.

This was a great success and we look forward to the next event.





Rugby News

Longhill are proud to announce a partnership with the RFU for 2016-17. Coaches from the RFU have been teaching exciting and enjoyable Rugby lessons to all year 7s. They have also supported Wednesday Rugby Club, where over 30 year 7 girls and year 8 boys are training on a regular basis.

We have taken part in the Brighton schools Rugby Year 10 and 8 tournaments with excellent success. On Fridays we are linking with Hurstpierpoint College to coach our year 7 students who, like the year 8s, are looking a very promising squad. All squads will be taking part in a number of festivals next half term.

Mr Rolf







<u>Girls Footba</u>ll

The Year 10/11 Girls 5-aside squad went over to Hove Park School to play in the Brighton, Hove & Portslade schools tournament. The squad consisted of 4 year 11s and 2 year 10s, captained by Scarlett Simson. All players conducted themselves brilliantly and played with excellent attitude. The tournament was closely fought and very few goals scored or conceded in all games. Longhill won 2 games (Holly Back scored in both), drew 4 and lost 1 which placed them in 3rd place overall. They should be really proud of their teamwork and can build on that for forthcoming fixtures. Squad: Scarlett Simson (C), Ezme Tiley, Oakleigh Murphy, Maisi Walton, Holly Back, Ana Pantellis. **Ms Keating**



Girls Football

The Year 8/9 Girls 6-aside squad had their Brighton, Hove & Portslade schools tournament at Dorothy Stringer on the 3G pitch. 9 players were in the squad and each took turns on the pitch to gain valuable experience and experiment with positions. There were some fantastic goals from Saoirse Burke and some incredible saves from the goal-keeper. Overall, Longhill ended up mid-table, but we have lots of league fixtures in the future to hopefully increase our standing. Squad members: Saoirse Burke, Brooke Nicholson-Rogan, Eleanor Cooper, Shakira Dahlab, Noura merouani, Molly Rogers, Nicole Robb, Beth Dove, Immen Kennedy. Miss Egner was team manager **Ms Keating**

Year 7 Boys Football

Welcome to the Year 7s who have started the new football season strongly at Longhill. Boys have been training well on Tuesday nights and we have the luxury of two teams. All boys have shown excellent commitment on and off the field and with lots of games to go, the future is looking good for all involved.

Results

Longhill A 0 – Warden Park 4 Longhill 0 Dorothy Stringer 8

Mr Fallick





Year 10 Boys Football

Results
Longhill 0 – Dorothy Stringer 1
Longhill 4 – PACA 1
Longhill 0 - KINGS 2



Year 8 Boys Football

So, with the departure of Mr A Hawkins from the management setup, Mr J Wilson and Mr A Harris took on this clearly talented side. We opened up our season with a positive display against Dorothy Stringer where we lost 4-1, Josh Tyler-Dibley with the goal. However, this score line didn't represent our performance and so we picked ourselves up, worked hard in training and got our reward in the home match against Varndean; we were comfortable 6-2 winners, with goals from Herbie Rogers (3), Josh Tyler-Dibley, Brad Andersen and Josh Sprigg. Our biggest challenge was yet to come by way of Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys in the 2nd Round of the ESFA National Cup. Despite a second half rally, our first half performance wasn't good enough and we ended up crashing out at 5-3, with Herbie Rogers scoring his second hat-trick in as many games.

We must also say thanks for the help of Mr Carvel and Mr Denning - your support is really appreciated. Up next for the boys is an away match against Uckfield in the County Cup and Patcham at home in the league. A great start from all the boys involved, from training to match days and what I'm sure will be a great season ahead.

Mr J Wilson & Mr A Harris



LONGHILL EXTRA-CURRICULAR DANCE NEWS

WEMBLEY

We kick started our Dance year in style, with an incredible performance and experience for Longhill's Inspire Dance Company at none other than Wembley Stadium for the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final! Inspire started in 2015 here at Longhill, with the aim of giving dancers of all ages, abilities and styles the opportunity to work together, train together and perform together. So far we have performed at the Dome, at The Clarendon Centre and now at Wembley Stadium!

Students were selected from the team and then given just one day to learn the full choreography, which was put together with over 150 other dancers at the stadium. They performed on the pitch side during half time in front of a crowd of over 75,000 - an experience they will never forget!

For more information about joining Inspire and taking part in incredible events such as this, see **Mrs Jones** in the PE office!

Get Inspired!



DANCE WORKSHOP

Longhill's year 10 GCSE Dancers joined St Paul's Catholic College in Burgess Hill, to take part in a fantastic dance workshop, taught by the owner and choreographer of Boy Blue Entertainment, Kenrick 'H20' Sandy.

Students have been studying the company's piece entitled 'Emancipation of Expressionism' this half term, which uses a blend of hip hop and contemporary dance. During the 3 hour workshop they were given a masterclass in hip hop technique and learnt the original choreography. They also gained an invaluable insight into the choreographic process, music, costume and other production features that they will eventually write about in their year 11 exam.

The students had a fantastic day working with other dancers from St Paul's and next will showcase all their work this half term in a final, filmed assessment.











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