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# Newsletter



# October 2018



## Good news at Longhill High School!

Longhill High School has been rated a Good school by Ofsted. Last month, inspectors came in to look at all aspects of the school and the official report has now been published.

The outcome is overwhelmingly positive with high praise for the school's transformation since the arrival of headteacher Kate Williams just two years ago.

During the two day visit on 18 and 19 September, Ofsted observed pupils and staff working in 40 lessons as well as looking at school operations throughout the day. The report highlighted inspirational leadership, good behaviour of pupils, significantly improved teaching and positive community relations.

Headteacher Kate Williams said: "This is a result we're all very proud of. We know we're good and now Ofsted has officially recognised this too, which is amazing. It's thanks to the dedication of all involved, especially our staff. We're also very grateful for tremendous support from families, the local community and the pupils themselves, of course. We are now going to build on this success and make sure everyone knows Longhill High School is a good place to be."

The report confirms recognised the achievements, stating: "All stakeholders agree that teaching has improved significantly. The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good because teachers have high expectations of what pupils can achieve."

The report also commends changes in the curriculum, confirming that "the curriculum and enrichment activities promote pupil's development well".

### **Inspirational leadership**

The report states: "The inspirational leadership of the Headteacher has resulted in the staff working together to transform the school. The school now provides a good level of education".

The Ofsted inspectors acknowledged the hard work of the senior leadership team, highlighting that teachers now have a "renewed enthusiasm for teaching and ... research new ways to inspire pupils".

Inspectors spoke with a range of staff members and reviewed the 64 responses on the staff questionnaire. The report confirms that "morale is high" and that "all stakeholders recognise the transformation that has occurred in the school".

### **Behaviour has been transformed**

Inspectors observed pupils and staff working in 40 lessons as well as behaviour in corridors and at break and lunch times. The school implemented a new behaviour system since the previous Ofsted inspection in March 2016.

The latest report confirms that the behaviour issues, which were once a legacy of the school, are now very much in the past, stating: "Pupils behaviour has been transformed since the last inspection and they are now proud of their school. They are smart, polite and tolerant of views and differences. They recognise the many improvements and are appreciative of their teachers and the leaders of the school."

In previous inspections, behaviour was an area which required improvement. However the report confirms that "the school is calm and purposeful. Pupils move quickly between lessons. They behave well in lessons and during lunchtime".

### **Teaching and learning has improved significantly**

The school has implemented a range of changes in teaching and learning practices over the last two years, these have positively impacted student's engagement and success.

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### **Renewed confidence within the local community**

The school has made significant efforts to link with the local community to challenge perceptions about the school and community relations.

Kate Williams, in headteacher capacity, has forged connections with parents, other local schools and organisations.

The report acknowledges the difference this approach has made, stating: "The local community has renewed its confidence in the school since the last inspection. Pupils, parents, leaders of other schools and the local authority all agree that the school has improved significantly".

The report also highlights that leaders have "enhanced the schools reputation within the community".

A quote from a parent is included as an example of this positive change which reads: "I have already witnessed some of the changes that the school has implemented and I feel confident that further positive changes will continue to make Longhill into a school that the community can be very proud of."

# News from the Houses



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This term we have been looking at charities to fund raise for. Some examples are Pavilion supporting the Rockinghorse, and Lanes are supporting the Ronald McDonald Charity.

Student council has been busy, meeting every 2 weeks. This is an opportunity for students from each year and each house to work together.

Each house has been closely watching attendance this term and we will find out today which mentor and house has won this term. There has been some very close results and we are excited to find out who has won in each year.

We are all looking forward to next term and have exciting house activities planned.





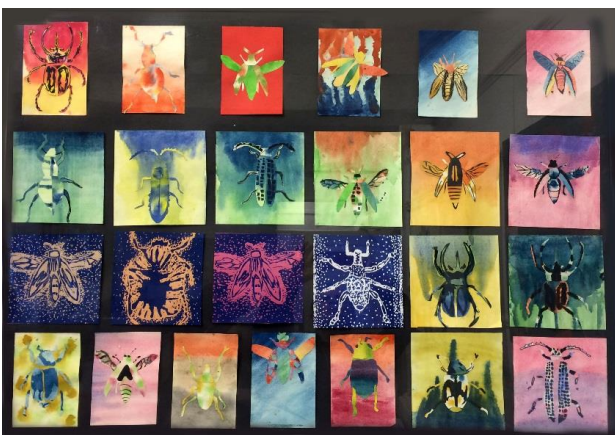
## Our Inspiring Artists

Year Eight's and Year Eleven's amazing artwork has been on display in the Grange Gallery in Rottingdean for the Schools Arts Festival. This was an exciting opportunity to showcase our very talented artists and the impressive, creative pieces they have produced.

There were four local schools involved in the gallery all around the theme 'Into the Woods'.

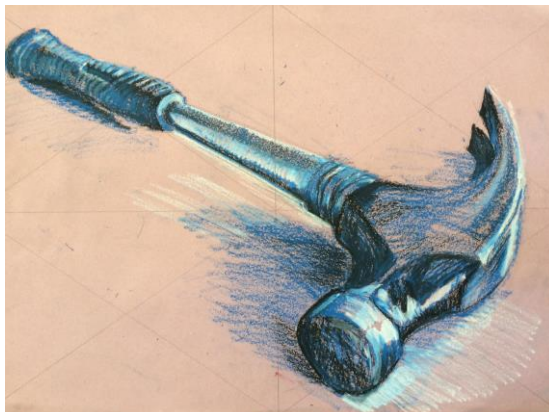
Our students came up with two and three dimensional art, getting pupils involved with today's multi-layered art scene.

The project was centred around the idea that pupils would be encouraged to develop their artistic potential and realise that 'art galleries are not elitist, but accessible to all'.



## Incredible talents

Our artists have been busy! Take a look at these amazing oil pastel studies by Bobby, Ben, Elliot and Clara:





## HUMANITIES

The new term has been eventful, with new Year 7 students to settle in and new Year 9 GCSE groups to nurture -- as well as Ofsted! We have two new members of the Humanities Faculty this year: Ms Dann (History and PSHE) and Mr Gooding (Geography)

Inducting Year 9 into GCSE learning is a major part of the first term. Expectations are obviously higher and students show a much greater degree of enthusiasm once they have chosen a subject. Across the entire Humanities faculty teaching colleagues are reporting that Year 9 have made an excellent start to their courses. This year we have the largest cohort of Year 9 students studying history ever, with six teaching groups!

## ENGLISH

Yet again, it has been a very busy start to the year in the Faculty of English and Modern Foreign Language.

We are delighted by the positive mentions for the faculty in the recent OFSTED report and are tightening our practice in determination to achieve even better results.

In English, Year 11 students have read J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* and are developing extended responses in terms of character and theme; they have also been running through practice papers and honing key skills in preparation for mocks later this term. We are looking to keep students knowledge 'on the boil' by frequent lessons on all the exam topics and the use of 'Memory platforms' at the start of lessons. Year 10 students are embarking on an initial reading of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and have just completed a unit on language skills. Year 9 have read Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, have completed a classroom based assessment and soon will be engaging with a non-fiction mini-unit on themes related to the book: feminism, race and homelessness. In years 7 and 8, students have already read a modern novel in class as part of our 'quick reads' scheme and will be embarking on a second reader soon!

## TEXTILES

Well done to Year 7 students on their fantastic sock puppets!

A wonderful effort for their first textiles homework.



# Hola & Bonjour!

Everything in the Modern Foreign Languages department has been going very smoothly so far this term.

We started with a return visit from Fondacion Llor, in Barcelona. We welcomed 12 students into the Longhill family for 4 weeks. A huge thanks to all the students who participated in the programme as buddies, especially those who do not study Spanish, and to the teachers who expanded their classrooms to include our visitors. Special appreciation also goes to Miss Rhodes and all of the PE department for providing after school activities for our visitors. They felt welcomed and included for the whole of their four week visit and I know that lifelong friendships have been forged. If you'd like to be part of a future buddy programme then please contact Ms Stallard in B311.

We are currently in the middle of a visit of our own - 12 students from year 9, 10 and 11 from Longhill, together with 13 from Hove Park School and 5 from BACA are visiting Escalopies Figueres in Northern Spain. It's been a huge adventure as the students are staying in host families and attending lessons in four different languages, but they have all showed real resilience and really risen to the challenge. A full write up and lots of photos will be coming when we return.

Our focus now switches to our year 11 students, who are preparing for their mock exams and will be working especially on improving their speaking and listening skills in weekly catch up sessions (Tuesdays from 2.45-3.30 in B311 and B309.)





# LONGHILL PE AND PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome Back

We would just like to welcome you back to what we hope will be a very successful year for us here at Longhill High School. Huge congratulations to our GCSE PE and BTEC students who in the summer gained some excellent results across the faculty.

We have lots of events taking place after half term including; athletics, badminton, basketball, table tennis and lots more inter house sport. We started the year with our fantastic sports presentation evening which you can read more about below.

Please could I gently remind parents and students to ensure all PE Kit is clearly labelled to avoid any kit getting lost at school.

Mr Fallick

## Dance @Longhill

We have a new member of staff who is leading and bringing her style to the dance department. She is called Mrs Perring and is an outstanding dancer with experience in teaching boys and girls of all ages.

Dance is going to be taking off this year with the introduction of more clubs and events for all students to take part in. If you require any more information please speak to the PE team.

## Inter House #TeamPE

After a very successful year we will be continuing inter house sport. The first sport is Dodgeball and will take place in December. Timings and dates to be confirmed once back from half term

All mentors will be given signup sheets and more information when we come back from half term.

We look forward to seeing as many students as possible taking part in school sport.

## Sports Presentation Evening @Longhill

Over 150 of our fantastic students came together at the new Sports Awards Evening on Wednesday 19th September to celebrate the sporting and leadership talents of our hardworking students who have shown sporting and leadership talents across KS3. The evening featured a wide array of sports such as basketball, athletics, football, rugby and dance – to name only a few!

Awards were presented in a variety of categories such as Participation Awards, Highly Commended, Player of the Year, Services to Sport Leadership and Team of the Year.

Longhill High School would like to thank the sponsor Balloons of Brighton for supplying a wonderful display for the event.

# Football Update #TeamPE

## Year 11 Football

The year 11 football team have started the season with two terrific performances against Sackvillie and most recently PCS. This is the last year for the boys so it should be a season they remember for years to come!

Our first game was against Sackvillie away in the county cup. It was a really gutsy performance and we nearly held onto a 2-1 lead but they were strong and scored an injury time pen to take the game into extra time. This was a real battle and we were forced into a pen shootout. When it gets to this, it is 50/50 chance of winning. Unfortunately we lost 5-4 and went out of the cup. Our second game was against PCS in the league. This was a real thriller with goals scored from all across the pitch. Again we too the lead but failed to see the game out and drew 4-4

We play tomorrow in the first round of the national cup and this is going to be a real challenge, but I know we are ready for it.

## Year 9 Football

The year 9 football have started the season extremely well playing three hard games against our local schools. Our first game was away at PACA and we set the scene well. We moved the ball quickly and look dangerous on the break, this was our great first win which set us up for our next match against a very strong and tough Dorothy Stringer. This game was tough and we managed to score two goals, but lost 6-2.

Our final game was played against Blatch and we managed a terrific performance and dominated the first half scoring four goals. However we nearly gave it away and Blatch played extremely well in the second half and nearly managed to score the four goals. Luckily we held on for the win which means we finished 2nd in the group.

This is our best ever season, so well done to all involved.

## Year 8 Football

The year 8 team have played two games so far this season and have a mixed set of results. We played well against PACA but lost the game. After this we worked hard during training and managed to beat a well organised Kings side.

After half term we are due to play Hove Park and Newman B

## Girls Football

Girls football is every Thursday after school and we have had great numbers attending so far this year. We held a Year 10/11 Girls football tournament which was a great success for all who took part in the tournament.

After half term will we be having more games and I look forward to sharing the results with you all.

## Badminton #TeamPE

Our badminton teams have been training in preparation for their tournaments around the new year. The club runs on Thursday from 3-4pm and we are always looking for new players to take part.

## Netball #TeamPE

Our netball teams been training in preparation for our league and tournaments which will start after half term. We look forward to seeing them develop over the rest of the year.

# PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

## **Christmas Panto #TeamPA**

Join our annual Christmas Pantomime which this year is 'Snow White and the Citizens of Several Sizes'. Find out who the magic mirror says is the fairest of them all, boo the evil Queen and her two bungling spies as they set out to capture and kill Snow, follow Prince Charming as he sets out on his quest to find a bride and meet the seven citizens of several sizes! Students from across the school, plus members of staff make up the cast of what promises to be our funniest production to date!

Panto dates: 12th and 13th December 7pm - tickets on sale after half term from the cashiers office.

## **Music trip to Glyndebourne #TeamMusic**

Students from BTEC Music were given the fantastic opportunity of visiting Glyndebourne Opera House on 16th October to see Jules Massenet's Cinderella (Cendrillon). The students had an amazing time and was really enriching for all.

## **Music Christmas Concert #TeamMusic**

This years Christmas concert is taking place on Thursday 6th December at 7pm at St Margrets Church in Rottingdean- there will be an array of Music from students from all year groups. It's a fantastic event and promises to be a great start to the Christmas season!

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

## **Comedy about a Bank Robbery #TeamPA**

Students from year 9/10 and 11 Performing Arts will be going to the Theatre Royal Brighton to see 'A Comedy about A Bank Robbery' on November 15th. The play is from the same company that wrote 'The Play that went wrong'

Summer 1958. Minneapolis City Bank has been entrusted with a priceless diamond. An escaped convict is dead set on pocketing the gem with the help of his screwball sidekick, trickster girlfriend... and the maintenance man. With mistaken identities, love triangles and hidden agendas, even the most reputable can't be trusted. In a town where everyone's a crook, who will end up bagging the jewel?.

## **Clubs @ Longhill**

Please find all information about clubs on the main website.



TERM DATES 2018-19	
AUTUMN TERM 2018 5 <sup>th</sup> September – 19 <sup>th</sup> December	
22 <sup>nd</sup> October – 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Half Term
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
20 <sup>th</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
SPRING TERM 3 <sup>rd</sup> January – April 7 <sup>th</sup>	
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
February 18 <sup>th</sup> – February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half Term
April 8-9 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
April 10 <sup>th</sup> – April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Holidays
SUMMER TERM April 22 <sup>nd</sup> – July 29 <sup>th</sup>	
May 27 <sup>th</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term
July 29 <sup>th</sup> – August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Holidays

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
AUTUMN TERM 2018	
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Parent's Evening
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 9 Parent's Evening
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Evening
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Panto
SPRING TERM 2019	
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Options Evening
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Parent's Evening
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Parent's Evening
SUMMER TERM 2019	
4 <sup>th</sup> June	New Intake Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 11 Prom
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Celebration Evening

## We're seeking invigilators!

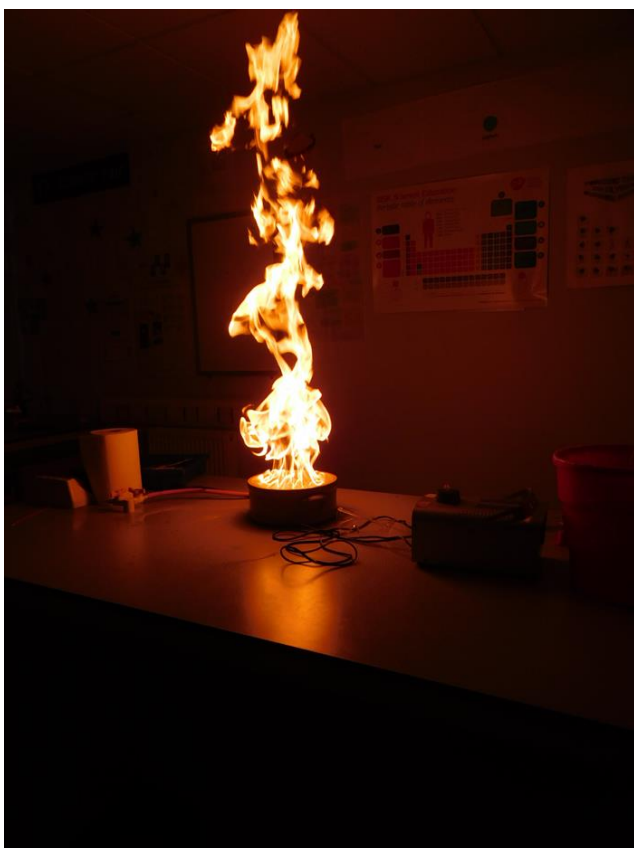
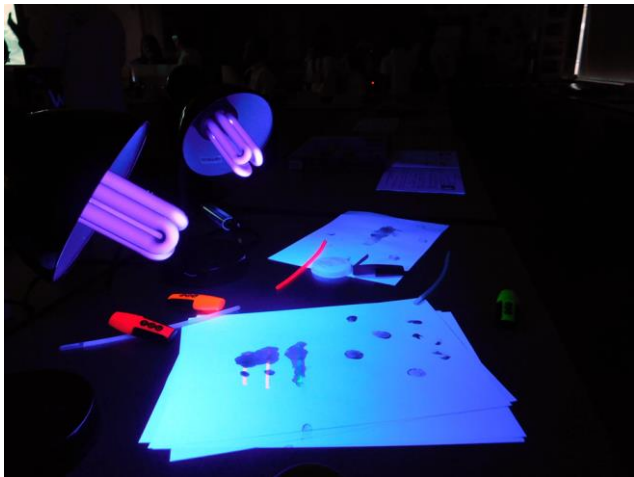
Longhill High School has begun its journey to outstanding and we are looking for enthusiastic and determined staff to join us.

We are looking to recruit individuals to join our existing invigilation team to support our examinations cycle. Full training will be provided; experience of working with young people would be an advantage. The main examination season is in May and June -- however, there will be examinations requiring invigilators at many other times during the academic year.

Duties would include preparing examination rooms for school candidates to ensure the smooth running of the examinations working in accordance to exam board regulations. Full training will be provided.

Variable hours, £8.75 per hour.

# OPEN EVENING 2018



# STUDIO CLASSES

**SEPT - DECEMBER 2018**

CLASS	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	PRICE
<b>MONDAY</b>			
BODY SCULPT	6.00 - 7.00pm	SANDY	£6.50
FITNESS PILATES	7.00 - 8.00pm	SANDY	£6.50
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
CARDIO FUNK	7 - 8pm	ANNELI	£6.50
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
BOOTCAMP CIRCUITS	7.05 - 8.05pm	KAREN	£6.50
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
SUPER SENIORS	10 - 11am	NICOLA	£5.50
BOXFIT	6.15 - 7.15pm	SAMMY	£6.50



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

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# Holiday Activities Club

## HALLOWEEN 2018

MONDAY 22nd OCT - FRIDAY 26th OCT  
& MONDAY 29th OCT - FRIDAY 2nd NOV

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Full Day £23.50 (8am-3.30pm), Half Day £13.50 8am-12pm or 12pm-4pm  
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