



Principal's Welcome

A very warm welcome to the new academic year.

The start of a new academic year offers new opportunities to form stronger partnerships, and a plethora of opportunities to do even better than the previous year, as well as a clean slate on which we can note the many positive contributions all of us, members of the Longfield Academy community, will be making in our quest towards making our academy the high school of choice within the local area - I thank you for your continued support.

It has undoubtedly been a fantastic start to the new academic year. Our new year 7 and 12 students have settled into academy life really well, and the atmosphere at the academy can only be described as calm and purposeful, and reflecting our academy values of Respect, Aspiration and Care. In these two weeks, I have visited in excess of 100 lessons - at least 10 each day - and I am so proud of the learning taking place here. I am grateful to all our staff for embracing our open door culture and for the fantastic learning experiences

being offered to the students. Indeed, our students have had a part to play in this too and I ask that you congratulate them for the excellent start. My thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your support in ensuring that our students are arriving at school, well equipped, focused and ready to learn. I remain supremely optimistic that together we will achieve great successes this year.

Below, I share with you just three of the many nice comments that we have received so far in this module:

"Would just like to say my initial impressions of the school are good, you seem well organised and in control, this is reassuring."

- Year 7 parent

"My son is absolutely loving it at Longfield. I was worried about him starting but he is eager to come in every day. My thanks to all the staff"

- Year 7 parent

"I go into a lot of secondary schools and was a secondary teacher for 25 years and I can say that what you do is above and beyond. I applaud all that you are doing for your young people with ADHD. Adolescence can be very tough for young people with ADHD, as you well know of course, and to go to a school with your offer is to be commended."

- Representative of ADHD

Foundation

For those of you who have visited the academy this module, you would have noticed that we have made some modifications to our reception area to make it more secure and welcoming. Whilst emphasising our commitment to safeguarding as well as the health and safety of our students and staff, I hope the new set up also introduces more efficiencies when visitors to the academy interact with our office staff.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Longfield Legends, and I hope to share other excellent achievements of our students with you in subsequent editions.



Dr Felix Donkor

Longfield Academy Principal

The academy celebrates fantastic GCSE & A-Level outcomes in the summer

It is with great pride that we once again celebrate excellent results for our GCSE and A-Level students in the summer. We are so proud of their outstanding achievements, both academically but also in terms of the resilience, dedication and determination to succeed.



We were delighted to celebrate the successes of our young people, and wish them well in the many destinations to which they have progressed. These include;

- University of Durham (ancient history and archaeology);
- University of Southampton (physics with astronomy, chemistry, and environmental science);
- Goldsmiths, University of London (drama and musical theatre);
- Loughborough University (economics with mathematics);
- The University of Law;
- Swansea University (sport and exercise science); and
- University of Aberdeen (zoology)

Science Crest Award

We are delighted to celebrate a group of our year 10 students who have achieved a Bronze Crest Award. Students completed a 10 hour project as part of a lunchtime science club, in which they investigated which methods were the best for revealing latent fingerprints on different types of surface. We are exceptionally proud of them to have been recognised for their hard work. Well done!



Welcome to the LRC!

Have you ever thought about being part of a Guinness World Record? Longfield Academy has signed up to take part in a Guinness World Record attempt of participating in the largest poetry lesson for National Poetry Day with Laura Mucha. If you are in Year 7, Year 8 or Year 9 please come to the LRC at lunchtime week beginning 16th September to find out more.



Sports Clubs Restart

We are delighted to announce that once again, a wide range of sports clubs are available to students in all year groups:

Monday (3:20 - 4:20)

- Trampoline club
- Badminton
- Handball

Tuesday (3:20 - 4:20)

- Netball
- Football (*Both boys and girls*)

Wednesday (2:00 - 3:00)

- Gym club
- Basketball club (*girls*)

Thursday (3:20 - 4:20)

- Basketball club (*boys*)

It is an excellent opportunity to become involved in a current sport, or try something new. Students should speak to their PE teacher or form tutor for more information.



Upcoming events

- 19/9/24 - Year 11 Information Evening #1 (incl. destinations) 5-6pm
- 24/9/24 - Year 6 Opening Evening #1 (6-8pm)
- 26/9/24 - PSHE Parent Consultation Meeting (5.30-6pm)
- 2/10/24 - Year 6 Opening Evening #2 (6-8pm)
- w/b 7/10/24 - Year 6 Open Mornings (see *website for booking information*)
- 10/10/24 - Year 7 Settling-In Event (4-5pm)
- 10/10/24 - Year 12 Parents Info Evening (5-6pm)

View the [academy term dates](#) on our website

Academy Notice

Chromebooks

Students in years 7 and 10 have now been issued with Chromebooks. We remind all parents/carers that it is the students responsibility to bring the device to school each day fully charged. If a charger has been lost or damaged, parents/carers must pay for a replacement as this is not covered by the loan agreement.

Payments in the Helix

We remind all parents/carers that payments for food items in the canteen should be made using a topped-up ParentPay account. Card or cash payments are not accepted.

Important Contacts

General Enquiries

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Safeguarding Team

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Attendance



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Other Contacts

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You can find additional information about our safeguarding practices, and what to do if you are worried about a child, on our website.

[Click here for our safeguarding website.](#)