



A message from the Principal, Dr Donkor

As we look forward to the festive season, I would like to thank all in our community for your continued support and partnership. We have achieved a lot together this year and I look forward to even more successes in the new year.

Enjoy this special edition of the Longfield Legends newsletter, which highlights some of the many excellent activities our students have participated in over the last few weeks.



Christmas Jumper Day!

Thursday 12 December was our Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children. We are delighted to have raised over £600 for charity! Thank you to everyone who participated or donated. 🎄



Faraday Challenge

On Monday 9 December, Longfield Academy played host to a number of schools within Leigh Academies Trust to take part in the IET Faraday Challenge. This activity is all about being Engineers for the day, given a choice of a 'problem' to solve. This year's choices were creating a toy for children aged 2-5 which aided their ability to learn new words, or a device which disabled people could use to access everyday activities.



The first Longfield team created a rotating Jellyfish that had letters on it to support children learning new words. Our second Longfield team created a working car that would support people with a visual impairment getting around on a day to day basis.



It was a closely fought competition between Strood Academy, Leigh Academy Rainham, Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy and Leigh Stationers' Academy with all schools being commended for their creativity and teamwork. The winner this year was the team from Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy, who developed a design for a trampoline that could be used safely for people who are deaf and have a visual impairment. A huge well done to all participants in this year's Faraday Challenge, all teams performed exceptionally well and came up with inventive solutions for real world problems.



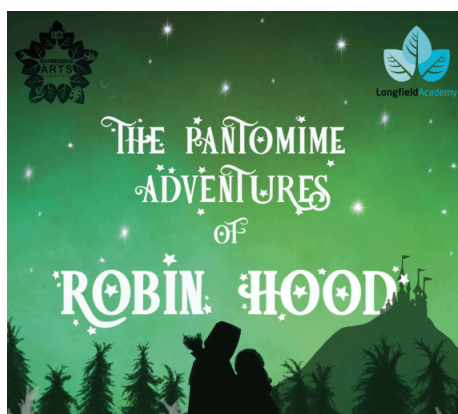
Informal Music Concert

On Friday 6 December, talented musicians put on a spectacular evening of live performances; featuring instrumental solos, singing and group performance. Thank you to everyone who attended the show to support our young people showcase their talent.



Longfield presents The Pantomime Adventures of Robin Hood

🎉 A huge congratulations to our talented Performing Arts Department for the incredible Christmas Pantomime; The Adventures of Robin Hood! It was an outstanding show full of laughter, music, and comedy magic! The hard work, creativity, and dedication of every student and staff member truly shined through both on and off stage. We would like to thank you for bringing such joy to our academy community this festive season.



MYP Cooking Event

A selection of year 7 students took part in a Middle Years Programme cooking project. First, they spent time selecting their countries, choosing dishes and planning and designing the menus. During their second session which took place on 11 December, students brought their dishes to life! Creating Mexican, French, Italian and East Asian dishes and presenting their food to Dr Donkor, Governors and staff to try!



T-Level Event

This module, we held our annual T-Level breakfast event. An information event regarding what a T-Level is, and why our year 10 and 11 students should consider it as a potential pathway for their post-16. Would you like to know more about T-Level? [More information is on our website](#). As an academy, our Finance T-Level specialism is financial compliance. We are always looking for organisations who can help us with work placements for students or indeed specialist experience to help inspire our students. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Sandra Shepley via the main office: info@longfieldacademy.org



Academy Community Coffee Morning

Longfield Academy's Spectrum Centre hosted a heartwarming community coffee morning on Thursday, December 19th, in collaboration with the New Ash Green Community Officer. The event was a special occasion, celebrating the arrival of Christmas with local community groups. The Spectrum Centre students played an integral role, creating a festive atmosphere by serving teas and coffees, engaging in friendly games, and sharing their beautiful voices through Christmas carols. This collaborative effort fostered a sense of community spirit and provided a valuable opportunity for students to support our elderly community groups.



Motivational speaker

Mr Gee; well known motivational speaker and a dedicated Longfield academy parent himself, graciously visited us to address our students and staff. His enlightening words enthused all present, inspiring them to strive towards their dreams with unwavering determination. We are grateful to have such inspirational members of our community.



Year 7 Bowling Trip

To celebrate their first full term at Longfield Academy, Year 7 took part in a celebration day. We started with some time to reflect and set goals for the rest of the year, as well as a celebration assembly, recognising the fantastic achievements of our new cohort. Year 7 then travelled to Hollywood Bowl for an afternoon of competitive fun!



French Cooking

Some of our exceptional KS3 French students have had a culinary experience; cooking a popular french snack croque monsieur. Students enjoyed the experience. The MFL department is looking forward to introducing more such exciting opportunities for students to enjoy, enriching their learning of culture.

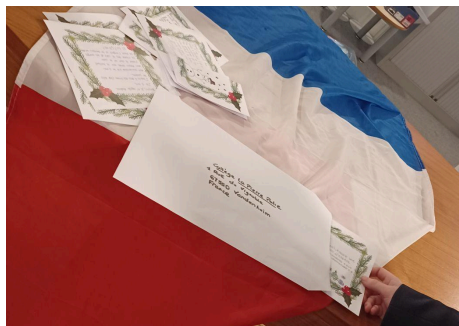


HAPS

Our Year 11 HAPS have commenced their HAP programme during this module. The programme involves the use of peer mentoring in Mathematics and English to support learners in achieving the best possible outcomes. Our HAPS have been attending breakfast clubs twice a week with Miss Garrad to undertake this peer mentoring.

French Pen Pals

Year 7 and Year 8 French students have been busy writing Christmas cards for pen pals in Vendenheim, France. Students were very excited to have this opportunity, and we look forward to receiving post back from France!



Science Competition

The LAT STEM quiz competition was launched this year with the finals held on Tuesday, 9th December 2024 at the Leigh Academy Halley. Contestants from Years 7 to 10 who excelled in the preliminaries and semi-finals represented Longfield Academy in the finals.

The competition consisted of a practical challenge, general knowledge STEM questions, code breaking, dingbats and lateral thinking rounds to test students' problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork abilities.

Teams performed magnificently on the day in what was a truly nail-biting competition, with Longfield Academy coming away with the win!



Visit from Google Korea

The academy was delighted to welcome visiting research and education specialists from South Korea, who are considering Longfield as a host school for their delegation of teachers who will be attending a technology event in London next year. The visitors were very impressed with our academy digital strategy; remarking how creative teachers were with it in the lessons they visited, and how fortunate the students are to have such tools at their disposal.



Post-16 Football Match

On Wednesday 18th December we were delighted to host our first Year 12 vs Year 13 football match. The students played at a really high standard, with the match ending in a 6-0 win for the Year 12s. We will have a rematch in the new year, to give the Year 13s an opportunity for redemption, and we'll be putting together our sixth form football team to challenge other sixth forms.





Superstar Student Work!

In Language and Literature our Year 8 students are currently studying Gothic Worlds. In this particular lesson our focus was looking at how writers craft language to create allusions linked to ancient landscapes to create a sense of conflict between the present and the past. We are delighted to share this amazing piece by Bobby:

Standing, I looked up at the gloomy sky

Screeching , I saw the raven fly

Spectating, I saw two sides

It had a left and a right

One was dark and one was bright

It was bright but still not right

Old, ancient and pyramids

The blocks moved there wondering -

How was it moved?

And on the right there were phones,
technology and news

Filled with people rich with power
And great, big, intimidating towers

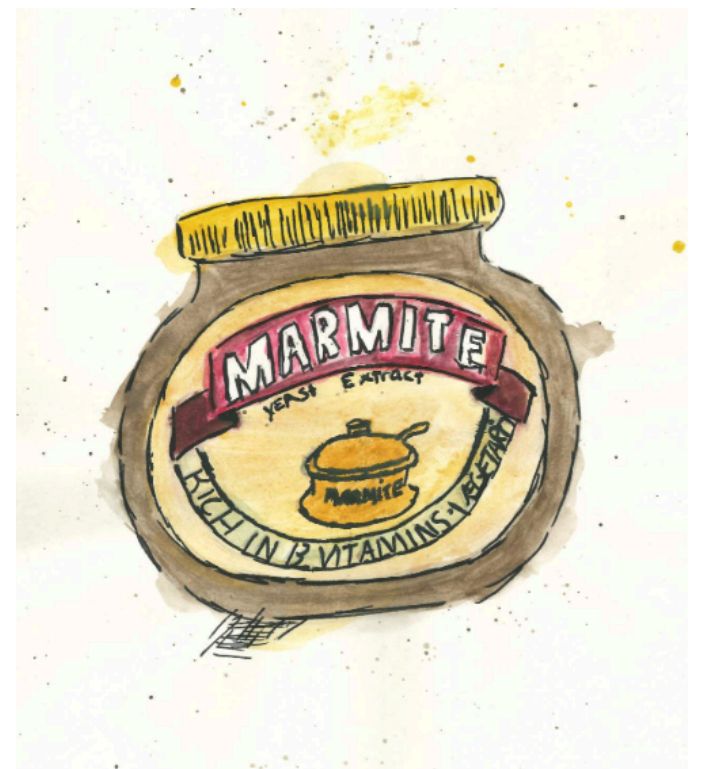
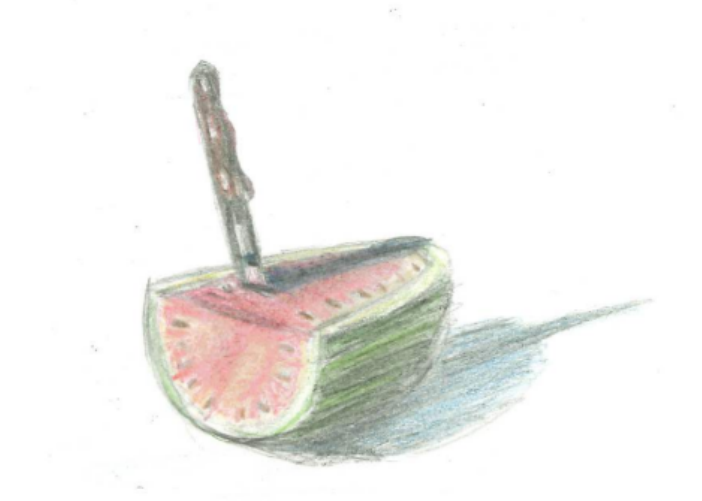
The cars moving fast
Look back to the left feeling of the
past

Feeling of nostalgia wondering what
occurred,
Feeling of gothic feeling of a curse

Abandoned, trapped, stuck, and left,
Dark skies with a feeling of death!

By Bobby
Year 8

In Art & Design, Year 9 students have been working on a unit entitled "The Art of Food". The department is delighted with so many impressive examples of work from this unit, in particular these from Elizabeth, Amelia and Alana:



Attendance Superstars

The Academy would like to extend their congratulations to the following students, who have all managed to achieve 100% attendance across modules 1 and 2 of this academic year. Well done!



Year 11

Anderson	Matisse	Galileo
George	Callum	Lynold
Joshua	Alex	Harrison
Owen	Archie	Emily
Oliver	Ella	Molly
Frankie	Denny	Joseph
Shekina	Grace	Amelia
Benn		David
Kushal		Warren
Emily		
Erin		

Year 8

Anderson	Matisse	Galileo
Anabelle	Azra	Adele
Emily	Maria	Josephine
Nevaeh	Hollie	Bill
Urte	Alfie-James	Kian
Rosie	Ian	Iris
Frankie	Elizabeth	Jack
Harry	Lila	Mason
Louis	Layla	Maxwell
Leah	Callum	Freddie
Daniel	Joshua	
Dylan	Ramanveer	
Matthew		
Ayaan		
Sophie		
Brooke		

Year 10

Anderson	Matisse	Galileo
Gabriele	Hayden	Aryeh
Aistis	Isabel	Jim
Kim	Gurshaan	Lauren
Ruby	Leo	Jewel
Amy	Alexandr	James
Vincent	Emmanuel	Emma
Ethan	Jack	Aidan
Faye	Samuel	Ivaylo
Josh	Ellie	Oksar
	Dare	

Year 7

Anderson	Matisse	Galileo
Charlie	Billy-Joe	Mila
Analiese	Isabelle	Amelia
Ruby	Jack	Mason
Bradley	Annabelle	Sam
Elise	Raph	Bertie
Selina	Lewie	Mylie
Rosie	Holly	Amelia
Amelia	Anabel	Milly
Cameron	Rocco	Lily
	Jess B	Carys
	Jackson	Amelia
	Jess L	Leni
	Seth	Igor
	Mason	Maisie
	Rocco	Lulabelle
	Jake	Troy

Year 9

Anderson	Matisse	Galileo
Joe	Amelia	Chloe
Albert	Charley	Libby
Dylan	Tia	Hayden
Abigail	Aiden	Hayley
Donnie	George	Lucy
Phoebe	Kevin	Acacia
Kyron	Millie	Amy
Jacob	Jason	Caitlin
Elisabeth	Evie	Shivika
Nadia	Matteo	Toby
Lilly		
Oscar C		
Oscar M		

Upcoming events

- 6/1/25 - INSET day; no students in school
- 7/1/25 - First day of module 1
- 15/1/25 - Year 11 Parent/Carers' Consultation Evening (in person)
- 22/1/25 - Year 13 Parent/Carers' Consultation Evening (in person)
- 12/2/25 - Year 9 Parent/Carers' Consultation Evening (in person)

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

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Academy Notices

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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.](#)