



A message from the Principal, Dr Donkor



I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter which highlights some of the extracurricular activities that have taken place just three weeks into the module and which emphasises our commitment to students' personal development. We are truly proud of what we are achieving together.

As we settle into the academic year, I would like to take a moment to also acknowledge the very positive start our students have made. We are incredibly grateful for the support you, our parents and carers, have shown so far, and we truly appreciate your partnership in your child's education.

We were particularly pleased to see so many of you at the recent Year 11 and 13 Parents' Evening. Your attendance demonstrates your commitment to your child's success, and these meetings provide a valuable opportunity for us to work together to support their learning journey.

As you know, the next few months are crucial final months for our Year 11 and 13 students as they approach the second round of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) after half term and, of course, the summer examinations. Parental support and collaboration are more important than ever during this time. We firmly believe that by working together, we can help our students achieve their full potential.

We encourage you to continue to support your child by:

Discussing the feedback received from the last PPEs and at the Parents' Evening: Please take the time to talk with your child about the feedback they received. This will help them understand their strengths and areas for development.

Ensuring they are using this feedback to inform their revision and study habits: It's vital that students use this information to focus their efforts and maximise their progress in the lead up to the next set of PPEs and the final exams.

Providing a supportive home learning environment: A quiet space to study, regular breaks, and encouragement can make a significant difference.

We understand that this can be a stressful time for both students and parents, and we want to assure you that we are here to support you every step of the way. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or form tutor.

We, of course, have not forgotten the wonderful contributions from students in the other year groups. We shall in due course share specific information for these year groups too and celebrate their journey towards achieving beyond expectations.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure a successful year for all our students.

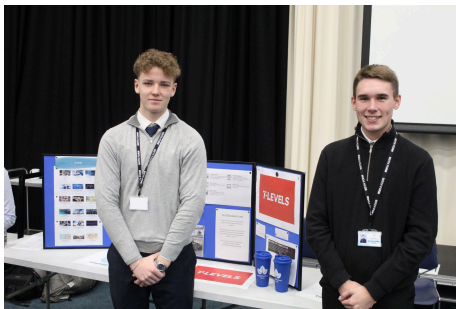


Careers Fair

On Friday 17 January, our academy hosted its highly anticipated annual Careers Fair.



Students had the opportunity to connect with a wide range of stall holders, from local, national and international employers, to colleges and university representatives, all eager to share valuable insights about future career paths, higher education options, and more!



We were delighted to welcome visitors from;

- Longfield Academy Sixth Form & TLevels
- NHS
- Bright Horizons Family Solutions
- Counselling Services
- Brands Hatch – MSV
- Royal Navy
- Royal Airforce
- J&E Hall
- Ebbsfleet Development / Garden City
- London South East Colleges
- Canterbury Christchurch University (CCU)
- Hadlow College
- North Kent College
- Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
- Kent University



It was an inspiring day filled with informative talks, one-on-one advice, and endless possibilities. A huge thank you to all the exhibitors for helping our students take the next step toward their futures!

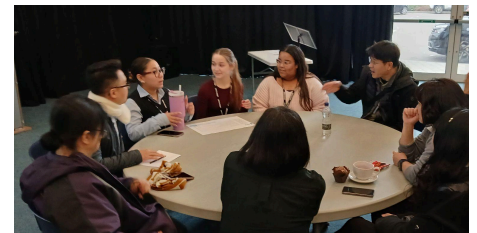


Visit from South Korea

On Tuesday 21 January, we were honoured to welcome a large group of educators from South Korea. They visited us to gain insight into our exceptional digital strategy, and explore how we integrate innovative technology into our teaching methods.



Our visitors toured lessons, and spoke with some of our sixth form students about their experience of technology in education.



It was a fantastic opportunity to share best practices, collaborate, and showcase how we're shaping the future of education through digital excellence. We look forward to continuing to build global connections and sharing our passion for educational innovation.



Sparx Gold Star Passes

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of a number of our students who have successfully achieved the Sparx Reader "Gold Star" challenge. Gold stars are obtained by completing additional reading on top of the allocated homework, so each of these students has completed considerably more per week to earn the extra 300 reader points. Well done to all!

- Sophie in Year 10
- Jewel in Year 10
- Thomas in Year 7
- Katelyn in Year 7
- Sam in Year 7
- Rocco in Year 7
- Ayaan in Year 8
- Jessica in Year 9
- Elisabeth in Year 9
- Amy in Year 9
- Isla in Year 9
- Max in Year 7
- Ronnie in Year 10
- Oscar in Year 9
- Matteo in Year 9



English Department 50 Word Writing Contest

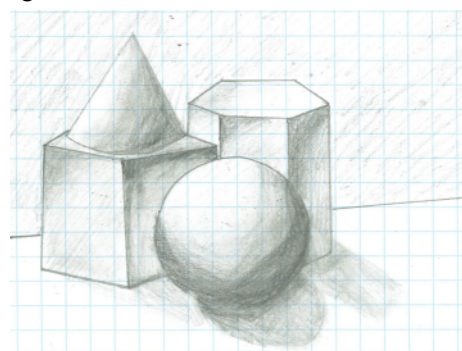
Last module, the 50 word writing competition set by the English Department was on "The Lantern". The winning entry was a fantastic piece written by Annabelle, Year 9:

Light.

*Flickering and alive,
daintily dancing along
the thin of its origin,
casting a sinister glow
that swallows whatever
courage I had; that
secrecy and guilt that is
somewhat palpable. And
I watch, helplessly, as the
growing glow of the
flame drags me
reluctantly into another
day of lingering dread.*

Year 8 Art Work

David in year 8, has drawn this exceptional collection of shapes, taking into account perspective, light and dark shadows.



LAT 5 A Side

On Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th January, our KS3 girls and boys participated in a 5-a-side football tournament as part of the Leigh Academy Trust sports events. On both occasions, the student's conduct was exemplary and both teams represented the school with ambition and resilience.



The KS3 boys narrowly missed out on a medal, coming third in their group which put them into the 5th and 6th Play-offs against Bexleyheath. The KS3 Girls had some incredibly close games, but managed to secure a win against Leigh UTC and Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy. The PE department is incredibly proud of those students involved, as we hope students continue to thrive in their representation of Longfield Academy within the Trust.



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

Academy Notices

Year 11 messages from Mrs Shanthan:

- Module 3 interventions are now running. We are really pleased with how well these are being attended.
- PPEs will start upon return in module 4.
- Optional breakfast club for revision will be open for all year 11 students starting in module 4. It will run from 7.30am.
- February half term sessions and timetable will be shared shortly.

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