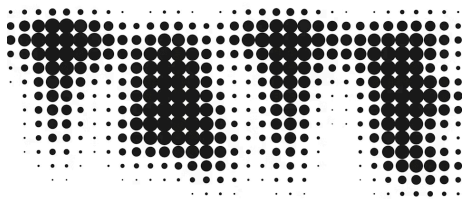




GCSE Art Students Visit Tate Gallery in London

On Friday 24 January, our two GCSE Art classes visited the Tate Galleries in London.

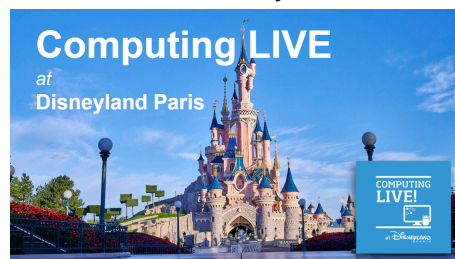


This exciting opportunity saw our students have the chance to visit the capital, along with exploring some of the most diverse collections of art in the UK.

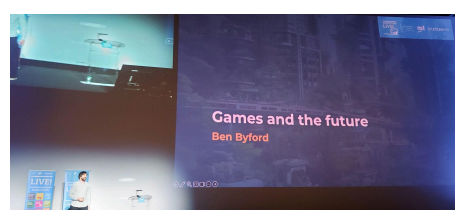
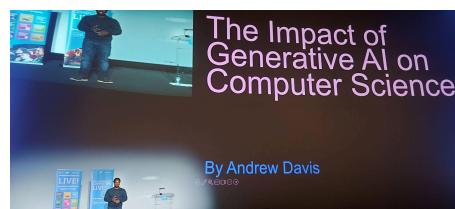
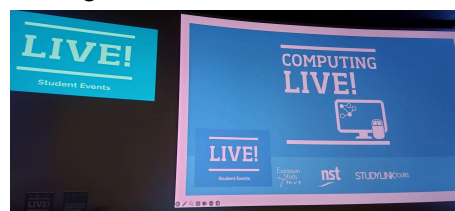


Computing conference at Disneyland Paris

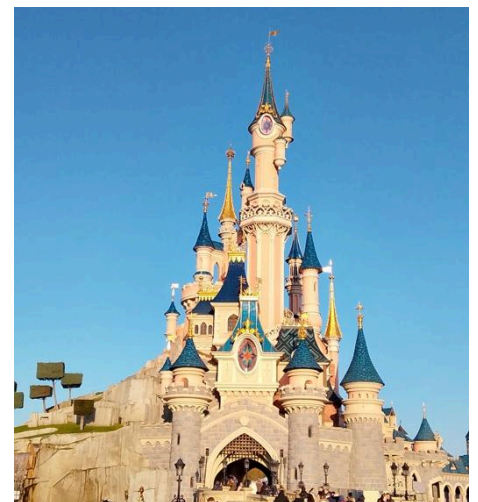
Students studying GCSE and ALevel Computer Science, along with some other students, had the incredible opportunity to attend the recent Computing LIVE! Conference at Disneyland Paris.



This really was a unique experience to hear from industry specialists about the current employment opportunities, evolving technologies and exciting new innovations in the world of computing. It was an inspiring conference that allowed students to explore the subject in a whole new light.



In addition to this, students had the opportunity to explore the Disneyland parks.



Safer Internet Day

This year, we were learning all about scams online. For more information about the day, visit the Safer Internet Day website.

Safer Internet Day 2025 | Tuesday 11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Letters from France

Our MFL department was delighted to receive responses to our pen-pal letters which were posted before the Christmas break. The students of the academy have written responses to the letters which our students sent. Our students were so delighted to receive responses, and we look forward to continuing our communication with France.



National Apprenticeship Week 2025

The last week of this module was National Apprenticeship Week! Here at Longfield, we have been showcasing the wide variety of apprenticeships available, and how these could be ideal future pathways for our students. Our week has included a visiting speaker for years 8 and 9, exploring T-Levels with year 10, and subject-based activities for all year groups. You can find out more about apprenticeships on the [Amazing Apprentice website](#).

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Trip to Hadlow College

On Friday 7 February, a group of year 11 and 10 students had the exciting opportunity to explore Hadlow College. Students gained insight into what post-16 opportunities there are at a specialist land-based college.



English Department 50 Word Writing Contest

The recent 50 word writing competition set by the English Department was on "The Old Bridge". The winning entry was a fantastic piece by Jackson, Year 7:

The old bridge groaned under the weight of time, its wooden planks splintering with each gust of wind. Mist curled around the darkened structure, obscuring the water below. Whispers seemed to echo from the shadows, and the air felt thick with the presence of something long forgotten and sinister.

A special mention also to the excellent second place entry written by Lillia, Year 7:

At midnight, I stepped onto the bridge, its ancient stones cold beneath my feet. The fog clung like a whisper, thickening with each step. A chill swept over me, not of the air, but of something unseen. By morning, I was someone else; an echo of who I once was.

LAT Bake Off!

We are excited to be hosting our very own Leigh Academy Trust Bake Off competition! Students who are interested should speak to Mrs Atkins.

See Mrs Atkins in C003 to sign up!

LAT Bake Off 2025

Are you the next Star Baker?

Demonstrate your baking prowess and represent your academy in this Trust-wide competition. Open to all academies and year groups!

Final at Strood Academy, 26th March 2025

Prizes will be given to first, second, and third place

All entrants and staff will receive a Participant badge

Our theme this year... biscuits!

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Year 11 Half Term School

Over the Half Term, as usual we will be running our huge array of intervention for year 11 students, who will be sitting their exams next year. Sessions are targeted for specific students, and invitations have already been communicated to students via Google Classrooms.

Half Term and Saturday interventions are very well attended and popular with students. If you have been invited to join a session, we encourage you to take part so that you do not miss out on the opportunities provided.

KS5 Half term schedule - Targeted sessions									
17/02/2025	17/02/2025	18/02/2025	18/02/2025	19/02/2025	19/02/2025	20/02/2025	20/02/2025	21/02/2025	21/02/2025
Mon 9.30-11.30	Mon 12-2pm	Tues 9.30-11.30	Tues 12-2pm	Wed 9.30-11.30	Wed 12-2pm	Thur 9.30-11.30	Thur 12-2pm	Fri 9.30-11.30	Fri 12-2pm
						Psychology Mrs Shepley	Psychology Mrs Shepley		
						History Mr Pearson	History Mr Pearson		
YEAR 11 Half term schedule -Targeted sessions									
17/02/2025	17/02/2025	18/02/2025	18/02/2025	19/02/2025	19/02/2025	20/02/2025	20/02/2025	21/02/2025	21/02/2025
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Maths & English match up - External provider (targeted students only 9.30 to 3.30 pm)		PE NCFE Mr Foxwell-Morgan	PE NCFE Mr Foxwell-Morgan	History Mr Pearson 11Q	History Mr Pearson 11P	Music Mrs Evans	Music Mrs Evans		
Science Mrs Melbourne 11P3/11Q2		Drama Mrs Pike (selected students only)	Drama Mrs Pike (selected students only)	DT Xu	DT Mrs Xu	Biology Mrs Liasu	Biology Mrs Liasu		
French Mrs Segurini 11P	French Mrs Segurini 11Q	Food (11R/11S) Mrs Atkins		Maths - Higher/Foundation P band Kozak	Maths - Higher/Foundation Q band Mr Kozak	Maths - Higher/Foundation P band Mrs Shanthan	Maths - Higher/Foundation Q band Mrs Shanthan		
French - Mrs Grindley 11P Foundation	Spanish Mrs Powell- Henry 11Q	English Literature Mrs Hurt	English Language Mrs Hurt						
Spanish Mr Wilson 11P	Spanish Mr Wilson 11Q	English - Poetry (11P1) Mrs Freeman	English - Poetry (11P1) Mrs Freeman						
History Mr Long 11Q	History Mr Long 11P	Maths - Foundation Mrs Umeokoli							

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all the staff who have agreed to give up some of their holiday time, to come in and support the students so they can achieve beyond expectations.

Should you have any questions about the arrangements, please contact Mrs Shanthan.

Mrs Navanya Shanthan

Assistant Principal Matisse College and Raising Standards Lead (Year 11/13)

Upcoming events

- 26/2 to 12/3 - Year 11 and 13 PPEs
- 27/2/25 - Year 12 Parent/Carers' Consultation Evening (online)
- 5/3/25 - Year 9 Option Choices Showcase event (4-5pm; in school)
- 10/3/25 - Deadline for year 9 options
- 17/3 to 21/3 - Longfield Science Week
- 21/3/25 - Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
- 28/3/25 - Scholastic Book Fair

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

Academy Notices

Academy staff wish all students and their families a restful half term break.

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