

# The Longfield Legends

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## Longfield Academy to host ADHD conference

At Longfield Academy, we pride ourselves on our inclusive approach to learning - something which was recognised in our most recent OFSTED report. This inclusivity is particularly important when considering the context of the school and the community we serve.

Over 12% of Longfield's student population have a formal diagnosis of ADHD. In addition to this, there are several students who are awaiting diagnosis or are on the pathway for assessment. This is considerably higher than in other schools.

Despite the challenges that may be faced by young people with ADHD, we are proud that the majority of our students, with the right support, are able to be successful - both academically and personally. We recognise that each student is an individual and are constantly seeking strategies to support our young people to "achieve beyond expectations."

One of the things that has made so many of our neurodiverse students so successful is the excellent link between families, school and other agencies. This is something that we hope to grow - as we recognise the importance of communication between these key stakeholders.



As such, we are delighted to be able to invite you to our first ADHD conference, which will take place at the academy in early July.

The conference will be hosted by Mrs Rance (Assistant Principal -SENCO) and Mrs Hurt (Assistant Principal) and will include guest speakers with experience ADHD and professionals within the field. We hope that the session will be interactive and will allow parents/carers to gain an insight into ADHD in an educational setting, as well as giving strategies that can be used to support our young people. We also hope that through discussion - parents will be able to share their own experiences, ideas and perspectives.

The session is open to our parents/carers. For more information and for how to book your space, please refer to correspondence on the MCAS app, or contact your child's admin office.

## **Year 11 Shirt Signing**

On Friday 20 June, we had a fantastic afternoon saying goodbye (for now!) to our amazing Year 11s! With the sun shining and spirits high, students marked the end of an era in true style. Traditional shirt signing brought plenty of laughs (and a few tears) as everyone shared messages and memories to take away with them.





Mrs Shanthan also arranged for a burger and sausage BBQ, pizza truck, and ice cream, so everyone could celebrate in style. We're so proud of everything this group has achieved and can't wait to see what the future holds for them.



# Leigh Academies Trust World Book Day story competition winners **♦**

We were delighted to be informed that a number of our students were given awards for their recent triumph in a Trust-wide story writing competition.

Winners - Matteo M & Evie C2nd Place - Bradley B3rd Place - Abi R

Our winning students produced the most amazing creative pieces. The titles and a short teaser for them below:

**'Stitches'** - Not just any old toy shop, beware of where you walk and do you dare enter the back?

**'Left Behind'** - The title says it itself....some many questions we should have done.....we should not have.

'The Fallen Angel' - Story about friendship and protecting others.

'......' - Going on a journey and things don't always turn out as planned.

The judging panel remarked; "The quality of the entries we received was excellent and we deeply appreciate the time, creativity, and hard work that the children dedicated to crafting their stories."



## **Y13 Chemistry Olympiad**

Congratulations to our Year 13 A Level Chemistry students who have received their Chemistry Olympiad awards! This year saw a record-breaking set of results for Longfield Academy, with 1 Gold, 3 Silver Awards, and a commendation for participation.

The Olympiad, run by the Royal Society of Chemistry, is a notoriously challenging competition — and our students rose to the occasion. Their hard work and dedication are something to be proud of. Well done to all involved!



## **Year 9 Bunting Biscuits**

Our Year 9 students have been showcasing their creativity and practical skills in Food Preparation lessons recently. They have baked and decorated their own Bunting Biscuits, demonstrating great attention to detail and presentation.







## **MYP Corner**

### **Why Communication Matters**

Communication is a particularly powerful ATL a "Words are power"

- The more words a student knows, the more they can learn.
- The more clearly they write, the better they perform in exams and the world of work.
- The more confidently they speak, the better they navigate social situations.
- The stronger their reading age, the stronger their overall learning.

That's why communication is embedded across all lessons at Longfield. We are committed to helping every student read, write, and speak effectively - so they can use their words to make a positive difference in the world.

#### How You Can Help at Home

- Encourage 10 minutes of daily reading with Sparx Reader.
  - This is proven to boost a student's reading age by two years on average.
- 2. Ask, "What word did you learn in each lesson today?"

  This sparks conversation and reinferces

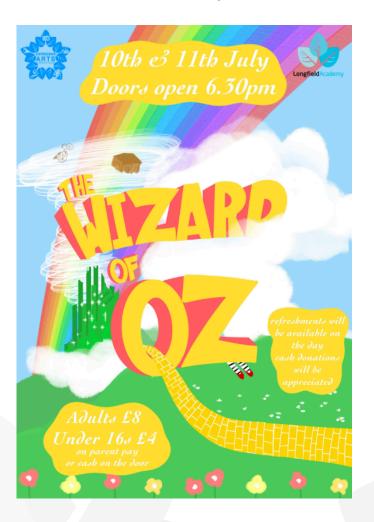
## **Upcoming events**

- 2/6/25 Start of Module 6
- 26/6/25 Longfield Sports Day
- 27/6/25 INSET Day (no students in school)
- 3/7/25 Year 6 Taster Day (for children joining our year 7 cohort in September 2025)
- 10-11/7/25 Summer Production
- 14-22/7/25 Year 10 & 12 Work Experience
- 16/7/25 End of Year Awards Evening
- 22/7/25 End of Module 6

View the academy term dates on our website

## **Academy Notices**

A reminder of our upcoming school production. Tickets available on ParentPay now.



## **Important 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.