



Principal's Message

I hope you enjoy this final edition of The Longfield Legends for the academic year. It's been a pleasure sharing the exciting achievements and experiences of our students.

As we look forward to the summer break, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are creating a vibrant learning environment where our students can thrive and become effective contributors to our democratic society.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of colleagues who will be moving on at the end of the academic year. Notably, Mr. Chambers, who is retiring after an incredible 32 years of dedicated service to Longfield Academy, and Mr. O'Leary, Head of Galileo College, who will be joining our sister academy, Wilmington, from September. Their dedication and expertise have been an inspiration to us all. We wish them both the very best in their future endeavours.

You will find key dates for the upcoming academic year within this newsletter. I hope you and your families enjoy a wonderful and restful summer.

September 2024 Dates

- Monday 2nd September - years 7 and 12 only.
- Tuesday 3rd September - all year groups in school.

It is important that students are ready to return on the correct date, with all of their equipment and in full correct uniform. You can find these [policies](#) on our website, where you can also view our [2024-2025 term dates](#) in full.

Beauty & The Beast

"If he could learn to love another, and earn her love in return by the time the last petal fell, then the spell would be broken." 🌹🌹

Another outstanding production by our talented performing arts department. Congratulations to all our students and staff who worked exceptionally hard to put on this spectacular display.



More photographs of the event are available on our social media.

Mr Ian Chambers retires from Longfield after 32 years of outstanding service to the community

For many, the thought of 32 years may seem like an eternity; but not to Mr Chambers, who is swapping the history books for a well-earned retirement. Mr Chambers has been a well-loved pillar of Longfield Academy, with his wit and wisdom stretching back and inspiring generations of families in our local community. We all wish Mr Chambers a well-earned, enjoyable retirement.



The Helix canteen gets a new Head Chef

We are delighted to welcome our new Head Chef, Guy, who joins us to take over the service available in the Helix.



Enrichment Week

Culture Day

The first event on our week-long enrichment programme was our annual Culture Day. This was an exciting opportunity for students to explore and celebrate the many cultures represented by the Longfield Academy community. Students enjoyed workshops on modern world music, sport, dance, puzzles, animals and creative arts.



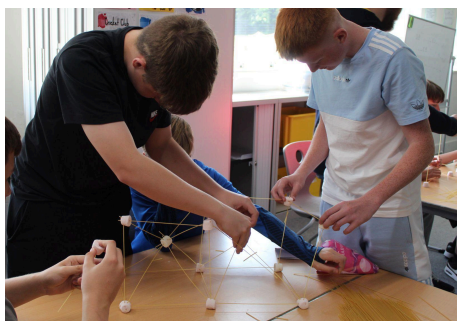
Enrichment Trip Day

We invited students to attend a trip offsite with their year group. Year 7 went bowling, to the arcade and for a park picnic; year 8 explored Battle Abbey; year 9 discovered the beauty of nature at Bedgebury pinetum.



Futures Day

This year we welcomed a range of career providers to speak to students about opportunities in our local area. Guests included Kent Police, Kent Wildlife, British Army, Network Rail and Kent University. We also enjoyed workshops on money management, sustainable fashion and had an opportunity to meet some friendly animals from Hadlow College!



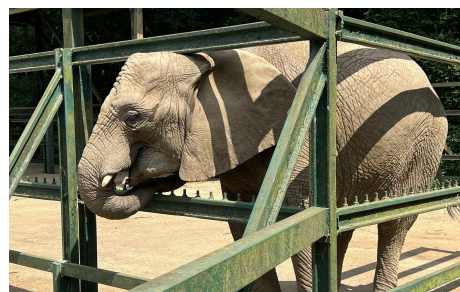
Longfield Adventure Day

On Thursday, our students participated in Longfield Adventure Day. This included either going on an optional school trip, or planning and taking part in a fantastic walk around the local area.



Watersports, Zoo and Science Museum

Some of our students had the opportunity to take an additional trip to an exciting venue. Exploring science in London, touring the wilds at the zoo, soaking up the sunshine on the beach or engaging in some exhilarating water sports!



Battle of the Colleges

For our last day, we held our inter-college challenge. Students pit themselves against the other colleges in order to emerge victorious. Challenges included bin-liner fashion, water rockets, sports and team games. Students really threw themselves into the competitive spirit of the event, and demonstrated excellent team spirit and college pride. Well done everyone!

Upcoming events

- ~~3/6/24 - Start of module 6~~
- ~~19/6/24 - Year 11 Chromebook hand in deadline (all year 11 loan devices must be returned by this date at the latest).~~
- ~~26/6/24 - Year 9 Chromebook hand in day~~
- ~~27/6/24 - Year 11 Prom~~
- ~~28/6/24 - Academy Sports Day~~
- ~~4/7/24 - Year 13 Prom~~
- ~~4/7/24 - Taster day for new year 7 intake~~
- ~~11-12/7/24 - Academy production of Beauty and the Beast.~~
- 15-19/7/24 - Enrichment week years 7-9 / work experience for years 10 and 12.
- 19/7/24 - End of module 6

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

Academy Notice

Return dates in September 2024

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Important Contacts

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Safeguarding & Wellbeing

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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.](#)