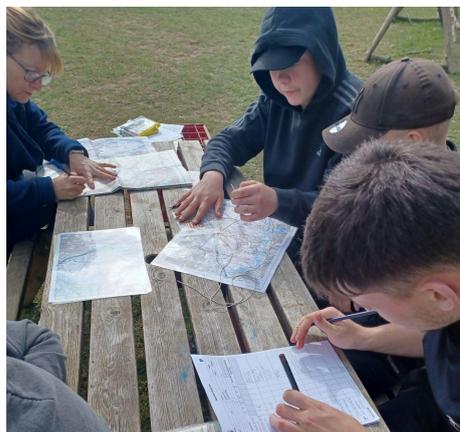




## Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expeditions

We are thrilled to announce the resounding success of our school's recent practice Duke of Edinburgh Expedition, for participants engaged with Bronze and Silver level of the award. Our students took part in a challenging yet rewarding outdoor adventure, putting their skills to the test in a real-world setting.



The expedition was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving, all while exploring the beauty of nature. With careful planning and support from our dedicated staff, each participant showed incredible growth and determination throughout the journey.

The students navigated various terrains, honed their leadership abilities, and developed a greater sense of independence. Their positive attitude and enthusiasm were evident, and we couldn't be more proud of their achievements.



This practice expedition has set the stage for the official Duke of Edinburgh Award challenges ahead. Congratulations to all involved – we look forward to seeing even more success as they continue on their journey!



## Chemistry for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy workshop

On Wednesday 23rd April all ten of our Year 12 A Level Chemistry students went to Canterbury Christ Church University to complete a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy workshop and toured the laboratory and facilities that the university has on offer. The students were successful in their task of analysing different unknown alcoholic drinks using an NMR Spectrometer and using their data to assign the samples to a range of drinks. The students were commended for their engagement in the workshop and understanding of how to interpret the different spectra produced; they were excellent ambassadors of our Sixth Form! The workshop helped them 'bring to life' the content that features in their exam questions, and will be invaluable for them as they continue to work towards their qualification.



## Bronze Medal from Coram Shakespeare Schools' Festival

The Expressive Arts department is delighted to have been awarded a Bronze Medal from Coram Shakespeare Schools' Festival for their participation in the festival over the last three years. This year saw our performance of Twelfth Night at the Woodville Halls, which was preceded by Macbeth in 2024 and A Midsummer Night's Dream in 2023. We hope to keep up the tradition of keeping Shakespeare alive for young people, and changing lives for many years to come.



## Summer Art Competition

We are delighted to be hosting a Summer Art Competition for our students to participate in.

 **Deadline:** 1st July 2025

 **Theme:** Surreal Dreamscapes

 **Prizes to be won!**

**Participants?** open to all years  
(class work/ gcse/ a level work cannot be submitted)

Students who would like more information on the competition should speak with a member of staff in the art department.

## Informal Concert

On Thursday 1st of May, we welcomed a huge number of visitors to the Expressive Arts Department's final Informal Concert of the year. Organised by Miss Claire Evans and assisted by Calum Flaherty, our KMT Music trainee, the evening was a celebration of a number of music students, as well as the many students who have peripatetic lessons at our Academy. The audience, largely made up of families of performers, and staff and students from Rowhill School, were treated to performances by a number of vocalists, instrumentalists, including a lovely violin ensemble, and several bands, consisting of a number of performers from Rowhill, who have been playing alongside our own band members for two years now, and a band of year 11 and 13 students, playing together for the last time before they all go on to pursue further studies in performing arts at college and university. A huge thank you and well done to all involved!



## MYP Corner

### International Mindedness

Longfield Academy is proud to be an IB school, following the international baccalaureate curriculum. A framework which is used across the globe to build independent and inquisitive learners. One element of the IB is being internationally minded.

You will be aware of the rich and diverse experiences our students have engaged with across the world. Skiing in Italy, coding in Disneyland (France) or taking in the culture of Boulogne. These international opportunities are reciprocated, as visitors across the globe wish to see us do what we do. Including South Korea and Pakistan most recently this year. If they cannot make the flight to Longfield, we engage digitally. As done with our [Beyond Borders cultural newspaper](#) with Tema international school in Ghana. Our curriculum is equally internationally minded, helping students explore "Global Contexts", within each of our units. These "Global Contexts" help students see how what they are studying is relevant to our community and across the world.

We are proud to know that students in our community are connecting with people across the globe. It is our belief that young people from this community will help make the world a better place, as they go on to function effectively in a democratic society.



## Superstar Student Work!

In Language and Literature our Year 7 students are currently studying conflict poetry. In this task, students were empowered to create their own poems about conflict. This excellent example comes from a year 7 student, Imogen, and is entitled '**Between Two Lands**'.

In shadowed fields where sunflowers once grew.  
The earth now trembles under skies of blue.  
Ukraine with heart of fierce unyielding flame  
Stands tall, though winds of war call out her name.

Once neighbours bound by thread and tale and trade  
Now torn apart by choices Nations made.  
The songs of kin now echo through the night,  
As brother faces brother in the fight.

From Donbas hills to Crimea's quiet shore,  
A silence grows where laughter lived before.  
Yet in that silence voices rise with grace -  
For freedoms not a gift, but something faced.

O Russia, land of poets, storm and snow.  
What ancient griefs still guide the path you go?  
Is it the Czar's old ghost that stirs your pride?  
Or fear that makes your truth and trust collide?

But hope still flickers in the darkest skies,  
In mothers' tears and children's weary eyes.  
A time may come when guns are laid to rest  
And peace, at last, can settle in each chest.

So let the world not turn a blinded eye,  
To homes destroyed, to dreams that never die.  
For even war, with all its cruel cost,  
Can't kill the human spirit, bruised but not lost.

By Imogen  
Year 7

## Upcoming events

- ~~21/4/25 – Bank Holiday (no students in school)~~
- ~~22/4/25 – Start of Module 5~~
- ~~24/4/25 – Year 11 Parents Information Evening~~
- ~~8/5/25 – Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening (Online)~~
- GCSE & A-Level Exams Begin
- 23/5/25 - End of Module 5

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

## Academy Notices

Good luck to all our students who are now starting their GCSE and ALevel exams!



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