

# The Longfield Legends

LongfieldAcademy

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## Longfield **Academy** represented at the Royal **Garden Party**

Back in March, it was announced Longfield academy had become the second Leigh Academies Trust School invited to attend The Royal Garden Party in recognition of Educational Excellence.



"This recognition by HM King Charles of Longfield Academy is an endorsement of the superb work of the academy and its staff over time to provide an excellent and inclusive education for young people. regardless of their circumstances."

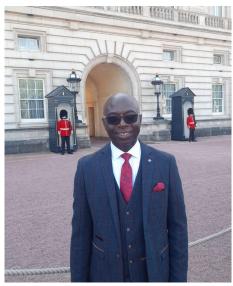
- Leigh Academies Trust

Representing the academy, Principal Felix Donkor met with representatives from other LAT academies who had been invited.



Mr Kevin Watson - The Leigh UTC Miss Rebecca Roberts - Leigh Academy Dartford (Primary)

such a privilege to "It was represent Longfield Academy of fellow amidst a gathering educators. This special invitation wonderful truly felt like recognition of the fantastic achievements of our students, particularly the inspiring progress of those with EHCPs."



"Our outstanding sixth form and the nationally acclaimed Spectrum Centre were undoubtedly key to this honour. It was also inspiring to connect the with others in sector, education and we're looking forward to future collaborations that will bring even more success to our students and further recognition to our academy.

memorable experience A truly celebrating the dedication and success within our Longfield Academy community!"

- Dr Donkor, Academy Principal

## Year 11 GCSE Exams

Year 11 students are currently working hard on their GCSE exams which have now begun!



Early mornings in the Helix before school are often filled with engaged students well in independent study and revision.

Mrs Shanthan has also launched "Golden Tickets" the reward scheme whereby students will have an opportunity to win prizes in recognition of their hard work.



We are exceptionally proud of the students and their efforts thus far. and we would like to continue to wish them the very best of luck with the rest of their exams.

# SENCo Parents & Carers Coffee Event

This week the new SENCO, Ms Rance met with a group of year 7 and year 10 parents for an informal chat.

The aim was to open up a dialogue with parents about how the school supports their children and to gauge the views on our successes and opinions on how we can further improve our practice. These meetings went well and have proved very productive.

Next term meetings for year 8 and 9 parents will take place. If you have a son or daughter with an SEN need then you are welcome to attend. The invitations will go out after half term break.



# Year 7 and Year 8 TAG rugby tournaments

On Thursday 8th May and Friday 9th May, the Year 7's pulled through with an excellent turn out, despite some very last minute teams and were able to secure a 4th place finish. The Year 8's were just as eager to come back to the academy with positive news and were able to secure an 8th place. All of the boys who participated were excellent, and we are extremely proud of what they have achieved.

# Celebrating the long standing service of members of staff

We are proud to celebrate an incredible milestone - three of our dedicated colleagues have collectively reached 50 years of service with our organization; Kim Sandford (main office), Anita Munns (data and exams) and Anne Head (Spectrum Centre).



Each of them has played a unique and invaluable role in shaping our academy culture and delivering consistent excellence day in and day out. Their contributions span decades of change, growth, and success - and their experience continues to inspire us all. We are deeply grateful for their service and proud to celebrate this collective milestone.

# Year 7 Mixed handball Competition

On Tuesday 20th May, Longfield Academy competed in a Year 7 mixed handball tournament within the Leigh Academy Trust. Their teamwork and determination was outstanding. With the sun shining and the goals coming in, all of the students had a successful day. Although we didn't quite bring the trophy home, we were able to secure 9th place. Well done to all of those who took part.



# MYP Corner Parent/Carer Insight

As an International Baccalaureate school, we are keen to involve the full Longfield community in our journey to help students participate effectively in a democratic society.

For this reason we are launching a parent consultancy group to explore the extent to which our practices are achieving this goal. This is initially being established with parents and carers of year 7-9 students.

The group will create opportunities to meet with Mr Lane, the Vice Principal for teaching and learning, tour the academy and visit lessons to gain an insight into our approaches to an MYP education. If you would like to sign up to this group please click on the link here. This is a 5 minute questionnaire which will be used to help us prepare for this session.

Our first meeting will be taking place online in the near future. Subsequent meetings will also be in person. Once signed up, you will receive an email inviting you to this our first meeting, alongside invites to future sessions.

# **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**

We are delighted to share our targeted intervention sessions for years 11 and 13 over May Half Term. Students and their parents/carers have been written to regarding invites to these sessions. Please contact Mrs Shanthan directly with any questions.

|  |                | K55 Hair term schedule - Targetted sessions |  |  |   |                                  |  |   |                |            |
|--|----------------|---|--|--|---|----------------------------------|--|---|----------------|------------|
|  | 26/05/2025     | 26/05/2025                                  | 27/05/2025   | 27/05/2025   | 28/05/2025                                    | 28/05/2025                       | 29/05/2025   | 29/05/2025                                    | 30/05/2025     | 30/05/2025 |
|  | 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 |
|  | No sessions    |   | Socialogy<br>Ms Holmes   | Sociology<br>Ms Holmes   | Criminology<br>13 A and 138<br>Ms Holmes      |                                  |  |   |                |            |
|  |                |   | Film<br>Mrs Pike   | Film<br>Mrs Pike   | Maths<br>Mr Kotamo                            | Maths<br>Mrs Dolny               |  |   |                |            |
|  |                |   |  |  |   |                                  |  |   |                |            |
|  |                |   |  | YEAR 11 Half term schedule -Targetted sessions                     |   |                                  |  |   |                |            |
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|  | No sessions    |   | Maths<br>Higher Grade 4-7<br>11P2/11Q1<br>Mrs Umeokoli             | Maths<br>Foundation Grade 3-5<br>Mrs Umeokoli                      | Maths<br>Higher Grade 5-7<br>Mrs Dolny        | Maths<br>Foundation<br>Mr Kotamo | Maths<br>Foundation Grade 3-5<br>Mr Kozak                | Food<br>11S and 11R<br>Mrs Afkins             |                |            |
|  |                |   | History (all invited)<br>History American West<br>Ms Rance         | History (all invited)<br>Anglo Saxon England<br>Ms Rance           | English 11P3<br>Mrs Hurt                      | English 11P3<br>Mrs Hurt         | Triple Science -<br>Biology<br>11P1 Science<br>Mrs Liasu | Maths<br>Foundation Grade 3-5<br>Mrs Shanthan |                |            |
|  |                |   | Triple Science - Biology<br>11P1 Science<br>Mrs Liesu              |  | Maths<br>Foundation Grade 3-5<br>Mrs Shanthan |                                  |  |   |                |            |
|  |                |   | Science Biology/Chemistry<br>Foundation 11Q2/11P3<br>Mrs Melbourne | Science Chemistry/Physics<br>Foundation 11Q2/11P3<br>Mrs Melbourne |   |                                  |  |   |                |            |

## **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.