

Charlie's Promise

We were honored to welcome Charlie's Promise to our academy on 3 October to deliver a powerful and essential talk on the devastating impact of knife crime.

The charity, founded in memory of Charlie, works tirelessly to educate young people and raise awareness about the risks and consequences of carrying a knife. Our students engaged respectfully in the session, reflecting on the vital importance of making safe choices and looking out for one another. A massive thank you to the team for sharing their crucial message with our community.



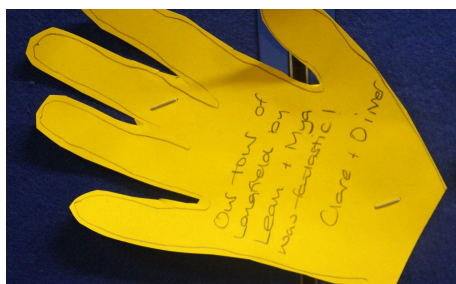
To learn more about their mission and how you can support their work, please visit their website: <https://www.charliespromise.org/>



Open Evening Art Project

Our recent Open Evening wasn't just about tours and presentations; it was also a chance for visitors to leave their mark and share some positivity!

Attendees participated in a unique art activity designed to spread inspiration. Guests were invited to trace their hand onto paper, cut out the shape, and then write a personal, inspirational message directly onto their paper hand.



These colourful hands, each carrying a unique message of hope, motivation, or kindness, were then added to a collective display wall. The installation quickly grew into a vibrant mosaic of individual expression, leaving a truly heartwarming piece of collaborative art for everyone to see. Thank you to everyone who participated!



Sixth Form 'Brain Day'

We were exceptionally pleased to welcome Dr. Sutton to our academy on Tuesday Sept. 30th. Dr. Sutton 'Director, Medical Biology Interactive' and a leading Professor in the Division of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine at the University of Nottingham.

Brain Day took students around and beyond A-level material and into degree-level concepts and research into the brain. Students learned about brain anatomy as well as everyday applications of neuroscience in understanding crime, drug use, mental disorders to vaping and smartphones. It was inspirational, enriching, exciting and challenging.



Handball Fixtures

We're incredibly proud to celebrate the recent success of our Boys' Handball team, who had an outstanding run in the Trust tournament. While their skill and dedication led to fantastic victories, what impressed us most was their exemplary display of sportsmanship.



The boys consistently showed respect for their opponents, demonstrating genuine class in every game. Their positive attitude embodies the spirit of our academy. Well done, team!



Year 8 Students Perform at The Royal Albert Hall

At the end of September, talented young performers from our Year 8 had an amazing experience taking to the legendary stage of the Royal Albert Hall. The students involved in the performance were Ava B, Amelia B, Patsy B and Amelia H. The show was titled "We're Gonna Change The World" and featured a dazzling array of dance and song. Congratulations to all our talented young people!

Queen Mary University Visits Sixth Form

Our Year 12 and 13 students recently welcomed a representative from the prestigious Queen Mary University of London for an informative session focused on planning their futures. This valuable visit provided our senior students with direct insight into the vast array of post-18 options available, offering expert guidance on navigating the crucial transition from school to higher education or the world of work. The discussion covered essential topics, including how to effectively research degree programmes, the application process for UCAS, and the benefits of attending a Russell Group institution, giving students a clearer picture of university life and academic rigour.

We extend our sincere thanks to Queen Mary University for providing such an inspiring and practical session for our students.

Year 12 and 13 Photography Visit to Longon's Tate Gallery

Year 12 and 13 students studying Art & Photography recently took an educational visit to the Tate Gallery. It was a fantastic experience for our students, providing a valuable opportunity to engage directly with world-class modern and contemporary art. Walking through the iconic galleries, students were able to explore influential movements and discuss the meaning and context behind various artworks, bringing their classroom studies to life in a truly inspirational setting.

T-Level Awareness Week

Leigh Academy Longfield hosts a successful T-Level programme in Finance. As part of the T-Level Awareness Week, we were delighted to host a "breakfast" event where we welcomed a range of visitors. This included current students doing T-Level Finance, year 11s considering it as an option, and local businesses.



Most notably, we welcomed back Mr Andrew Bowden from J&E Hall, who have long-standing ties with our successful programme. As key advocates for the qualification, we were delighted that Mr Bowden found time in his busy schedule to come in and speak with our students about the value of this qualification, and the nature of the business industry in general.

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Such inspirational speakers are vitally important to the success of our T-Level programme, but also for inspiring the next generation. If you are the owner of a local business and would like to become involved in supporting our careers programme, we would be delighted to hear from you! Please contact the academy office and leave your details.

Upcoming events

- 3/11/25 - First day of Module 2
- 6/11/25 - Year 12 Parents Information Evening (for current year 12 students)
- 13/11/25 - Post-16 Open Evening
- 4/12/25 - Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening (in-person)
- 19/12/25 - Last day of Module 2

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

Academy Notices



Thursday 13th November 2025
4.30pm - 7.00pm

Join us at our Post 16 Open Evening for information on the pathways and subjects on offer in our Outstanding Sixth Form, enrichment opportunities, and a tour of our fantastic facilities.

No booking
required

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