

Success in the MYP Re-evaluation

We are delighted to announce that Leigh Academy Longfield has successfully completed its MYP re-evaluation, receiving an exceptional report from the visiting team. This milestone reflects the hard work of our entire community. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents, students and governors for their invaluable support in helping to embed this framework across the academy. The reviewers were incredibly impressed with our progress.

Key Successes:

- Zero Areas for Concern:** In a remarkable achievement, the reviewers identified no areas of concern across the board.
- International Mindedness:** The academy received specific praise for its excellent work in fostering global awareness and international mindedness.
- Embedded Excellence:** The report highlighted how the IB philosophy is now a natural part of our academy's DNA, driving higher aspirations for all our students.
- Culture for inclusion:** Our commitment to inclusive teaching strategies, pastoral support and professional development to ensure our diverse community thrive.

The visiting team reported that:

"Leigh Academy Longfield is a mature and confident MYP school, with leadership and staff demonstrating strong ownership of IB principles and practices. The school's mission and slogan, 'Achieve Beyond Expectations', and its commitment to the MYP, actively drive teaching, learning and aspiration."

We are immensely proud of this feedback, which confirms that we are truly continuing to Achieve Beyond Expectations.



performing arts talent we have across all year groups.

Putting on a production of this scale is a massive undertaking, and we are incredibly proud of the resilience and teamwork shown by everyone involved. For many of our younger students, this was their first time performing in front of a live audience, and seeing their confidence grow was a highlight for staff and parents alike.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Performing Arts department for their vision and to the families and friends who came out to support the show.



Peter Pan Pantomime

Off to Neverland! Our Spectacular "Peter Pan" Pantomime took place over the 26 and 27 January.



The academy was filled with faith, trust, and a little bit of pixie dust this week as our talented students took to the stage for our annual pantomime production of "Peter Pan"! It was a truly magical run that showcased the incredible

Accountancy Workshop for Post-16 Students

On 11 February, we were delighted to welcome A4G Chartered Accountants to our academy to present to a group of our post-16 students. The workshop was a fascinating insight into accountancy, careers in the finance sector, and wider world of work beyond school. Our students spoke highly of the experience, and we are grateful to our colleagues at A4G for making time for us.

History Trip to Centre of Military Archaeology

On the 23rd January 2026, a selection of History students from Leigh Academy Longfield took part in a fantastic educational visit to the Centre for Military Archaeology, providing a powerful hands-on insight into trench warfare during the First World War. Students explored reconstructed trenches, handled replica artefacts, and examined archaeological evidence from the Western Front, helping to bring the realities of life in the trenches vividly to life.



The trip was an outstanding success and an invaluable opportunity to enhance classroom learning through real-world historical enquiry.



The experience significantly supported students' GCSE History studies, deepening their understanding of key themes such as conditions on the front line, soldiers' experiences, and the impact of modern warfare. By engaging directly with physical evidence and expert explanations, students were able to strengthen both their subject knowledge and exam skills, particularly in relation to source analysis and interpretation.

BCS Consultancy talk apprenticeships!

On 10 February, we were delighted to welcome BCS Consultancy to speak with our students about the incredible world of apprenticeships. The presentation also included interesting insights into the nature of the firm, and the types of roles available in a modern business. We are grateful for the positive impact this event has had.



The global data centre consultancy

Basketball Success

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 basketball team who played their first basketball match this year against Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy. This was a very competitive and close scoring game, which ended with a final score of 13 - 11; with the Longfield Team scoring in the final second to win the game! A great accomplishment for all students involved; well done team!



Competition Success For Riley in Bowling

On the 24th of January, year 12 student Riley, a semi-professional bowler, placed 2nd in the team event, 1st in the handicap singles and 3rd in the all event scratch in Dunstable. Riley, who also represents the English National Bowling Team, has won National tournaments in both Ireland and England in the past while representing the under 16's and under 19's respectively. We are wishing Riley all the best for his next National challenge in Scotland this summer.



Year 11 & 13 Half Term School

Over the February Half Term, we will be running a huge array of interventions for year 11 and 13 students, who will be sitting their exams later this year. Students have already been invited to attend sessions published by Mrs Shanthan, and communication will be sent to parents/carers to this effect.

Last year, we found that our Half Term and Saturday interventions were very well attended and popular with students. If you have been invited to join a session, we encourage you to take part so that you do not miss out on the opportunities provided.

Year 11 February Half-term timetable									
Mon 16th Feb AM	Mon 16th Feb PM	Tues 17th Feb AM	Tues 17th Feb PM	Wed 18th Feb AM	Wed 18th Feb PM	Thur 19th Feb AM	Thur 19th Feb PM	Fri 20th Feb AM	Fri 20th Feb PM
9.30-11.30	12-2pm	9.30-11.30	12-2pm	9.30-11.30	12-2pm	9.30-11.30	12-2pm	9.30-11.30	12-2pm
Mrs Xu DT C005	Mrs Xu DT C005	Mrs Evans Music B009	Mrs Evans Music B009	Mrs Umeokoli Maths (Higher P1/Q1) B104	Mr Jarvis Triple Science (Chemistry) B106B	Mrs Atkins Food C003	Mrs Atkins Food C003		
Mrs Melbourne Combined science (Higher 1101/11P2) B104	Mrs Melbourne Triple science (11P1) B104	Mr Anderson NCFE B103	Mr Anderson NCFE B103	Mr Kozak Maths (Foundation) B106A		Mr Rutherford NCFE B103	Mr Rutherford NCFE B103		
English consultant Aiming for Grade 5 B105A	Mrs Taylor Combined science Foundation B105A	English consultant Grade 5 or above B105A	English consultant Aiming for Grade 5 B105A	Mr Pearson History B105A		Mr Pearson History B105A			
Mrs Dolny Maths (Higher) B106B	Mrs Shanthan Maths (Crossover) B108A	Mrs Kyriacou English B106B		Mrs Segurini French B105B		Mr Wilson Spanish B105B			
Ms Garrad Combined science Foundation B105B		Mrs Umeokoli Maths (Higher P1/Q1) B104				Mr Kozak Maths (Foundation) B106A			
Dr Donkor Maths (Higher) B108A		Dr Donkor Maths (Higher) B108A							

No sessions

Year 13 February Half-term timetable									
Mon 16th Feb AM	Mon 16th Feb PM	Tues 17th Feb AM	Tues 17th Feb PM	Wed 18th Feb AM	Wed 18th Feb PM	Thur 19th Feb AM	Thur 19th Feb PM	Fri 20th Feb AM	Fri 20th Feb PM
9.30-11.30	12-2pm	9.30-11.30	12-2pm	9.30-11.30	12-2pm	9.30-11.30	12-2pm	9.30-11.30	12-2pm
Ms Holmes Sociology B003	Ms Holmes Sociology B003			Mrs Shepley Psychology B003	Mrs Shepley Psychology B003	Economics Consultant B107	Economics Consultant B107		
Mr Pearson History B106A	Mr Pearson History B106A			Mr Jarvis Chemistry B107					
	Mrs Dolny Maths B106B								

No sessions

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all the staff who have agreed to give up some of their holiday time, to come in and support the students so they can achieve beyond expectations.

You can find the full timetable, along with more information about it, on our academy website.

Mrs Navanya Shanthan

Assistant Principal Anderson College and Raising Standards Lead

Upcoming events

- 23/2/26 - Start of Module 4
- 25/2-11/3 - Y11 & 13 PPE Exams
- 4/3/26 - Year 9 Options Showcase Event (in-person at the academy, 4-5.30pm)
- 26/3/26 - Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening (in-person)
- 2/4/26 - Ski Trip Departs
- 2/4/26 - End of Module 4

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

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Academy Notices

A reminder regarding the Year 11 and Year 13 half term intervention sessions; these are a really valuable resource to help prepare for upcoming examinations - please take advantage of the offer and attend the sessions you have been invited to. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Shanthan for more information.

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