



Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

NEWSLETTER 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

A very warm welcome to the first school newsletter of the new academic year. I hope you enjoyed a lovely summer. A particularly special welcome to parents of children new to our school - those joining us in Year 7 and those whose children are joining us in other year groups. We all look forward to working with you over the next few years to ensure your child achieves their very best both academically and across the wider life of the school.

We have had a very busy summer with building work going on throughout the holiday period to convert two classrooms into state-of-the-art science laboratories and one of our squash courts into a general teaching room. This is part of the planned building program to accommodate the additional children we are taking into our year 7 groups because of the extensive building work in the local area. Later this term, we are having an additional teaching block built near the Astro pitch which will have six teaching rooms. The school expansion will keep the school at a size small enough to ensure all children feel part of the school community but large enough to ensure we can continue to provide an extensive curriculum for all children with excellent teaching facilities for all.

WELCOME CLASS OF
2023



Year 11 came into school in late August to receive their GCSE results – in a year where the Government kept true to its word and took pass levels back to 2019 pre- COVID levels, our pupils did extremely well, with results higher across the board than in 2019. There were some outstanding results for many pupils, and many tears of joy were shed, as the year group had really felt the pressure from the media over the summer with contradicting messages as to how they were going to be graded. My thanks to all our 2023 Year 11 families for the support they have given us over the years, and for working with us through the COVID years and beyond to help the year group focus on their exams. On behalf of everyone at Longridge High School, our very best wishes to the class of 2023 for your futures.

Our new year 7 have settled into high school life really well – they are enjoying school and I am very grateful to pupils in other groups for helping them find their way around school. For parents of children in year 7, we would like to invite you to a Welcome to Year 7 Evening on Tuesday 26th September. 5.30pm – 6.30pm. There will also be a chance to meet your child's form tutor on 12th October at 4pm. Details to follow.

We are all looking forward to a productive and exciting year at Longridge High School, and I would like to thank you in advance for your support – it is by working together that we ensure the very best for all children at our school.

As always, please get in touch if there is anything you want to ask or for any support you think we might be able to offer.

Kind Regards **Jane Green** Headteacher



Longridge Sports Centre

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SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hours: 5pm until 10pm weekdays. Saturday & Sundays 9am until 11am or by appointment
Football, Squash, Yoga, Pilates, Badminton, Dance Studio, Tang So Do, Table Tennis and so much more!



Mr Brown, Mr Cross, Mr Dandy, Miss Beswick, Ms Knox, Mr Clarke, Miss Seaton, Mrs Cowie, Mrs Clarke, Miss Bootle



Mrs Saunders, Mrs Wooller, Mrs Richardson

WELCOME TO OUR FABULOUS NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The start of a new term is always the time to welcome staff new to the school. In line with the school expanding, we have not only been able to replace staff who have left in the summer, but also employ additional staff, both teaching and non-teaching, to further support our pupils. A very warm welcome to Mr Dandy and Mr Clarke who join the Maths Department; Miss Bootle and Mrs Cowie who join the Science Department; Mrs Mellor - Clark who joins the English Department; Mr Cross who joins both the English and Humanities Departments; Miss Beswick who is our new Curriculum Leader for Food Technology; Ms Knox and Miss Thornton who join the Modern Foreign Languages Department and Mr Brown who joins the PE Department.

We also welcome two teaching assistants, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Wooller, and two pastoral support officers, Mrs Seaton and Mrs Saunders. In addition, Mrs Haigh on reception.

We all wish them the very best for their futures at Longridge High School.



In the last week of the summer holidays, we welcomed 48 of our new Year 7's onto our summer school programme. This was an opportunity for pupils to familiarise themselves with the school, meet some of their teachers and support staff, and an opportunity to make new friends. The week was planned to help build pupils' confidence and help them with the transition from primary to high school. Summer school is a key part of a comprehensive induction programme to help our new Year 7's settle into life at Longridge High School. The week consisted of some curriculum-based activities such as English; where pupils wrote a review of their week; Geography and History where pupils took part in a range of humanities-based activities to get to know each other; Food Technology, where pupils prepared and cooked pizzas and finally PE in which pupils enjoyed cricket and dodgeball. Pupils also had the opportunity to take advantage of the outdoor facilities at Hothersall Lodge. All pupils enjoyed two half-days at Hothersall, working in teams to make new friends and build confidence and resilience in preparation for high school. Canoeing, climbing and the zip line were the activities pupils enjoyed this year and the instructors commented on the brilliant attitude and manners of all our new pupils. It was a really enjoyable week, and the pupils were a credit to their parents/ carers and to Longridge High School. Well done to all involved for contributing to a fantastic experience. A special thank you to Mrs Jackson, Mr Anyon, Mr Booth, Miss Dobson and Mrs Edwardson-Pye for organising all the activities in school and supporting the pupils throughout the week.

Mr Wright



EXAM JOY FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

The class of 2023 collected their GCSE and Cambridge National certificates a couple of weeks ago. They achieved great success, both on an individual level and across the year group, and we all wish them the very best as they move onto college, apprenticeships and the world of work. Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023. Details will be sent out in due course, and we all look forward to catching up with the year group and their families at this event.

