



Longridge High School

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NEWSLETTER 7th October 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

A very Happy New Year from everyone at Longridge High School and I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas break.

The term has begun well, with pupils returning from the break focused on their learning. This week, Year 8 form tutors have been meeting with children in their tutor groups to discuss their recent progress checks. This is a new initiative this academic year, with each year group meeting with their form tutors on a one-to-one basis to talk through their current progress, and action planning in terms of how to improve over the next few months. The Year 8 pupils have given some excellent feedback on the new curriculum; they are enjoying the challenges of new books such as Animal Farm and Jane Eyre in English.

Year 11 completed their first round of mock exams before Christmas, and their reviews will focus on improvements needed for their next set of exams in March. All pupils in Year 11 will be offered a comprehensive revision programme in their subjects, which may be after school or on a Saturday. Once the programme has been finalised, a copy will be available on Synergy and on the school website. Next Wednesday, Year 11 will be taking part in a careers morning at school, where they will have the opportunity to talk to employers about interview skills, CVs as well as looking at their options post 16 and beyond. A reminder that Year 11 Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 19th January 4pm – 7pm, in school. It is really important that parents/ carers attend this event, as we move into the last few months of school for the year group before their GCSE examinations.

Year 9, will be starting to look at options for Year 10 over the next couple of weeks – we will be hosting an Options Evening for parents/ carers on Thursday 9th February – full details to follow. You will also be able to make appointments to see your child's Maths, English and Science teachers on that evening.

As you will be aware, we will be having a new building over the next couple of years to accommodate additional numbers of children due to increased demand in the area for school places. We will also be having some internal remodelling of classrooms to give us two additional Science labs and an additional Music/performance space. The architects are very keen to include pupils in the design process, and yesterday two groups of children met with the architects to look at environmental considerations and also to design a piece of artwork for the new building. The young people thoroughly enjoyed their experience, and the architects took their ideas and designs away to use in their planning.

Finally, if you are interested in applying to become the **Goosnargh & Whittingham Festival King or Queen** please contact Judith on **07484231549** to find out more information and to register your interest.

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



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YEAR 7 PERSONAL FINANCE ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Kerry Houghton & Harish Patel from SIPP & IDF Financial Services

The learning objectives from the assembly were:

What is meant by Personal Finance?

Personal Finance is about you and your money. How you keep it safe, how you spend it, how you save it (for now and for the future) & the decisions that you make about saving or spending.

Debit cards - Most bank and building society accounts offer you a debit card, you can use your card in place of cash to pay for things. You can also use it to withdraw cash from an ATM & your card is linked directly to your account and the money is taken out almost immediately.

Credit cards - Credit is when you borrow money instead of spending your own. You pay back the amount you have borrowed later and may be charged interest. There is nothing wrong with credit if you use it properly and make sure you can pay the money back!

Why managing your money matters

The most common cause of stress is money, followed by work, health concerns, failure to get enough sleep this is why it is very important to learn at a young age how to manage your money.



You must be 18 before you can get credit.



YOU CANNOT SPEND MONEY YOU DON'T HAVE

If you think that you might be tempted to spend too much, then you can ask your parents/carers to:

- ❖ Turn off in-app purchases.
- ❖ Require a password immediately.
- ❖ Set up your own account and link it to a pre-paid card or a gift card so you can only spend the money that you have.

Watch out for so-called free apps they may have hidden costs!

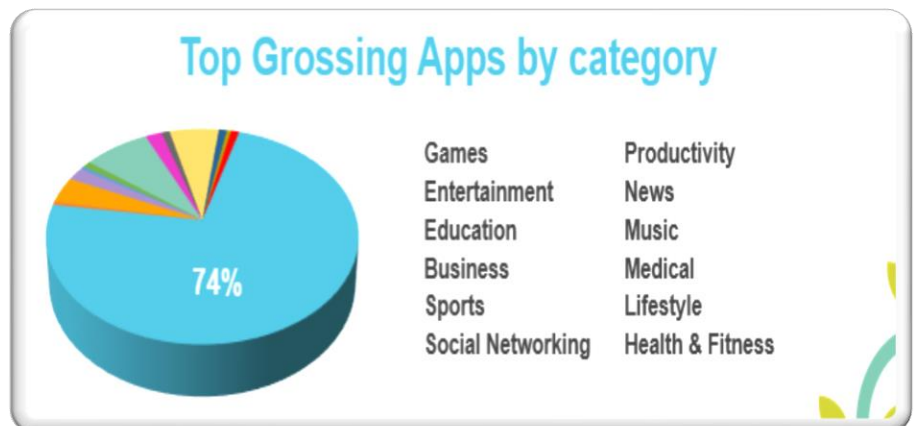
An **in-app purchase** is any extra charge above the cost of downloading the app. Many in-app purchases give you access to additional features, virtual currency, extra lives, or you may need to pay a subscription to use the app after a free trial ends.

Next steps...

Ask yourself some key questions:



- Could I start a budget planner?
- Do I save regularly? If not could I start to?
- Do I understand the benefits of managing my money well?
- Do I know where I can find out more information about money?





School closes for Half Term - Thursday 9th February

School closed - Inset Day - Friday 10th February

School re-opens - Monday 20th February

School closes for Easter - Thursday 30th March

School closed - Inset Day - Friday 31st March

School re-opens - Monday 17th April

School closed - Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May

School closed - Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May

School closes for Half Term - Friday 26th May

School re-opens - Monday 5th June

School closed - Inset Day - Friday 30th June

School closes for Summer - Friday 21st July (12:30pm)

Well done to Issac Rose from 7G

Issac came first in our Alphabet Art Challenge!

