



# Longridge High School

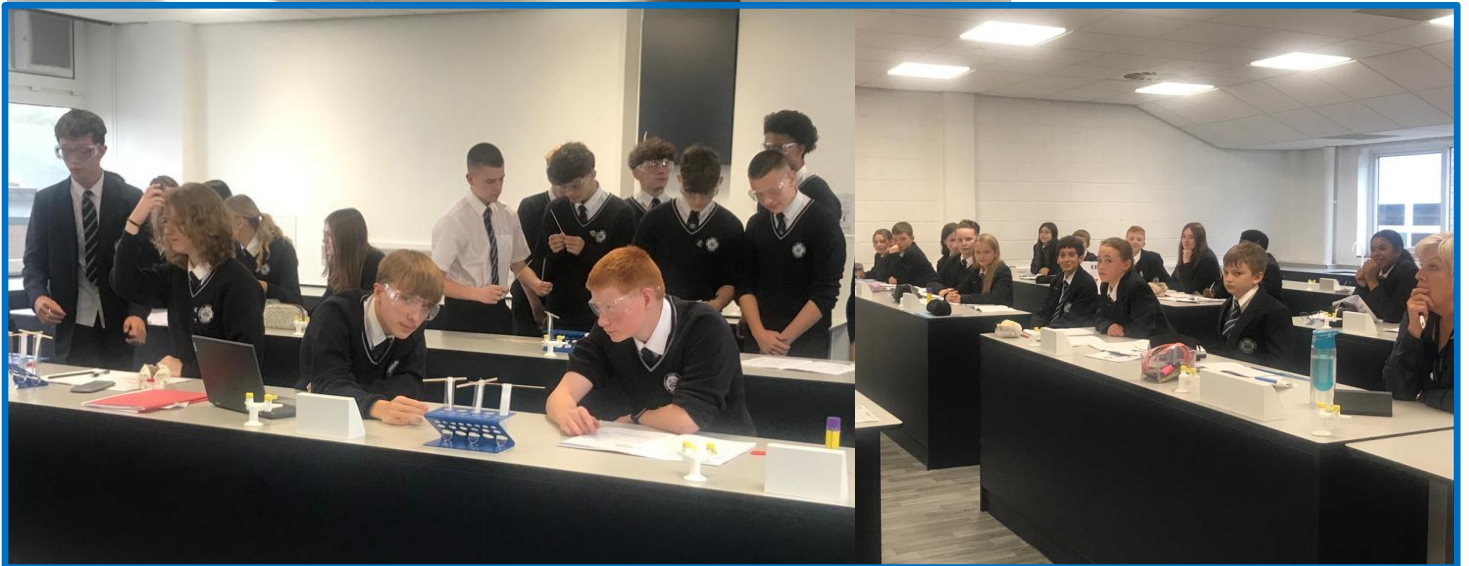
Excellence and ambition from all, for all

NEWSLETTER 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted to say that **Longridge High School** is now a member of the **Bay Learning Trust**. Last Tuesday, Sally Kenyon, Chief Executive Officer of the Trust, came into to school to meet staff and welcome the school into the Trust. As a school, we have been working with the Trust for the last two years, and we were delighted to be asked by the Trust to join them in their family of schools. Each school in the Trust retains its own unique identity, whilst working together in a genuine partnership to continue to develop and ensure all our pupils achieve excellence in all they do. We will also still retain some ties with Lancashire County Council, particularly in terms of our admissions criteria and processes – all admissions will still be through Lancashire County Council, and our admission arrangements remain the same.

**Professor John Crewdson, Chair of the Board of Directors at the Bay Learning Trust**, in the October Bay Learning Trust newsletter, says, 'The positive impact that our Trust is having on the quality of the educational experience offered to our pupils and on their life chances is increasingly being recognised. Today we welcome another secondary school, Longridge High School, into our trust. Longridge is the first of our schools in our South Lancashire Hub. Longridge is a very well-resourced over-subscribed school and will be a great addition to our expanding community.'



I am very pleased to say that phase 1 of our building development has now been completed. Two existing classrooms have been converted into science labs, and one squash court has been converted into a general teaching room. In addition, the **Georgina Collinson Well-Being Centre** is nearly completed. Georgina was a pupil at LHS. A fabulous pupil, Georgina sadly lost her life shortly after leaving school in an accident. The Collinson family have raised £14,500 in memory of Georgina for the school to create a Well-Being Centre for our pupils. We are hoping to officially open this centre next month.

We enjoyed a very busy **Open Morning** last Tuesday, and it was an absolute pleasure to take families around the school on a normal school day. Families went into lessons and were very complimentary about our children and staff. Every week I spend time visiting lessons, and it is a pleasure to see pupils engaged with their learning, and staff enjoying their teaching. Pupils interact with each other and with their teachers in a mature and respectful manner, and the quality of work in their books is really impressive.

Last week we held a **Year 7 evening** for families to come along and find out more information about the school and how to support their child through their years at high school. The event was well attended, and Mrs Gibson, Deputy Head Teacher in charge of the Quality of Education, spoke about the curriculum, how we ensure children are making progress and how to support children with their homework. Mr Sutcliffe, Deputy Head Teacher in charge of pupil welfare, behaviour and development, spoke about the importance of regular attendance at school and how the rewards and behaviour systems work. It was lovely to meet everyone, and we all look forward to meeting you again on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October when you are invited into school to meet your child's form tutor. Appointments can be made for this on Synergy.

Year 10 pupils enjoyed a trip to Stratford Upon Avon last week. On Wednesday they explored the town, including a trip to Shakespeare's birthplace. After a meal at Bella Italia, they watched a performance of Macbeth at the Swan Theatre. Refreshed after a good night's sleep at the local youth hostel, they then visited Holy Trinity Church, where the bard is buried, before experiencing a lesson in a classroom sixteenth century style.

Many pupils are auditioning for the school's upcoming production of FROZEN. Performances will be in April 2024. In addition, we will be having a school Christmas show, showcasing musical talent from across all year groups – details to follow in the next newsletter, which will be with you on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Dates for the remainder of this term:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 11 parents' evening

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School re-opens

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Photos

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Inset Day (**Pupils not in School**)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – GCSE Presentation Evening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Inset Day (**Pupils not in school**)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – School Closes at 12.30pm for the Christmas Holidays

*A polite request – could parents/carers who either drop off or pick up their children from LHS please not park on the road opposite the school in front of the six private residences. Residents have complained that it is affecting the access and egress from their properties and in some cases damaging their gardens. Please find alternative places to park where other people are not affected.*

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



### Football News

#### Year 11

Huge congratulations to the Year 11s who managed to wrap up the Preston schools' football league title on Wednesday 4th October with a narrow-fought victory against Broughton High School.

En route to winning the league the Year 11s won convincingly away at Our Lady's (6-1) and won on the road again against Archbishop Temple (6-1).

**Huge congratulations to all those involved in helping Longridge win another School Title!**

#### Year 10's

The year 10 Lancashire cup campaign is now underway after a close game away at St Augustine's last week.

The team put 6 past a vigilant St Augustine's side who replied with 3 goals. Congratulations on the 6-3 win and we await to see who we are to play in the next round.

#### Year 9

The year 9's lost their opening game of the league losing narrowly 2-1 to a good Broughton side. The team defended superbly and a well taken free kick led to a Longridge goal but was not enough to secure any points on this case.

Great performance to those involved and good luck with the rest of the games.

#### Year 8

The year 8 football team kickstarted their campaign away at Fulwood High School and hit the ground running with a convincing win.

The team still have numerous games to go in the league season and we wish them the best of luck in their remaining games.

#### Lancashire Cup Fixtures

All fixtures from Year 7-11 have been drawn and are on their way to being played over the coming weeks.

#### Football Outside of School

Over the past couple of weeks certain boys have been selected to go and trial for the Preston District side. A great achievement for all those involved and good luck to those who have progressed through to the second stage.

In addition to this, we also have 4 boys nominated to go and trial for Lancashire this week. This is an outstanding achievement!



### Netball News

Massive well done to the year 9 girls who play Netball together outside of school in the Lancashire Juniors. Their season is 3 games in, and they have got off to a good start winning 2 of those 3 games.

Well done girls; keep up the hard work!

#### Extra - Curricular

Our extra-curricular timetable has been well underway for over 3 weeks now. Massive appreciation to those attending every week and we hope you all continue with your commitment and hard work.

If you would like to get involved in anything extra - curricular wise for PE, all you need to do is bring kit and trainers and come along to any evening below.