



Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many thanks to you all for your support last week following the fire at Butler's Cheeses. In conjunction with St Cecilia's High School, and on the advice of the fire service, both schools closed on Tuesday 7th November. This was due to smoke pollution affecting classrooms and the school environment, as well as debris from the fire littering the school sites, making them unsafe. On Wednesday 8th November, both schools closed at lunchtime due to the wind changing direction and smoke affecting staff and pupils. On Thursday morning, a site inspection at 6.30am indicated that smoke and debris were no longer an issue. Many thanks to our site staff for clearing all the debris. I would also like to thank the fire service for keeping us informed and reiterate that our thoughts go out to everyone affected by the fire. As always, the true community spirit of Longridge was at its best, with St Wilfrid's Centre providing support on the night for all those having to evacuate, and the Salvation Army providing refreshments for residents and the emergency services.



The true sense of community was evident again at Remembrance weekend. On Friday 10th November, we came together as a school community to remember all those who have suffered and died in conflict in service of our country to protect our freedom and the freedom of people in other countries. Mrs Carol Shorrocks, who served in the British Army, read *the Exhortation* and then the *Kohima Epitaph* which followed the Last Post. On Sunday 12th November. It was a privilege to join in with Longridge's Remembrance Sunday Parade. Senior Prefects Erin Fitton, Patsy Holden, Charlotte Rule and Josh Birch represented the school, with Charolette and Josh laying a wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the school. Richard Walters represented the school with the Cubs, and several other pupils marched with the Army and Air Cadets. We are extremely proud of all of them, and also of Year 11 pupil Ben Readman, who read the Act of Commitment at St Pauls' Church following the parade.



Year 11 had their school photographs taken last week – how these five years have flown by! They are currently into their assessment week and are working extremely hard. Their resilience and commitment will serve them well and we wish them all the best in the months leading up to their GCSE examinations and Cambridge Nationals. The class of 2023 return to school on Wednesday for Presentation Evening where they will be presented with GCSE certificates and school prizes. This is going to be a particularly memorable evening as special guests all started at the school in 1959 when it first opened. As you may be aware, we are celebrating our 65-year Anniversary this academic year, and we are honoured to have three ex pupils and a member of staff from 1959 who will be presenting awards and making speeches on the night! Details to follow in the next newsletter.

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



WELL DONE TOBY GILMORE!

Congratulations on your nomination for the Active Lancashire Awards 2023. We are so pleased to hear that you have been nominated to represent the **Ribble Valley** in the **Young Achiever of the Year** category!



Congratulations to the pupils who took part in the **Pan de Muerto Bake Off Competition** this week to celebrate Día de los Muertos. The breads all looked fantastic, and it was a very tight vote!

Felicitaciones to our Star Baker: Rowan in Year 9 and well done to our runners up: Ruby (Y9), Jessica (Y9), Rhea (Y7) and Yara (Y8)

Bravo to staff who have also taken part at home: Mr Anyon, Mrs Jackson and Ms Goudard!



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FOR PUPILS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DOING THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD YOU CAN NOW COMPLETE YOUR VOLUNTEERING SECTION BY RAISING MONEY FOR HEATBEAT.

See Mrs Bridge for details.

Heartbeat will provide a fundraising pack which is full of ideas and a planner to get started. Your students will be given support throughout & on completion they will receive a Heartbeat hero medal & certificate.

For more information email: fundraising@heartbeat-nwcc.org.uk



U12's Tom Garth Cody Humphrey, U13's Ben Connaughton, Jake Sturzaker, Brayden Anderson, U14's Will Pegrum, Sam Smith, Tristan Walmsley, U15's Ben Robertshaw

Well done to the pupils who have been selected to represent Preston City at football for the 2023-24 season. Each of these pupils have been nominated by the PE Department at Longridge High School and have come through a rigorous selection process, including 10 schools from across Preston. Each trial included 50 or more pupils who had all been identified as talented footballers and therefore nominated from their respective schools to attend district trials. It is an outstanding achievement to be chosen to represent their district and these pupils should be extremely proud of their achievements. The county squads are chosen from the district teams and some of the pupils below will have the opportunity to trial for the county at the end of the season. Once again, congratulations to all the pupils who have been selected! In the next addition of the newsletter, we will be announcing the girls who have been selected to represent the District as we are awaiting confirmation of one of the age categories.

Our U16s Basketball team won their opening fixture in the Lancashire Cup beating Armfield Academy 45-15.



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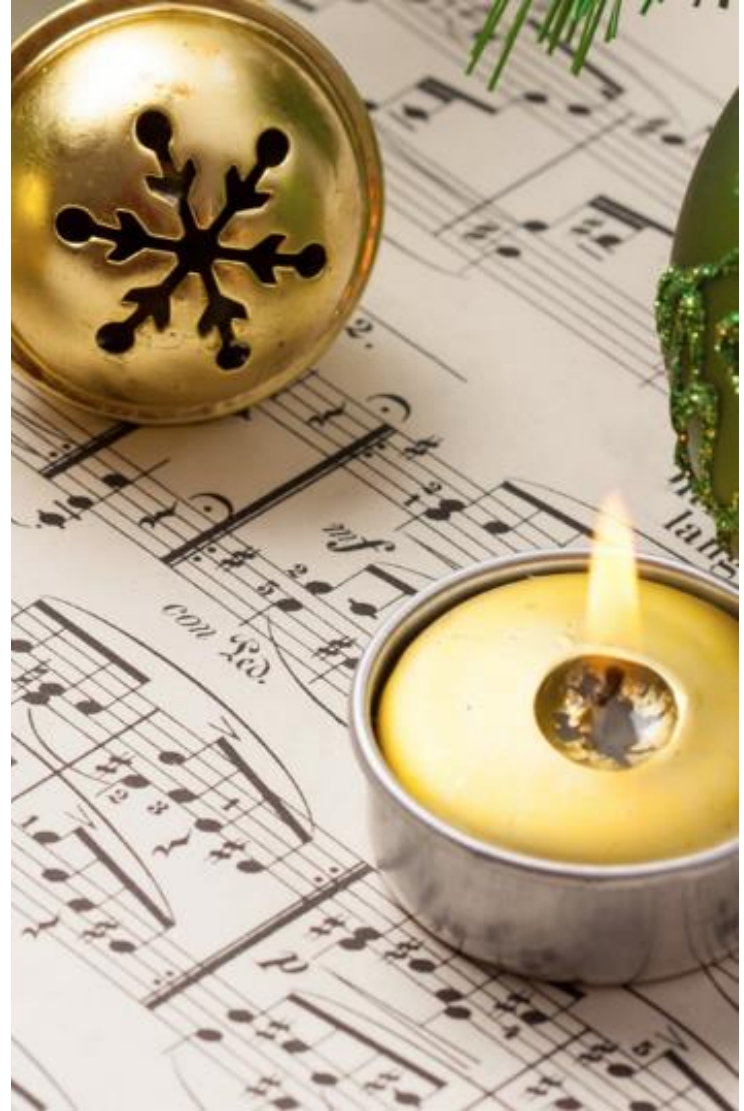
Christmas Concert 2023

December 14th, 2023
Curtain 7pm



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Bar & Refreshments all Evening
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*ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG
IN MEMORY OF
ANDREW KEY*



Mental Elf 2023 FESTIVE FUN RUN

Be a part of the county's best festive fun run experience and support people living with a mental health condition in Lancashire.



Witton Park, Blackburn
Sunday 3rd December
10am-2.30pm

- Tickets start from just £7
- 2k, 5k and 10k elf distances
- Surprise festive boosts at every kilometer
- Bespoke elf medal



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ANNIVERSARY 65 Years CELEBRATION

Longridge High School BIG SCHOOL REUNION

26th April 2024

6.30PM-11.30PM
LONGRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Past pupils and staff since 1959 welcome

- Hot Pot Supper
- Live Entertainment
Geno and Hayley Eccles
- Licensed Bar

Tickets
£10

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