



# Longridge High School

NEWSLETTER 22nd November 2024

## GOOD LUCK TO THIS YEAR'S CLASS OF 2025



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks, with Year 11 in the middle of their first set of GCSE/ Cambridge National mock examinations. They are very focused and engaged with their exams, which is very pleasing. Last year's Year 11 will be returning to school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November for their GCSE Presentation Evening. I am delighted to say that BBC news presenter Steve Saul will be our special guest for the evening.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Mr Wright and Mrs Taylor, along with Katrina Lancaster, Alicia Gildert, Jack Greaves and Eddie Birch, represented the school in the Remembrance Parade, laying a wreath at the war memorial. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Mr Sutcliffe took Fyn Hetko and Louisa Worden to represent the school at the war memorial as the Longridge community observed the national two-minute silence. In school, staff and pupils came together in a Remembrance Assembly, with Lauren Garth in Year 11, playing the Last Post, and Natasha Evans, Year 10 and a member of the sea cadets, reciting Laurence Binyon's 'To the Fallen' and then the Kohima. It was extremely moving to hear the Last Post echoing through the school corridors, as the school paid its own respects.

Mr Booth and the Eco Group had a fantastic surprise last week when they received a personal letter from Sir David Attenborough. The group had written to Sir David with their concerns for the future of the planet. He responded immediately, thanking them for their thoughts and concerns. See pictures inside this newsletter!

It seems as if the school has been a building site for ever – and the new build something we have all watched from a distance! However, it is nearly completed – and it is fantastic. The six classrooms are light and spacious, as are the corridors. There are two sets of toilets and a staff work room, as well as a lift to ensure accessibility for all. We will be receiving the keys in the next couple of weeks. The History and RE Departments will be moving into the rooms in the weeks leading up to Christmas, and they are extremely excited about this. The Modern Foreign Languages Department will be moving into the North Block, which means that all Departments are fully suited. The re-roofing of the school continues, which means that scaffolding will still remain around the school for the time being.

This Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, school will be closed to all pupils as staff will be taking part in a Bay Learning Trust INSET day. School will reopen at the usual time on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Then begins the lead up to Christmas, with the Christmas Performing Arts' show on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please come and join us to kick off the festivities and enjoy a great show and a mince pie or two! On 13<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having Jumpers for Joel Day, to raise money for Derian House Children's Hospice. Staff and pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or T shirt and make a £1 donation. Pupils can wear this in place of their school jumper / blazer, but they need to wear the rest of their uniform.

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 Remembers 2024



Longridge High School pupils attended the service at the village cenotaph following a walk around Longridge on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> November to lay our wreath in remembrance of the fallen. Mr Wright accompanied Katrina Lancaster, Alicia Gildert, Jack Greaves and Eddie Birch, who were representing the school.

On Monday whilst Mrs Green held a two-minute silence at school and pupils watched an on line assembly detailing the importance of the poppy, Fyn Hetko and Louisa Worden (pictured) laid our second wreath at the cenotaph with Mr Sutcliffe.

**WIN  
£50!**

Educake is hosting a contest where 5 lucky students will receive a £50 One4all gift card. All you have to do is log in each week between now and the end of term and complete a quiz using the Revision Wizard.

Link to more information

<https://www.educake.co.uk/student-revision-contest-revise-and-win-a-prize/>



*"We often talk of saving our planet, but the truth is we must do these things to save ourselves."*

*David Attenborough*



Over the last few weeks, our **ECO Club** have been writing letters to Sir David Attenborough. The sessions have been based on his documentaries and his life over the years. A number of pupils from years 7-10 sent letters to Sir David, in the hope of acknowledgment.

Within six days, we received a letter from the great man himself thanking them for their thoughts about the future of our planet!

This has been a magnificent achievement for our school and the pupils were absolutely delighted.





Year 10 GCSE Art pupils had a great day as Blackpool Sealife Centre last month. This is an annual event where the pupils can draw from life (*primary sourced*) which benefits their GCSE project tremendously. Their final pieces which will be in ceramic, and will be featured in a future in a future newsletter. The pupils were a credit to the school as always.





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Year 10 Health & Social Care Groups visited the Lancashire Teaching Hospital at Chorley for a career inspired day. Our pupils got the chance to meet real NHS Professionals from a wide range of departments including Doctors, Nurses, Physiotherapists and nonclinical roles such as HR, Finance and many more. The idea is that they were able to learn all about the different career opportunities available to them when they leave school, as Lancashire Teaching Hospital is one of the largest employers in the Northwest.

The pupils took part in engaging activities, Q & A sessions, presentations and gained a valuable insight into what qualifications they would need to pursue certain career paths. Pupils also had the chance to do some Basic Life Support Training and immersive learning with VR headsets which simulate real-world scenarios within the medical profession.

Comments from pupils: -

‘The range of activities were excellent!’

‘I particularly enjoyed the interactive activities.’

‘I learnt more about the career options, within health care and the different routes to them.’

‘I received lot of information about apprenticeships.’

*Longridge High School would like to thank all the professionals involved in delivering this event, especially Gary who was extremely helpful.*







## SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024

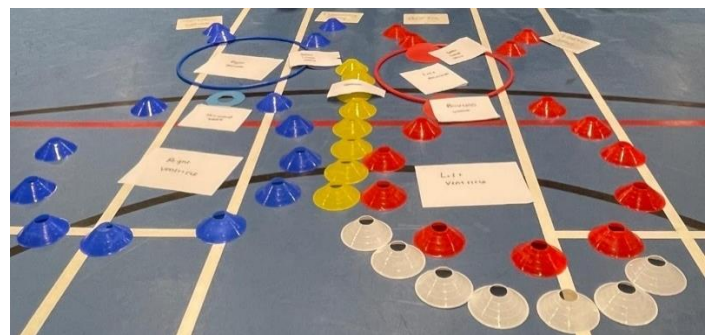
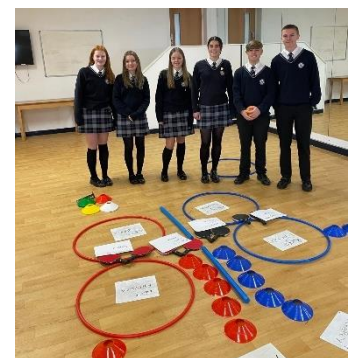
Thank you to all the forms that contributed towards the shoebox appeal 2024! A fantastic charity which helps light up a child's Christmas Day by receiving at least one present. In total we had 31 shoeboxes sent and raised close to £200 which helped the shoeboxes arrive at their distribution destination.

### Curriculum Focus – GCSE PE

In GCSE PE this term, Year 10 have been learning about how the body works and all pupils have developed core knowledge of the skeletal and muscular systems. Pupils have looked in depth as to how these body systems work together to create movement. To complement the theme of movement, pupils have also studied movement analysis, and have learnt about levers, planes of movement, and axes of rotation.

To conclude the anatomy and physiology section of the curriculum, they have moved on to the cardiovascular system. This week pupils have been learning about the structure of the heart and the pathway of the blood.

To consolidate this knowledge, pupils had the opportunity to build a heart out of sports equipment. The pupils had to use the equipment to create the chambers of the heart, blood vessels and valves. Each group then had to identify the different parts of the heart by labelling each component and then describe the pathway of blood to the other groups.



### School Parliament elections

This week we held School Parliament elections in the Dance Studio. Form Tutors shared campaign videos with their form groups and then pupils were asked to vote for one candidate in the election. The Year 10 House Captains facilitated the vote – and they were superb! The results of the election will be announced on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November before the first School Parliament meeting.

