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24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

This letter comes to you at a time when restrictions around the country are about to be lifted and outlines for you, Mr Thompson's initial plans to fulfil the existing 'virtual' commitments for school events, as we look forward to welcoming you back into the building, in person, from mid-February 2022 and beyond.

In addition, Miss Eldrington will outline for us the school's plans for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022, as we pay our respects for the tragically short life of our much-missed former pupil Harvey McWilliams.

## School Events News from Mr Thompson

As Mr Lindsay mentioned, we are currently planning to fulfil the existing virtual commitments for Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 and the second Options Evening on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Following these events, we aim to return to face-to-face events within school. As previously, we will issue further information in the run up to each event.

## Commemoration of Harvey McWilliams from Miss Eldrington

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 marks the celebration and life of former pupil, Harvey McWilliams. Harvey was a much-loved pupil, not only for his kind and friendly nature, but his wonderful attitude and determination to try his best in every aspect of school life. His former teachers described him as conscientious and a hard worker, who strived to reach the top grades in his coursework and exams, and a key part of the of Longfield School Football Team. Mr Raw will always remember his commitment to train hard and his desire to improve both as a player and a pupil. His passion for football and school sport allowed Harvey to improve as a player. Harvey was a determined defender who was fast, strong and committed. He was an asset to the school team and will always be remembered for these positive attributes.

On Friday, as a school, we will remember Harvey. Staff and pupils will honour Harvey with a period of applause in school during We Are Longfield time. Following this, members of staff, on behalf of the whole school, will line Longfield Road to pay our respects to the funeral procession; before Mr Lindsay - Head of School, represents Longfield Academy's staff and pupils, both past and present as he joins Harvey's friends and family at the funeral.

I'm sure the Longfield Community will join with us in offering our deepest sympathy at this sad time.

## A final note from Mr Lindsay – Head of School

We are living in unprecedented times, and it has been really difficult for society across the globe in the past couple of years.



I see this as the ideal opportunity for us all to ponder anew what the power of collective community can do.

The potential of the young people in these streets is immeasurable, their personality and zest for life, inquisitive sense of humour and adaptability gives them the potential to change destinies, shape futures and make an indelible and positive imprint on the future of the society they will shape around us.

We look forward to a positive and successful 2022

Please do not hesitate to contact school on 01325 380815 if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N Lindsay', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Lindsay

Head of School