

#WE ARE LONGFIELD FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE



Careers, Community and Post 16 Aspirations Coordinator - Mr J Raw

I have worked at Longfield Academy for over 15 years so if you are reading this there is every possibility that I may have taught you or someone you know. My service at Longfield has been enjoyable and many people may remember me as a PE teacher or Head of PE.

About three years ago I was given the responsibility to lead Career Education at the school and develop community cohesion. I must say on appointment I was extremely excited but also nervous. The word community can mean lots of diverse things to different people and the world we live in is changing fast!

A few things I have learnt from spending most of my working life in the North of Darlington is that all parents and carers want the best opportunities for their children and want them to fulfil their dreams. Due to the nature of the world we live in, certain barriers can restrict pupils' progress and their aspirations. As a school we are constantly striving to improve our welfare and curriculum offer as we genuinely want the best outcomes for all our pupils and families.

As a community we must grow closer together and help support all our young people. Please can all parents and carers ensure that their child has an impeccable attendance record, is punctual and organised for school. I often feel some of our pupils require additional support with this as a two-week timetable can be a little confusing. Message Monday on Facebook and My School APP are an excellent way to help pupils get organised ready for the week ahead.

As the Career Lead I view these skills as vital and developing these skills now will help them become more employable in the future. The large majority of our pupils are working fantastically well in school and the love for learning is evident in all curriculum areas. Please make sure you question your child about their learning at home and reinforce the value Education plays in increasing aspirations. Let's all be united in this!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

You Win, They Win competition:

Year 7 - Ethan (7RHI 1)
Year 8 - Nathan (8SHA 2)
Year 9 - Suha (9FAL 2)
Year 10 - Katie (10RHI 2)
Year 11 - Fin (11FAL 1)

Well done to all pupils!



APP SPOTLIGHT: TIK TOK

TikTok is a free social media app that lets you create, share, and watch short clips. The app is popular for viral dances and celeb cameos and is a creative and fun platform for all ages to enjoy. (Internet Matters, 2021)

The Dangers :

There are dangers associated with Tik Tok, as there is chance that children will see or hear inappropriate content on the app. Users can also be contacted by strangers as the accounts are by default set to public but only the people that follow the account can send private messages. For more information go to:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

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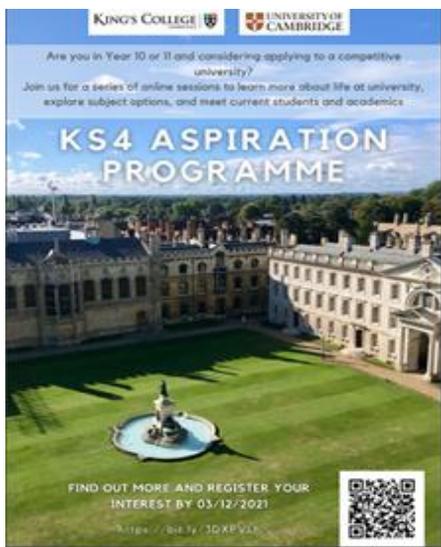
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CAREERS

Exciting opportunity for year 10 or 11 pupils who have aspirations of attending University.



START Profile: To help year 11 pupils to prepare for the applications workshop and college interviews you can use these modules on START [Start - Year 11 - Making Better Choices \(startprofile.com\)](https://startprofile.com)

Your username is your school email and if you don't know your password just choose the forgotten password option to set up a new password. All pupils have access to this exciting package!

If you require any further information please contact Mrs Smith Careers Advisor

YEAR 7 ENGAGEMENT EVENING

On Thursday the 18th of November we are hosting our second Year 7 Engagement Evening, this is for Year 7 Parents/Carers and their child to experience the different curriculum that will be taught to your child. The session will be delivered from the English Department and our Welfare team about the We Are Longfield Curriculum. There will be refreshments and a raffle on the evening, the evening starts at 4:30pm ending at 6:30pm. Please complete the following forms to confirm attendance

(<https://forms.office.com/r/ySefKm9c0Q>) We hope to see you there!

WHOLE SCHOOL LITERACY

As a school we value the importance reading plays in raising aspirations and fulfilling academic achievement. Please encourage your child to read at home and develop the love for reading. All the data suggests that improved literacy is linked to pupil progress in all curriculum areas.

All pupils have recently had their reading ages reviewed so teachers can help all pupils access their curriculum. These will be sent out to parents / carers next week. If you require further details please contact Mr Cadd.

The English department have also signed up 60 pupils for a national scheme which explores the power of literacy.

Pupils will attend 5 live workshops with professional authors, complete a book and complete two pieces of creative writing. to:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/national-teen-book-club/>.



CAREERS: YEAR 11

Y11 application workshop 24th November 2021 - during the school day pupils will be given the opportunity to meet with local providers (including colleges) to complete applications for September 2022.

QE initial guidance discussions - QE staff will be in school during the afternoon of the 12th January 2022 to carry out short meetings with each Y11 pupil who has applied to the college for September 2022.

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HOUSE RESULTS: WE ARE PROUD

Well done to all pupils who participated in extra-curricular activities and competitions last term. Attendance at clubs was really pleasing with most pupils embracing the new house system. Pupils achieved valuable points for their team by participating in a range of different activities and competitions organised by curriculum areas.

If you didn't get involved last term please look at the extra-curricular programme and get involved!

[Extra Curricular Clubs | Longfield Academy | Swift Academies](#)



SPORTS NEWS

Well done to William Chalmers and Harvey Gregory in year 8 who both play for Mowden Park RFC U13s. They had a tough game at Hartlepool Rovers on Sunday in very demanding conditions. Both pupils demonstrated the key characteristics of PROUD and worked extremely hard to support their team mates to come away with a victory.

Both William and Harvey have showed fantastic commitment over recent weeks by attending training on a regular basis and developing their skills.

Both lads are keen for more pupils to join them at Mowden RFC.



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