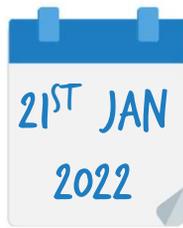


#WE ARE LONGFIELD FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE



HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone associated with Longfield Academy.

Although the school year begins in September, the new calendar year gives us all scope for reflection and renewal.

Please contact the school if we can help you and your family with any issues regarding the education and welfare of our children.

Please look out for letters and social media posts as we look to maximise the potential of all pupils and support each other to give them the best possible life opportunities.

There is a lot of pride in this community and I can understand why - I feel very proud and privileged to be afforded the opportunity to serve you all.

These are challenging times for everyone, and we must remember - the majority of our community has never lived through anything like this before.

I think we can look forward to brighter horizons by working together for better todays.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS

It was fantastic to see the Year 11 2021 leavers last week, as they picked up their GCSE certificates. Well done!

If you had your photo taken on the night and would like a copy, please email prutter@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk



APP SPOTLIGHT:



Twitch is a live streaming platform where millions of users can watch live streams or pre-recorded video gameplay. Other available channels users can watch include music, sports, esports, and food. (Internet Matters, 2021)

The Dangers:

There are dangers associated with Twitch as it is impossible to moderate the content so people may see violence or hear inappropriate language. As the stream is live it can mean that people are targeted by cyberbullies or trolls. There is also the option to chat and private message which could lead to grooming. For more information please go to:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Internet-Matters-Twitch-Parents-Guide-4.pdf>

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CONGRATULATIONS

to **Carmen Hall** (Year 11),
Longfield Academy's 'Austin
Brooks Youth Day Award'
nominee.

On Friday 14th January 2022,
Carmen joined pupils from
across Darlington at the virtual
'Austin Brooks Youth Day
Award' ceremony.

The ceremony celebrates one
Year 11 pupil from each
Darlington secondary school
and acknowledges their
'Selfless Behaviour and
Excellence'.

We feel privileged to have
Carmen as a pupil and we're
delighted to present her with
her certificate and book of
choice.

We hope you enjoy reading
'The Winter Garden' and
treasure it forever, you should
be super proud!



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ZENITH READING STARS

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This week we celebrate two of our 'Zenith Readers' Both pupils are reaching for the stars...they read a minimum of 13 novels a term WOW!!!

Miss V Foster, Teacher of English said...
"Emily Metcalfe is exceptional. She is simply a shining example of academic excellence and Jasmine Robertson-Hawes is without doubt Longfield's top reader. She is a star!"



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YEAR 11 CAREERS

Well done to all the pupils who attended their initial discussions with QE last week and were offered a place.

We had some lovely feedback from QE staff about you all. Please remember two things... 1) always have a back up plan just in case your circumstances change and 2) hard work always pays off!

We expect great things from the class of 2022. If you require any further Careers advice please see Mrs Smith or Mr Raw.



YEAR 11 REVISION

Our Year 11 form tutors all received their Year 11 Revision Boxes full of revision goodies for pupils - coloured pens, flashcard boxes and flashcards and stationery to keep them going on their revision journey!

MIDDLESBROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB

Longfield Academy welcomed back former pupil Harry Spence last week. Harry is now working at Middlesbrough Football Club as a Education Officer. He will be working with Year 8 pupils delivering the MFC Premier League Inspire Programme.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone Year 10 Work experience week due to Covid-19. We are hoping to run WEX week WB 16th May 2022.

The Careers Team is working hard to notify all employers about this date change. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.



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In December, the school received 2290 Grow Tokens through Morrison's 'Good to Grow' scheme. This fantastic scheme meant that the schools 'Good Life Project' could receive free tools and seeds for the school garden. With the tokens received, we ordered the following: -

- 1 x Wheelbarrow
- 2 x Trowels
- 1 x Hand Folk
- 2 x Pumpkin Atlantic Giant (Seeds)
- 1 x Squash (Spaghetti) Vegetable (Seeds)



2022 RSPB BIRD WATCH

In 2021, more than one million people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch, all coming together to look out for birds. Why not join in and be one in a million for 2022?

Shockingly, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years, so it really is vital we do all we can to look after our birdlife.

As a conservation charity, the RSPB depend on your support to save nature and to look after places where wildlife can thrive. By taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch, you can also make a difference. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

How to take part in Big Garden Birdwatch

The link below will give you instruction on how to take part, as well as give you a guide so you can tell difference between a chaffinch and a tit!

https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?sourcecode=BWMITH0230&utm_source=google&utm_medium=ppcad&utm_content=guide_request_various&utm_campaign=birdwatch2043&gclid=EA1alQobChMIzoWa-pgs9QIVWe3tCh2ZUwaxEAAAYASAAEgKGkVd_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

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With the help of our pupils and their families,
we raised £418.74
for Save the Children and the 2021 Christmas
Jumper campaign.

(£93.00 online and £325.74 in school)

100% of the money raised will be given to
Save the Children.

Thank you!



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Instagram:

<https://longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk/instagram-accounts/>

