



Longdean Link

Headlines

Edition 4– 18 November 2016

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

Welcome back after the extended half term break. It is good to see the students back after the holiday and to see how quickly they have settled back into the routine of lessons. I would like to thank all parents and guardians for their patience, support and understanding with the revised term and holiday dates.

As you know our holidays changed due to the delay with our new building but I am delighted to report that we are on course to move into our new school over the Christmas period. A number of staff and students have visited the school recently and the feedback has been very positive. There is no doubt that these buildings will provide an environment that the students and staff deserve. I will be writing to all parents later this half term with the final details regarding the end of this term and the start of the Spring Term in January 2017.

This promises to be a very busy half term with our move taking place alongside the usual events. This half term sees the majority of subjects completing coursework and also preparing or sitting preliminary examinations in many subjects. Staff are running extra-curricular classes or revision sessions to support these and I would encourage students to take advantage of them. I would also remind all students and parents of the need for excellent attendance at this busy time. There is a clear link between attendance greater than 95% and positive outcomes in GCSE and A Level courses.

We also have parents evenings this half term for Year 11 core subjects on 24 November 2016, Post 16 Parents Evening on 29 November 2016 and Option Parents Evening for Years 9 – 11 on 5 December 2016. These events are crucial so that students and parents know exactly where they stand before the preliminary examinations and what they need to focus on to prepare fully for them. All of these events run from 5pm – 7.30pm and will take place in the Lion Theatre and SSC on A Site.

This half term also has Parent Forum on Thursday 8 December and it would be great to see parents there to discuss any issues that you may wish to raise.

As the weather is now turning increasingly damp and cold I would like to remind parents about uniform. Hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted on site at all. Students can wear them to and from school but they must be removed before coming on site. If they are seen, they will be confiscated and a parent will need to collect them.


Best regards

Graham Cunningham
Headteacher

Numeracy

Thought of the Week

Numeracy



"Don't be afraid to give up the GOOD to go for the GREAT."
- John D. Rockefeller

of the JOKE WEEK

Did you Know...

I'll do algebra, I'll do trig, and I'll even do statistics, but graphing is where I draw the line!

The names of the continents all end with the same letter which they start with, except the North and South in front of America.

A circus clown climbs a 12 m slippery pole. When the music plays, he climbs up 2.2m. When the music stops, he slides down 1m. How many times must the music play for the clown to reach the top of the slippery pole?

Good luck!
Answers in the next edition of the Longdean Link
Mr El Amine - Maths Teacher and Numeracy Coordinator

Last Issue
Answer:
36, 37, 38

Event



CHRISTMAS



LIVE @ HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

FREE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

SANTA'S PUDDING FACTORY

@ MARLOWES SHOPPING CENTRE

REAL REINDEER

@ RIVERSIDE

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

& KIDS' SNOW SLOPE

STREET ENTERTAINMENT

& RAINBOW STAGE PERFORMANCES



SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

**12PM TO
FIREWORKS
AT 5.30PM**

FREE



WWW.DACORUM.GOV.UK/CHRISTMAS



Information

Dear Parents/Guardians

Did you know that all students can download a free copy of Office 365 which includes Office 2016 onto a maximum of 5 computers?

Students can do this simply by logging on to the Learning Platform and locating the information and instructions under:

Students/Office 365 ProPlus

For more information or help please email:

ICTsupport@longdean.herts.sch.uk



Charitable fundraising

I am delighted to tell you that we have been informed that Longdean School was one of the top 100 schools in the UK for fundraising at the last Children in Need Day, which we ran as a non-uniform day. Well done to everyone for their great efforts!

Mrs G Segal

Deputy Headteacher

Independent Learning and Homework at Longdean

Please remember to discuss your child's Independent Learning and sign their Independent Learning Planner. Students record an overview of their homework set in their Independent Learning Planner. Students are supported in taking responsibility for their own study, and supplementing study set with e-learning. We recommend half an hour a night, Monday through Thursday, on sites such as Sam Learning, GCSE Pod, BBC Bitesize, Linguascope and MyMaths. Links to these sites can be found on the Exam Support and Homework sections of the LLP.

Mr R Muskett - Assistant Headteacher



<http://www.gcsepod.com/parents> for a parent's guide

www.samlearning.com Centre ID: HP3LS Username and password are in the format: DDMMYYII, for example Mr Muskett's would be 050582RM.

www.mymaths.co.uk - students have an individual username and password from their Maths teacher.

Literacy Link



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Book Club Recommends...

A big thank you to Miss Rudling and our year 12 Book Club students who have been busy compiling a list of reading books that they recommend to students in each Key Stage.

KS3

Harry Potter Series

Rating: ★★★★★

Synopsis: A thrilling tale about an eleven year old boy who discovers that he is a wizard. Harry then undertakes many dangerous and exciting tasks with his best friends by his side. Battling dark creatures and dark magic, will Harry succeed in his mission to defeat the Dark Lord?

Genre: Fantasy, Adventure

If you like this you might like:

- Percy Jackson and the Olympians/ Heroes of Olympus
- The Golden Compass

KS5+

The Enemy

Rating: ★★★★★

Synopsis: Children living in a post-apocalyptic world where 'Parents' are the enemy. Only children under 14 are able to live without being infected with the disease that turns you into a crazed, confused and hungry 'parent'. With rumours of a safe place floating about, the children decide to risk leaving their base in Waitrose and head for cover with more children and less adults. Can they make it there alive?

Genre: Young Adult Fiction, Thriller

If you like this you'll like:

- The Gone Series
- The Maze Runner

KS4

The Hunger Games

Rating: ★★★

Synopsis: Set in a dystopian society, a sixteen year old girl called Katniss Everdeen is forced to take part in a fight to the death with eleven other children between the ages of twelve to eighteen. Fighting for her life while faking a love story that's way better than Twilight, Katniss struggles to lead the rebellion against the evil President Snow.

Genre: Adventure Fiction, Action fiction, Drama, Science fiction.

If you like this you might like:

- The Divergent trilogy
- The Maze Runner
- The Harry Potter series

'Never judge a book by it's movie'



REMINDERS

Year 11 Mock Interviews – Monday 21 November to Thursday 8 December 2016

We are very pleased to welcome back volunteers from BT, Dixons, Atlas Copco, the Army and Interserve.

These volunteers will be conducting mock interviews with Year 11's, each student will be given a 30 minute session with their interviewer.

This provides a very valuable experience for our students giving them real life practice of the interview situation. We are very grateful to the volunteers for giving up their time.

All Year 11's will be given an interview. After the interview students will receive verbal and written feedback to help them to perform to the best of their ability when it really matters.

We are looking forward to a successful and rewarding experience.

Mrs Cooke

Director of Learning for Careers

Please note that the RM club will not be on until we move into the new build. I will send out information in January regarding RM club.

Miss R. Williams

Teacher—Resistant Materials

New Build

DRAW



Longdean School Association
Registered Charity No. 311044

0001 **WEEK**

NEW BUILD PRIZE DRAW



1st: £250 Cash
2nd: Samsung Galaxy S5 Neo
(sim free) worth £300
3rd: Giant Drinks Hamper
Plus lots of other great prizes



Draw will take place at Longdean School on Friday 25th November 2016 at 3pm

Promoter: Mr C. Barling, c/o Longdean School Association, Rumballs Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8JB
Registered under The Gambling Act 2005 with Daconum Borough Council. Licence No. 4
Printed by www.naffticketsdirect.co.uk

Tickets £1 Each

Our draw will take place on Friday 25th November 2016 at 3.00p.m.

Winners will be notified to arrange collection of prizes.

The Committee—Longdean School Association
LSA@longdean.herts.sch.uk



FURNITURE /IT SALE



As part of the process of the move into the New Building, Longdean School has a number of items which they will be selling to Parents, Guardians, Governors and Staff.

A full list is currently being put together and will soon be available upon request. If you are involved with or know of voluntary or charitable organisations like churches, play-groups etc who would be interested, please feel free to let them know.

Interested Companies, Groups and Charities can email Admin@longdean.herts.sch.uk to arrange a suitable visit.

T. Doyle
Finance Director

Important Dates



Longdean School
A School of Mathematics & Computing Excellence

Thursday 24 November 5.00pm
Tuesday 29 November 5.00pm
Monday 5 December 5.00pm
Thursday 8 December 6.00pm
Friday 16 December 3.30pm

Parents' Evening Year 11
Parents' Evening 6th Form
Parents' Evening Options
Parent's Forum
End of Term

Letters that have been sent home recently, via Schoolcomms where appropriate:

Yr 12/13 Parents' Evening
Yr 12/13 Physics
Yr 11 Parents' Evening
All Years Charity Days
Yr 12 Geography

Study Support Session:
Saturday 26 November 2016 9.00am

Attendance

Due to the extended Half Term break there are no attendance figures.

Our next issue will show accurate figures.

Link Dates

The Longdean Link is published every two weeks, via the Schoolcomms e-mail system to all those for whom we have an e-mail address, and on the LLP. Next issue: 2 December 2016