

Longdean Leadership Academy News



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Welcome to the Longdean leadership academy newsletter. Another busy term of fantastic work by our academy students. Miss McCawley

Sports Leaders Celebration Event.

Last year as part of our 'Get Longdean Active' campaign, sports leaders in years 8 & 9 (then) gave up their lunchtimes to deliver clubs and activities. – As a reward for giving up their time Mr Cunningham agreed to fund a fun afternoon, and a £10 Amazon voucher for each leader that completed the 'Get Active' clubs. This took place on Friday 22nd September – The sports leaders had a great time, and got covered in foam!



Year 7

On Friday 10th November our new year 7's received their leadership training from Miss McCawley in the activity studio.

The team of 34 students all applied and were successful.

Their training included theory around what makes a good leader, and using their communication skills to ensure people know and understand what they are asking. The second part of the session was taking part in personal challenges in order to be able to use their ideas to create their plan for what they are going to deliver to the rest of year 7 in March.

Well done all that attended – I look forward to using you to support events in the spring term.



DSSN event with Year 8

On 4th October DSSN ran a year 5 Orienteering Competition using Longdean School Year 8 leaders, and facilities. The event was split into two with 5 schools attending in the morning and 5 in the afternoon. The year 8 sports leaders led activities in both sessions, and ensured the year 5's had a great experience.

Both events started with a skills-based carousel of activities, and ended with using the Longdean cross curricular orienteering programme to find markers around the school.



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Year 8

On Monday 2nd October year 8 sports leaders were given their 2nd years academy training, and asked to reflect on what they had learnt from year 1. The task for them this year is to deliver an Inter House event for their own year or year 7 pupils – So far one boys inter house football competition has taken place, and a girls netball shooting competition. – Well done to those who have already delivered – the remaining leaders will deliver in the Spring Term.

Year 9

On Monday 2nd October year 9 sports leaders received their third years' worth of leadership training, and were set the task of running inter house competitions during week of 16th October. These events have now been calendared into the school diary.

Due to lunchtime clashes – events could only take place during this week.

On Monday Basketball, Tuesday Netball, Dodgeball & Football, Thursday, Dodgeball, Table Tennis and Football and Friday Dodgeball and Football.

Well done to the sports leaders for organising their days, and activities, and for promoting them with the other form groups.

House points have now been awarded to those that took part, and the sports leaders have had time to reflect on what went well, and even better if!

DSSN Events – Year 9 Sports Leaders

Supported at the cross-country event held on Monday 16th October. During the morning session which was for years 3 & 4 half the leaders helped out with marshalling and running in front of the competitors. The afternoon was for year 5 & 6 with the remaining year 9 sports leaders helping out. A huge thank you to those who ran, and especially Alex Guppy who ran 3 races!



KS4

Miss McCawley is in the process of developing a mentoring programme for KS4 leaders who wish to continue their Longdean leadership pathway. We recognise that KS4 pupils cannot come out of class to volunteer as much as KS3 pupils, so want to give them a different challenge to support their Leadership Coaching and Volunteering potential.

Inclusion Champs

The county programme has now moved onto another school in Dacorum, but Miss McCawley and Miss Barry will be working on a programme to continue this initiative at Longdean School – Our Inclusion Champions have always been fantastic role models, and we want to continue this over the next two years.

Barclays Girls FA

The new year 7's have been picked and will get their training in the new year. Our current year 8's and 9's are supporting Miss McCawley with raising the profile of girls football, and will be part of our Girls Biggest Ever Football event on 8th March 2023



DSSN Events – Slam Jam

A huge thank you to Miles Nouch in year 10 for helping at our year 5 and year 6 Slam Jam Basketball competitions – These took place after school on 10/10 and 12/10. Miles used the qualifications that he gained last year paid for by our Longdean Leadership programme to referee the games with great success Thank you again



Hertfordshire County Leadership Academy.

Congratulations to Miles Nouch and Conner-Ray Stewart for their successful applications to be part of the HYCA – Training will take place in February.