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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope your child has enjoyed taking part in our recent transition events and that they are now feeling more confident about joining us in September. We certainly enjoyed the opportunity to put faces to names and to start to get to know our new Year 7 group.

Alongside having a well deserved rest, I'd like students to work on a variety of Summer Tasks, including using the Reading Plus Program and a few fun activities. I hope this will help to encourage them to have some fun over the summer holidays and will help to prepare them for a good start at Longdean. Your child doesn't have to complete all of the tasks suggested, however they will receive house points for each task they complete!

Reading Plus

Hopefully by now either you or your child are familiar with the Reading Plus Program that Longdean is using to help your child become a better reader.

Reading Plus helps students develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and lifelong learners. Through regular Reading Plus practice, reading will become easier, comprehension will increase, and your child will make meaningful connections between reading and learning. To learn more about Reading Plus, you can visit www.readingplus.com.

Over the summer, I'd like your child to use the Reading Plus Program for up to an hour a week to develop their reading skills. Your child can complete Reading Plus assignments on a computer or tablet with Internet access. Assignments in each component can be completed in any order, but please remind your child that Reading lessons (SeeReader) are the most important assignments. The program will keep track of assignments completed each week as well as your child's progress toward the overall lesson goals.

Before starting Reading Plus we would recommend students watch the [Introduction to Reading Plus YouTube video](#) (4 minutes).

How to Log In:

- Step 1: Go to login.readingplus.com.
- Step 2: Press the Student Login button.
- Step 3: Enter Site Code: rplongdean1
- Step 4: Type in the Username
- Step 5: Type in the Password

Baseline assessment

After logging on to Reading Plus for the first time, pupils will automatically complete the initial assessment (InSight). This not only provides a baseline, but also assigns the pupil to the most appropriate start point for the reading lessons. The InSight assessment is adaptive to meet the needs of each pupil and typically takes between 30-45 minutes to complete.

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Many students completed the baseline assessment on their taster days with us, however if your child has not done this yet or didn't complete it on the day then they can complete it when they log back in. Students should try to be in a quiet environment and do their best.

Getting started on Reading Plus lessons

Once the assessment is completed, students then move seamlessly onto the Reading Plus teaching program. You and your child can watch more help videos on the following link if you'd like to learn more: <https://www.readingsolutionsuk.co.uk/resource-category/home-use-for-parents-and-pupils/?focus=1>.

Other Summer Tasks

In addition to Reading Plus, here are some other tasks you can have a go at. Or be creative and come up with some of your own!

- Learn a new skill
- Bake a cake
- Learn how to juggle
- Learn a new sporting skill
- Create a dance
- Sing a song
- Draw/ paint a picture
- Read a book
- Cook dinner for someone or yourself
- Teach somebody how to do something
- Perform a 'safe' science experiment

You can record your progress with photos/videos or create a Summer Task Log. Don't forget to bring it in on your first day to show your form tutor.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you either at Summer School in August or on your first day in September.

Please email transition@longdean.herts.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



Mr Jennings
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