

# LONGLEY PARK SIXTH FORM



Newsletter March 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the second term of the year, our students are gearing up for the final assessments and exams that will start as we return from the break. At this point of the year attendance and engagement is even more important to ensure that everyone gets the best opportunity to succeed. In assemblies this week, we have been discussing with students the importance of taking control of their revision and final assignments and giving themselves the best opportunities to get the highest grades.

**To our community currently observing Ramadan, Ramadan Kareem. To those celebrating Easter, Happy Easter.** We hope that all students have a safe and purposeful break, and we return to the Summer term on Monday 17th April at 9am.



## REVISION, RESOURCES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the break, the sixth form will be open for students to make use of the independent learning centre and there are a number of additional sessions being run by staff. Please continue to encourage good revision habits over the break. We have a wealth of advice and guidance on learning and revision techniques in our Learning Matters section of our [website here](#).

There are regular updates on all our social media about student successes, events, and important dates. If you are not already following us, take a second now to click through and like or follow Longley Park Sixth Form so that you never miss important news.



We also have a parents and carers handbook with lots of useful information and contact details. [Click on the handbook!](#)



## LEARNING MATTERS AND MAKE IT COUNT

Our Make it Count campaign started on Monday 27th February. This marks the start of our countdown to the Summer assessment window. This will provide students with a range of assessment support, revision and catch-up workshops, as well as a schedule of support over upcoming Easter holiday.

Alongside this, our Learning Matters initiative continues to give students weekly strategies to develop their study habits and approach to learning, to help them know and remember more. At the end of each week, we give out free resources to help students put some of these strategies into action. You can find out more about these here [Learning Matters - Longley Park Sixth Form](#)



## FREE SCHOOLS MEALS OVER EASTER

During the Easter break, Longley Park Sixth Form will provide Free School Meal vouchers for all eligible students, via the online voucher provider WONDE.

Your student will be emailed the voucher codes to their sixth form email address, the vouchers will be for £15 each week over the Easter holiday. The vouchers can be used at the following supermarkets; ASDA, Morrisons, Tesco, Aldi, Sainsbury's, Iceland, McColl's



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## CAREERS FAIR

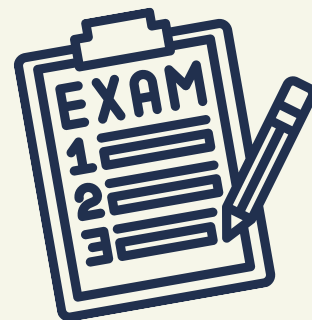
On the 26th April Longley Park Sixth Form will be hosting a Careers Fair. It is an excellent opportunity for students to explore their future career options, gain valuable insights from experts, and build their networks.

We have invited a range of employers, training providers and universities to attend, so students can gain a better understanding of the different career paths available to them. We will also be offering parents the opportunity to come in and meet some of exhibitors between 4 and 5 pm ahead of the Progression Information event led by the Student Achievement team.



## OFQUAL STUDENT GUIDE 2023

Ofqual has now published the [Ofqual Student Guide 2023](#). The guide covers GCSEs, AS, A levels, other general qualifications, and vocational and technical qualifications and explains how grades will be awarded this year. There is also a condensed version available in [HTML](#) and [PDF format](#).



[Click here to view the Exams Newsletter!](#)

## ARBOR

After Easter Longley Park will be moving to a different MIS system call Arbor and EduLink. This will provide consistent systems across all Brigantia Learning Trust. CEDAR will continue until the end of the academic year, however attendance will start to be recorded in Arbor and how this is communicated home will change. Further information will be sent out to you during the summer term. Markbooks, assessments and timetables, including those for exams will continue to be accessible on CEDAR.



## TRIPS

We wanted to share with you some exciting news about the college trips and events that have taken place this term at our sixth form.

Our students had the opportunity to visit Kingswood, an activity residential and Fragomen, an international law firm while our students within the sixth form have had the chance to be involved in workshops ran by Leeds University Law students and mentoring via the Career Ready programme.

We believe that these experiences will help our students make informed decisions about their future education and career paths.

## LPSF PANTRY

We have spoken previously about the current cost of living crisis and the impact this is having on so many of us. It is important to us as a Sixth Form that we do all that we can to support all our learners and their families during difficult times. As such we have been able to establish a partnership with our local Tesco supermarket (Spital Hill), to support the launch of our LPSF Pantry.

We are pleased to be able to share with you the LPSF Pantry opened on Monday 27th February. If you need any support with food or toiletry items, please email [LPSFPantry@longleypark.ac.uk](mailto:LPSFPantry@longleypark.ac.uk) and we can arrange for discreet collection of items.



Alternatively, students can access Room F47 where the LPSF Pantry is located.



## ATTENDANCE

Being here and on time to sixth form is vital if students are to achieve to the highest standard. We know that when the weather is cold and wet getting up and getting here can be that little bit harder but every lesson every day is what we need from all our students.

Students with 95% or better attendance are proven to have the best chances at success during their studies and beyond that into employment. For any reason students are unable to attend then they should be completing the online absence reporting form to let us know about their absence

## USEFUL LINKS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### STOP SMOKING/VAPING

The Sixth Form are supporting Sheffield Smokefree campaign to help learners, their parents and carers better understand the harmful effects of smoking and vaping. The Sixth Form is proud to be a SmokeFree site and, in conjunction with Smokefree Sheffield, we want to help young people be more aware of the harmful effects of smoking on vaping on physical health and wellbeing, relationships and finances.

As parents and carers, having a better understanding of the effects of smoking and vaping has, will enable conversations with your child about this. Find the right moment, ask questions and listen to them. [You can find out more here.](#)

### ACCESSING CEDAR

This is our online parent portal. Here you will be able to track the progress, attendance and any concerns and commendations that are received. It's a great way to keep informed about what is happening at the Sixth Form. [Click here to view.](#)

### BTEC STUDENT HANDBOOK

Many of our students are study BTEC qualifications and for some, this maybe a different way of studying. We want to support students to make the transition to this qualification and this handbook outlines expectations, demands and rules around the submission of work. [Click here to view.](#)

### INFORMATION AROUND SIXTH FORM ID

To keep our site safe, we ask all students to always wear an ID card when they are on site. The ID card is also a student's card for printing and to spend bursary money in the canteen. Where a student continues to forget their card on multiple occasions, we will refuse them entry to the site. The process around this is detailed on the attached letter. [Click here to view.](#)

### WELLBEING SUPPORT APPS

Starting at a new sixth form can be an emotional time for some. We have a wellbeing team to help students settle into their new surroundings. There are also a range of apps that students can access to support their wellbeing throughout their time with us. [Click here to view.](#)

### PARENTS AND CARERS HANDBOOK

There is a wealth of information about the sixth form, the support that students can access, and information from curriculum areas within the handbook. [Click here to view.](#)