

Summer Parent & Carer Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our students have been busy this half-term preparing for the exams, completing final assignments and preparing for their next steps. During this final exam period, I want to reiterate the importance of attending your lessons and revision sessions up to your final exam in each the subject. We do not have study leave. In every session, teachers are providing support, guidance and advice on how to access the greatest number of marks in exams.

When we return from the half-term, our Level 3 first year students will be sitting their first trial exams. These will provide us with a progress measure and support the predicted grades that students will be entering into UCAS and next step applications in the next academic year.

Focused revision is vital to exam success, but this must be in addition to your timetabled lessons. This could be between lessons, or outside of sixth form time. The ILC is open for revision and assignment work from 8am in the morning and we are extending the opening until 4:30pm in the afternoon Mon-Thurs and 4pm on Friday. It will also be open over the half-term period from 10am until 2pm each day.

There are a range of techniques on the Learning Matters ([LINK HERE](#)) page that can support with your revision or speak with your subject teachers for support if you need it.

Apply yourself to succeed. Good luck in your final exams and assessments over these coming weeks.



Enrichment, events & visits- half term highlights.

This half term has been bustling with exciting trips and events! Here's a look at what we've been up to:

Culture Day and Eid Festival: Our sixth form celebrated diversity and unity with Culture Day alongside our Eid Festival, raising £86.18 for the UN Crisis Relief Humanitarian Work Fund.

Murder Mystery Event: Business students organised and executed a thrilling Murder Mystery event as part of their course, showcasing their planning and management skills.

Team Building at Kingswood: Another group of Business students enjoyed a team-building residential at Kingswood, tackling high ropes and learning valuable lessons in collaboration and teamwork.

Law Mentorship Scheme: Our Law students completed their mentorship scheme with Fragomen, gaining invaluable insights and professional guidance.

The Brilliant Club Awards: Members of The Brilliant Club celebrated their achievements in a special award ceremony at the University of Sheffield.

T Level Career Exploration: T Level Education & Early Years students explored future career paths with a visit to Sheffield Hallam University.

Photography Students' Exhibit: Our Photography students delved into the University of Sheffield's archive, and their impressive work was displayed in the Western Bank Library.

We're proud of the hard work and achievements of our students and look forward to even more successes in the coming term!



What's happened this term?

Business, IT & Law

Financial Studies sees Year 1 and Year 2 take their final exams with results pending on the 21st May. The students can then decide if they want to do the June resit to improve their grade, but the year 2s will know their final end of Diploma course grade at this point. The year 1s are now revising for the resit and preparing for a new case study scenario based on a couple looking to take out of mortgage and the students will evaluate the different mortgage options to suit their needs. Year 1 Financial Studies students will be bringing permission slips home shortly for a trip to Sheffield Hallam University to take part in a Bloomberg Trading day where they will get the chance to invest up to 1 million pounds on the stock market (in a simulated situation) based on live market conditions.

Business level 2 welcome Leah to the teaching team who will support the students to achieve their Customer Service unit whilst they also work on their Exploring Enterprise and Accounting unit. The students recently sat a Finance exam and the results have been shared this week with all students showing excellent progress. Some students may resit in June for both this Finance exam and Marketing exam to secure progression onto their next destinations.

Business extended diploma year 1 students completed their practical elements of the Event unit by hosting a murder mystery morning and afternoon. Such creativity and team work was seen in both groups with prizes given to the winning student team being the first to identify the secret murderer. The students have also been completing practical interviews for their recruitment and selection unit and have also sat their final exam for Principles of Marketing with results being announced in August.

The IT extended diploma year 2 students recently finished their practical's for the hardware unit being observed and filmed in identifying and fixing faults in a PC. They are also finalising their project management unit utilising a range of new tools such as Gantt charts and project management software. The IT extended diploma year 1s have been getting their first taste of programming language using Visual Basics and will now move onto the games design unit and will look at the history of games over time and then create a mini game of their own using their new programming language. IT extended certificate group have been building their skills in website development planning, designing and now creating their own website using Dreamweaver for a client brief.

A level Business year 2 students have been preparing for their final exams in May/June, revisiting content from years 1 and 2 and also getting to grips with the UK fashion retail industry which is the context of their third and final paper on the 6th June. Students have been revisiting exam technique and getting to grips with applying their answer to the business extracts they are provided and also focusing on tricky topics such as supply and demand, critical path analysis and financial position statements.

Law A-Level Year 1 – Having completed Tort Law, Y1 students have spent time revisiting Criminal Law, working on revision and recall techniques, with a focus towards exam skills, particularly answer structure and timing.

Having completed all content, our **Year 2's** have been focusing on layered revision, looking back at all three papers and English Legal System, that crosses all three. They are now gearing up for the first exam on the 23rd May, Criminal Law.

S In the STEM curriculum area, our final year **A Level** students are gearing up for their upcoming exams we want to take this opportunity to wish them luck. In the final few weeks we highly encourage all students to attend their lessons, as this is a crucial time for revision. Our teachers are available to provide support and guidance, helping students to understand key exam techniques and identify areas for focused revision. By attending lessons, students can maximize their preparation and ensure they're fully equipped for success. For our **Level 3 BTEC** students who will be finishing this year, they are currently busy completing their final assignments. We extend our best wishes to all leaving students and express our gratitude for their hard work and dedication throughout their time at LPSFA. We encourage them to keep in touch and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

T Recently, our **Year 1 Applied Science** students hosted a guest speaker from Sheffield University. The speaker discussed various pathways into dentistry and biomedical science courses at the university level. This informative session provided valuable insights into potential career options and educational opportunities, enriching the learning experience for our students. Students also attended the careers and apprenticeships fair in the sixth form to look at the whole host of potential careers and steps needed to get there.

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Health

Health and social care students have all seized the opportunity to fulfil a work placement this term. We have had fantastic feedback from different providers ranging from primary schools and nurseries to community centre groups and care homes. Students have demonstrated the skills and attributes needed to thrive in a professional environment including following dress codes, respecting confidentiality and one student even witnessed her placement go through a Care Quality Commission inspection. Comments from our student on their return ranged from “It was a tough week, I’m exhausted” and “I was so busy I forgot to eat lunch” to “The children all hugged me when I left, and I can’t wait to see them again on my second placement”. Some of our students have found the placement so rewarding that they were offered work going forward or they are volunteering through the summer term. Students are not busy using their feedback from supervisors to support assignments. Well done to all students, you did it! Our level 3 year 2 students have been researching the Ancient History behind Complementary Therapies and how they work alongside more orthodox treatments, to improve a patient’s general mental health and wellbeing. Eg. Chinese Herbal Remedies, Indian Head Massage



Humanities

This half-term our year 2s have been busy preparing for their final exams. We’ve been working on the best revision techniques to apply to subjects rich with content as well as doing plenty of exam practice. Our year 1 sociologists have just started a new unit on religious belief where we investigate the impact that faith has on society and individual behaviour. Historians are currently preparing their research for their controlled assessment. We have a very diverse range of topics this year from the Civil Rights movement in the USA, German Nationalism to Ancient Rome. We look forward to reading them when they’re complete!

English

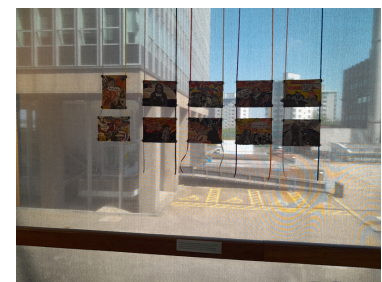
During this half term, our **Year 2 A Level English** students have been busy preparing for their final exams. Y1 A Level students have been developing ideas for their coursework units. Literature students have been researching texts and critical responses, English Language students have been developing plans for their individual language investigations.

In **A Level English Language** our students have been completing the final parts of their coursework portfolios. They have each developed an independent language investigation, researching an area of personal interest (such as the way language use changes across different generations of the same family), and a piece of creative writing.

In **skills for life** classes, students have also been preparing for their final exams, working with their teachers to revise key topics and questions.

Creative Arts

A Level Photography students have been working in partnership with the University of Sheffield and a freelance photographer on a live-brief collaborative project, exploring philosophy and fairground culture through photography.



UAL Game Art and Design students had a visit from an ex-student who is now working as a freelance illustrator. They had the opportunity to showcase their work and also to hear about different roles within the industry.

A-Level 3D Design visited HLM Architects, as part of an ongoing partnership with the architecture firm. Students had the opportunity to design and pitch buildings for an area of Sheffield, while receiving feedback from real architects.

Safeguarding @the sixth form

If you need to speak to somebody from the Safeguarding Team, please contact 0114 2625757, or alternatively email safeguarding@longleypark.ac.uk.

As part of our ongoing support for families, we wanted to introduce you too the newly launched Sheffield Directory where you are able to access a wide range of information, support, advice and guidance. This also includes access to local groups and activities within your local area - [Home Page | Sheffield](#) (sheffielddirectory.org.uk) There is a wealth of information available on the website about resources and services that may be helpful until you are able to speak to someone.

OUT OF HOURS CONTACT

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child or young person during evenings, weekends, and half-term breaks, please contact the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub on 0114 2734855 (24-hour service). If you think a child or young person is in immediate danger, please call the Police on 999 at any time.

If you are a student and are worried and feel unsafe then you can get help from Childline, a free, private, confidential service where you can be you. You can chat online or on the phone, 08001111, 24 hours a day.

ILC open over half term break



If your child needs a quiet place to study or access to sixth form resources over the half term break? We've got you covered!

The Independent Learning Centre will be open from 10am to 2pm each day throughout the break. Whether they need a peaceful study spot or additional resources to support their exams, we're here to support students every step of the way!

LPSF pantry



We appreciate the cost-of-living crisis is providing a challenge for many of us and as such we continue to extend our offer of support, and as such I am pleased to report that our local Tesco supermarket support our LPSF Pantry (Food Bank).

You can access this support discreetly by contacting a member of the safeguarding team safeguarding@longleypark.ac.uk. Just ask always here to help!

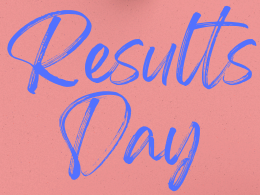

As we navigate through the busy exam period, we understand the importance of starting the day off right with a healthy breakfast. That's why we're thrilled to continue offering **free toast** to all students **before 8:45 am** in the canteen daily !

A nutritious breakfast sets the tone for a successful day of learning, and we're committed to providing our students with the fuel they need to thrive academically.

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Exams



Results Day

- Level 3 and A-Level – 15th August 2024
- Level 2 and GCSEs – 22nd August 2024

Information about Results and Post Results Services will be available to students nearer the time.

You can read more important information [here](#) about our Summer exams.

Exams are an integral part of your child's education journey at the sixth form.

We recognise that this period can be a source of stress not only for students but also for parents and carers.

At the sixth form, we prioritise the holistic well-being of our students, and to aid in this endeavour, our Wellbeing staff has compiled a set of strategies to assist you in supporting your child during this challenging time.

Please click [here](#) for support and advice on to how best support your child.



We would also like to take this opportunity to invite interest to join our Academy Advisory Council (AAC). Each AAC consists of a group of people who could be parents, community nominees and academy staff. The key aims of the AAC are to act to support and challenge the Sixth Form leadership; to advise about local issues that we may need to consider; to represent the interest of the community in the running of the Sixth Form and to represent the Sixth Form in the community.

AAC

If you would be interested in supporting us on our AAC or know of a local stakeholder that could work with us, please do contact principal@longleypark.ac.uk.

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.

