

End of Year

Parent & Carer Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a year our Longley Park Sixth Form community has had. Our young people have worked so hard towards assignments and examinations. They have been on almost 100 external trips and visits across the year. They have had the opportunity to engage with over 150 employers and 40 universities. More recently, we have been able to showcase the fantastic art work completed by our final year students and last week, we were able to welcome our applicants for September into the academy for Next Step Longley. The students have had all these opportunities supported by the amazing team of staff that we have here at Longley Park.

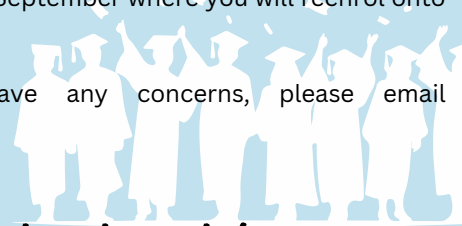
For our Level 2 and second year students, summer presents with the wait until results day.

- Level 3 BTEC and A Level results day is Thursday, 15th August – students can collect their results from 8.30am at the sixth form or they will be available online in email accounts from noon.
- L2 BTEC and GCSE results day is Thursday 22nd August – students can collect their results from 8.30am at the college or they will be available online in email accounts from noon.

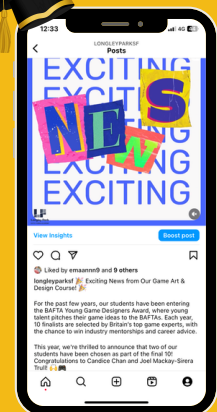
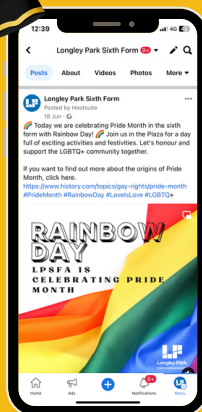
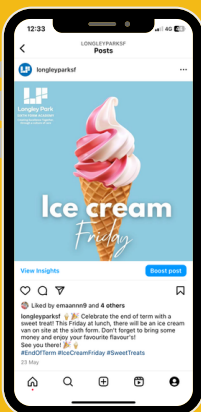
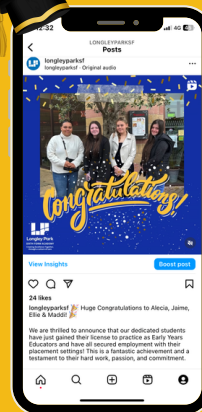
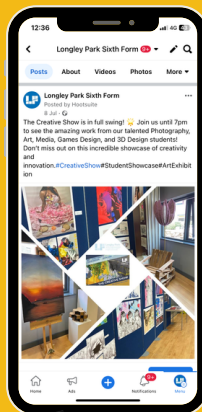
For our Level 3 Year 1 students, make good use of the summer period. Rest. Reset. But, also, you have your summer work to complete and need to come back prepared for the trial exams in the second week. Next year is such an important year in your studies and you need to go into it prepared. There will be a Progression Day on Monday, 2nd September where you will reenrol onto your second year. Appointment times will be sent through over the summer period.

Over the summer break, our safeguarding team are available – if you have any concerns, please email safeguarding@longleypark.ac.uk.

Have a great break.



Good news, events & visits - term highlights.





Business, IT & Law

Financial Studies Year 1 students attended a “Half day with a CEO - Northern Gritstone”. This involved Duncan Johnson, CEO, Khadija Ashfaq, Investment Manager and Thomas Kaye, Investment Manager at Northern Gritstone visiting our students on site and sharing what the business does as a Venture Capitalist focusing on new start up businesses within the North of England working closing with Universities in Sheffield, Manchester and Leeds. Students learnt about the key ingredients for a successful start up, then did a SWOT analysis on a new start up to analyse where to invest or not and learnt about the routes into being an Investment Manager for a Venture Capitalist. The whole morning left the student feeling inspired and enthused about working in Finance and for a business that has a mission to support ideas and start ups in the North of England.



Financial Studies Year 1 students attended the Sheffield Hallam University Bloomberg Trading Room and are competing against each other to make the most from their fictitious investment. The students learnt how to trade on the stock market with an imagery £1m – learning about shorting and long buys and learning about how short term news/economics can impact share prices. The university lecturers explained how to use the terminals and make investment decisions taking into account past performance and future business and economic predictions. They then spent the day researching businesses and markets to place investment decisions. The investment decisions were locked in at the end of day and the SHU team will be back to Longley in a month to present back the investment outcomes for each student and who came top in their investment portfolios.

13 students from the **Business** team visited Sheffield Hallam University for the day for a Women in Finance Event. The day consisted of two presentations, one delivered from a woman in industry showcasing her career in Finance to date. The other presentation was delivered by SHU and focused on the different courses relating to Finance. The rest of the day the students were given case studies to work through in groups and then finally they were introduced to a variety of women working in different roles within Finance for a Q&Q.

BTEC Business Year 2 students completed their 2 year programme finalising their reviews for their team building trip to Kingswood outward bound centre and pitching new their business ideas to their teachers in a dragons den style pitch.

Our **Law** students have taken part in Street Law programme with Leeds Beckett University focusing on discrimination law, with a particular focus of discrimination in the workplace. Students explored the meaning of discrimination, the nine protected characteristics, and a range of example scenarios. There was consideration of how discrimination law interacts with Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (Freedom of Expression).

10 **Law** students have taken part in a Fragoman mentorship programme set up by our Law teacher Matt Goult and Fragoman. During the programme students had 1-1 mentor meetings that focused on early career opportunities, a day in the life, CV workshops and preparing and giving a presentation, all with the guidance and support from their excellent mentor at Fragomen. This took place over a series of months via online sessions and ended in an event which was an acknowledgement of what they had learnt and a celebration of their achievements.

All **BTEC Law and A level Law Year 1** students have been taking part in interviews for a fictional Paralegal role with Irwin Mitchell employees in the last week of term. The students gained experience of applications for professional roles, interview experience within a professional setting, specific to law / legal. Individual feedback was given to each student from the legal professional that conducted the interview.

STEM

This term in STEM, we had some significant events and achievements: Our final year students have successfully completed their final assessments, which included both exams and coursework. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication. We wish them the best of luck on results day and look forward to celebrating their successes.

Students had a fantastic trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. This trip provided a unique opportunity for our learners to engage with wildlife and understand conservation efforts in a hands-on environment. The students enjoyed observing the animals and learning about their habitats and behaviors.

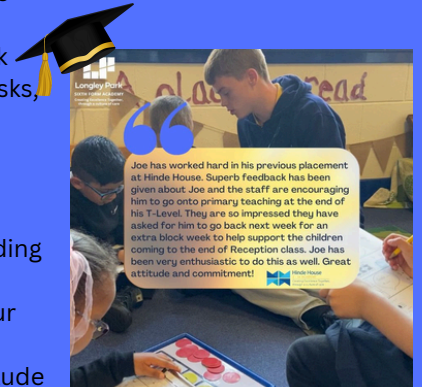
We also conducted a Unit 6 drop-down week where our learners focused on completing their independent practical investigations. This week was dedicated to hands-on learning and allowed students to apply their theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios. The creativity and problem-solving skills displayed by our students were truly impressive.

Health

The sixth form work placement program has successfully provided students with experience across two primary areas: Health and Social Care, and Education & Early Years. 195 Students were placed in health and social care settings, completing 1 or 2 weeks of work placement, observing and participating in various aspects of patient care, administrative tasks, and community support services. Placements included hospitals, care homes, schools, and community health centres.

Early Years placements occurred weekly throughout the year and provided students with experience and insight into early childhood education and the daily operations of childcare facilities. We work closely with many early years education providers across Sheffield including nurseries, preschools, and after-school programs.

A total of 11,000 hours of Early Years work placement have taken place this year, and 5 of our students have been offered full-time employment at their work placement setting. 35 students from a variety of courses were accepted onto NHS work placements. These include Information sessions, taster days, student working groups, live job role events and work experience weeks across medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy. 38 SEND students have also been supported to complete invaluable experience of the workplace across Health and Social Care settings.



ENGLISH

During this half term, our A Level English students had the opportunity to visit Huddersfield University where they were taken on a tour of the university campus and took part in degree style workshop session workshop on child language acquisition. A Level Literature students took a trip to The Lyceum Theatre, to see a production of Khaled Hosseini's novel, The Kite Runner.



Creative Arts

Our UAL Games Design students visited the National Videogame Museum for Games Careers Week, a national event that brought together a range of organisations to allow young people to explore pathways into games and creative industries.

On Monday 8th July, the Creative Arts Team launched this year's Creative Show, showcasing a stunning range of artwork from Fine Art, 3D Design, Photography, Games Design and UAL Art and Design. The show was visited by students, parents, and invited guests, as well as our applicants during the Next Step Longley day.

In addition to the Creative Show, 2 of our Games Design students successfully reached the finals of the BAFTA Young Game Designers Award, chosen by Britain's top game experts. The students both attended the finals in London and were able to pitch their design ideas to industry leaders.



HUMANITIES

In Humanities, our A Level Historians have begun to prepare for their independent coursework unit. Students have been working hard to develop their research skills, using a wider range of source materials to gather information on their chosen topics. Our EPQ students have also to explore their project proposals, so that they are ready to continue their independent research over the summer, before meeting their project supervisor in September.

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 to 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 holidays, 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.

On-line safety

During the holidays, students may not have access to trusted adults from school to share online safety concerns. Student may be embarrassed or scared to tell their parents and majority of students will either keep concerns to themselves or tell a friend.

CEOP's [Asking The Awkward](#) campaign helps parents to prepare for conversations with their child about online relationships and related topics. It also offers advice on how to keep conversations positive and what to do if their child tells them something concerning.

Internet Matters has also produced several [age rated guides](#) for parents to support their children with online safety.

LPSF pantry



LPSF Pantry Summer Operations

We are pleased to announce that the LPSF Pantry will remain open throughout the summer period. We understand that the ongoing cost-of-living crisis is presenting significant challenges for many in our community. To help alleviate some of these burdens, we are continuing our commitment to support you through the LPSF Pantry.

We are also excited to share that our local Tesco supermarket is generously supporting our food bank. This partnership allows us to provide even more assistance to those in need.

How to Access Support:

Support from the LPSF Pantry is available discreetly. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please contact a member of our safeguarding team. You can reach out via email at safeguarding@longleypark.ac.uk or text 07721511649 to arrange a collection.

We are here to support you, and we encourage you to take advantage of this resource if needed. Stay safe and take care.



Exam Results

Exam results from the summer 2024 exams will be available to students on the following days:

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

Students will be able to pick up their exam results from the sixth form from 8:30 on results day. These will be available until 12:00.

Students who are unable to pick up their results may nominate someone else to collect on their behalf, but the nominated person must bring in written permission from the student.

From 12pm, results will be available on Edulink and via student email. Teaching and career staff will be available in the sixth form on results day if students wish to speak to anyone about their results and next steps.

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



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

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