



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our half-term five parental newsletter. It has been a busy half-term at the academy, with students preparing for final exams and assignments as well as a massive range of trips and enrichment activities.

We are more than halfway through the exam series now, and student attendance and punctuality has been excellent. Students need to ensure that are at the location for their exam at least 10 minutes before the exam start time. There is free toast for all students before 8:45 to help them go into the exam on a full stomach. Good luck to all our students sitting exams.

Over this half-term our students have been able to experience a wide variety of trips with two residential trips to London and Kingswood activity centre. Our Law students completed their programme with Fragomen Solicitors with a celebration at their offices with their mentors. Across the academy, there have been activities and celebrations for VE Day, Mental Health Awareness Week and a brilliant and eye-opening Street Safe day helping our young people make good choices every day.

We are looking forward to celebrating successes with students next half-term and are excited for our awards evening coming up in June. Students who have been nominated will receive an invite in the coming weeks.

Please continue to support your sons/daughters to prepare for their final exams and assignments. Those students in Level 3 Year 1 will be sitting trial exams in the first few weeks after half-term to provide us with information about their progress to date. There is a final parents' evening at the end of the next half-term to discuss progress and transition to year two.

We hope all our students and families have a purposeful and safe half-term.



What's happened this term?

Business, IT & Law

Business Enrichment Visit

On 27th February, our Business students visited University Centre Rotherham (UCR), where they took part in a day of learning and exploration. The visit included an advice and guidance workshop, a tour of UCR's modern facilities, and engaging interactive sessions focused on Human Computer Interface design and Cyber Security. Our students represented the sixth form superbly, showing curiosity, maturity and excellent engagement throughout the day.



Congratulations to Aayushi, Danyah and Abdulai – winners of the 2025 Student Badminton & Table Tennis Competition! A special thank you and well done to our Level 3 Business students, who successfully organised the event as part of their Unit 4 coursework. Their planning, teamwork and leadership made the event a great success and a brilliant showcase of student initiative.



Last week, our students enjoyed an unforgettable visit to London, packed with culture, history, and breath-taking views. One of the standout moments was a visit to Horizon 22, the highest public viewing platform in the city, offering panoramic views across the capital. Students also had the chance to explore the world-famous Harrods, immersing themselves in its rich history and luxury shopping experience. The trip continued with a visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A), where students explored incredible exhibits spanning art, design, and fashion. To round off the trip, they took in the sights of the city from the iconic London Eye, enjoying a unique perspective of the Thames and beyond.



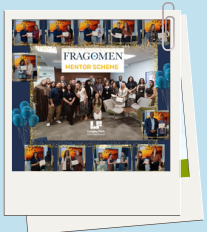
This experience offered students not only a chance to see some of London's top landmarks but also to bond with peers, learn more about British culture, and create lasting memories.

Law

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our Sixth Form students who recently completed the prestigious Fragomen Mentor Scheme, delivered in partnership with Fragomen – a leading international law firm specialising in immigration law. This exceptional programme offered our students direct access to experienced legal professionals, providing mentorship, personalised guidance, and invaluable insights into the legal sector.

Highlights of the scheme included:

- CV-building and employability workshops
- Mock interview practice with industry professionals
- “A Day in the Life of...” sessions, showcasing a range of legal career paths



The scheme proved to be a powerful opportunity for students to enhance their professional skills, gain confidence, and explore future pathways into law and related fields. Our sincere thanks go to the team at Fragomen and everyone involved in supporting this meaningful and inspiring initiative. We look forward to continuing this valuable partnership.



MATHS

It's been a focused and productive half term in the Maths department, with all students working hard in preparation for their final exams. We've been pleased to see strong attendance at revision sessions – including during the holidays and on Saturdays – reflecting our students' commitment and determination. We wish all our learners the very best of luck in their upcoming exams!

SCIENCE

This spring term has been a vibrant and enriching one for our Science students at LPSF, with a range of exciting opportunities designed to extend learning beyond the classroom and build real-world skills. Our Level 2 students enjoyed a highly engaging visit to the Get up to Speed with STEM fair at MAGNA, where they explored innovations and career pathways in science, technology, and engineering. Meanwhile, our A Level Physics students took part in a hands-on visit to Sheffield Hallam University, where they completed required practical assessments in the university's state-of-the-art physics laboratories – an excellent experience that helped strengthen both practical skills and academic confidence.

Looking ahead to the summer term, all 120 Level 3 Applied Science students will return to Sheffield Hallam to carry out an ester synthesis practical. In addition, our A Level Chemistry students will be visiting the university's Chemical Engineering Department for an immersive, hands-on session exploring applied chemistry at degree level.

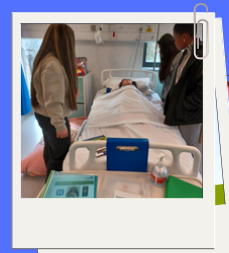
It's been a fantastic term of enrichment across the department. We remain committed to providing meaningful, aspirational experiences that inspire curiosity, develop confidence, and support student progression.

Health

On 4th March, our first-year Level 3 Extended Diploma Health and Social Care students took part in an exciting taster day at Sheffield Hallam University. The visit offered a valuable insight into the wide range of higher education opportunities available in the health sector, with introductions to degree courses such as Nursing, Operating Department Practice (ODP), and Radiography.

Students took part in three engaging and interactive sessions throughout the day. In SHU's impressive simulated hospital ward, they met and worked with realistic 'patients', gaining a hands-on understanding of clinical environments. Another session focused on special effects makeup, where students observed a demonstration of 'fake injuries' and created their own realistic bruises. The third workshop used virtual reality to help develop essential communication skills – a key competency in health and social care professions.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring day that helped our students explore future career options and understand the skills needed to succeed in the sector.



T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



ENGLISH

On Wednesday 19th March, our A Level English students attended the Sheffield Theatres production of Tennessee Williams' southern gothic tragedy 'A Streetcar Named Desire'. This gave students the chance to see one of their set texts performed live, bringing to life the characters and scenes studied in class. The following review was written by two of our final year A Level Literature students, Dina Noei and Husna Khan.

Humanities

In Humanities, our Level 2 students have completed their Higher Project Qualifications. This involves planning and delivering a project, including a report and presentation. Students did brilliantly with their presentations, which were on a wide range of topics, including the sociological impacts of Covid 19, contrasting cultural perspectives on marriage in Zimbabwe and the UK, and the effects of social media on relationships.

CREATIVE ARTS

In Creative Arts, A Level students have completed their practical exams, UAL students are also about to complete their Final Major Projects. We are looking forward to presenting the fantastic work they have produced at our Creative Show on Monday 7th July – more details to follow soon!

In March, over 15 employers from some of Sheffield's leading organisations joined us at Longley Park Sixth Form to take part in an inspiring speed networking event, designed to support students in developing their career aspirations and employability skills.

Organised by LPSF Futures Manager Tim Lyddiatt, the event gave students the opportunity to speak directly with a wide range of professionals in a supportive and informal setting. "The aim," Tim explained, "was to start breaking down barriers to employment by helping students gain confidence in speaking with employers. These conversations are vital in helping them realise they can adapt, present themselves effectively, and succeed in the world of work."

In addition to the speed networking sessions, many of the visiting professionals shared their personal career journeys, often highlighting the unexpected paths they took to reach their current roles. "Very few of our guests planned to be where they are now," Tim noted. "Career paths are rarely straight lines – they're made up of dynamic decisions based on the opportunities and circumstances we face along the way."

This fantastic event marked the launch of our Progression Season, a dedicated period focused on preparing students for life beyond sixth form.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to empower our students to explore, prepare for, and step confidently into their future careers.



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 we approach the holiday break, we want to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of some important safety considerations to ensure the well-being of our young people. During the school holidays, children and young people may engage in activities that are outside of the school environment.

You can read the Safeguarding Bulletin [here](#) which covers information

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.



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@longley.park.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.



IMPORTANT

Please make sure you are sat in the correct seat for your exam.

Exam Newsletter

Important Exam Reminder for Parents and Carers

Please ensure that your child has read the exam information and guidance available on our website before attending their first exam. This includes key details about exam procedures, what to bring, and expected conduct.

You can find all the information here:

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