

LONGSANDS ACADEMY

Sixth Form Weekly Update

Monday, 28 February 2022

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It has been a good start to the final full half term and we are moving towards a coaching and mentoring model for tutor time during the remainder of your courses. Mr Owen and I will be welcoming parents/carers to an information evening next Wednesday, where we will be reviewing the support on offer and the plans for the rest of the year. I met with Mr Merson this week to discuss when the targeted exam preparation period (study leave) will begin and there will be more information about this before Easter.

I have also met with the Prom committee to make decisions about food, colour schemes, and tickets. I will be sending out the first of several surveys to the year group early next week to gather your opinions to help plan the Prom. On another note, your attendance this week has been excellent, thank you for the commitment you continue to show.

Finally, I have been really pleased to see universities make more offers this week and I encourage any student considering a late application to come and see me so that we can get things moving.

You can contact Dr Cullen via Douglas.Cullen@astrea-longlands.org

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I hope you all enjoyed the trip to Fitzwilliam College in Cambridge this week and found it a useful and informative experience. Thank you to all of the staff who got involved, it was hugely appreciated. Please see below for a quote from one of the students who attended the trip.

"The highlight of our trip to Fitzwilliam College was the tour of campus, which gave a clear insight into university life. The grounds of the college were green and peaceful, with every student we passed greeting us with a smile.

It reaffirmed what I had hoped to be true about University. The tour was guided by an undergraduate student, and we were split up into small groups to allow us to chat to them in more detail. My group was given Alex, who was a second year studying History and French. It was interesting to hear about how she chose to take a double honours degree, as it was not something I had considered before.

The student Q&A was particularly helpful as we got a wide range of answers from the different undergraduates. It was reassuring to hear that even at Cambridge students still struggled with deadlines and felt academic pressure. I will definitely be using their tips on personal statements when it comes to writing my own. Overall, my opinions on university have not changed but have been reinforced by the trip: I'm very excited to go."

You can contact Mr Walker via Thomas.Walker@astrea-longlands.org



KEY DATES

02 March

Year 13 virtual information evening - 6pm

09 March

Year 8 parent/carers consultation evening (early closure)

CAREERS AND ENRICHMENT

UCAS Student Finance:

A reminder that we recommend applying for your student finance as soon as applications open. This ensures you will have as much time as possible to complete the application prior to the deadline. There are also talks being held next Tuesday, during periods 3 and 4 to provide further information. Please use this [link](#) to register your interest.

ABB Work Experience:

ABB Energy are currently offering work experience placements in the following sectors: IT systems, networks, digital technology, software engineering, electrical engineering and electronic engineering. If you are interested in any of these areas please send an email to julian.handcock@gb.abb.com

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LOCAL SEND EVENT

A Pop Up WAVE (We're All Valued Equally) Cafe for those people with learning disabilities, their families and friends to attend has been organised for March 5 from 2:30 - 4:30pm.

If you would like to enjoy a cream tea, get involved with some art activities or just have a chat, this is a great event to get involved with.

If you are interested in acting as a volunteer for the event, either by welcoming guests, helping to serve refreshments, assisting with the art activity or any other number of small things then they would be delighted to hear from you.

You can contact Sue via sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk

