

LONGSANDS ACADEMY

Sixth Form Weekly Update

Monday, 18 July 2022

(Week B)

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I was very pleased to welcome the Year 13 students to the very first Longsands Year 13 prom. The event was held at Ride Leisure at Wyboston Lakes and we would like to thank Tara and her team for making us feel so welcome. Thank you to Mrs Alder for all of the support, help and ideas in getting the Prom organised and ready and to Mrs Baker for her timely help in getting everything set up.

The evening was a great success, and it was fantastic to see so many of our students dressed to impress. It was especially poignant that many of the students were wearing the dresses that they had bought for the year 11 prom, that could not go ahead due to Covid-19.

The students arrived at the site from 6pm and were entertained by DJ Aiden King (an ex student of Longsands Academy) who kept everyone dancing right through to the very end of the night. The food was a delicious Hog Roast which was provided by the Kitchen at Ride Leisure, a big thank you to Richard and his team.

We crowned the Prom Queen and Queen, the wonderful Diaz and Leonie, who cut the Prom cake. Later, as the sun went down and the fairy lights came on, the view across the lake was stunning and with the balloon arch, in the Prom black, white and gold colour scheme (as nominated by Sophie, thank you) the students took advantage of the photobooth props and beautiful backdrop to take what must have been hundreds of photos.

It was with a tear in our eyes that we said farewell to an amazing year group. Good luck, enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you all again on results day in August and for the certificate evening in December.

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KEY DATES

18 July

Year 12 end of year celebration

19 July

End of academic year 2021/22

18 August

Year 13 results day

6 September

Start of academic year 2022/23

15 October

UCAS 2023 early entry application deadline

25 January

UCAS 2023 deadline for Undergraduate applications

CAREERS AND ENRICHMENT

UCAS - Create your future 2022:

UCAS are hosting two exciting events for students interested in a creative career in design, music, or the performing arts. These events will include creative workshops and Q&A sessions with current industry experts. For further information on the London event, visit this [link](#). For more information on the Manchester event, please visit this [link](#).

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I hope you have all found your Year 12 work experience week helpful in giving you greater clarity around your future career choices. With this in mind, I will be continuing the work Dr Cullen started around UCAS for prospective university applicants as well as continuing to give further information, alongside Mr Simpson and Mrs Martindale, for those of you who wish to explore apprenticeships and employment.

When you step back and review the year we have had, there has truly been many highlights and successes to celebrate. I look forward to Monday lunchtime and period 5 where we will have our Year 12 end of year celebratory barbecue. I hope you enjoy this afternoon and go on to have a restful and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again in September for the start of the new academic year.

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MEDICAL SOCIETY TRIP

Last Thursday some Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit the Rayne Laboratory (associated with University College London and the University College Hospital). Throughout the day they were spoken to by Dr Coziana Cuirtin the Academic lead for the centre and consultant rheumatologist. She spoke to them about her research on adolescent rheumatology and on working as a consultant in the NHS.

The Year 12 students all commented on how passionately she spoke, and we know it inspired and enthused them. Students then had the opportunity for a more informal chat with some of the PhD and Post-Doctoral students working at the centre. Where they asked questions about their inspirations their respective research areas and what they enjoyed most about their jobs. Over lunch many took up the option to donate a few millilitres of blood for the centre to use in their future research.

Finally, the day ended with students carrying out Gel Electrophoresis and setting up a PCR in one of the centre's laboratories. We are very grateful to UCL and the Rayne centre for accommodating us and look forward to developing this opportunity for our students with multiple trips throughout the year.

