

LONGLEY PARK SIXTH FORM

Newsletter *May 2023*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are now well into the first full week of examinations and many other subjects are completing final assessments and assignments. We wish all students who are sitting examinations over the next month the best of luck. Every day is another chance for students to make a difference to their outcomes, and it is pleasing to see so many students attending and engaging in additional revision sessions and taking advantage of the exams breakfast and wellbeing sessions.

We know that there is lots of support from home for students at this point of the year to help your young person prepare for exams. In this current newsletter, we wanted to give you an overview of the resources and support that is being made available to students. The sixth form is open for independent study 9am until 2pm Tuesday to Friday in the half-term.

We hope that every student makes each day count, takes advantage of all the support that is on offer, and succeeds in their final assessments.



REVISION, RESOURCES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the break, the sixth form will be open for students to make use of the independent learning centre from Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June 9am until 2pm. There are also a number of additional sessions being run by staff.

Please continue to encourage good revision habits over the break. We have a wealth of advice and guidance on learning and revision techniques in our Learning Matters section of our [website here](#).

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.

LEARNING MATTERS

The exam season is well underway and many students are putting into practice the strategies we have shared over the course of the year through Learning Matters.

We have recently conducted a survey and asked students to describe how they are feeling this term. A number are feeling a little nervous and stressed, which is to be expected with the anticipation of exams and leaving Longley Park. However, these are balanced with some wonderful words which really show the optimism, resilience and strength of our students. You can read these below. These are a testament to the efforts of all the staff at the Sixth Form, and to our community of parents and carers.

Determined. Accomplished. Excited. Prepared. Happy. Active. Nervous. Focused. Calm. Cool. Confident. Healthy. Succeeding. Equipped. Ready. Proud.

Learning Matters. It's why we are here! If you want to better understand ways that you can help your young person learn and get ready for assessments and exams, all of our strategies are available on our website [here](#).



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SIXTH FORM ACADEMY
Creating Excellence Together,
through a culture of care

EXAMS

There are some fantastic things going on within the Sixth Form to help support students with exams such as free breakfasts on exam days, in class reminders, subject specific revision sessions, wellbeing drop in sessions and the exams newsletter shared with all students and parents.

There are also a huge range of apps designed to support students revision. These apps can help students revise content and manage their time better.

Here are just a few of the apps students can access.



[Click here to view the Exams Newsletter!](#)

If you have any questions or concerns around exams, please complete this form

TRIPS, EVENTS AND MORE!

This half term we have had some brilliant events, celebrations and trips take place!

Easter Revision

Over Easter our staff offered revision sessions to support our students prior to their exams; all part of our Learning Matters; Make It Count campaign.

Meadowhall support

Meadowhall generously offered clothing for our students to help them feel confident for university interviews or job interviews.

Huddersfield University

An on line session with our Criminology & Law students, discussing the topic of "Offender Assessment- Risk & Danger".

Careers Fair 2023

Over 18 Universities and employers came along to the sixth form! Students got to find out more about their next step after sixth form and our Trust schools, Hinde House & Yewlands Y11 students attended also.

Cambridge University Visit

Students joined HeppSY and their ElevatED project and got to visit Cambridge University and meet students and staff and experience Uni life for a day.

Murder Mystery Event

Our Business students organised a Murder Mystery event in the sixth form and invited students to join in and crack the mystery. Fun had by all!

Eid Festival 2023

This was a chance for our students to celebrate Eid together from dancing, enjoying sweet treats to henna and ping pong!

Red, White and Blue Day

Celebrating the Kings coronation, British icons and a British themed menu!



SEND Coffee Morning

On the 25th of May, 8am - 8.45am we will be hosting a SEND coffee morning. This event is an opportunity for parents of young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to come together and learn more about what we do at the Sixth Form. There will be a variety of refreshments available, including hot drinks and pastries, and the chance to chat with other parents and carers. We believe that events like this are essential for creating a supportive and inclusive community, and we encourage all parents to attend. Whether you are new to the college or have been here for some time, we are confident that you will find the morning both informative and enjoyable.

Please RSVP on Eventbrite using the QR code by the 19th of May.

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ATTENDANCE

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As we approach exams and assignment deadlines, being here and on time to Sixth Form is vital if students are to achieve to the highest standard. Students with 95% or better attendance are proven to have the best chances at success during their studies and beyond into employment.

We know and understand that many students can find this time of year stressful for lots of reasons. Some students worry about exams, some students worry about what comes next especially those coming towards the end of their courses! Just remember we have lots of people here to help and support young people.

If a student is worried or needs some support around anything, their academic tutors, wellbeing team and all their teachers are here to help – Students can reach out in person or by email and let us know.

Students can use this code to reach out to the wellbeing team to let them know they need support.

USEFUL LINKS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



OFQUAL STUDENT GUIDE

[Click here to view.](#)

STOP SMOKING/VAPING

The Sixth Form are supporting Sheffield Smokefree campaign to help learners, their parents and carers better understand the harmful effects of smoking and vaping. The Sixth Form is proud to be a SmokeFree site and, in conjunction with Smokefree Sheffield, we want to help young people be more aware of the harmful effects of smoking on vaping on physical health and wellbeing, relationships and finances.

As parents and carers, having a better understanding of the effects of smoking and vaping has, will enable conversations with your child about this. Find the right moment, ask questions and listen to them. [You can find out more here.](#)

BTEC STUDENT HANDBOOK

Many of our students are study BTEC qualifications and for some, this maybe a different way of studying. We want to support students to make the transition to this qualification and this handbook outlines expectations, demands and rules around the submission of work. [Click here to view.](#)

INFORMATION AROUND SIXTH FORM ID

To keep our site safe, we ask all students to always wear an ID card when they are on site. The ID card is also a student's card for printing and to spend bursary money in the canteen. Where a student continues to forget their card on multiple occasions, we will refuse them entry to the site. The process around this is detailed on the attached letter. [Click here to view.](#)

WELLBEING SUPPORT APPS

Starting at a new sixth form can be an emotional time for some. We have a wellbeing team to help students settle into their new surroundings. There are also a range of apps that students can access to support their wellbeing throughout their time with us. [Click here to view.](#)

PARENTS AND CARERS HANDBOOK

There is a wealth of information about the sixth form, the support that students can access, and information from curriculum areas within the handbook. [Click here to view.](#)