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Principal's Welcome to In The Loop, our new weekly newsletter designed to keep you connected with everything happening across Longley Park Sixth Form Academy. Each edition will shine a spotlight on the vibrant curriculum experiences, inspiring enrichment opportunities, and the fantastic achievements taking place across our community. We'll also use this space to share helpful Learning Matters strategies to support effective study habits, as well as signpost the wellbeing support available to every student. Whether it's celebrating success, highlighting upcoming events, or sharing practical guidance, In The Loop is here to help everyone stay informed, engaged, and thriving.

Overcoming the Digital Divide: Students Transform 300 Laptops

Our T Level Digital Support and Security students are making fantastic progress with their 105 Laptop Project. As part of this real-world assignment, they have been tasked with refurbishing 300 Trust laptops, installing a modern operating system and preparing them for use in classrooms.

Working as a professional IT team, the 13 students have taken on specific roles, planned the project and are already seeing impressive results – 76 laptops have been successfully completed so far. These devices will be provided to students at Longley Park Sixth Form who need access to IT at home. Our T Level students will also deliver short set-up sessions to help users get started confidently and understand the expectations for using the equipment.

Projects like this allow students to develop valuable technical knowledge alongside project management, teamwork and communication skills, while making a real difference to other young people's learning.



Make it Count: ILC Relaunch

Launched on 23 February, with just 10 weeks until the summer exams begin, our Learning Matters campaign is now well underway. Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing simple, practical tips and strategies to support independent study, strong attendance and student wellbeing.

We were delighted to kick off the series with the relaunch of our Independent Learning Centre (ILC). The refreshed space is designed to promote focused, disciplined study. There was a real buzz as students explored effective revision techniques, committed to structured study plans and won books and stationery to support their preparation at home.





Did you know you can keep up to date with your child's attendance, behaviour, independent study task and progress using the **Edulink One** app? It's a quick and easy way to check key information, stay informed and support their learning at home. [Click here](#) to find out more and get started.



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This year we are proudly embracing the "Go All In" campaign as we celebrate The National Year of Reading. We invite families to join us by sharing the rewards of reading at home – whether that means building stronger connections, discovering new ideas together, enjoying a laugh, or simply finding a moment of calm in a busy day. There's no single way to be a reader; magazines, novels, comics, facts, recipe books, song lyrics or favourites all count. Whatever you're into, read it – and help us inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Placement Success: Early Years Students Making Us Proud

Our Early Years students have been out on placement and are making us proud! Their dedication and professionalism have been praised by their placement providers, reflecting the hard work and skills they are developing.



Ruby is an exemplary student, she acts on initiative on her own and within the team. She takes feedback well and follows instructions. She has lovely relationships with the staff and children. Ruby is always willing to help and even stepped up to lead a dance lesson when staff were absent which showed amazing attitude.- [St Thomas More Catholic Primary School](#).

Tristan is a pleasure to know. He works hard and is always willing to do anything asked of him. He is well like by children and staff. He is always inclusive and non-judgemental, works within policies and procedures and is always professional. Tristan always arrives smarty and ready for work.- [Tinsley Meadows Primary Nursery](#).

Courtney is a kind and calm student when working with all of the children. She has supported a lot of children with emotional support and SEND. She has gained confidence when interacting with the children and adults. Well done! -[Meynell Primary School Nursery](#)



Growing a Greener Community

We're pleased to share that *Kids Plant Trees* invited a group of our students to take part in a tree-planting project at Longley Park. As part of this community initiative, students planted a range of trees, learned about the benefits of supporting biodiversity, and worked together to make a positive contribution to their local environment. It was a fantastic experience that not only helped enhance the local environment but also allowed our young people to make a positive contribution to their community.



20-26 Dates for your Diary

-  9th and 11th March *Level 2 Progression Interviews*
-  Tue 24th March *Academy half day training- closing at 12.45pm*
-  Thurs 26th March *Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-6.30pm, all students*
-  Fri 27th March *Last Day of Term*