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Fourth Edition  
WC 16<sup>TH</sup> March



Longley Park  
SIXTH FORM ACADEMY



This week we marked **Neurodiversity Celebration Week**, a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences and celebrates the strengths of different ways of thinking. Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to take part in activities in the Plaza during lunchtime, helping to raise awareness and celebrate the diversity within our college community. We finished the week with an Arts and Crafts Fair, with money raised going to Mencap, and a Rainbow Day, where students and staff were encouraged to show their support by wearing rainbow colours. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community getting involved and celebrating the value of different perspectives and talents.

## Pencil to Paper: Stunning Final Major Projects from Year 1 Art Students

For their Final Major Projects, our UAL Level 3 Year 1 Art students have been producing an impressive series of pencil drawings that demonstrate both strong technical ability and thoughtful creative development. The students are creating conceptually driven work while refining their specialist skills in drawing, exploring detailed observational techniques and personal themes within their projects. The standard of work produced has been outstanding, showcasing not only their artistic talent but also the dedication and creativity they have developed throughout the course.



*Elissa M - Combined pencil study of Dad and Sister.*



*Lilly M - Pencil study of sister*

## Hands-On Science: Students Get Inspired at STEM Careers Fair



On Wednesday, our students had an exciting opportunity to visit the STEM Careers Fair at MAGNA, where they got hands-on with a range of interactive activities and experiments. Students also had the chance to meet employers and industry professionals from across the science, technology, engineering, and maths sectors, gaining valuable insight into potential career paths and the skills needed for future opportunities. It was a fantastic experience that brought STEM subjects to life and inspired students to explore the wide range of possibilities in these fields.



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## Healthy Minds, Successful Students: Wellbeing Support Available

As part of our **Make It Count** initiative, we are placing a strong focus on student wellbeing, particularly as we approach final assessments, coursework deadlines, and exams—a time when students can often feel increased pressure or stress. We offer a wide range of support here at the Sixth Form, and to make it even easier for students to access help, we have launched a Wellbeing Portal via Teams. The portal provides a variety of resources, strategies, and recommended apps to support mental health and wellbeing, both within the Sixth Form and beyond. We encourage all students to explore the portal and make use of the tools available to help manage stress and maintain a healthy balance during this busy period.



### Exploring Social Media Law with Leeds Beckett University



This week, our Law students had a fantastic opportunity to take part in the StreetLaw project, welcoming students from Leeds Beckett University.

The session focused on social media, a topic of growing importance given recent discussions about restrictions for young people in Australia and potential changes in the UK. Students explored the legal framework governing social media use in the UK and took part in interactive discussions about how rights and freedoms apply to children and young people online.

It was an engaging and thought-provoking session, giving our students the chance to develop critical thinking skills and consider real-world legal issues from different perspectives.

We're proud to see our students actively participating in projects that bring university-level learning and current legal debates into the classroom!



### Easter Break Update – BTEC Students

If your child is studying a **BTEC course** and has submitted all final assignments, they will finish for the Easter break on **Thursday 26th March**.

Students who have **not completed their final assignments** must attend on **Friday 27th March for Retake Day**.

Please note that all **A Level, GCSE, and Tutorial sessions** will continue as usual on **Friday 27th March**.

Thank you for your support in ensuring all assignments are completed on time.

### 2026 Dates for your Diary

-  Tue 24<sup>TH</sup> March *Academy half day training- closing at 12.45pm*
-  Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March *Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-6.30pm, all students*
-  Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March *Last Day of Term*

### PI DAY Skyline Update!

