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Welcome Back – A Crucial Half Term at Longley Park



Welcome back after the Easter break. As we begin the summer term, we are now entering the most important half term of the academic year for our students.

This period will see final coursework and assignments completed, practical and art examinations take place, and the full formal examination season open in just four weeks' time. Every lesson and assessment from this point forward will have a direct impact on students' final outcomes.

Being exam ready means students must take every opportunity to prepare—engaging fully in lessons, responding carefully to feedback, attending targeted support and intervention sessions, and committing to effective independent study. Crucially, this all starts with strong attendance and punctuality. Learning time is precious, and being in lessons on time, every day, is essential.

We are pleased to have seen a significant improvement in punctuality following the focused work undertaken last half term, and we thank families for their continued support. However, we will continue to challenge those students who persistently arrive late to lessons. At this stage of the year, we expect better—and we know our learners are capable of meeting these expectations.

Together, we look forward to supporting all our students to finish the year strongly and achieve their full potential.

Student Ambassadors Champion Literacy

As part of the National Year of Reading, our Student Ambassadors recently visited Brigantia Hill Fort, one of our Trust schools, to share their enthusiasm for reading with younger pupils.

The visit focused on bringing stories to life by linking reading with play. Through games, storytelling, and creative activities, the children were encouraged to see reading not just as a skill, but as an enjoyable and imaginative experience.

It was wonderful to see our students taking on leadership roles, inspiring younger learners and helping to build confidence and curiosity. Opportunities like this highlight the strength of collaboration across our Trust, with pupils supporting one another and fostering a shared love of reading.

Encouraging reading at every age is key to developing lifelong learners, and we are proud to see our school community working together to make reading engaging, accessible, and fun for all.



Attendance Matters: Rewarding Commitment and Punctuality

Regular attendance at sixth form was extremely important and played a vital role in helping students reach their full potential. To encourage this, we ran a special incentive this week: students who achieved 100% attendance with no lates were entered into a daily prize draw, with the chance to win a £10 voucher each day. We were pleased to celebrate those who demonstrated excellent commitment and punctuality.

Pi Day Celebrations continue!



To celebrate Pi Day, our Maths teacher Hugh brought numbers to life by organising a creative and engaging activity where students worked together to build a fantastic "Pi Skyline." Combining maths with imagination, the display showcased the digits of π in a truly unique way. We're delighted to share that this impressive piece was entered into Think Maths' Pi Representation Competition and was selected as a winner in the large group category. Even better, the artwork is now featured on their website—an excellent achievement and a brilliant example of maths in action!

Law Students Gain Real-World Interview Experience



We were delighted to welcome staff from Irwin Mitchell on site this week to present certificates to 40 of our Year 1 Law students, recognising their outstanding participation in a comprehensive interview programme.

Over the course of four weeks, Irwin Mitchell organised and facilitated an impressive 80 interviews, involving more than 20 legal professionals from across the firm. Each student took part in an initial interview and received detailed written feedback, followed by a second interview where they were able to demonstrate how they had acted on that guidance.

This invaluable experience has given students a genuine insight into professional recruitment processes, helping them to develop confidence, communication skills and the ability to respond to feedback—key qualities for their future careers.



Parent Coffee Morning – Understanding the UCAS Process



We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a coffee morning taking place on **Friday 24th, from 9:30am to 10:30am.**

This session will focus on the UCAS application process and the support available to students as they begin planning their next steps after sixth form. It will be a great opportunity to:

- Ask questions about university applications
- Gain a clear understanding of key dates and timelines
- Learn how we support students throughout the process
- Explore how you can support and encourage your young person at home

Whether your child is certain about their next steps or still considering their options, we hope this session will provide useful guidance and reassurance.



Dates for

your Diary



Mon 20th April

Summer Exams Start



Mon 4th May

Bank Holiday