

# In the... Loop

Twelfth Edition  
WC 1<sup>st</sup> June



Longley Park  
SIXTH FORM ACADEMY

## Science Students Reach New Heights at Mam Tor!



On the last day of term, 18 Science students swapped the classroom for the great outdoors as they took on the challenge of climbing Mam Tor in the Peak District. With steep paths and plenty of uphill sections, it was no easy feat, but our students rose to the challenge brilliantly! Throughout the hike, students showed fantastic teamwork, encouraging and supporting one another all the way to the summit. Their determination, resilience and positive attitude were a credit to the school, and the spectacular views at the top made all the hard work worthwhile. Well done to everyone who took part in a memorable end-of-term adventure!

## Games Students Reach BAFTA Finals

Congratulations to Games students Erin and Faiza, who have been named finalists in the Game Concept category of the BAFTA Young Game Designers Awards.

The winners will be announced on 18 June, but both students will receive prizes and valuable industry mentorship opportunities. Judged by leading games industry professionals, the competition offers finalists the chance to gain expert feedback and insight into their work.

We're also proud that another of our students reached the final 16 entries in the country and will receive feedback from the judging panel.

This is the third year in a row that our students have achieved BAFTA Young Game Designers nominations – a fantastic achievement and one we hope to build on again next year. Good luck to Erin and Faiza for the awards announcement!



## Supporting Youth Pride Sheffield

Our Sixth Form is proud to support SAYIT's upcoming Youth Pride event on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, from 12pm–4pm at the Showroom Workstation. Youth Pride is a celebration of Sheffield's LGBTQ+ young people, providing a welcoming and inclusive space for young people to come together, connect and celebrate Pride.

The afternoon will feature handmade craft stalls, speeches, performances and a range of activities showcasing the creativity and diversity of Sheffield's young LGBTQ+ community. We are delighted to help promote this fantastic event and encourage students, families and members of the wider community to attend and show their support.



# Business Students Make a Difference Through Retail Challenge

Our first-year Level 3 Extended Diploma Business students have been putting their skills into practice as part of their Unit 15 Retail for Business coursework. The challenge focused on investigating the retail environment while developing key skills in budgeting, teamwork and decision-making. Working collaboratively, students carefully planned and managed their budgets to complete a shopping challenge, ultimately donating over 90 items to Handsworth Foodbank via an in-store donation point. Their efforts have made a meaningful contribution to the local community, supporting families in need while applying their learning in a real-world context. To round off their success, students celebrated their achievements with a well-earned ice cream in the sunshine. A fantastic example of teamwork, enterprise and community spirit—well done to all involved!



## Staying Safe Around Open Water This Summer

With the hot weather now here, we'd like to remind families that open water is not always safe. Recent tragedies across the UK have shown how quickly things can go wrong when swimming in rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals, and other unsupervised waters. What may look refreshing can hide serious dangers, including cold water shock, strong currents, hidden obstacles, and sudden drops in depth. Please encourage your child to think before they jump in: swim only in designated safe areas, stay with friends, look out for each other, and call 999 in an emergency. Never take risks for a dare, challenge, or social media post, and don't assume warm weather means safe water. Enjoy the sunshine, stay safe, and make sure everyone gets home. You can also read the important water [safety letter](#) from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service on our website for further advice and guidance. #WaterSafety #StaySafeThisSummer

#ThinkBeforeYouJump #LookOutForEachOther

## T Level Early Years Students Gain Makaton Training and Qualification Opportunity



Our T Level Education and Early Years students have taken part in Makaton training this week, developing their communication skills to support inclusive practice in early years settings. As part of the programme, students will work towards achieving their Level 1 Makaton qualification, equipping them with a valuable additional skill for both their future employment in early years environments and their progression into university study. This training will help students to better support children's communication needs and enhance their understanding of inclusive learning strategies.

## Join Our Academy Advisory Council (AAC)!

As part of Brigantia Trust, our Academy is supported by an Academy Advisory Council (AAC) – a dedicated group of parents, carers, and community members who help ensure that community voice and challenge are at the heart of what we do.

- The AAC meets just three times a year for 90 minutes.
- Members review progress in key areas including achievement, enrichment, safeguarding, and student experience.
- This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the life of the Academy while making a real difference by bringing community perspectives to decision making.

We are currently looking for parents and members of the local community to join us. Your input can help shape the future of our Academy and strengthen the bridge between school and community.

If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more, please contact LCodd @brigantiastrust.net

# 2026 Dates for your Diary

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July *Last Day of Teaching*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July *The Creative Show*

