

Dear Parents, Guardians and Neighbours

This week the entire school has been involved in STEAM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Week). This is a really important week where students are actively involved in cross curricular projects linked to the subject listed above and to the wider world of work. This week has seen students involved in designing gas detection equipment under the careful guidance of SMITHS. Students have also been involved in surveying the entire school and designing movie sets having seen various productions and performances. Other students have combined their ICT and photographic skills whilst filming the site. Large numbers of Year 9 took part in their Duke of Edinburgh expedition in Ivinghoe. Year 10 have attended work experience in a host of locations and Year 9 have engaged in work shadowing. These events are integral to the student's experience at school and help to prepare them for the world of work. Aside from this we have also said goodbye to Year 11 in their leaver's assembly and both they and Year 13 have had their respective proms.

The next stage of our ICT refurbishment has also been initiated. F20 now has new computers throughout and F14 has been closed for the change of layout and establishment of new machines similar to those seen in F12. Although school budgets are tight we will always seek to spend our resources in ways that have maximum impact on students and these refurbishments will ensure that all the legacy equipment carried over with us when we moved to our new school has been replaced with newer models.

Next week the school returns to normal with all students starting their new timetables and moving up a year group. For some students this will mean them starting their new GCSE Option and for some a new Key Stage. Years 7 & 8 will hold their graduation assemblies and I am delighted that for the first time all students will be graduating with their peers. The next three weeks are of crucial importance for students in ensuring that they get off to a good start in their new subjects and build strong and purposeful relationships with their new teachers. I am sure that they will.

I am delighted to announce that we are fully staffed for next year and all teachers working with your children have been appointed by me and will be employed by Longdean School. This will ensure that your child receives the highest standards of teaching and wider educational experience. I will be interviewing for some Teaching Assistants and non-classroom roles next week but to all intents and purposes we are ready to go.

Yours sincerely

Graham Cunningham  
Headteacher

## Important dates

- ◆ 2 July 2019— Welcome To Key Stage 4 Evening
- ◆ 3 July 2019—District Sports Day
- ◆ 4 and 5 July—Year 6 taster and campus days

# Welcome to Key Stage 4

**The Welcome To Key Stage 4 Evening is being held on Tuesday 2 July 2019:**

This is held for all students and parents of students who are currently in years 8, 9 or 10.

- Current Year 8 pupils (moving up to Year 9 in July): 6.00pm start; ends 8pm.
- Current Year 9 pupils (moving up to Year 10 in July): 6.30pm start; ends 7pm.
- Current Year 10 pupils (moving up to Year 11 in July): 6.30pm start; ends 7pm.

Mrs G. Segal

Deputy Headteacher

## Water bottles

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint please can the school request parents to provide a named water bottle to their child.

This is in part due to the high volume of disposable plastic cups being used for water (in excess of 5000 per week) which makes a considerable impact upon the environment and can help us to reduce the schools carbon footprint.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L. Walker

Kitchen Manager



# Update Details

Have your contact details changed?

**You could be missing out on important information for your child.**

Address, email, phone number, name, emergency contact information for your child

In order for you to receive important emails and texts, please ensure that you provide us with your current details by emailing or writing in to the school Admin Office: [admin@longdean.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@longdean.herts.sch.uk).

Thank you for your on-going cooperation.

Longdean School Office

# Lost Property

On **Wednesday 10 July 2019** At 3.30pm, the Admin Office will be displaying all items of lost property.

If your child has lost any items, please come and see if we have it here.

**Any items not collected will be disposed of after this date.**

Thank you

Longdean School Office

# Catering

Parents will remember our previous information about a grant bid we were making to launch a breakfast club. This has been piloted since Easter and has been very popular.

We just heard that we were successful in our bid to Children in Need and will be receiving £30,000 over three years. This will allow us to offer free breakfast to students eligible for free school meals along with other vulnerable students. All students will be welcome to attend the club which runs from 7.30-8.15am and offers the following menu:

**Cereals 70p**

**Toast 25p (free to all for 1st slice)**

**Bacon or sausage rolls £1.05 and sandwich 95p**

**Fruit 35p**

**Squash 20p**

**Coffee 65p**

**Porridge 70p (1st bowl free)**

**Baked beans 40p**

**Hash browns 40p**

**Bagels 75p**

**Tea 45p**

**Hot chocolate 65p**

The club is supervised and we will be asking the students what sort of activities they would enjoy.

Entrance to the canteen is via the door by Technology.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Doyle

Finance Director

## Catering Address

If your child has any remaining balance on their catering account and you wish to be refunded or have this transferred to a sibling account, you will need to submit these details in writing to Alliance in Partnership directly. These needs to be sent to:

**Alliance in Partnership,  
Suite 440, 4th floor,  
West Wing, TriGate  
210-222 Hagley Road West,  
Oldbury,  
West Midlands, B68 0NP**

# Locker Renewal

## Longdean School

A Mathematics and Computing Academy

Part of the East Daconum Co-operative Learning Trust

Headteacher: Mr G.P. Cunningham BA, MBA



June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Please note that payment for your child's locker rental is now due.**

An amount of **£10** needs to be paid via School Gateway (our preferred method) or via cash/cheque to the Finance Office by no later than Friday 12 July 2019.

This payment will cover rental of the locker for the academic year 2019/2020.

If your child no longer wishes to keep their locker, they will need to return their padlock and both keys to the Finance Office by no later than Friday 12 July 2019.

Refunds of deposits will be made in September upon our return and will only be made if the child has returned their padlock and both keys and none of the locker terms and conditions have been violated.

If payment is not received and no contact with the school is made then it will be assumed that your child is forfeiting their locker. In this instance it is unlikely that your child will receive their deposit back due to the time and administration put into emptying and re-issuing lockers.

All unpaid lockers will be emptied during Summer Break and re-allocated to students on a waiting list. Any removed items will be available for collection from Student Services in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Courtney

On behalf of the Finance & Premises Team

Registered office:  
Rumballs Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 8JB  
Registered in England and Wales: 07695624  
Tel: 01442 217277  
[www.longdean.herts.sch.uk](http://www.longdean.herts.sch.uk)  
<https://moodle.longdean.herts.sch.uk>  
[admin@longdean.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@longdean.herts.sch.uk)

First Day Response:  
Da Vinci: 01442 205706  
Franklin: 01442 205707  
Gates: 01442 205760  
Pascal: 01442 205703  
Sixth Form: 01442 205720



# Music Lesson Fees

## Financial Assistance for Music Fees

### Re-applying, or applying for the first time



If you are in Year 3 or above and would like to start or continue music lessons in September with Hertfordshire Music Service, you may be eligible for financial assistance from Hertfordshire County Council.

Speak to your school office, Music Co-ordinator, Head of Music or Music Centre for more details.



Parents/carers can apply or re-apply for financial assistance from **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019** for music lessons beginning in September.

Applications: Apply in one of the following ways:

- a) Online, go to [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)
- b) Telephone Hertfordshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4048 (8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm on Saturday).

Queries: Contact Hertfordshire Music Service  
Email: [music.remission@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:music.remission@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Hertfordshire Music Service  
[www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission)



# Medication

If we have been holding any medication for your child in first aid, please ensure they collect it on the last day of term, Friday 19 July 2019 and return it again at the beginning of next term.

In September, a new consent form will be given to your child to give permission for Longdean School to hold medication for them.

Please return the completed form with the correct information (including dosage and instructions) on the first day of term, Wednesday 4 September 2019.

Thank you

Mrs Wilkins

Matron

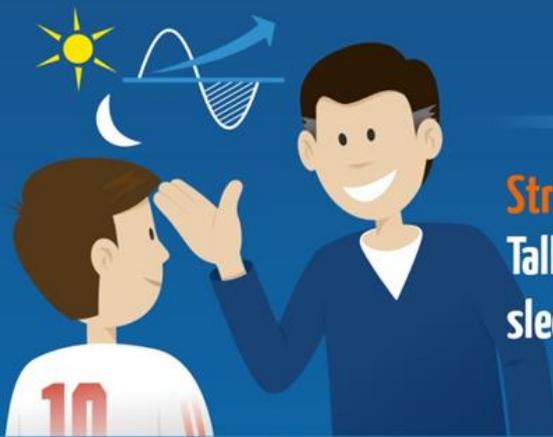
# Growth Mindset

## THE TEENAGE BRAIN IS DIFFERENT

### A Coaches Guide

by @inner\_drive | [www.innerdrive.co.uk](http://www.innerdrive.co.uk)

**More likely to take risks and seek out novelty**  
Encourage positive risk taking by choosing challenging tasks



**Struggle to get enough sleep**  
Talk to them about common sleep mistakes



**Worse at reading emotions**  
Be clear with what you mean and have patience



**More susceptible to peer pressure**  
Shape group values that encourage a team ethos



**Worse self-control**  
Limit distractions and provide clear structure and guidelines

# Attendance

**90% Attendance  
from Years 7 to 11  
= Half a School Year  
= MISSED!!**

Sept	←		→		July
Y7	<b>1/2 a year absent from school</b>				
Y8					
Y9					
Y10					
Y11					

Please support your child by ensuring that they are in school every day, as far as possible.

**Three** families have been issued with a fixed penalty notice and **two** have been prosecuted by Hertfordshire County Council for their child's non-attendance at school this academic year.

**Nothing is more critical to attainment than consistent attendance.**

Well done to all of the students who achieved 100% so far this academic year.

**The greater the attendance  
....the greater the achievement**

Research suggests that for every  
**17 MISSED SCHOOL DAYS,**  
a student's achievement will drop by  
**ONE GRADE** when they sit their GCSEs

# Information

## Independent Learning and Homework at Longdean

Please remember to discuss your child's Independent Learning and Homework set on Show My Homework using the app or the website:

<https://longdean.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar>

where you can find the entire school's homework and filter by subject, teacher or class without logging in. For specific details about your child's homework, please log in to this website or the app. We recommend half an hour a night, Monday through Thursday, on sites such as GCSE Pod, BBC Bitesize, Mathswatch, Tassomai, Educake, MyMaths and others as advised by the departments.



<http://www.gcsepod.com/parents> — for a parent's guide.



[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) — students have an individual username and password from their Maths Teacher.

Mr R Muskett - Assistant Headteacher



## Reporting Absences from School - Contact Numbers

*If, for any reason, your child is absent from school or needs to be collected for an appointment, please contact one of the following numbers as soon as possible. Any messages will be picked up at the beginning of the school day.*

***Please call each day your child will be absent.***

***Da Vinci: 01442 205706***

***Franklin: 01442 205707***

***Gates: 01442 205760***

***Pascal: 01442 205703***

***Sixth Form: 01442 205720***

# Recent Communication



Longdean School  
A School of Mathematics & Computing Science

## Recent communication sent home:

- ♦ Years 7-9—STEAM Week ICT Activities Letter
- ♦ Years 7-9—Phone Usage During STEAM Week Letter
- ♦ Years 8, 9 and 10—Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening Letters and Timetables
- ♦ Year 11—Leaver's Assembly Details
- ♦ Year 12—Year 12 Exam Timetable
- ♦ Sixth Form—A Level City Insight Day details

# Attendance



*Pascal*

95.4%



*Gates*

92.9%



*Franklin*

93.3%



*Da Vinci*

94.8%

0%

100%

**Whole School: 94.2%**

### Link Dates

The Longdean Link is published every two weeks, via the Schoolcomms e-mail system to all those for whom we have an e-mail address, and on the LLP. Next issue: Friday 12 July 2019