



# LONGSANDS ACADEMY

## STUDENT BULLETIN



Monday, 29 November 2021

(Week A)

### HOUSE POINTS

Well done to all students who have been awarded House points for a variety of reasons so far this academic year - all of which are in recognition of our core values of *Working Hard, Being Kind* and *Achieving More!*

Congratulations go to everyone in **HAWKING HOUSE** who have the most House points overall so far, with **3,588!**

Last week's winners, **TURING**, are close behind with 3,570, very closely followed by **AUSTEN** who have 3,567, next is **SEACOLE** with 3,526, then **DARWIN** with 3,335.

Which House will be in the lead next week?

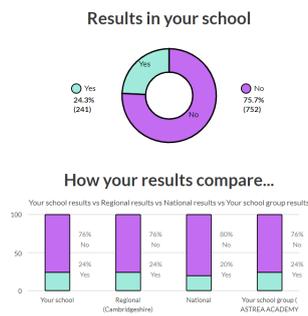


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### VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Last week students voted on the question 'Was COP26 successful?' the results can be seen below.

This coming week, to mark **International Day of People with Disabilities** on 3rd December, we want to get students thinking about the need for "every citizen in every community to learn from the experiences of people living with disabilities during this pandemic", as outlined by the organisers. With this in mind, voters will be discussing the question: "**Has the pandemic made us more aware of disabilities?**"



#### Continue the conversation at home...

Has the pandemic made us more aware of disabilities?

Can you think of anything that is designed to help people living with disabilities?

How has the pandemic made life more challenging for everyone?

How might these challenges affect people living with disabilities in particular?

### KEY DATES COMING UP:

8 December  
Year 11 Mock Results Day

9 December  
Year 11 Parental Consultations

10 December  
Christmas Hampers  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Lunch

16 December  
Christmas Carol Concert

17 December  
Non-uniform day (end of term)

20 December to 3 January  
Christmas break

4 January  
Start of the Spring term



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## GCSEPOD

Well done to students in **Hawking House** who have watched the most Pods in the last week.

In Year 11 the top form for GCSEPod is PRR and in Year 10 the top form is GAH.

Our individual top podders for the week are Neda, Charlie and Ryan in Year 10 and Lucy, Amelia and Joshua in Year 11, great work everyone!



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## PHOTOGRAPHY - COMPETITIONS



It's that time of the year when the leaves are as golden as the sun is low in the sky and cameras come out to capture these magical moments.

Students are being encouraged to enter our **Autumn House Photography Competition**. All they have to do to submit your entry is upload it to the Form via this link <https://forms.office.com/r/2ZFPTBG4Kv> which is also on Doodle.

Each entry gets a House Point and the winner in each House will get a tub of Celebrations!

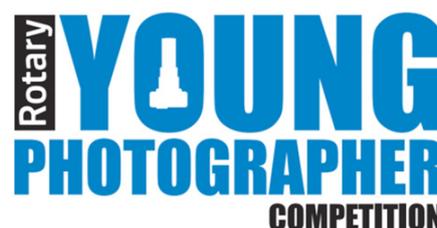
### Colours of Nature - Rotary Young Photographer Competition

Students are also encouraged to enter the 'Colours of Nature' competition (the same photograph **can** be entered for both).

The deadline for submissions to this competition is Friday 7 January 2022 and entries should be emailed to Ms Sanders via [gina.sanders@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:gina.sanders@astrea-longsands.org)

#### ENTRY DETAILS:

Theme is 'colours of nature'. There can be one entry per student, entry must be in .jpg format with a minimum of 1500 pixels along the long edge of the photograph.





### YEAR 10 PD: CAREERS - MOCK INTERVIEWS

Remember... mock interviews are taking place in December.

These interviews are simply a chance to 'experience' what an interview is like, you will also get some constructive feedback which will help you to improve your skills.

Please do not worry about these interviews, it is normal to be nervous, this is all part of the getting prepared for the world of work. Just try your best!

#### Instructions:

**7 December:** 10GAH, JJB, NJS, CLG AND KJD

**10 December:** 10NDZ, CKK, IMB, JSS AND MTL

*Your form tutor will give you your interview time the week before the interview. All interviews are in the Library.*

- Make sure you know your interview time and date
- Bring your own earphones – if you forget you will be provided with a sanitised headset
- Please arrive a few minutes before your interview time.
- Do not bring your bag/coat unless your time is close to a lesson changeover.
- You may bring your notes with you as prompts.
- You do not need to bring your CV with you but you may want to update it after your interview.



## WEAR A MASK

MY MASK  
PROTECTS YOU



YOUR MASK  
PROTECTS ME

**ONLY TOGETHER CAN WE SAVE LIVES**



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### WINTER ARRANGEMENTS

Now that the weather has turned colder we would encourage you to wear a white layer underneath your shirt, to wear a school jumper under your blazer and to ensure you wear a coat to school that you can then wear in your classroom. Please remember that hoods, hats and gloves are not to be worn in classrooms or corridors and that our normal uniform policy applies in that hoodies are not permitted in school. You may wear your coat in corridors when you leave your classroom – this will apply to the winter months only.

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### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

We are delighted to celebrate our Students of the Week who were awarded the most House points in their Year groups.

Congratulations to all of these students on your hard work, resilience and achievements!

	Austen	Darwin	Hawking	Seacole	Turing
Year 7	Ella F	Eddie R	Charlotte N	Harry S Saoirse C	Harriet N Amber A
Year 8	Emma U	Rebeca T	Katie F Brandon J Sophia M Abbie D Max L Lucas O Charlotte E	Lana M Oliver H	Eleanor L-S
Year 9	Emma P-G	Emma W	Catherine B Beth O'H Paige J	Samuel F	George C
Year 10	Jamie O	Kayleigh R	Hayden D Vinnie H	Christopher H	Jack P
Year 11	Sam C Bradley Y Charlie C	Luis G	Connor W	Millie F Jasmine S Riley R Layla C	Richard J Isaac J Archie R





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### HEGARTY MATHS: TOP USERS

Well done to all of our Top Users in Hegarty Maths - you've all been awarded a House point! Keep up the good work.

**Year 7** – Ella F, Lukas F, Houda M, Isla M, Rosie G.

**Year 8** – Felicity C, Zara S, Rebeca T, Emmanuel A.

**Year 9** – Maddison G, Freddie B, Tobi F, Joe D, Samuel F.

**Year 10** – Florence M, Darcie N, Alex J, Olivia L, Sami F.

**Year 11** – Luis G, Jasmine S, Georgie T, Jack L, Ashleigh F, Yagiz T.



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### TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE ACADEMY

Now that the afternoons are darker and many of you are taking

part in extra-curricular activities, we would really appreciate it if you could think really carefully about your safety on the way to and from the Academy.

For those that are walking, it is important that you are careful when crossing roads and avoid the distraction of a phone whilst doing so. For those who are coming to school by scooter or bike, you must wear a helmet and ride carefully and with consideration of pedestrians and other road users. Please also ensure you have lights on your bike. If you travel by bus, please remember that you must continue to wear your mask when on school transport and remain in your seat at all times.

It of course goes without saying that we expect all of you to be polite, courteous and behave appropriately at all times on the way to and from school. This includes being kind to each other and ensuring that inappropriate language, including that which is racist, homophobic or sexualised is not used under any circumstances.

Please be mindful of our expectations which are in the parent/carer handbook and printed in your student handbook. Thank you for ensuring that you behave as responsible citizens in our community:

- Make your way to and from the Academy safely and responsibly, wearing a helmet if you ride a bike or scooter and being extra vigilant when crossing roads.
- You are representing Longsands, ensure your behaviour matches expectations in school.
- Be polite to members of our community and each other.
- If travelling by bus, behave appropriately and remain in your seat at all times, remembering to sit in your allocated Year group seat and wear your face covering.
- Use social media responsibly and do not be unkind to others.
- Be a positive role model to others, particularly the primary and nursery age students who are close to our site.
- Use appropriate language at all times.



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## CHILDREN IN NEED UPDATE

### CHILDREN IN NEED A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the students in Year 8 and their form tutors for organising an amazing event on Friday for Children in Need.

It was fantastic to see the craft stalls and games and so many students getting involved and giving money for such a worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed and took part.

*The grand total raised was*

**£679.21**



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## PRIZE DRAW 16 DECEMBER!

Exciting news from the catering team! When you make a purchase from one of the school catering outlets during December, you will be automatically entered into a prize draw! Therefore the more purchases you make the more entries you will receive and the more chances you will have to win!

Bouquets containing treats and stationery items are the prizes this year - good luck!



## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

As if the prize draw wasn't exciting enough... Each day during December there will have something festive on offer, look out for the posters around the school with daily details. There will be mince pies, pigs-in-blanket baguettes, hot chocolate and more.

If a festive bell rings when you are at the till you will receive a free cookie, pen or meal!





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### YEAR 7 GRAFHAM TRIP

Year 7 enjoyed their first day trip to Grafham water during the last week of November.

As part of the trip, the students participated in activities such as High Hopes, Archery, Climbing and the Grafham challenge. It was wonderful to see students conquer their fears of heights, as they worked together to guide each other around an obstacle course and demonstrated some exceptional skills in both climbing and archery.

Students fully immersed themselves into the activities showing an abundance of resilience, confidence and team work. This reward trip offered a great opportunity to build relationships with their tutors, meet new people and further strengthen existing friendships.

The students behaviour was exemplary on all three days and they were a real credit to Longsands Academy.



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### YEAR 7 AND 8 DISTRICT HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

Huge congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 hockey teams. Miss Dixon was delighted to report that both teams were undefeated in their tournaments with very a dominating display. Lots of goals scored all tournament with standout performances from Ella R and Izzie C in Year 8 and Marie Q and Harmony W in Year 9!





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## BOOKS2AFRICA

Longsands Academy have arranged for a number of books, which are no longer used, to be donated to a wonderful charity called Books2Africa.

Books2Africa is a UK registered charity that is improving the quality of education in Africa through the provision of books, computers and educational resources that enable individuals and communities to acquire knowledge and achieve their full potential in a globalized world. The charity collects and ships donated educational resources from individuals and organisations in the UK, reducing waste and increasing 'recycling'.



Books2Africa



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## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2021

- Open to students from all Year groups
- You may submit your design using any techniques, including photography
- A5 size (half A4 page)
- A House Point for participating
- Win House points and a prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place as well as having your card shared with all of our stakeholders.



Take a look at some examples of previous winning and shortlisted entries – produced in a variety of creative ways!

Digital drawing



- Please submit your design to the Library counter by Friday 3 December 2021
- Add your name, tutor group and House in pencil on the back please!

Colour pencil



Colour pencil



Acrylic paint



Oil pastel





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## Christmas 2021



### Christmas Jumper Day!

On **Friday 10 December**, Longsands will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We are asking families to donate £1 (or however much they can give), to support children in the UK and around the world.

Donate via: <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cjd210021374>



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**



### Christmas Dinner!

On **Friday 10 December**, students can enjoy a delicious traditional roast turkey dinner! Look out for further details of how you can order your meal!



### Christmas Hampers!

All hampers need to be delivered to A17 on **Friday 10 December!**

There will be a prize for the 'Best Dressed' Hamper in each House but the most important thing is that all Tutor Groups are taking part and giving back to our local community.

