



# LONGSANDS ACADEMY PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY BULLETIN



Monday, 24 January 2022

(Week **A**)

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I wrote to all parents/carers following the Prime Minister's announcement on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for your continued support with the measures that we have in place. Please do continue to ensure that your child/ren has a face mask on their person to wear in communal areas up until Thursday of next week. So far this week we have a total of 24 students currently self-isolating due to positive PCR tests and 5 members of staff. Your engagement with regular and targeted testing continues to make a real difference and has helped to identify asymptomatic cases and avoid community transmission.

We are pleased to celebrate the success of the Year 10 Debating Team (Kitty, Joshua, and Tara) who won their second debate in the Cambridgeshire/Norfolk final. This success means that the team are now going through to the Regional Final. The team successfully knocked out a number of other schools, including The Perse School and St Mary's Cambridge.



Year 10 Debating Team

The moot was *'This House Would prevent MPs from holding any other paid employment'* - a very topical and political debate.

Miss Clark was incredibly proud of the students, watching them debate confidently and eloquently on a very mature topic. Miss Clark said *"We can also be proud of three other Longsands students - Matheo, Lillianna and Cheryl, who volunteered at the last minute to be an extra 'swing' team in a round where we needed an even number of teams. Congratulations to all involved."* I am sure you will join me in wishing the team well in the regional finals.

We look forward to hosting our Year 10 Parental Consultations on Wednesday 26 January 2022. The onsite school day will end after Period 3, at 12:05 pm. Students will be set remote learning for Period 4 and Period 5 as per our Personal Development curriculum. (Remote learning will not be set for Year 10 as they will be attending the Parent Consultations.) If you do not wish your child/ren to leave school at this time we will provide an area for your child to undertake their virtual lessons, please do ensure you inform your child's Head of Year via enquiries@astrea-longsands.org. The School buses will arrive at 12:10 pm and will leave site at 12:30 pm.

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy

**Mr N D Owen**  
Principal

## KEY DATES COMING UP:

- 26 January  
Year 8, 11, 13  
photographs
- 26 January  
Year 10 parental  
consultations  
(early closure)
- 31 January  
Covid-19 vaccinations
- 8 February  
Inter-House p 1,2,3  
Years 7 + 9
- 10 February  
Year 13 parental  
consultations
- 11 February  
Inter-House p 1,2,3  
Years 8 + 10
- 22 February  
Year 9 parental  
consultations  
(early closure)
- 14-18 February  
Half-term break
- 9 March  
Year 8 parental  
consultations  
(early closure)
- 24 March  
Year 7 parental  
consultations  
(early closure)
- 4-18 April  
Half-term break
- 30 May - 3 June  
Half-term break
- 27 June - 1 July  
Year 10 Work Experience





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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Monday 31st January – Covid Vaccinations for those aged 12-15

Second vaccination for those immunised in school on Wed 20th October or immunised out of school before Monday 8th November. Or first vaccination for any student who hasn't yet had this. Please **complete the consent form** sent earlier this week preferably by Thursday 27th January. If your child has had covid in the last 12 weeks, has had their first covid vaccination within the last 12 weeks, has already had both vaccinations or has now turned 16 then please do not complete the consent form.

#### Thursday 3rd February

Nasal flu vaccinations for all students in Years 7-11 who missed it in school last time and any students who would now like to take advantage of this. Please complete the consent form sent in an email today if you would like your child to have the nasal vaccine. If you previously gave consent please **do not** give it again (if you're not sure please contact reception who can check if your child is on the list) but if you wish to opt out having previously given consent please email [enquiries@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:enquiries@astrea-longsands.org) by Monday 31st January.

YEARS  
7, 8  
& 9

### ACCELERATED READER PROGRAMME

We are delighted that all of our students in Years 7, 8 and 9 now have a regular dedicated reading lesson in the library once a fortnight. Students are enjoying going to the library where they are able to select a book to read independently which is appropriate to their reading age and interests. All the books they select from are part of the Accelerated Reader Programme which means that once they have finished reading their book, they can take computerised quizzes on the books and earn AR points as they progress. We would encourage you to support your child with their independent reading by asking them about what they are reading at home.

YEARS  
7, 8  
9, 10

### HUNTS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA

If your child/ren is a confident swimmer and would be interested in participating in the Hunts District Swimming Gala, please see the details below:

#### When?

Thursday 3rd February 2022 at St Ivo school.

#### Which years?

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

#### How to register an interest?

Students should meet Mr Hood on Tuesday 25 January at 10.45am in the PE office or email parents/carers can email Mr Hood via [sebastian.hood@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:sebastian.hood@astrea-longsands.org).

#### Do students need to be able to swim?

Yes. In order to take part in this event, students must be confident in swimming.





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## HOUSE COUNCIL UPDATE

Our House Council meet twice a half term and discuss a whole range of issues that impact on the students at Longsands. Most recently, the House Council met to discuss the Environmental Impact Report that is issued to the Academy on a monthly basis. They were shocked to discover that overall, 12.83 trees had been consumed to make the paper used in the month of December alone. This is along with 1,358kg of CO2 produced whilst making the paper and 85,036 equivalent bulb hours reflecting the manufacturing energy used to produce the paper.



As a result, the House Council decided that action needed to be taken. There is a project that we are involved in to replace these trees called 'The Queen's Green Canopy'. To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as well as have a positive environmental impact, we are planting trees to offset our Environmental Impact Report. We have already planted 40 trees into a hedgerow and we have more to be planted in the coming couple of months.

The Report also brought up the question of how much paper is recycled. The recent wider introduction of recycling bins around the site has had a positive impact but there is a need for a greater awareness of what we use and how we dispose of it. There is a 'Think Before You Print' campaign aimed at staff and the House Council are looking into ways recycling can be better supported in the classroom. Watch this space for further info!

If you have something you would like to contribute to the wider life and society of Longsands, please get in touch with Mr Powell [james.powell@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:james.powell@astrea-longsands.org)



YEARS  
10  
& 11

## GCSEPOD

Congratulations to students in **HAWKING House** who have watched the most Pods in the last week!



In Year 11 the top form for GCSEPod is **KMA** and in Year 10 the top form is **NDZ**. Our individual top podders for the week in Year 10 are – Giamaria Y, Maison F, Sophie D and Madison M. In Year 11 are – Samir S, Samuel B, Mya R, Millie F and Jack M. Thank you for continuing to encourage your child/ren to use GCSEPod.

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## HEGARTY MATHS: TOP USERS

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

**Year 7** – Lukas F, Charlotte N, Eva F, Eva W, Alexander W, Rosie G

**Year 8** – Katherine K, Alexa H, Imogen K, Millie J, Jack B

**Year 9** – Charlie W, Marie Q, Freya c, Matthew P, Jackson P, Jasmine S

**Year 10** – Abbie M, Michael T, Spencer M, Kayleigh H, Honey G, Yagiz T

**Year 11** – Ben H, Anna N, Katie C, Lola P





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## INTER HOUSE SPORTING COMPETITION

Students are encouraged to get involved, have fun, remember football boots and shin-pads (hockey and football) respect other players and the referees and do your tutor group and House proud!

### When?

Tuesday 8th February - Periods 1, 2 and 3 (Year 7 and 9)

Friday 11th February - Periods 1, 2 and 3 (Year 8 and 10)

### Which sports?

Boys: Football

Year 7 & 10 Girls: Hockey

Year 8 & 9 Girls: Netball



### Changing Rooms:

Year Group	Boys	Girls
Year 7 and 8	Sports Pavilion	Sports Hall Changing
Year 9 and 10	New Gym	PA Changing rooms

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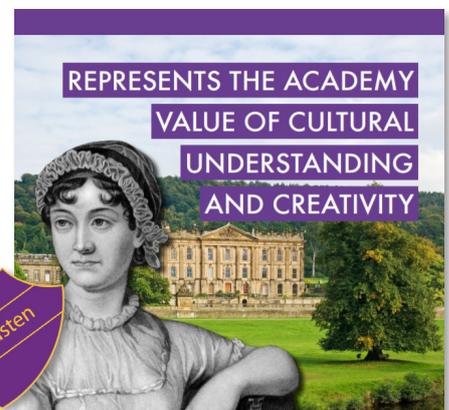
## HOUSE POINTS

Very well done to all students who have earned House points already this term. These are awarded 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 to everyone in **AUSTEN** House who have earned the most House, having amassed **278 in the last week!**

Next is **DARWIN** with 254, then **TURING** who have 251, very closely followed by **HAWKING** with 250, and then **SEACOLE** with 215.

Which House will be in the lead next week?





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## PERSPECTIVE DRAWINGS

Some of our Year 8 art classes have been mastering the technique of drawing using both one and two point perspective.

Students were introduced to Cambridge based artist Jim Butler, who combines both black pen and blocks of collage, and explored this mixed media approach when creating their own cityscapes.

Students worked from a variety of resources including their own photographs, collected images and of course their imaginations.

Well done Year 8 artists!

