

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Welcome to Longsands Academy!**

Congratulations! We are delighted to confirm that your child has been allocated a place at Longsands Academy for the academic year beginning September 2025. On behalf of our entire school community, I would like to warmly welcome you and your family to Longsands Academy. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to support your child on their educational journey, and we look forward to working in partnership with you.

### **About Longsands Academy**

At Longsands Academy, our mission is to ensure that every scholar learns, thrives, and leads a successful life. Our values—Scholarship, Curiosity, Tenacity, Responsibility, and Respect—are at the heart of everything we do. We have high expectations and are unapologetically ambitious for every scholar, aiming to provide an inclusive, aspirational, and academic education. Whether scholars are climbing the mountain to university or pursuing other aspirational pathways, we are committed to equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to excel.

As Principal, I am incredibly proud of the warm and vibrant culture we foster here at Longsands Academy. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to create an environment where scholars feel supported and challenged to reach their full potential. Together, we aim to ensure that your child not only achieves academic success but also grows as a confident, compassionate, and responsible individual.

### **Next Steps**

To help you and your child prepare for the transition to secondary school, we invite you to attend one of our Principal's Welcome events at Longsands Academy.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet key staff members.
- Receive our Family Handbook, which outlines key policies, uniform requirements, and other essential transition information.
- Learn about our school culture, expectations, and the support we offer during this exciting transition.
- 1-1 meeting with a member of staff to discuss the transition process and review our commitment to excellence agreement.
- Ask any questions you may have about the next steps in your child's journey with us.

Events are being held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and can be booked using this QR code below. Please only book one ticket per family, not one per person.



Families should be clear that by accepting a place they are agreeing to support the school. Attendance at this session is therefore mandatory and will be robustly monitored to ensure full parental engagement. We believe this event is pivotal in establishing a strong partnership between the school and families. It ensures parents are fully informed and scholars are prepared, engaged, and committed, ready to transition to secondary school.

### **Important Information**

In the coming weeks, you will receive additional materials, including details about transition events and induction days designed to help your child settle into life at Longsands Academy. You can access resources on our website using this link [Year 6 Transition – Longsands Academy](#).

### **Support and Contact Information**

We understand that starting secondary school is an exciting yet significant step, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Should you have any questions or specific needs, please do not hesitate to contact:

- Transition Lead – via [enquiries@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:enquiries@astrea-longsands.org)
- SENCO – via [SENDenquiries@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:SENDenquiries@astrea-longsands.org), if your child requires additional support.

### **A Final Note of Encouragement**

We are committed to ensuring that your child's transition to Longsands Academy is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We value the partnership between home and school and look forward to working closely with you to support your child's growth and success. Together, we can make this next chapter a rewarding and inspiring experience.

Once again, congratulations on joining the Longsands Academy family. We can't wait to welcome you and your child to our community and to see them thrive in the years ahead.

Warm regards.



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