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# Longridge High School

A Maths and Computing College with a Rural Dimension

## WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

As this half term draws to a close a reminder that school breaks up on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3:10pm and will re-open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. It has been really good to meet so many of you at recent Parents' Evenings, and I look forward to meeting many more of you on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February at Year 8 Parents' Evening. At Parents' Evenings we ask that you take a few minutes to fill in an evaluation form giving your views on the school. Your views are really important to us, and help to shape the direction of the school.

On Tuesday of this week Miss Murdock, Pastoral Liaison Officer, ran a very successful evening for parents/carers on the theme of Internet Safety. This marked the National Safer Internet Day 2013, and provided parents/carers with invaluable information on how to keep their children safe online. It was really well attended and the feedback was excellent. A full report will appear in the next newsletter.

Longridge High School is in the very privileged position of being at the heart of the community. As such, our pupils are involved with many community events. This Sunday, a group of pupils will be taking part in the Education Sunday service at St Paul's Church. The service begins at 10am, and pupils will be reading prayers on the theme of the Joys and Challenges of being a Teenager. Isobel Sutcliffe and Eliza Robey will be performing the Coldplay song 'Fix You' on piano and vocals.

A new initiative for our weekly newsletter is the **Student Focus**. A team of students will have a regular slot in the newsletter, giving you news from a pupil's perspective.

As always, if you wish to discuss any aspect of life here at Longridge High School, please do not hesitate to get in touch - ([head@longridge-high.lancsngfl.ac.uk](mailto:head@longridge-high.lancsngfl.ac.uk))

Best Wishes, Jane Green, Headteacher

### MISS MASON'S 14 YEAR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

On Wednesday evening, the Young Enterprise Team 'A-Doored' took part in the Preston Area Presentation Evening at the new James Hall facility. The evening was an opportunity for the team to practise their business presentation in front of other competing schools and get some valuable feedback from the competition's judges.

The team performed very well and got some positive feedback for their presentation which they can use to help them at the next round of the competition to be held at Fylde Rugby Club on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

The team was also awarded a trophy and a cheque for £25 for the best Business Plan which they submitted in December.

We are also very proud of **Miss Mason** one of the Link Teachers who was presented with an award for distinguished service to Young Enterprise. A wonderful achievement. Well Done Miss Mason!



## Longridge Sport & Arts Centre

Serving the Community

☎ 01772 784474 to reserve a court for Badminton & Squash

5 A-Side Football, Sports Parties, Seminar Room or any of our Fitness Classes also available



## HIGHEST SCORE IN NETBALL FOR A YEAR 7 TEAM AT LONGRIDGE

Outstanding performances by both teams led to the Year 7 win against Broughton of 19-1 and the Year 8 team 19-2, also against Broughton. Emily Lawrence and Darcey Parr were chosen as Players of the Match by Broughton. Yesterday saw another fabulous win against Ashton when the Year 7 team won 31-1. Well Done girls! A magnificent win from both teams!



## DEBATE OF THE WEEK

Come to Room 7 to air your views.  
The Topic for today will be:-  
Social networking sites undermine the value of interpersonal relationships



A reminder that we do allow pupils to bring mobile phones to school. However, they must be switched off in the school building at all times.

## THE STUDENT FOCUS TEAM



L-R: Colette McCann, Olivia Stewart, Calum Lauder & Katie Walmsley

## STUDENT FOCUS

Hello! We will be writing a column every week for the school newsletter to give a student's point of view of the school and related events.

This week we are focusing on 'The Life of a Year 9 Student at Longridge High School.' As a student, life here can be very exciting. We are growing up and are now making big decisions such as picking our options. We can't believe we only have two years left at school. The past few months have been tense getting used to exams in the hall. However, school provides loads of opportunities and more friends are still being made. As we report on various subjects each week, we hope this column shows you what it is like at Longridge High from our perspective.

The lessons are enjoyable and teachers are very approachable, making learning fun. In Science we do a lot of experiments and even get to use chemicals and Bunsen Burners. Students have a good bond with the teachers, which allows us to learn in a positive environment. One of our Focus team, Collette McCann says "I love moving from lesson to lesson as you get a new set of people and another great teacher!"

Here are a few more comments from our students:

"In Year 9 we have amazing teachers" Claudia Hudson

"The security of the door locking system is good and I feel safe" James Ross

"The teachers are lovely and look out for everyone at Longridge High" Eliza Robey

"We have a lot of up to date technology" India Lupton

"I like the house teams - Derby, Alston and Dilworth. We all like the competition!" Jack Webster

There are so many extra-curricular activities offered to us, including Sporting Clubs such as Netball, Dance, Basketball, Badminton and Athletics. Also a range of other clubs like Debating Club, Global Citizenship and Mandarin Classes to name but a few. These all allow us to make new friends whilst learning new skills.

**GRAMMAR TERM OF THE WEEK** Tense - the form of a verb which tells us the time of an action  
Eg I see (present), I saw (past), I shall see (future)

**SPELLING OF THE WEEK** - consistency (noun) consistent (adjective)

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK** - In the thickest darkness the stars shine brightest." Henry David Thoreau, American writer

# PROM FAYRE 2013

*Longridge High School Students modelling at the Prom Fayre 2012*



**7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**

**IN THE SCHOOL HALL,  
TICKETS £2 EACH ON SALE NOW**

- **COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS AND CANAPES ON ARRIVAL**
- **BOOK YOUR COMPLETE PROM PACKAGE FROM TOP TO TOE INCLUDING TRANSPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES**
- **ALL STUDENTS FROM LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS WELCOME**