

24th July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

In addition to our end of year letter issued on the 18th July 2025. I wanted to write once more to showcase all of the amazing things we've achieved this year.

These achievements wouldn't be possible without the engagement of our wonderful pupils and the continued support we receive from our parents / carers.

On behalf of everyone at Longfield Academy, thank you.

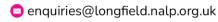
Area of	Progress and impact
Achievement	
Year 11 2024	We continue to hold our own in terms of academic achievements, achieving
results	better GCSE results than our neighboring secondary schools.
Quality First	Research based development of teaching and learning, and extensive
Teaching	external verification to support improvements in teaching and learning.
Ofsted	A good grading in all four Ofsted categories.
Priorities	
Yr9	We have undertaken our first Year 9 Graduation Ceremony to acknowledge
Graduation	and celebrate the transition from KS3 learning to the GCSE journey of
	success.
Mental Health	Increased in class Teaching Assistant support from 1 to 5 and still recruiting
and	A 'Personalised Learning Centre' (PLC) that comprises of a SEND base,
SEND .	counselling service and Year Manager support
support	2 regulation rooms with weighted blankets and regulation tools
	Programs of support: Zones of Regulation / Occupational Therapy / Anger
	Management Gremlins / Restorative Practices / Emotional Literacy support
	(ELSA), Drawing and Talking Therapy / Support for Emotional Based
	School Avoidance.
	Access to external support; MIND, CAMHS, Listening Post, Harbour, Being Ma, Wallbring Nurse, Samiles, Future Stand
	Me, Wellbeing Nurse Service, Future Steps Over 150 children have accessed these services
	Over 150 Children Have accessed these services
Pledges	93% of the whole school have achieved one pledge
	44% have achieved up to 4 pledges
	21% have achieved up to 6 pledges
	10% have achieved all 10 pledges

Headteacher: Angela Sweeten

longfield.nalp.org.uk

Longfield Road Darlington DL3 0HT

© 01325 380815 | 01325 380816





Charity /	MacMillan World's Piggest Coffee Marning
Community	MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning OAB Obsiderate as Boots
Events	OAP Christmas Party
Lvoine	VE Day celebrations to support Listing Post and Mental Health
	Refugee Week focus and donations
	Food bank donations
	Children in Need
	Local community litter picks
Enrichment &	London Parliament Visits
Cultural	Our Day Out – Drama Performance
Experiences	 Longfield Live – over 20 pupil performances from individual singers,
	dancers, bands, gymnasts and comperes)
	Enrichment week – a range of cultural activities / trips such as: London,
	Barcelona, Krakow, Beamish Museum, Seaburn, 4Motion, Ninja Warrior,
	Bowling, Enterprise Workshops and more.
	Sports Day – including traditional sports day activities and inflatables
	41 enrichment clubs to choose from.
Careers	Y8 Enterprise Day – renewable energy and planning a wind farm
Development	100% achievement in all 8 Gatsby Benchmarks for Careers Development
	Work Experience – 95% of Y10 attended work placements
	Silver Award for signing up to National Citizenship Service
	Y11 Apprenticeship workshop, National Career Service assembly, Post 16 Options evening for parents, application completion workshop
	Visits to:
	Y10 Middlesbrough College, Stockton Riverside College, QE 6th Form,
	Darlington College, Future Pathways Event
	Y9 Sunderland University, What's Next (apprenticeship and technical
	pathways), visit to CPI
	Y8 NHS Careers performance, Future Pathways Event
	Longfield Book Club
	Rewards improved and new ones added
	Dance Club introduced
	 More activities during break and lunchtime (table tennis, football, basketball)
	Changes to the queueing system
	More Pizzini's on offer
Student Voice	
	Voting in the Longfield 'General Election' Parlimeter Youth Parlimeter Communications
	Darlington Youth Parliament – 2 members of Longfield appointed
	One pupil appointed to the Darlington Advisory Group Funding raised to support:
	More equipment for positive play Swimming leading.
	Swimming lessons
	Cycling lesson

Yours sincerely,

A Sweeter

Mrs Sweeten Headteacher