

11th March 2026

Dear Pupil,

Hello! My name is Mrs Sweeten, and I am the Headteacher at Longfield Academy.

I just wanted to write to you personally to say that I am really looking forward to welcoming you to Longfield. I know that this may be a time of mixed feelings. You may be feeling excited, worried or confused, so I wanted to let you know that myself and all the teachers here are thinking about you and looking forward to meeting you in person during our transition events.

I joined Longfield Academy as Headteacher in April 2022. In fact, having started just after Easter, it's coming up to my four-year Longfield anniversary. Some of you may have met me at the Year 5 & 6 activity days we've held. But if not, please don't worry, I will meet most of you on the induction evening in June and on the transition days which are the 24th, 25th and 26th June 2026. However, if I don't manage to meet you on these days, here are some facts about me!

I have been a Headteacher in four other schools. I love my job, and I must be honest, Longfield Academy is my favourite school. This is because our pupils are friendly and polite and I am very proud that we have created a calm, purposeful and happy school where children want to learn. I love spending time talking to pupils and getting to know them as individuals, as do all of the staff. You will see me around the academy all the time.

My favourite subject is art. I am an art teacher, but unfortunately, I don't get the privilege of teaching very often. I love painting and drawing and try to paint every school holiday. I also love reading. My favourite books have stories that have unusual twist and turns. My favourite teenage author is Patrick Ness. If you like a bit of sci-fi, check out his Chaos Walking trilogy which was made into a film in 2021 (but read the books first!).

I have two children. Mia who studied Psychology and Criminology at Birmingham University and is working at Longfield Academy this year, and Finlay who did lots of travelling before starting Film Studies at Manchester University last October. I have two cats (Rags and Mouse) and some fish in my garden pond.

Anyway, that's just a little bit about me. I would love to get to know you so, I am inviting you to send me a short letter telling me a little bit about yourself!

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You can tell me anything you like in the letter - maybe you want me to know your hobbies, what you might be worried about, or maybe you'd like to know what the food is like at Longfield... anything at all!

You can send your letter via email to Y7-2026@longfield.nalp.org.uk or you can hand write it, address it to me at the school and post it, or ask your parent / carer to drop it into reception for me.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and to hopefully meet you in person in the not so distance future.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs Sweeten".

Mrs Sweeten
Headteacher