

4 July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Longsands' Arts Festival, 4 - 15 July

Longsands Academy is delighted to announce this year's Arts Festival, which is an opportunity for students to develop and showcase the skills they have learned throughout the academic year. There will be a series of events over the festival period, all of which promise to be creative, challenging and engaging opportunities. Items noted in green indicate an amendment to the original letter.

Events include:

Year 8 Hunstanton Visit	Monday 4 July	(9.00 am – 5.00 pm)
Summer Music concert	Tuesday 5 July	(from 7.00 pm in New Hall)
Year 9 Sculpture Workshop	Tuesday 5 July	(during school hours)
KS3 'Footprints Into the Past'	Tuesday 5 July	(during school hours)
Year 7 'Wicked' Trip	Wednesday 6 July	(9.00 am – 7.30 pm)
Year 8 History Re-enactment	Friday 8 July	(during school hours)
Year 9 'Othello' performance	Monday 11 July	(during school hours)
Year 8 Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop	Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 July	(during school hours)
Year 7 and 8 'Taming of the Shrew'	Thursday 14 July	(10.00 am – 8.00 pm)
Year 7 Duxford Visit	Tuesday 12 July	(during school hours)
Year 8 Woburn Safari Park	Wednesday 13 July	(8.45 am – 4.00 pm)
Year 9 Thorpe Park	Friday 15 July	(9.00 am – 7.00 pm)
Arts Festival Showcase	Monday 18 July	(4:00 pm – 5.30 pm)

This year, the over-arching themes will be Shakespeare, as part of the 400 year commemorative events to celebrate Shakespeare life and works, and Rio in celebration of the Olympic Games. The festival gives students a chance to take part in creative activities they may have experienced through the Academy's Arts Specialism, alongside others which they may not normally access as part of the learning day. This year's activities include: A play in a day, Shakespearian Feast, The Science behind the Olympics, Carnival Big Heads, Rio inspired Design, Samba Band, Brazilian Guitar, The Road to Rio, Icon Portrait painting, Screen Printing, Film making, Shakespeare inspired stop motion animation, and much more.

The traditional learning day will be collapsed on **Friday 15 July** to accommodate the activities.

Key Stage 3 students will be signing up in tutor time in the first week of July. It should be noted that it is not always possible to accommodate students' first choice options, but students have the opportunity to select three workshops of their choice. Further details about the above events and visits have been distributed by individual teams; any workshops can be viewed on the VLE.

Yours sincerely



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