



Longsands College

# Newsletter

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## Students work with Celebrated Graffiti Artist

May 2011  
at Longsands...



In February of this year, the Learning Partnership was contacted by Balfour Beatty based on site at St Neots Community College. The company is currently building the new community 'Willow Bridge' over the marshlands by

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the Tesco superstore, and wanted to liven up the hoarding around their site.

The schools were asked to create a piece of art work to add colour and interest to the hoarding that surrounds the site office. After discussion with staff and students at both secondary schools, the project evolved into a Graffiti Art Mural. Students at both colleges entered their design ideas in a competition, and the

best designs were chosen by artist Jonnie, who then encompassed their ideas into a single design. The idea was for the students to express/convey the idea of 'Building Bridges for the Future'. Everyone has worked extremely hard to bring the whole project to fruition. It has created a real sense of community between all the staff and students involved. The students who created the winning ideas from both Colleges spent a total of two days working with Jonnie to produce the mural. There was a lovely atmosphere, with students working collaboratively under pressure to complete the public art. It is anticipated that the work will be on display for the next few months. At the end of the public display, it is hoped that part of the mural will go on display at St Neots Community College and another piece at Longsands. Special thanks to Miss Hardy (SNCC) and Miss Saklani (Longsands) for co-ordinating the project.



## Year 11 Celebration Day 2011

## Learning Support

Year 11 students formally left the College on Friday 20 May. Students collected their Yearbooks, and Class of 2011 hoodies. Their final celebration assembly incorporated 'star turns' by both students and staff including beat boxing, singers, speeches from Tutors, the Key Stage 4 team and the College Principal.

The Department offers several levels of basic skill and in-class support, including a lunch-time activity and homework club in E2. If you have concerns about your child's additional learning needs, please contact Mrs A Brodie, the SENCO, by letter, telephone or e-mail.

The newsletter team would like to wish all the Year 11s good luck in their exams!

## Support for Parents

The Parent Partnership Service of Cambridgeshire County Council has a group in St Neots to support parents of children and young people with special educational needs.

Contact the Parent Partnership Service on 01223 718099 or by e-mail: [parentgroups@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:parentgroups@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) Leaflets are available in the College Reception area.



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# Royal Society Success

Longsands Student Gavin Kirby recently took part in a challenge set by the Royal Society of Chemistry. Students sitting this year's A Level Chemistry exam had the opportunity to participate in the Olympiad Challenge. It involved a two-hour exam on all aspects of chemistry. Over 2600 students took the challenge and Gavin was one of 182 students who achieved a gold certificate (one of the top 7%). Gavin was presented with his award during a College assembly. The College would like to congratulate Gavin on his success.



Inset: Mr Donnelly presents Gavin with his certificate.

## Disability Equality Scheme: Consultation

The College seeks to uphold the spirit of the Equality Act 2010 and fulfil its requirements for particular forms of action. One required action involves preparing and publishing a Disability Equality Scheme demonstrating how the College intends to fulfil its general and specific duties. In order to do this, we need to involve disabled people (students, staff, parents and others) in the development of the scheme. We wish, therefore, to invite you to participate in this consultation.

If you have (or your son/daughter has) any form of disability, we hope that you will be willing to assist us with our work in this area by sending your comments about the College's work and facilities to Miss Dodsworth in her role as a Deputy Principal at Longsands or as one of the Directors of The Longsands Learning

Partnership (please send an initial email via [enquiries@longsands.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@longsands.cambs.sch.uk)). If you prefer to speak to someone, please ring the College and leave a message to be passed on to the Principal's PA.

Comments and suggestions could be about such matters as the physical access to the buildings, the curriculum we offer or the arrangements we make for particular events.

### Definition

A disabled person is defined as someone who has "a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities".

We look forward to hearing from you by Friday 17 June 2011.

## 6th Form in the USA

Mr Donnelly, Mr Seymour, Mrs Turner and Mr Owen took a group of Sixth Form students of Geography, History, Politics and Geology to the USA for six days during the Easter Holidays. Students spent three days in New York visiting the world famous sights, such as The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, followed by a tour of New York. They then had a boat trip around Manhattan and a day trip to Philadelphia. The other three days were spent in Washington DC, visiting places of international importance including; The Whitehouse, museums and war memorials. Soon after, there was a visit to Arlington Cemetery—a place that represents many different things; the headstones chronicle US history and for others it is a place to honour war heroes, for some it is simply the place where the famous are buried.

The students involved had great fun and would like to thank all the teachers who travelled with them.



Carmen Ralph

## News in Brief

### Halal Meat

Following a parental query, we have clarified with our catering contractor (ABM) that halal meat should not be used in school meals. If halal meat were to be requested for religious reasons, we would seek to adjust provision for the individual students concerned.

### Clarke Cup

On the last Tuesday of term, Year 7/8 girls and boys have a 5-a-side football cup match after school. The event follows a mini world cup format, and hopefully this year's event in memory of Mr Clarke, ex Vice Principal, who passed away in July 2008, will be a huge success. Look out for further information.

### Year 13 BBQ

#### Thursday 26 May

Tickets for the BBQ are now on sale from D3 during registration and will cost £2.50. Don't forget our nominations for the awards!

### Athletics

On Monday 16 May, Longsands entered the ESAA Track and Field Competition 2011. The Year 7/8 girls competed in the Junior Girls Competition, the Year 7/8 boys competed in the Junior Boys, Year 9/10 girls competed in the Inter Girls and Boys. The results were as followed:

Junior Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> 164 points  
Junior Boys – 4<sup>th</sup> 234 points  
Inter Girls – 7<sup>th</sup> 108 points  
Inter Boys – 5<sup>th</sup> 190 points

Ellie Clark – Winner of the 100m sprint, commented: *'It was a really fun day, I really enjoyed the atmosphere!'*

*Karlissa Smith, Ellie Clark and Chloe Smith*

## BRING YOUR CHILD TO A CONCERT!

Cambridge Early Music promotes early music. They run a series of concerts in central Cambridge throughout the year with performances of Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque Music, the majority given by leading performers from the UK and Europe.

(As an example, the normal ticket price to hear 'The Grand Tour', on 1st June, is £20 for adults, and £15 for unwaged including children. The joint 'Parent and Child' Ticket costs just £18 – a saving of £17 and less than the standard adult ticket. For further information, please see Mr Dack (Head of Music at the College).

