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## Year 8 Interview Bill Turnbull

It was great meeting Chris Collins, Suzannah Reid and Bill Turnbull. They were all very friendly and Bill Turnbull was very funny. We also saw Deano from Eastenders, Sam, Mark, and Caroline from TMI and the singer David Gray. We also saw John Barrowman's dressing room.

Luke Severn



The thing that impressed me the most about the BBC Studio was how much was going on. It was amazing seeing so many people working on the Children in Need studio, but it was mind-boggling about how many TV screens and cameras there were - there were loads. Even though it was extremely busy and bustling, everyone seemed calm.

Everybody at the BBC made us feel really welcome and we were pleased to see that even celebrities were very down to earth people just like you and me, but that they work long hours including getting up at 4 am in the morning. By the time I got to speak to Mr Turnbull he had been at work since 5.30 am and had already finished his news broadcasts.

I had a fantastic day and found the whole experience thrilling. I would like to say a big thank you to all those involved in organising the trip and be part of this wonderful experience. It is something I will remember forever. You never know, if I ever succeed in taking over from Jeremy Clarkson you may one day be seeing much more of me on the BBC!

Oliver Brittain



In a few weeks' time, all Year 8 students will work closely with the BBC to produce a 'Schools Report'. In preparation for School Report Newsday on March 13 2008, Mrs Chilman (Head of English) and a group of Year 8 students went to London to learn how to 'polish' their interview and filming skills.

Students were also given an unmissable opportunity to tour the BBC Studios in White City. However, the highlight of the day was meeting and interviewing Bill Turnbull and the BBC Breakfast Team. Bill was particularly impressed by Longsands' students research skills - our intrepid reporters discovered that Bill kept bees and chickens and that he is also an avid supporter of Wickham Wanderers. They interviewed him for over 30 minutes and he commented on how impressed he was with their questions.

After interviewing Bill, the group bumped into Matt Di Angelo and his Strictly Come Dancing partner Flavia, as well as visiting the Blue Peter Garden. The students' comments reflect what an unforgettable experience everyone had.



I think the most memorable part of the day was when we had to do the interview on camera with Bill Turnbull because it was really nerve-racking and we all learnt that it's a lot harder being on camera than we thought.

We were all quite surprised to find out that at least 4 or 5 TV shows are filmed in the same studio and that it takes a lot of people, a lot of time, to take everything out from one show and set up everything for the next one.

Jade Walch



The most memorable part of the trip was meeting Bill and learning new things about television presenting and filming news reports.

I was surprised by how big the studios were and how much work was put into making programmes.

Nicholas Severn

# Christmas Bazaar

On Friday 14 December, Key Stage 3 students held a Christmas Bazaar in the Sports Hall to help raise money for each form group's chosen charity. Students designed and made all the posters to market and advertise their stalls. Longsands pupils created their own rotas to run the stalls, and ran the finances for their stall. The stalls included a Santa's Grotto, splat the teacher, Guess the Santa, computer and video games: there were also traditional cake sales, tombola, guess the name of the teddy bear, and face painting, not to mention the orchestra led by Mr Dack. In all, there were 35 stalls!



We caught up with some of the teachers who were involved to ask what they thought; *"I think the Christmas Bazaar gets better every year!"* said Mr Watson. Mr Carroll commented that the occasion was *"....stunning, lots of hard work has been put into making it a success."* *"I have been amazed by the variety of stalls that have been dreamt up, and all the effort that went into it. Fantastic!"* added Miss Carter.

Overall, the Christmas Bazaar rose over a whopping **£1000** which will all go to charity.

Marissa Plumb & Grace Richards

## Parent Partnership Service

A service for parents and carers of children with special educational needs

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We provide an answer-phone if a member of staff is not available to take your call.

## Anti-Bullying Survey

The results of the College's findings will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

## Learning Support

The Special Needs Department offers several levels of support, including a lunch-time homework support club. If you have concerns about your child's learning needs, please contact Mrs Brodie, the SENCo, by letter, telephone or e-mail. Mrs Brodie attends all Key Stage 3 and 4 Parents' Evenings and is usually able to see parents without an appointment.

## Primary Pupils Visit Longsands

You may have seen groups of younger school children from St Mary's, Little Paxton and Overhills primary schools around the College. They are amongst some of the people from our community who benefit from our Specialist Status in the Media Arts.

During their visit, the students start by putting film footage to an audio track, they then burn their film to DVD, so they are able to watch it back at their own schools. The primary pupils then take a guided tour of Longsands with groups of Year 9 and 8 students from Longsands as guides. The primary pupils often ask to see Art, Science, Music and PE lessons. All this is followed by an opportunity to ask questions about life at secondary school.

The pupils seem to enjoy asking lots of questions. We look forward to their next visit.

Francesca Cannon

# Japan Week 2008

Japan Week aims to provide Year 7 students a chance to explore and enjoy another culture different to our own. It also provides an opportunity to experience cultural diversity.

Among the many activities Japan Week offered, there was a chance to look at Japan in various areas of the curriculum, ranging from sushi making in Food Technology and Japanese puzzle solving in Maths to reading and writing Haiku in English and drawing Manga cartoons in Graphics. Students also learned about Shinto in RE and made fans and painted Sumi-e in Art. Other features of Japan week included a chance to participate in Taiko Drumming workshops and to compete in an inter-from 'Origami Competition'. The school canteen also joined in the excitement serving noodle and rice themed meals during the week. Mr Hynes continued the theme playing calming Japanese music in the College Library each morning.



Mark and Nao taught Year 7 students how to play the Taiko drums. Mark, who lived in Japan for two years commented, *"the one thing I love most about Japan is the sense of community and the emphasis on teamwork. Taiko Drumming is centuries old and is a great way to encourage working as a team whilst having fun. I am really proud of Longsands' students, they have done brilliantly!"*



Windle, a Year 7 student added, *"I thought that the Taiko drumming was the best part because it was a new experience for me and everyone got a turn."*

It is hoped that Japan Week 2008 has been a positive experience for all those involved, it would be great for even more departments to participate next year.

Kirstie Eldridge and Sadie Woolf

## Powering the Future

In 2007, Longsands were proud to be one of the first school's in the country to work with N-Power on the Enthuse project. This year, the project was repeated over two days with 300 year 9 students enjoying a wide range of science and engineering challenges. The students were left to ponder questions surrounding how electricity will be generated and supplied to meet our increasing demands and how we can minimise the environmental impact.

Across 5 sessions, delivered by experts from N-Power and 'Learn by Design', students had to use the wide range of skills used within science and engineering. These included: design, construction, the use of computer simulations and even setting up a business case. The latter resulted in students having to present to a panel - an experience not dissimilar to those entrepreneurs who enter the BBC's 'Dragon's Den'.



N-Power, are one of the world's foremost power companies and owners of Little Barford Power Station. They are actively engaged in educating tomorrow's technologists. They work to ensure that our power supplies are sustainable and have minimal environmental impact.



Longsands' Head of Science, Eddie Wright, said of the day, 'This event was very well received last year and we are proud to have been selected again this year. Our students have gained a unique insight as to the importance of science and engineering in the real world. At Longsands we place a high value on the vocational aspects of the curriculum and strive to deliver lessons which relate learning to applications. We are delighted with the strong relationships we are building with n-Power and the employees of Little Barford Power Station.'

# CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2008

Before School 8.00/8.15 - 8.45 am	Lunchtime 1.30 - 2.00 pm	After School 3.15 - 4.00/5.30 pm
<p><b><u>Monday</u></b></p>  <p>Homework Club Library &amp; A11</p> <p>Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates (8.00 am)</p>	<p>Learning Support - E2 Teaching Assistants (Homework/Activities Club)</p> <p>Yr 7 Maths Drop-in Session</p> <p>F3.4 Miss Morgan</p> <p>Senior Hockey Club (end Jan) Sports Hall - Miss Smith</p>	<p>Homework Club - Library &amp; A11: <b>Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates</b></p> <p>Netball (All Years) - Sports Hall (end Jan)</p> <p>Level 1 Sports Leaders Award New Gym/Old Gym</p> <p>GCSE Dance - until 5.00 pm Mr Griffiths</p> <p>Yr 7/8/9 Art Club - E2.1 Miss Sutton Yr 10/11 Art Club - E3.1 Mrs Gatward Swing Band - K1 Mr Dack/Miss Brind</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday</u></b></p> <p>Homework Club Library &amp; A11</p> <p>Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates (8.00 am)</p>	<p>Learning Support - E2 Teaching Assistants (Homework/Activities Club)</p> <p>Yrs 7/8/9 Basketball - New Gym Mr Bircham</p>	<p>Homework Club - Library &amp; A11</p> <p>Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates</p> <p>Adroit Dance - Ritchie Hall (until 5.30 pm) - Mr Griffiths</p> <p>Yr 10/11 Art/Graphics - C5 (Technology Staff)</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday</u></b></p> <p>Homework Club Library &amp; A11</p> <p>Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates (8.00 am)</p>	<p>Learning Support - E2 Teaching Assistants (Homework/Activities Club)</p> <p>Philosophy Club - B6 Miss Wade</p>	<p>Homework Club - Library &amp; A11: Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates</p> <p>Girls' Fixtures - Hockey and Netball</p> <p>Trampoline Club - Old Gym</p> <p>Yr 8 Rugby - Field (PE Staff) Choir (All Years) - Mr Dack</p> <p>Dance Leaders Arts Award Group Yrs 10/11/12/13</p> <p>Film Club Yr 9/10 - D7 Miss Rees &amp; Mr Noble</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday</u></b></p> <p>Homework Club Library &amp; A11</p> <p>Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates (8.00 am)</p>	<p>Learning Support - E2 Teaching Assistants (Homework/Activities Club)</p> <p>Yr 9 Boys' Basketball - Old Gym: Mr Bircham</p> <p>Christian Union Group - D4 Miss Benson/Mrs Turtle/Miss Anderson (Look out for posters and topics)</p> <p>Yr 9/10 LC Sound- Media lab Miss Robson</p> <p>Newsletter Club - Library: Miss Plowman ICT Coursework - B10/C12 Mr McNicol</p>	<p>Homework Club - Library &amp; A11: <b>Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates)</b></p> <p>Dance Leaders Award - Ritchie Hall: Mr Griffiths</p> <p>Maths Club - F3.3 Mr Merson (3.10 - 4.00 pm)</p> <p>ICT Coursework - B10/CA2 Mr McNicol</p> <p>Wind Band - K1 Mr Dack String Group - K4 Mrs Pearcey Yr 10/11 Art Club - E2.1 Miss Perry</p> <p>Yr 7 Film Making Club— Media Lab: Mr Gamby Mandarin Lessons—Year 9 &amp; 10—H2.2 Miss Plowman</p>
<p><b><u>Friday</u></b></p> <p>Homework Club</p> <p>A11 Mr Bates (8.00 am)</p> <p>'Books for Breakfast'</p> <p>Reading drop-in</p> <p>Library: Mrs Breakspear/ Miss Wardle</p>	<p>Learning Support - E2 Teaching Assistants (Homework/Activities Club)</p> <p>KS4 Badminton - Sports Hall : Mr Marmion</p>	<p>Homework Club - Library &amp; A11</p> <p>Mr Hynes &amp; Mr Bates</p>  <p>General Dance Club drop-in - Ritchie Hall (3.30-4.30 pm) Yrs 7 &amp; 8 - Mrs Daw</p> <p>Yr 10 Dance Group - Drama Studio (3.30 - 5.00 pm) - Mr Griffiths</p> <p>Horizon Dance - Yrs 7,8 &amp; 9 Ritchie Hall &amp; Old Gym (see Mr Griffiths)</p>

We hope that you find something here that you would like to try. You can also access this information around the College and on the Longsands website

[www.longsands.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.longsands.cambs.sch.uk)