



Longridge High School

NEWSLETTER 17th July 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, staff, parents, governors and wider school community for their support, hard work and commitment throughout the year.

Having recently joined the school, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks as Headteacher. It has been a pleasure getting to know our pupils, staff and families, and I have been incredibly impressed by the warmth, ambition and sense of community that make our school such a special place.

Progress Checks

On Monday 13th July, Year 7–10 pupils received their third and final Progress Check of the academic year. These Progress Checks play an important role in monitoring your child's development, providing a clear overview of both their attainment and effort across subjects.

We encourage all pupils to aim consistently for effort grades of 3–4, which reflect positive engagement in learning, sustained focus in lessons, and active participation in classroom activities. Maintaining high levels of effort is key to ensuring continued academic success and personal progress.

GCSE Results day

On Thursday 21st August, we look forward to welcoming our Year 11 pupils back to collect their GCSE results. Results will be available for collection between 9:30am and 10:30am in the North Block Dining Room.

We would like to wish all our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck and look forward to celebrating their achievements with them when they come into school.

This term we also say goodbye to several valued members of staff - details on the next page. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank them for their dedication and contribution over the years and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

As you read through this newsletter, I hope you enjoy celebrating the many achievements, events and successes from across the school. I am excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to working together as we continue to build on the school's many strengths in the new academic year.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Neil Riley
Headteacher

We wish you a lovely safe summer, here are important dates for the start of the new academic

Friday 17th July

School Closes for Summer at 12:30pm

Thursday 20th August

GCSE Results Day (Results available for collection from 9:30am until 10:30am)

Thursday 3rd September

Year 7 pupils return to school 8:40am until 15:05pm

Friday 4th September

Year 7 pupils only 8:40am until 15:05pm

Monday 7th September

All pupils return to school 8:40am until 15:05pm





This term we also say goodbye to several valued members of staff:

Mrs Green left us at May half-term but has continued to work across the trust schools before officially starting her retirement at the end of August. Mrs Green was our Headteacher for 18 years and made a lasting impression on many teachers and pupils throughout her time here. She will be fondly remembered by everyone for the caring, compassionate and dedicated nature that she showed throughout her time in the school.

Mrs Green is now looking forward to her retirement, and she has many trips and adventures planned that will certainly keep her busy. We wish you the happiest of retirements Mrs Green and thank you from everyone Longridge High School for everything you have done!



Mrs Graves has spent 7 years in the English Department and will be very fondly remembered by all the pupils that she taught for being exceptionally kind and her caring approach in the classroom. Mrs Graves has inspired many pupils that she has taught over the years and they all wish her well as she moves into her new post. She has decided to take a part-time post which is nearer to her home and we wish her lots of success when she starts in September.

Mr Smith has been the Lead Teacher for RE for the past two years and inspired many of the pupils that he has taught with his enthusiasm and through his love of RE. Not only has he made an impact on the pupils in the classroom, but he has also been heavily involved in the wider-life of school through his involvement in school productions, school concerts and organising a number of theatre trips too. Mr Smith is moving on to a Head of Year role in September in Leyland and we wish him every success at his new school.

Ms Eadington has been at the school for the past three years covering maternity leave in both the English and DT departments. Ms Eadington has had an excellent rapport with pupils and staff through her time with us and we know that the pupils have enjoyed their time in the classroom with her. Ms Eadington has shown commitment to the school throughout her time and has fully immersed herself in the wider life of school by joining in with events. We wish her well on her next steps as we move into the summer.

Mr Reid has been a fantastic member of the Maths Department again this year and the pupils have loved being taught by him. We would like to thank Mr Reid for all his hard work across summer and we wish him a very happy summer.



A Fantastic Day at the Goosnargh and Longridge Show

What a fantastic day we had at the **Goosnargh and Longridge Show** last Saturday! It was a wonderful opportunity to engage with the local community, celebrate local talent, and proudly showcase all that makes **Longridge High School** such a special place.

Our stand attracted a great deal of interest throughout the day, and it was a pleasure to speak with current families, prospective parents, former pupils and members of the wider community. Events such as these provide a valuable opportunity to strengthen the strong links we have with our local area and to highlight the many achievements, opportunities and experiences available to our students.



CELEBRATING 24 YEARS OF SPORTS AWARDS!

On Friday 10th July 2026 Longridge High School hosted the 24th Annual Charity Sports Awards Evening.

One of the most enjoyable nights in the school calendar saw awards given out for participation, academic achievement in GCSE PE, and for practical ability.

With over 180 pupils, parents and carers in attendance on Friday, this shows the support and excitement PE brings to those at Longridge High School.

A new award was given out this year, called The Jane Green Award for Sporting Excellence. This goes to our best sporting ability pupil. This year's worthy winner was Will Pegrum who has swooped up numerous National Titles playing in goal for Lancashire, and even more recently been training with the First Team at Preston North End.

A well-attended evening which all pupils, parents and staff thoroughly enjoyed.



During the second half of this term, all pupils attended a summer safety assembly aimed at helping them stay safe during the holiday period. The assembly covered a range of important topics, including personal safety, such as ensuring that trusted adults know where they are going and how to contact them if needed.

Pupils were also reminded about online safety, including the risks of sharing personal information with people they do not know, and were given guidance on how to report concerns or inappropriate behaviour online.

Mrs Rogers, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, spoke to pupils about water safety, emphasising the dangers associated with open water and the potentially life-threatening effects of cold-water shock. The risks linked to entering abandoned buildings were also discussed, highlighting hidden hazards and the possibility of encountering individuals involved in criminal or anti-social activities.

In addition, our Year 10 pupils received a dedicated session on drugs and alcohol. This focused on the risks associated with substance use and the ways in which drugs and alcohol can increase vulnerability, impair judgement, and place young people in unsafe situations.

These assemblies form part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that pupils are well informed and equipped to make safe choices during the summer holidays and beyond.

Parents can access useful information regarding safeguarding and what to do if they have concerns about a child on our website. This can be found on the 'Safeguarding' section under 'Useful information for Parents'. Here there are useful phone numbers and links to how you can report concerns to Lancashire Children's Social Care. There are also contact details for the local Child & Family Wellbeing Service. In the 'Safeguarding' section there is also Online Safety information and advice for parents.

EYE HOPE YOU AGREE THESE LOOK AMAZING!



Goosnargh and Longridge Agricultural Show took place this weekend, providing a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talents and achievements of young people from across the local community.

We were particularly proud to see the outstanding artwork entered by our Year 9 pupils. Their pieces showcased an impressive range of creativity, imagination, and technical skill, producing a display that was both vibrant and visually striking. The artwork was exceptionally eye-catching, drawing the attention of visitors and demonstrating the high standards of artistic achievement within our school.

The pupils should be commended not only for the quality of their final pieces but also for the dedication, effort, and enthusiasm they invested throughout the creative process. It was fantastic to see their talents recognised and shared with the wider community.

Well done to our Year 8 pupil Oscar Sharrock who was awarded the Stuart Marginson Trophy for the most deserving Young Farmers Tractor at Chipping Steam Train Fair this year with his David Brown 996 vintage tractor.



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THE FANTASTIC AMBASSADORS OF LONGRIDGE HIGH

We are proud to introduce our team of **Wellbeing Ambassadors** – a group of dedicated pupils who are passionate about promoting positive mental health, wellbeing, and kindness throughout our school community.

Our ambassadors play an important role in supporting their peers, helping to create a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and heard. They will work alongside staff to raise awareness of wellbeing initiatives, organise activities and campaigns, and encourage positive conversations about mental health and emotional wellbeing.

We believe that every pupil deserves to feel supported, and our Wellbeing Ambassadors are here to help make that happen.

Many thanks to Emily at Compass Bloom for providing training and for helping us to raise the profile of wellbeing across our community.

Please join us in congratulating our ambassadors as they begin this important role.



This term, we say a fond farewell to Claire, our Independent Careers Adviser from the Education Business Partnership (EBP), who is leaving Longridge High School to take up a career's guidance role at another school.

Claire has been a valued member of our school community, providing expert careers information, advice and guidance to countless students. With over 22 years of experience and a passion for helping young people achieve their goals, she has supported students in making informed decisions about their future education, training and career pathways.

Through her weekly one-to-one guidance sessions, Claire has helped students recognise their strengths, explore opportunities and build confidence in their next steps. Her calm, supportive approach and wealth of knowledge have had a positive impact on so many of our young people.



Join the University of Lancashire's Art & Design Saturday Club for a year of creativity, exploration and fun. Each week you'll take part in engaging workshops that introduce you to a variety of art and design processes including portraiture, ceramics and printmaking, using everything from pencils and paint to clay and recycled materials.

Sessions take place in the University's Hanover Building, where you'll have access to fantastic studio spaces and expert tutors who will help you develop your ideas and skills.

To celebrate everyone's hard work, the year ends with a group exhibition in the University's PR1 Gallery. Every Club member will have a piece of artwork on display, and you'll get to invite your family, friends and teachers to enjoy the event with you.

The University of Lancashire (UCLan) Art & Design Saturday Club is open to teenagers aged **13 to 16**.

[Join a Saturday Club - National Saturday Club](#)

By completing this application, you are registering your interest for the 2026-27 year. The Club will notify you about the outcome of your application close to their starting date.

If you would like some help registering your interest or with the form, you can email hello@saturday-club.org or call 0207 845 5860

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Young Creative Centre Visit – University of Lancashire

A group of Year 9 and Year 10 pupils from Longridge High School recently visited the University of Lancashire to take part in an inspiring and hands-on creative workshop. The session took place at the Young Creative Centre, a dedicated space based on the university's Preston Campus at the heart of the School of Arts and Media. The centre offers interactive experiences for secondary schools and colleges, allowing pupils to explore a wide range of creative subjects while gaining a valuable insight into university life.

During the visit, pupils were introduced to the diverse and exciting field of printmaking through work produced at Art Lab, a contemporary print studio located within the Victoria Building. The workshop provided a practical introduction to a variety of techniques, including lino relief printing and screen printing. Pupils had the opportunity to experiment with these methods, developing their creativity, fine motor skills, and confidence in using specialist equipment and processes.

Overall, the visit provided pupils with a valuable insight into creative and design-based career pathways, while also highlighting the importance of innovation and environmentally responsible design within the modern world. It was an engaging and inspiring experience that helped to broaden pupils' horizons and encourage them to consider future opportunities within the creative industries.

We would like to thank the University of Lancashire, the Young Creative Centre, and their partners for providing such an engaging and memorable experience for our pupils.

Longridge pupils showing their creations at University of Lancashire



PRESTON COLLEGE TASTERS 2026



LONGRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Our Year 10 Taster Days were a fantastic success, giving pupils a valuable insight into college life and the wide range of opportunities available to them after Year 11. Throughout the experience, pupils took part in a variety of engaging activities, from hands-on workshops to lessons in new and exciting subject areas.

These sessions allowed pupils to explore different pathways, develop new skills, and experience learning in a more independent, college-style environment. Many pupils discovered courses and career routes they may not have previously considered, helping to broaden their horizons and build confidence in their future choices.

We hope this experience has inspired pupils to begin Year 11 with a clearer sense of direction and a more informed understanding of their post-16 options. It has also encouraged them to start thinking positively about their next steps and the opportunities ahead.

It is never too early to start planning for the future, and the Taster Days have been an excellent first step in helping our pupils make confident and well-informed decisions.

On Wednesday 24th June, a group of Year 10 pupils enjoyed an exciting Taster Day at Preston College, giving them a valuable opportunity to start exploring their future pathways.

During the visit, Longridge High School pupils took part in three one-hour sessions across the college's excellent facilities. This allowed them to experience a range of vocational subjects first-hand and gain a real insight into post-16 options beyond Year 11.

Pupils had the chance to try a wide variety of courses, from hands-on areas such as hairdressing, barbering and motor vehicle studies, to other popular options including sport, public services, health and social care, construction, and creative subjects.

Taster days like this are a fantastic way for pupils to experience further education in a practical and engaging environment, helping them to make more informed decisions about their next steps.

Many thanks to Preston College for a fantastic and informative visit.

For more information about the courses and opportunities available, please visit [Preston College website](#)

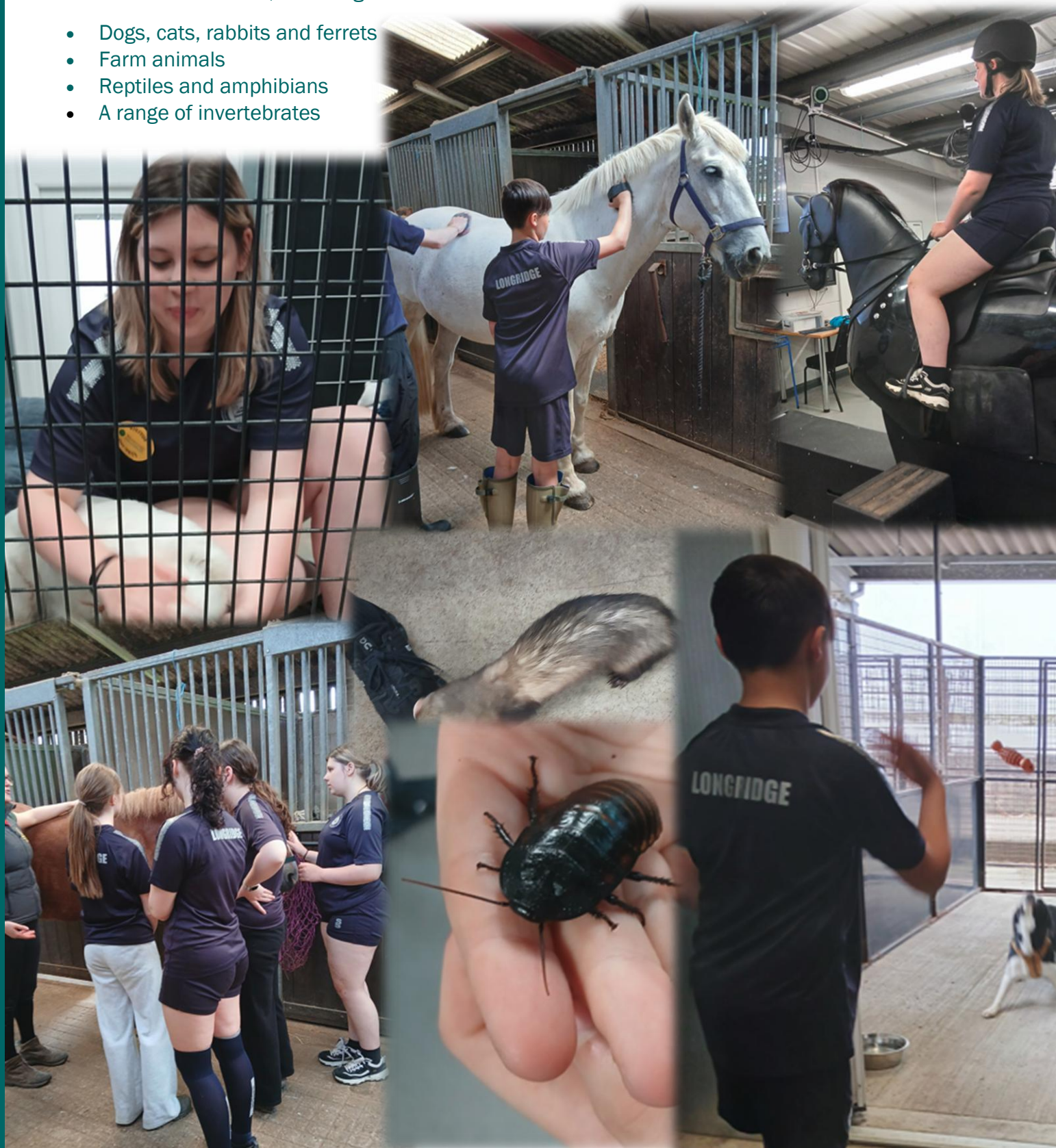


Selected Year 10 pupils recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Myerscough College, where they explored both the Animal Care and Sport departments – and they came away thoroughly impressed!

During the visit, pupils gained a valuable insight into college life, touring the excellent facilities, meeting knowledgeable staff, and learning about the wide range of courses available after Year 11.

For those with a passion for animal health and wellbeing, Myerscough offers an outstanding opportunity to develop both practical and theoretical skills. Pupils were particularly interested to see the variety of animals students care for, including:

- Dogs, cats, rabbits and ferrets
- Farm animals
- Reptiles and amphibians
- A range of invertebrates



The visit also included time in the Sport department, where pupils had a chance to get involved in activities such as basketball and golf, making full use of the fantastic facilities on site. In addition, they learned about the wide range of sporting opportunities available at Myerscough, including fitness training, coaching, sports performance, and outdoor activities.

Staff highlighted how sport courses can open doors to a variety of careers, such as coaching, personal training, physiotherapy, sports development, and working within the fitness industry. Pupils were able to see how practical sessions and theory combine to support progression into these pathways.



Overall, the trip was a brilliant experience, giving pupils a real flavour of college life and helping them to start thinking about their future options. Many left feeling inspired and motivated about the opportunities ahead.

We would like to thank Myerscough College for such a welcoming, informative and enjoyable visit.

For more information about the courses and opportunities available, please visit [Further Education](#)

Year 10 Pupils Enjoy Inspiring Taster Day at Runshaw College

On Monday 29th June, Longridge High School Year 10 pupils attended one of Runshaw College's annual Taster Days, giving them a valuable opportunity to explore life in further education.

Runshaw College were delighted to welcome our pupils and were highly complementary about their engagement, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour throughout the day. Staff commented on how well our pupils represented the school, embracing every opportunity to learn more about their future education pathways.

Prior to the visit, pupils were invited to select the subjects they were most interested in sampling from a diverse range of approximately 50 A Level and vocational courses. Throughout the day, they attended a variety of taster sessions, giving them an exciting insight into different subjects, teaching styles and learning environments available at college.

With such a broad choice of courses on offer, pupils were able to tailor their day to their own interests and aspirations. Subjects available included traditional A Level courses such as Mathematics, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology and History, alongside vocational programmes in areas such as Business, Sport, Health and Social Care, Engineering, Computing, Creative Media and the Performing Arts. This gave pupils the opportunity to explore both academic and practical pathways, helping them to make more informed decisions about their future education and career goals.

The experience encouraged pupils to begin thinking about their future aspirations and helped them gain a better understanding of the opportunities available to them after high school. It also provided a valuable opportunity to ask questions, meet college staff and experience first-hand what studying at Runshaw College might be like.

Runshaw College looks forward to continuing to support our Year 10 pupils and their parents/carers over the coming year as they begin to make important decisions about their post-16 education and future career plans.

For more information about the wide range of courses and opportunities available, please visit the [Runshaw College website](#).



RUNSHAW COLLEGE



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Sampling Day 2026



Longridge High School

Monday 29 June 2026



Blackburn College Taster Day Inspires Longridge High School



On Thursday 2nd July, Longridge High School Year 10 pupils attended one of Blackburn College's annual Taster Days, providing them with a valuable opportunity to experience life in further education and explore potential pathways for their future studies.

As part of the event, pupils were given the chance to sample a range of subjects, reflecting the diverse selection of courses available at Blackburn College. The taster sessions allowed students to experience college-style learning, develop a greater understanding of different subject areas, and gain an insight into what studying at college could be like after leaving high school.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in engaging sessions across a variety of subjects, including Film Studies, Graphics and Photography, Fine Art, Travel and Tourism, and Sociology. These activities gave them the opportunity to develop new skills, explore their interests, and consider how different courses could support their future education and career aspirations.

The visit also enabled pupils to meet Blackburn College staff, learn more about the facilities on offer, and discover the wide range of academic and vocational pathways available. Experiences such as these play an important role in helping young people make informed decisions about their post-16 options and future ambitions.

Blackburn College staff were impressed with the enthusiasm, maturity and positive attitude shown by our pupils throughout the day. They were a credit to Longridge High School and excellent ambassadors for the school, engaging fully in each activity and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

We would like to thank Blackburn College for hosting such an informative and enjoyable event and look forward to continuing to work with them in supporting our pupils as they begin to plan for their next steps beyond high school.

For more information about Blackburn College and the courses available, please visit the [Blackburn College](#)





On Tuesday 7th July, our Year 10 pupils enjoyed an exciting and informative Taster Day at Cardinal Newman College in Preston. Pupils had the opportunity to explore their future post-16 options by choosing three sessions from a range of more than 40 subjects offered by the college, giving them a valuable insight into what studying these subjects at sixth form level could be like.

After arriving at the college, pupils headed straight to their first lessons, where they were welcomed by staff and student ambassadors who helped them navigate the campus and settle into the day. Throughout the visit, pupils experienced a variety of teaching styles, facilities and learning environments, helping them to begin thinking about their future educational pathways.

During break and lunchtime, pupils had the opportunity to meet up with friends and soak up the vibrant college atmosphere. They were treated to live performances from student bands and were able to sample the wide range of food available from the college's many catering outlets. The day provided a fantastic opportunity to experience life as a sixth form student and gain a real feel for the college community.

The visit was an excellent success, with pupils representing Longridge High School positively throughout the day. We hope the experience has encouraged them to start thinking about their next steps after school and the many opportunities available to them.

If you and your child would like to find out more about Cardinal Newman College, its courses and student life, please visit their website: <https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/>



Longridge High School would like to extend a huge thank you to all the local colleges featured in this week's and last week's newsletters. We cannot thank them enough for giving our pupils the opportunity to experience what life could be like after Longridge High School.

Well done to all of our Year 10 pupils for embracing these opportunities with enthusiasm and maturity. They thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and gained valuable insight into the exciting pathways available to them after school. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Longridge High School throughout their visits.

AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO DUNKIRK!

On Wednesday 8th July until late on Sunday the 12th July, thirty Year 9 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable History trip to France, exploring key sites from the First and Second World Wars. Highlights included visiting the Calais Dragon, the Ulster Memorial on the Somme, the Lochnagar Crater, Vimy Ridge, Dunkirk Beach, St Omer Market and the impressive Blockhaus d'Éperlecques bunker. Pupils also took part in a chocolate-making workshop at a local chocolate factory. Throughout the trip, the students were a credit to the school, receiving numerous compliments from members of the public for their maturity, respect and enthusiasm. Their excellent engagement helped make the four-day trip a fantastic experience for everyone involved, including Mr Rogers, Mr Cross and Miss Dobson.



Lancaster University



Some of our Year 9 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting and informative visit to Lancaster University.

During the day, pupils took part in an interactive campus tour, giving them the opportunity to explore the university environment and gain a real insight into life on campus.

Alongside the tour, pupils participated in a selection of engaging sessions, including:

- **Day in the Life of a Student**

Pupils heard directly from current Lancaster University students in a Q&A panel, where they shared their experiences, pathways into higher education, and what university life is really like.

- **What Can I Study at University?**

This session introduced pupils to the wide range of undergraduate courses available and showed them how tools such as UCAS can be used to research future study and career options.

- **Who Goes to University?**

This session helped to challenge misconceptions about university, highlighting the benefits for students from a variety of backgrounds. Pupils also learned about aspects of student life such as accommodation, financial support, and extracurricular opportunities.

The visit provided pupils with a valuable insight into higher education and encouraged them to start thinking about their future pathways. Longridge High School would like to thank Lancaster University.



Our Year 9 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting and informative visit to the **University of Lancashire**, where they were given a valuable insight into university life and future opportunities. During the day, pupils took part in a subject taster session alongside a classroom-based workshop, allowing them to experience university-style learning first-hand.

The morning was spent in a structured classroom session, where pupils were introduced to different subject areas and began to develop their knowledge and understanding within a university setting. One of the key sessions focused on **Sport, Exercise Science and Business Management**, where pupils explored sports-related courses available at university. They learned about topics such as the muscular system, sports nutrition, and the business side of sport, helping them to see how academic subjects link to real careers.

In the afternoon, pupils had the opportunity to hear a **student life talk** delivered by a current university student. This session was particularly valuable, as it gave pupils a real insight into what university life is like, including study, social opportunities and the transition from school to higher education. Following this, pupils took part in a guided **campus tour**, allowing them to explore the facilities and gain a true feel for university life beyond the classroom.

This structure of university environment. The visit encouraged pupils to start thinking about their future pathways and helped to raise aspirations by showing them that higher education is an achievable and exciting option.



We would like to thank the University of Lancashire and their partners for providing such an engaging and memorable experience for our pupils

Why go to university?



Celebrating the Success of Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 pupils have now successfully completed their Work Experience Programme. This important milestone has been made possible through the strong collaboration between Longridge High School, the Education Business Partnership (EBP), and our valued local employers, all of whom have worked exceptionally hard to provide meaningful and rewarding opportunities for our pupils.

Pupil Experience

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 10 pupils for their commitment, positive attitude, and the effort they have shown throughout the programme. Their willingness to engage, learn, and represent the school so well has been a credit to them, and we are extremely proud of how they have conducted themselves during their placements.

Work experience provides pupils with a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the world of work. By experiencing different industries and workplace environments, pupils are better equipped to make informed and realistic decisions about their future pathways as they approach the end of Year 11, giving them greater confidence in their next steps.

The programme has been a tremendous success, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from pupils. Many have highlighted how much they have learned, not only about specific job roles but also about key employability skills such as communication, teamwork, and professionalism. The advice and encouragement they have received will stay with them as they continue their educational and career journeys.

Pupil Voice – Experiences and Feedback

- *Deborah (Deepdale Neurological Centre): “I’m loving it – it’s fun and I’ve been taking temperatures, doing paperwork, and helping with cleaning.”*
- *Francesca (Tudor House Nursery): “It’s like being on holiday – I’m really enjoying it.”*
- *Jake and Jamie (Hallis Hudson): “I’m thoroughly enjoying my placement. I’ve worked across different departments and I’m learning new skills every day.” Jake also shared how much he has enjoyed being involved in planning and developing a wider range of skills across departments.*
- *Sophie (Ribble Valley Tyre and Auto Services Ltd): Praised for answering the phone with confidence and professionalism, exceeding expectations.*

Pupils commented on how much they have enjoyed being given real responsibilities and how this has helped to build their confidence when communicating in a workplace setting. Many also highlighted the valuable skills they have developed, including teamwork, communication, and understanding workplace routines.

- *Lucy (Longridge Nursery): “I’ve really enjoyed my placement, and it has made me realise I want to work with children.”*
- *Jessica (Longridge Nursery): Enjoyed rotating through different rooms (from babies to preschool), helping her to understand which age group she prefers working with.*
- *Lucas and Jacob (Beacon Fell Country Park): “We’ve really enjoyed being outdoors and working in a different environment.” They also valued experiencing a real working day and gaining a better understanding of different roles.*

Pupils commented: “This experience has really helped me feel more prepared for the future and understand what working life is like.”



Employer Support

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our employer partners. Your time, guidance, and the invaluable experiences you have provided have had a significant impact on our pupils. Through your support, they have developed practical skills, built confidence, and gained a deeper understanding of workplace expectations and professional standards.

By welcoming our pupils into your organisations, you have given them a meaningful insight into the day-to-day realities of working life. The opportunity to observe, participate, and contribute within a real work environment has helped pupils to better understand the skills, attitudes, and behaviours required for future employment.

Many employers have commented positively on the pupils' willingness to learn, their enthusiasm, and their ability to adapt to new situations. This feedback is incredibly valuable and helps to reinforce the importance of these experiences in preparing young people for their next steps.

We are truly grateful for the commitment, generosity, and support shown by all of our employer partners in making this programme such a success. We look forward to continuing these valuable partnerships in the future and working together to provide even more opportunities for our pupils.

Employer Feedback

- **The Foot Room** - *"It has been a pleasure having Ethan with us this week. He has been punctual every day, arriving at 8:15 or earlier, and has been very well presented throughout. He is polite and has come across as an impressive young man in many ways. Ethan has interacted well with both staff and customers and has completed all tasks willingly. We are very happy with his attitude and performance and have no concerns."*
- **Holiday Inn**: *"Both pupils are doing really well. They are experiencing different departments each day, giving them a wide variety of the business. They have been described as polite, cooperative, and smart."*
- **St Clare's RC Primary School**: *"We are extremely happy with all of the pupils. They have been described as polite, punctual, enthusiastic, and very confident when working with the children. They are presenting smartly and making a very positive impression. The children at the placement are thoroughly enjoying having them."*
- **Gainsborough Floor Coverings** - *"Sam is a delight—very helpful and full of initiative. He has been punctual, often arriving early, and has presented himself appropriately at all times. He has completed all tasks set and regularly goes above and beyond. If he notices something that needs attention, he asks before taking action. He interacts very well with staff and customers and is a pleasure to have. We have no concerns at all."*
- **St Wilfrid's Nursery** - *"Rosie has been arriving early, helping with setting up, and consistently going above and beyond expectations. She has engaged very well with both staff and pupils and has made a very positive impression. Rosie has shown a keen interest in becoming a teacher and has been supporting a speech and language programme, where she has been a great help."*

Longridge High School would like to acknowledge and thank all the employers and businesses who have contributed as well as EBP.



Blackpool & The Fylde College

Maritime Campus Experience

On Tuesday 23rd June, 28 Year 9 pupils from Longridge High School enjoyed an exciting visit to the Blackpool & The Fylde College Maritime Campus in Fleetwood, attending a special "Encounter with HE" event.

Running from 10:00am to 2:00pm, the day provided pupils with a valuable insight into higher education pathways within the maritime industry. Pupils were split into smaller groups and rotated through a range of engaging activities across the campus.

Pupils took part in a Future U workshop, where they explored key "Pillars of Growth" and learned more about career opportunities within the sector. Student ambassadors supported the session, sharing their own experiences of college life and offering an insight into what it is like to undertake a degree sponsored by an employer.

One of the highlights of the day was the guided campus tour, particularly the ship bridge simulator experience. Pupils had the exciting opportunity to step "on board" and take control of a vessel, experiencing what it is like to navigate at sea. This immersive, hands-on activity was a real favourite, giving pupils a genuine feel for life on the water and the responsibility involved in operating a ship.



In addition, pupils explored the on-site living quarters and gained a deeper understanding of life at sea, including training requirements and associated costs. This combination of experiences provided a clear insight into both the practical and personal aspects of maritime careers.

During the lunch break, pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to relax and socialise, making full use of the facilities available to them. They particularly appreciated the freedom to explore their surroundings and engage with the activities provided, which added to their overall enjoyment of the day and helped to create a positive and memorable experience.

FUTURE



The visit was both informative and inspiring, helping pupils to broaden their understanding of future pathways and the opportunities available through further and higher education.

We would like to extend our thanks to the team at Blackpool & The Fylde College, particularly Allan and Louise, for organising such a well-structured and engaging experience.



**FLEETWOOD
NAUTICAL
CAMPUS**