

THE LONG EATON SCHOOL

A Foundation School and
A Specialist College for Science and Applied Learning
"An Outstanding School" (OFSTED 2006, 2009)

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you relating to the new academic year.

Staffing Changes

We welcome the following new teachers who join us this term:

Mrs Hardie / Mr Worn	History
Mr Hussain / Mr Richards / Mrs Grimes	Maths
Mrs Fletcher	Art
Mrs Ludlow	Lead Teacher of Art
Mr Goodman / Miss Judson / Miss Flood	Science
Miss Winning	Drama
Miss Boron / Miss Rowell	Technology
Mr Burrows	MFL
Miss Ette	Social Science
Miss K Wright / Miss S Wright / Miss Lander	English
Mr Hoyle	PE

A number of teaching staff left the school in the summer: Mr Nicholls, Mrs Butt, Mr Eley, Mr Robertson, Mr Morley, Mr Valentine, Mr Jackson, Mr Gilham and Mrs Deeks.

Student Achievement

Key Stage 4

Again this year we are celebrating outstanding results for Year 11 students, with 76% of students achieving 5 or more A* - C grades / level 2 qualification and 98% of all students getting at least 5 A* - G grades, equalling our best ever results in 2008. 51% of students gained 5+ A* - C grades including English and Maths, and a record 20% of the year group gained 3 or more of the top A and A* Grades, a fantastic achievement.

Advanced Level

This year we sustained our improvement in A level results. The overall pass rate was 98% and the average points score of 798 was a further improvement on last year's performance. There were some outstanding results for individual students and more students than ever before have been successful in gaining a place at University.

All students who stayed into the Sixth Form to follow the one year BTEC courses were successful and some now plan to start advanced level courses in the Sixth Form.

These results again underline the tremendous progress that is being made at the school, and following on from our 'Outstanding' Ofsted Inspection in January, they represent another very successful year in terms of attainment outcomes. Both students and staff have worked very hard to achieve these excellent results and we also recognise the huge contribution made by parents with their support and encouragement. We will continue to strive for further improvements in the future.

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Basic Expectations

Having a uniform and dress code is very important for this school and I would like to thank all those parents who support the school in ensuring their child adheres to the dress code. Unfortunately staff are having to spend too much time with the minority of students who do not wear the correct uniform and this is both frustrating and tedious to deal with. I would ask all parents to support the school in ensuring that children are wearing the correct uniform, including black shoes, not trainers. We have a great deal of uniform in lost property, none of it named. Please help us to get uniform back to the owner by naming all items of school uniform. The school dress code also includes hair styles / cuts. Students should not have hair cut shorter than "number 2" and should not have any patterns cut into their hair. There should be no unnatural variations in the colour of hair which draws attention to the student. Students who do not abide by these expectations will be isolated in school and parents will be informed.

Please support us by ensuring your child arrives at school with basic equipment such as pens, pencils, ruler, calculator etc. This will save staff a lot of time and will mean that lesson time is not disrupted and that students will gain the most from their learning time.

Chewing gum is banned in school and this rule continues to be respected by the majority of students, however, it has still been necessary, on occasion, to punish some students for chewing gum. We cannot tolerate this as we get charged by the private company for removal of any chewing gum – these costs will be passed onto students who do not adhere to the chewing gum ban.

The whole of our school site is non-smoking, in line with national legislation, therefore students caught smoking on school premises will be dealt with very severely, and persistent offenders may be fined for breaking the statutory non-smoking rule.

Health & Safety Warning - Cars on Site at the Beginning and End of the School Day

All students, except for those with disabilities, must be dropped off and collected **outside** the school grounds.

Holidays in School Time

Any unnecessary time taken off school, especially during Key Stage 4 and 5, places at risk your child's chances of success. Despite the fact that this is made apparent to parents on a regular basis, some students are still absent unnecessarily. In line with County and national recommendations, we will **only** authorise holiday absence in exceptional circumstances. Please could we ask you to consider very carefully the consequences of taking time off before any holidays are arranged during school time. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Tutor Review Day

On November 17th we will be holding a Tutor Review Day during which all students, along with parents, will have an appointment with their form tutor to discuss progress and set targets for improvement. School will be **closed on this day** and appointments will be scheduled between 1.00pm and 7.00pm. We would encourage all parents to make the effort to attend this event as we feel it is important in monitoring students' progress. If parents cannot attend, then our expectation is that all students come into school at the appointment time for their tutor interview.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and for your on-going support. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that your son / daughter takes every opportunity to fulfil his / her potential whilst a member of our school community.

Yours faithfully
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Neil Calvert
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