



LONG CLOSE SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK!



It's just a very short note from me today as we're only two days into the new term. I just wanted to say Happy New Year and welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff. It has been great to see lots of happy faces around the school as friends reunite after the holidays and pupils are eager to get back to their learning.

My first assembly of the term yesterday morning focused on the importance of having the right attitude in life and the positive impact it will have on those around you. As a new year begins, it also seemed to be the perfect time to remind all of our staff and pupils about the relevance of our school motto—*Altiora Petimus*—'We seek higher things'. It is through this collective pursuit of excellence that our pupils will be able to achieve more than they believe possible. Whilst I am sure there will be challenges ahead, I am confident that we will also have much to celebrate this year and I wish every single one of our pupils every success for the year ahead.

Brendan Pavey

TEA, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE—A REMINDER

Please remember that all After School Clubs (including Prep), Tea and After School Care (ASC) sessions must be re-booked every term so that we are able to confirm numbers and registers in advance. We do not assume that any child will continue on a term by term basis because we do not want to incur any unnecessary charges for parents.

If you would like to book any clubs, tea or ASC for this term, please contact Mrs Andrews on 01753 520095 or at info@longcloseschool.co.uk.

JOB OPPORTUNITY—LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR FOR THE EARLY YEARS

Long Close School is currently looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor to support the Nursery and Reception lunchtime break between 11.30am and 1.30pm. Additional hours and supply assistant cover is often available if the applicant is interested in working with the Early Years Team when required.

Further details are available from the Headmaster's PA on 01753-520095. Cognita Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and other third parties to share this commitment. Safer recruitment practice and pre-employment background checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. Long Close School is part of the Cognita Group of Schools. www.cognitaschools.co.uk

FUTURE TERM DATES

Spring Term 2017

Half term: 13-17 Feb
End of term: Fri 31 Mar

Summer Term 2017

Start of term: Mon 24 Apr
Half term: 29 May-2 Jun
End of term: Fri 7 Jul

Autumn Term 2018

Start of term: Mon 4 Sept
Half term: Wed 18-Fri 27 Oct
End of term: Tues 12 Dec

Spring Term 2018

Start of term: Thurs 4 Jan
Half term: 12-16 Feb
End of term: Thurs 29 Mar

AFTER SCHOOL CARE MOBILE NUMBERS

ASC team members can be contacted on the following numbers between 3.30pm and 6.00pm each day.

If you are running late to collect your child from ASC, please give the staff on duty a quick call to let them know. Thank you!

**Yellow, Red, Blue Room
& Reception:
07783 198998
Years 1-11 (Mrs Bahri):
07986 316132**

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

We hope that you have all received your copy of this term's events calendar on email. Since we are still having technical difficulties with our online events calendar (for which we apologise), we thought it might be useful to highlight some of the important dates coming up for next week and the first half of this term.

Monday 9 January 2017—Years 7-10 Exam Week

Wednesday 11 January 2017—U13A Football (11-a-side) v Oratory (a)

Wednesday 11 January 2017—U11AB Football (7-a-side) v Oratory (a)

Tuesday 17 January 2017—Young Voices Choir Trip to the O2, London

Wednesday 18 January 2017—Years 10&11 Destinations Expo Careers event, Windsor

Tuesday 24 January 2017—Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Workshop at LCS

Thursday 26 January 2017—Year 5 Trip to Shakespeare's Birthplace Museum, Stratford-upon-Avon

Monday 30 January 2017—Year 5 Assembly

Tuesday 31 January 2017—Final date for GCSE Entries

Tuesday 31 January 2017—KS2 Parents' Information Evening—Moving Beyond KS2 (18:00)

Monday 6 February 2017—Prep School Curriculum Collapse Pre-History Week

Tuesday 7 February 2017—Years 9-11 Parents' Evening (16:00-19:30)

Wednesday 8 February 2017—Nebula Artistic 'Body Percussion' STOMP workshops for Years 1-9

Wednesday 8 February 2017—Progress reports go home

Friday 10 February 2017—PTA Spring Disco

MUSIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Happy New Year to you all! We have a very exciting term ahead of us from a musical perspective, including a choir trip to the O2 this month, followed by the Wellington Choral Prep School Choral Day in February and then the musical performance of 'Go for Gold!' by Years 3 & 4 in March.

Please note that instrumental lessons will start from Monday 9 January 2017 and our new drum teacher will be taking his first lessons on Thursday 12 January. Spaces are still available for lessons on all instruments so please fill in a form from the School Office if you would like your child to start learning a new instrument.

Mrs Bingham, Director of Music

