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## Weekly News Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Welcome

We wish to convey a very warm welcome to all our pupils and parents, after the summer break.

### Examination Results

Over the summer, Longridge students are to be congratulated on their examination results. Staff colleagues were delighted to celebrate all of the exam results and the progress that students have made at all levels and to see pupils self-assured and confident in terms of their next steps in school or after school

#### GCSE



Despite the GCSE examinations being tougher this year, students achieving the top grade (grade 9) at the School were double the national average. Almost all students achieved at least six GCSE grades above a 4 (previously a C). These 'new-style' examinations have been reported as having a more challenging content based upon problem-solving and which place more reliance on a final examination rather than coursework elements. Pupils at Longridge also excelled in Mathematics and Design and Technology, subjects that nationally had the fewest top grades. Individual successes included Kit, Max T and Roy who achieved nineteen grade 9s between them.

#### A-levels

Sixth Form students celebrated after securing the best results since A\* or A grades were introduced almost a decade ago. A third of the School's results were at either A\* or A grades. These results were achieved despite a dip in the award to top grades nationally. Congratulations to students on their individual and collective successes. They all finish their School careers not only fulfilling their potential but also with independence, a mature love of learning and an understanding of the responsibilities of being members of their local communities. We wish them well on their chosen paths.



### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – OVO Energy Tour of Britain



**TOUR OF  
BRITAIN**



Our pupils will be supporting the OVO Energy Tour of Britain on Monday and as the weather forecast is showers, please could all pupils bring a waterproof coat to school. There will be no access to the school between 10.30 and 11.30am. We are looking forward to watching this spectacular event passing our school.

For your information, stage three of the 2019 OVO Energy Tour of Britain will be the first to link all areas of the North of Tyne Combined Authority, with the route taking in Northumberland, North Tyneside and Newcastle upon-Tyne. The stage will start from the centre of Berwick-upon-Tweed, crossing the Grade I listed

Berwick Bridge as the race heads away along the Tweed Valley and onto Ford and Wooler. The route will race along the Northumberland Coast, including past Bamburgh and Warkworth castles, showcasing the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty through the worldwide television coverage.



### Junior Assembly



Mr Moscrop (a cycling expert) and Mrs Maddock (who is not), led a Junior assembly today about the Tour of Britain. The children learned about the route, team tactics, the different coloured jerseys and how a rider can win the race. Mr Moscrop also brought two of his bikes into school and taught the children about aerodynamics related to cycling. We are all very excited to watch the race pass by on Monday morning.

### Senior Science

The U6 psychologists are making papier-mâché brains which they are going to label key parts and structures as a starting point from which they will learn about localisation of brain function and the consequences of this phenomenon.



### Senior Rugby

As pupils returned to Longridge for the new academic year yesterday, the U18 teams took the opportunity to play their first U18 rugby and hockey fixtures against Michael Ham Memorial College, a touring school from Buenos Aries.

It was wonderful to see our pupils in action so early on in the season, and they certainly embraced the spirit and ethos of what these matches represented. Both Longridge teams performed to an incredible standard and equally, it was a joy to see the teams socialising with one another and using the opportunity to exchange views and discussions. We look forward to our second Argentinian touring school being welcomed to Longridge on Monday, where we will again be fielding our U18 teams against Balmoral College, who also hail from Buenos Aries

### Pupil News



Junior pupils, Livvy, Isla and Jamie all received music certificates in assembly today from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Livvy for Grade 2 singing, Isla for Grade 1 singing and Jamie for Grade 1 piano.

Huge congratulations to all three children.

**Iain**, (Form 1) pictured right received his level 4 certificate at Hillend, Edinburgh, for skiing in advance of going to Vos, next year.



**Isla**, (Form 5) has had a great summer on her horse Luna who she has only been competing on since March. Just before term ended they won the Pallinsburn One Day Event, then at the Pony Club area Eventing her team qualified for the Pony Club Championships, she also qualified individually in Dressage. Isla has also competed in British Eventing Horse Trials at BE90 level and in her first BE100 she was a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup>. She has two more events to go in the season so is busy training in preparation for these at the end of September.



**Sophie** – (EYFS 2). Sophie, (pictured below) will be running her first ever Mini Great North Run with Mrs Skeen, on Saturday. She has raised a few pennies for bowel cancer so far. Good Luck Sophie and Mrs Skeen!



### Staff News

Geography teacher, Mr Johnston, will be running in the Great North Run on Sunday. He will be running it for 'MIND' which is one of the country's leading mental health charities. He would really appreciate any donations you can give for the cause. Here is the link to his page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cmgnr2019> Good Luck, Mr Johnston!

### School Notices

This Weekly News is a brief update of school and pupil news over the holiday period. Please note that individual and sibling photographs will be taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If you have news or photographs for the school's weekly news, please continue to send them to [mburns@lts.org.uk](mailto:mburns@lts.org.uk)

## September 2019

### ▲ 07 Sep

■	10:00 – 12:30	<a href="#">Rugby LTS/Berwick v Knox (U13/14/15/16/Colts) KO 10.30am (H)</a>
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### ▲ 09 Sep

■	10.30 – 11.30	<a href="#">Tour of Britain</a>
■	13:30 – 16:00	<a href="#">Under 18 Rugby v Balmoral College, Argentina (H) KO 2pm</a>

### ▲ 10 Sep

■	08:00 – 16.00	<a href="#">Individual School Photographs</a>
■	11:30 – 17:00	<a href="#">Under 13 &amp; 15 Rugby v Clifton Hall School KO 1.30pm (A)</a>
■	19:00 – 21:00	<a href="#">LTSDA Meeting, Stobo Building</a>

### ▲ 11 Sep

■	08:00 – 16.00	<a href="#">Individual School Photographs</a>
■	09:00 – 16:30	<a href="#">Form 4 Art Trip to Edinburgh</a>

### ▲ 12 Sep

■	09:00 – 15:00	<a href="#">Mouth Guard Fitting Whole School</a>
■	18:30 – 21:00	<a href="#">Form 5 Parent Information Evening - Exam Preparation</a>