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#LongRoadLife

LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE APPLICANT NEWSLETTER

SUPPORTING YOU TO SUCCESS

Hello, from Long Road!

This month's applicant newsletter is focused on how we can support you as an individual. We'll be outlining the support networks that you will encounter throughout your studies with us, including information on how your Progress Coach will work with you and your family to ensure your success.

You can also find out what support is available for students with additional learning needs, and how we can help you take care of your welfare and wellbeing.

Once again we're meeting more of our Scholars' and hearing about some exciting activities that have taken place at college.

Talk to you soon!
Long Road



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WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Our Admissions Team are here to support and guide you through every stage of your Long Road application.

If you have any questions, please get in touch!



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ADMISSIONS TEAM UPDATE

Advice and Guidance Meetings

Our staff really enjoyed meeting with so many of you in our first round of Advice and Guidance meetings. If you've not yet had yours don't worry, look out for your email inviting you to book on to our session on Wednesday 11th March.

What now?!

If you haven't done so already, please ensure you log in to your Admissions+ account to accept your offer. Remember, this is to hold your place with us (subject to meeting minimum entry requirements).

What do I need to do over the coming months?

We know that you will be working hard ready for your GCSE's, and hope that you are feeling excited for your next steps. We'll be emailing you over the coming months to keep you posted on the admissions process, so do keep a check for any updates from us!

Welcome Day 😊

Monday 29th June is our Welcome Day, when offer holders will be invited to join us in college for a taster of your conditional offer subjects, and to learn more about life as a Long Road student. Don't worry, we'll let you know when booking for this is available!

Any questions?

Email admissions@longroad.ac.uk and we'll be happy to help.

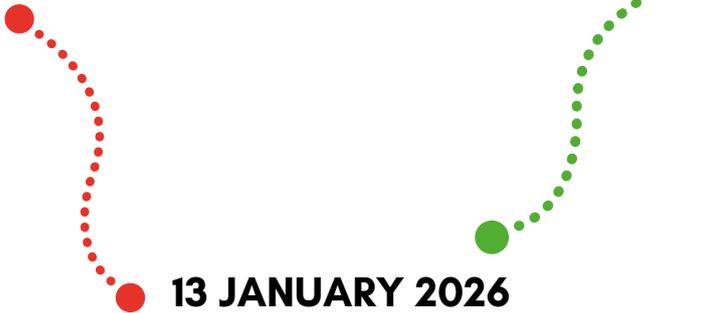
YOUR APPLICATION TIMELINE

Your application timeline will help you keep track of where you are in the admissions process and keep you informed of what happens next. Look for the arrow location to see where we are in the process!



OCTOBER 2025

Applications Open



13 JANUARY 2026

Applications Close.

Applications made after the deadline may be placed on a waiting list

SPRING & SUMMER 2026

Virtual Guidance Meetings & Conditional Offer

(first round takes place 12 & 13 February 2026)

Discuss your options with an experienced member of staff. You'll receive a conditional offer via your Admissions+ account shortly after your meeting.



29 JUNE 2026

Welcome Day

Spend the day as a Long Road student; try out your subjects & get a taste of Long Road life. Auditions for Performing Arts subjects will also be held during Welcome Day.

20 AUGUST 2026

GCSE Results Day

Good luck! We're keeping our fingers crossed for you



25 - 27 AUGUST 2026

New Student Enrolment

Welcome to the Long Road family!

3 SEPTEMBER 2026

New Student Orientation

Your first day on-campus as an official Long Road student!



10 SEPTEMBER 2026

Start of Academic Year

2026/2027

Time to start your Long Road life!



YOU'LL RECEIVE:

- Ongoing individual and personal support on how to achieve at college and get the most out of your time with us.
- Help creating your own personal progression plan, with advice on careers, apprenticeships and university pathways.



STUDENT SUPPORT: PROGRESS COACHES

We know that moving from school to college is a big change: a new campus, new faces and a new level of independence. To make sure you feel at home you will be assigned a Progress Coach, a dedicated member of staff who will help and support you as you settle into Long Road life.

Working together with you and your family from the moment you join our Long Road community they will ensure a smooth transition to college life. Your Progress Coach will be on hand to guide you, helping you to stay on target and reach your goals.

Working closely with you and your teachers they will help you to plan and achieve your next steps, supporting you as you aim high

and succeed in your academic and career goals.

Ongoing individual support from your Progress Coach means they will continuously oversee your academic progress, updating you and your family on your achievements.

Using this information, you and your Progress Coach will work together to create your own learning plan so you can identify your strengths and clearly see what you need to achieve and monitor your own academic performance.



STUDENT SUPPORT: PROGRESS COACHES

Your Progress Coach will be your main point of contact throughout your time at college. You will attend group tutorials which will cover a range of different topics across the year; from helping you to settle into college to helping to prepare for your next steps and everything in between.

As well as tutorials, your Progress Coach will schedule regular 1-to-1 meetings to discuss your academic progress and wellbeing with you and put action plans in place to make sure you stay on the path to success. You can also book additional meetings with your Progress Coach, or drop in and see them, at any point during the college day if you feel you would benefit from talking to them.

For parents, your child's Progress Coach is also your key point of contact for the college. If you ever have any worries, questions or queries you can give them a call or an email to discuss this and arrange a meeting if necessary.

Although your child gains some extra independence above what they are used to at school, we still keep you regularly updated. You will receive weekly attendance reports from us and the Progress Coach will be in touch with you to let you know about any concerns we have, but also of any outstanding achievements - that's that part of the job we really enjoy!

YOU'LL RECEIVE:

- Support with time management and study techniques.
- Guidance on building your own learning plan so you can see what you need to achieve and how to monitor your progress and performance.





Long Road Scholars' Award

Long Road Sixth Form College

RECEIVE £500 AS A REWARD FOR YOUR EXCELLENT GCSE RESULTS.

If you're predicted to achieve outstanding GCSE results (**average GCSE Grade 8 or above**) you can apply for the Long Road Scholars' Award.

We'll give you **£500** to spend on whatever you like - examples from our current scholars include: travel costs, overseas trips & film equipment!

**APPLY ONLINE TODAY
VIA YOUR ADMISSIONS+ ACCOUNT**



MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, ROSIE

One of my favourite aspects of Long Road is that the college offers such a supportive and welcoming environment to study and socialise. The variety of study areas and resources available makes studying much more efficient and creates a much more relaxed approach to learning. The teachers and students are so friendly and always willing to help, which makes the whole experience of college more enjoyable.

I am currently planning on using the scholarship money to help fund my dreams of doing Camp America - something I plan to undertake after I finish my A Levels. I am keen to meet new people from across the world and learn about different cultures whilst improving my

non-academic skills and am certain Camp America would be a perfect opportunity to do so.

I am focused on developing efficient revision resources as I go through the course for each of my subjects to ensure I can achieve the high grades I am aiming for. I have also been attending university open days and completing my personal statement to advance further with my UCAS application before the deadline.

ROSIE

Secondary School:
Soham Village College

Year 2 Student

Studying:
DT A Level
Geography A Level
Psychology A Level

[Click here to find out more about the Long Road Scholars Award today!](#)





SOFIA

Secondary School:
Swavesey Village College

Year 2 Student

Studying:
DT A Level
Maths A Level
Physics A Level

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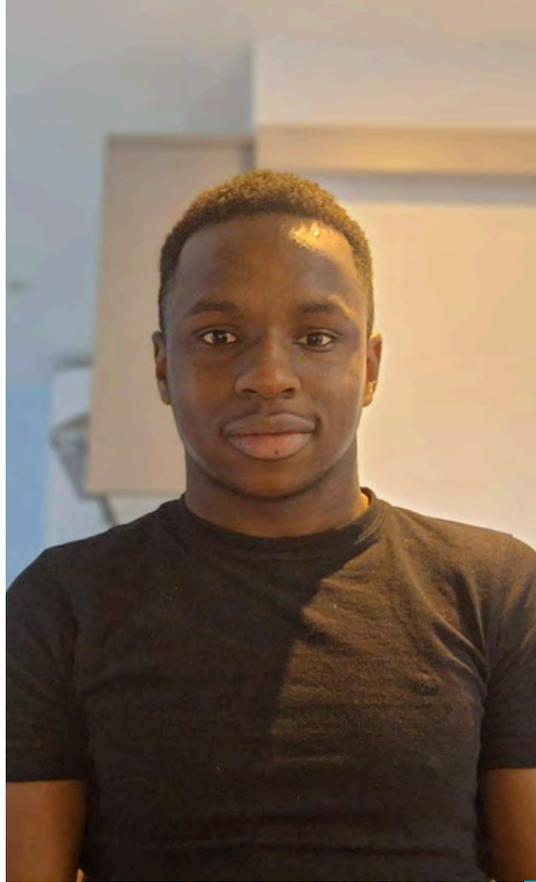
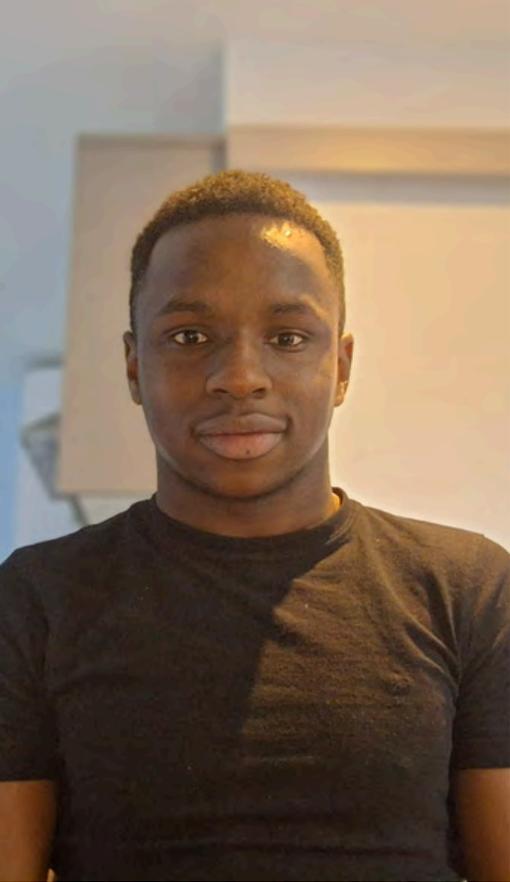
MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, SOFIA

One of the aspects I value most about being a Long Road student is the supportive and welcoming environment. Transitioning from secondary school to sixth form can feel challenging, but Long Road makes the process much more manageable. The school cultivates a friendly atmosphere that promotes both independence and collaboration. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning while knowing that guidance and support are always available when needed. This balance has been instrumental in helping me feel confident and engaged in my studies.

I have primarily used my scholarship funds to support my education, though I have also saved a portion to reward myself. It is important to balance working towards your goals with taking time to appreciate your achievements.

Currently, I am focused on my studies to ensure I achieve the grades required for the sector I wish to enter. My teachers have been invaluable in supporting me, offering guidance and advice that help me stay on track and make informed decisions about my future.





MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, ZACH

I enjoy the environment at the college. I feel I am allowed to work in a way that works best for me. There are many different clubs and activities. I found they helped me decide what I want to do after college. There is something for everyone. The guidance offered by my progress coaches has been really helpful and encouraging. I had fun in Year 12, sadly it seemed to end quite soon! My advice is to enjoy your first year as much as you can, and to stay on top of your work. The end of college is closer than it seems and, before long, you'll be planning your next steps.

I will be using my scholarship money to travel this summer. I hope to visit family and friends in Kenya, South Africa and Botswana.

I am working towards my A-Levels next year, and have applied to study engineering at university. I have done work experience with an engineering firm that provided useful insights into what my job might be one day.

ZACH

Secondary School:
Maru-a-Pula

Year 2 Student

Studying:
Chemistry A Level
Maths A Level
Physics A Level

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STUDY SUPPORT

Study sessions are held regularly throughout the year focusing on a range of areas such as time management, study skills and exam technique.

As you work towards those all-important exams you will be invited to our workshops on revision, wellbeing and exam preparation. All of our study skill resources are available online so you can access them wherever and whenever you need them.



STUDENT SUPPORT: ADDITIONAL NEEDS, WELFARE & WELLBEING

Here at Long Road, we share a passion for learning and its capacity to transform lives. We encourage and inspire you to be the best that you can be.

All of our teaching and support staff have a strong commitment to ensuring you have equal opportunities to succeed; their experience and advice make Long Road accessible and friendly to all students.

All subjects provide opportunities for all students to receive individual support in workshop sessions with subject specialists. Individual teaching support is also available for students with specific learning difficulties such as Dyslexia or Asperger's.

If you have an EHC plan we will develop individual learning programmes. Our team of qualified specialist tutors can provide formal and informal assessments of your individual learning needs.

We welcome students from the international community, offering you extra support with specialist teachers if English is your second language.

All buildings have ready access for wheelchair users and classroom / general assistance is available for students who have physical impairments such as partial sight, partial hearing and motor skills difficulties.



STUDENT SUPPORT: ADDITIONAL NEEDS, WELFARE & WELLBEING

Our team of qualified specialist tutors can provide assessments of students' individual learning needs, such as Dyslexia or those who are Neuro Diverse. Specialist IT equipment and software is available to support students studies, including text-to-speech and mind-mapping programmes.

We're not only here to support your academic progress, but also your wellbeing.

Whatever challenges you face, our dedicated support team are always ready to help with any concerns you may have. Our drop-in counselling service is available if you ever need help, advice or a friendly chat.

24/7 STUDENT SUPPORT

We've teamed up with Health Assured, a Student Assistance Programme offering 24/7 confidential help with trained counsellors. They can help you with anything that is worrying you: exam stress, low mood, relationship problems, identity issues—anything at all, no problem too big or small.

There's a phone line: 0800 028 3766. And yes, of course there's an App! It has lots of useful wellbeing activities—plus a Live Chat function if you don't want to pick up the phone and talk.

WELLBEING FAIR

Our annual Wellbeing Fair introduces you to different techniques to help you manage stress and anxiety including Art Therapy, Yoga and Volunteering.

Our visiting therapy animals (which in the past have even included Owls!) are always a huge hit and we love the opportunity to cuddles with some super cute therapy dogs.





HANNAH

CLASS OF 2025

STUDIED:

DT A Level

English Lang & Lit A Level

Sociology A Level

EPO

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FORMER LONG ROAD
STUDENT?**

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www.longroad.ac.uk/alumni



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: HANNAH

I didn't really enjoy my time at secondary school much as there was a lot of us in the cohort and so a lot of students would get overlooked. Long Road could not have been a more different experience. Going to Long made me the best version of myself by challenging me to be more outgoing both socially and academically; every tutor and staff member is always willing to dedicate so much time and energy to your success. I am now studying BSc Mechanical and Automotive Engineering at Kingston University.

I chose to study at Long Road because it has less pressurised environment that provided encouragement and genuine investment into students, which for me is the

most motivating and healthy form of education. Long Road is one of the few colleges in the Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire counties that provides a high-quality A Level Design Technology qualification, which was key for me as I knew I wanted to potentially pursue Engineering or Architecture in university once I left college.

I was very lucky to go overseas for study with Long Road three times during my time there - I travelled to Singapore, Denmark and the USA across 2024 and 2025 respectively, which were incredible, life changing experiences. This is particularly the case with Singapore, on which I earned a place (via a competitive application process) through



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Long Road's partnership with the Turing Scheme. This was such a special 2 weeks as it was my first time travelling outside of Europe and I made very close friends and connections with others on the trip.

My advice to new students, or those considering joining Long Road, is to take your education seriously, but don't forget that a large part of college is about having fun, too. College is a very freeing experience after secondary school if you aren't afraid to get sociable with people and begin to understand a new and more adult world around you.

You will be treated with more respect at college and remember that pretty much everyone there is in the same boat as you - they might only know a few people when they join. In my case, I didn't really know anyone at all.

Go all in and be bold in making new friends. The new academic workload of college will feel much easier to process and will be much more streamlined for you if you are surrounded by a group of friends who will make you feel confident and uplifted.

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Sociology A Level
EPQ

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