



SPECIAL EDITION: GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

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LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE APPLICANT NEWSLETTER

GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

Hello, from Long Road!

The wait is almost over, GCSE Results Day is just around the corner and its nearly time for you to make your final decision about your next steps - eek so exciting!!

We know you're probably feeling a little nervous about what happens next (moving up to sixth form is a big deal!) so we've put together this special edition of #LongRoadLife to help you, *as the name suggests*, get ready for college!

We wish you the best of luck for GCSE results day and hope to see you soon as a new member of the Long Road family!

Best wishes,
Long Road



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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

I am delighted that you are considering joining Long Road Sixth Form College. We are a friendly, inclusive college, and we will welcome you into our community from the moment you make an application to study with us.

We understand that the move from school can sometimes feel a little daunting. Don't worry – we make sure you have individual support throughout your time with us, to ensure a smooth transition and to get the most out of college life. At Long Road, you'll learn in a mature, university-style setting at our beautiful green campus. We will help you gain the knowledge and skills to thrive here, and we will support you in preparing for the future, whether you are planning on university, apprenticeship or employment as your next step.

We are experts in 16-19 education. Our students are successful because our teachers are truly committed subject specialists. We recognise every student is unique and provide the support that's right for you. Long Road has a long and proud history of supporting students to achieve their very best. Progress Coaches will work with you in tutorials and one-to-one meetings to help you make the jump to higher level study, and to discuss your future plans. We also have specialist teams in Careers, Academic Support and Student Welfare for you to access as you need.

Our goal is your success. We want you to leave Long Road proud of what you have contributed and achieved; ready to make a positive difference in the world.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

My very best wishes,

Steve Dann





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!

It was a brilliant day at Long Road as we celebrated the achievements of our Results Day 2026 students. Our students worked incredibly hard over the past two years, we couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved.

Results across both A Levels and Applied courses are strong, with many students achieving outstanding top grades. We're equally proud of those who have made exceptional progress, often overcoming significant challenges along the way. Their achievements are a real testament to their hard work and determination.

Results Day is about so much more than grades, too. We have watched our students grow into confident, independent young adults, discover new interests, push themselves beyond their comfort zones and develop a real sense of who they are and where they want to go.

Our students are now heading off in all sorts of exciting directions, including Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, highly competitive degree apprenticeships and the world of work. Whatever their next step, we are delighted to see them heading into the future with the confidence, skills and ambition they have developed at Long Road.

A LEVEL RESULTS DAY 2026

We are immensely proud of each and every one of you. You have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much. As you take your next steps, we know you are well-prepared for whatever lies ahead. Good luck on your journey – where it takes you, we're confident you're destined for great things!

–
Steve Dann
Principal





ZAC

Congratulations to Zac on successfully completing A Levels in Business and DT, and a Level 3 Extended Certificate in Graphic Design, achieving A,A,DS*.

Zac has now accepted a place to study Psychology at MET University!

"My favourite thing about Long Road (apart from achieving these results!) has been the independence that you have here as a student. I would like to thank all my teachers for their support, and my dad for going through past papers with me!"



SIMRAH

Congratulations to Simrah on successfully completing her studies in Criminology, Sociology, History and EPQ, achieving A*, A, B, A*.

Simrah has now accepted a place to study History at Anglia Ruskin University, with a long-term goal of a career in Law.

"My favourite thing about Long Road has been all the friends I've made here. I would like to thank all my teachers and staff who have supported me during my time here."





NATASHA

Congratulations to Natasha on successfully completing her Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care, achieving DS*, DS*, D.

Natasha has now accepted a place to study Psychology at Anglia Ruskin University!

"I built lovely relationships with my teachers. I have been here for 3 years and started on Level 2 Health and Social. My teachers have always been very supportive. I also enjoy using the newly renovated library space to study with my friends."

"I would like to thank the entire Health and Social Care Department (Mel Tropman, Steve, Picton, Sarah Carol, Sam.) and my Progress Coach, Shuma, for supporting my journey here at Long Road."



JEFFREY

Congratulations to Jeffrey on successfully completing his studies in Computing, IT and Business., achieving M, DS*, DS*. Jeffrey is now studying an AWS course on Cloud Computing and looking for an apprenticeship that matches his passions.

"In my time at Long Road, I have been a student governor, worked with Unloc, worked with the youth council, and I was part of the youth social action campaign for extending the Tiger Bus Pass. I got to speak to Paul Bristow, the Mayor of Cambridge, and we managed to convince him to extend the bus pass for young people for another year. The whole thing was a really nice experience, especially working with Charlotte Smith who helped organise everything. What I also love about Long Road is that it's a diverse community."





RILEY

Congratulations to Riley on successfully completing his A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths, achieving A,A,A,.

Riley has now accepted a place to study Pharmacology at the University of Bath.

"I love the freedom that Long Road gives you. The staff are all really encouraging and motivating towards your studies, but you also have time to socialise and meet new people. Thank you to all my teachers for all their help in and out of lessons."



ROSIE

Congratulations to Rosie on successfully completing her studies in Psychology, History and Art (Textiles), achieving A*, A, A. Rosie has now accepted a place to study Geography at Newcastle University.

"My favourite thing about Long Road has been all of my teachers – they are so dedicated, hardworking, and always giving their support. Especially Doug and Georgia. I also really liked the environment, I spent a lot of time in K block and I really liked the feeling of Long Road. I would like to thank all my teachers, my friends, and Abby and Megan from the scholars programme."



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

SPRING & SUMMER 2026

Virtual Guidance Meetings
& Conditional Offer

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

13 JANUARY 2026

Applications Close.

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

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

3 SEPTEMBER 2026

New Student Orientation

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

25 - 27 AUGUST 2026

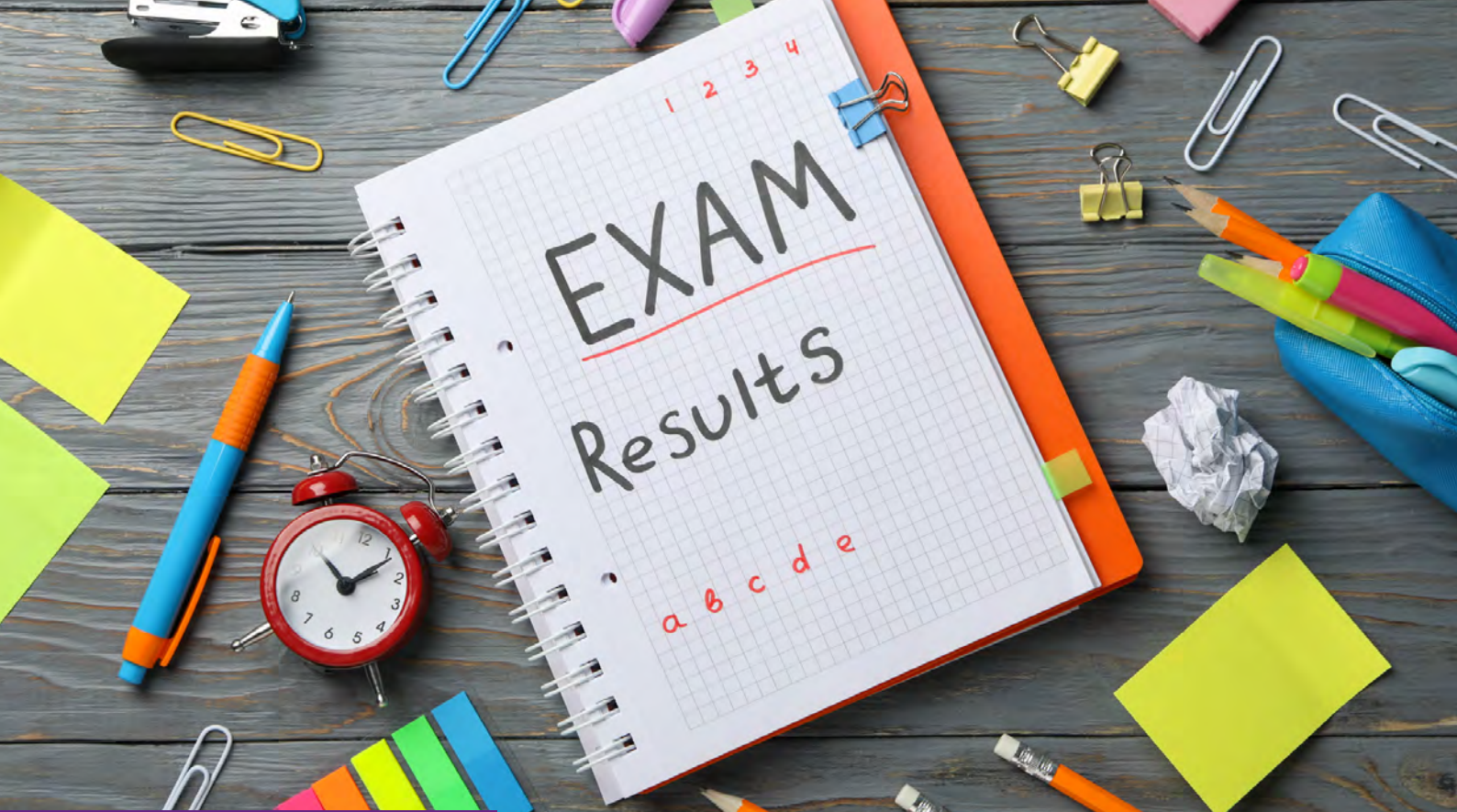
New Student Enrolment

Welcome to the Long Road family!

7 SEPTEMBER 2026

Start of Academic Year
2026/2027

Time to start your Long Road life!



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

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

We are extremely busy during the enrolment period. Please do not worry if we cannot answer your call/email immediately. We promise to get back to you ASAP.



admissions@longroad.ac.uk



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GCSE RESULTS DAY

GCSE results day is fast approaching! Results can be submitted to your **Admissions+ application on Thursday 20 August.**

The **deadline** for submitting your results to us online is **1pm on Friday 21 August.**

It is important to submit your results to us within this timeframe, to **prevent delays to your enrolment.**

Remember to complete all of the enrolment steps **via your Admissions+ application.**

Once you have submitted your results and have been issued with an **Enrolment Offer** you must accept this via your **Admissions+ application** as soon as you receive it.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You will need to submit your grades to us online, via your **Admissions+ application.**

Click here to login to your account and press *Start Your Enrolment* now to open the Enrolment Form and submit your results to us (*Don't forget to press "Save & Submit"!*).

If the form is not completed and your exam results have not been entered this will delay the enrolment process for you.

MyChoice16 updates will not be processed.



ENROLMENT OFFERS

Once your exam results have been submitted the college can start the enrolment process for you.

If you meet the requirements for your courses, your **Enrolment Offer** will be updated on your **Admissions+ application**.

If you wish to accept your offer you will need to login to your account and select the **Accept** option on the Enrolment Offer.

If you've been given an Enrolment Offer but would like to **change course(s)** then select **Request A Telephone Meeting** from the drop down menu. We will then schedule a telephone discussion for you with a friendly member of our team.

If you have not met all of the requirements of your offer, then please do not worry, you will **automatically be invited to a telephone meeting** where you will be able to explore your options with an experienced member of our team. Whatever happens, we're here to support you.

Enrolment Meetings will be held on 26 and 27 August via telephone.

Should you wish to withdraw your application, the option will be available on your Enrolment Offer. Alternatively, please email admissions@longroad.ac.uk.

If you subsequently change your mind, your application will be placed on our waiting list.

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KEY INFO

Enrolment meetings are held via telephone only. Please do not come into college for your meeting.

You will not be given a specific meeting time, but will be allotted either an AM or PM slot.

AM slot: 9am – 12pm
PM slot: 1pm – 4pm

Please make sure you are available for your scheduled 3-hour window.



ENROLMENT MEETINGS

What happens during my Enrolment Meeting?

The meeting is an opportunity to ask questions about Long Road or discuss changes to your study programme. The college will not be holding any of these meetings on campus, but instead they will be held **over the phone**, using the mobile number we have on record for you.

You will receive an email notifying you of your meeting date and time as soon as this has been scheduled for you. The details will also be updated under **Enrolment Meeting** on your Admissions+ application.

You will be contacted within a 3-hour window, either in the morning, between **9am and 12pm** OR the afternoon, between **1pm and 4pm**.

All meetings will be held on **26 & 27 August**.

To ensure there are no delays to your enrolment, please check the telephone number listed on your **Enrolment Form** is correct when submitting your results and make sure that you are **available for your designated time slot**. If we can't get you on the phone on the first try, we will call you again within this 3-hour window.

Once you have attended your meeting and confirmed your place with the college, you will receive your Student Onboarding instructions via email. These will inform you on how to set up your college login, submit your photo, and more. Student Onboarding must be completed by 2 September.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Your application to Long Road is now reaching the point of Enrolment, meaning it is **more important than ever that we have the correct contact details for you.**

You will be able to check your address, contact information, and your Emergency Contact details when submitting your results to us via the **Enrolment Form** on your Admissions+ application.

It is crucial that you check each section and supply us with the most up-to-date contact information.

Should we be unable to reach you on your phone to confirm your place with the college or conduct your enrolment meeting, we will contact your **Emergency Contacts.**

As part of your student profile with Long Road, you are required to supply us with details for two Emergency Contacts. **You will not be able to complete your Enrolment Form and submit your results to us without this information.**

If you have used a school email address you will need to change this to a **personal email address.**

The Enrolment Form will open on Thursday 20 August. To access it, login to your [Admissions+ application here.](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

Your secondary school email address will soon be expired. If you have used a school email address you will need to change this to a personal email address.

Please ensure we have your own personal email address and mobile number on record. Parent / Carer email addresses and mobile numbers can be recorded under your Emergency Contacts.





TERM DATES & ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is the single biggest factor determining success and we will follow up poor attendance.

Parents will be sent a weekly automated email showing attendance for the previous week.

Make sure you note down the key term dates for the upcoming year as the college will not authorise any holidays taken during term time.



KEY DATES

Term dates will be updated throughout the year on the [college website](#). You can also visit the [Upcoming Events](#) page for information on additional events taking place during the college year.

KEY ADMISSIONS DATES

- GCSE Results Day: 20 August
- Deadline for submitting exam results: 1pm, 21 August
- Enrolment Meetings: 26 & 27 August
- Student Onboarding: to completed by 2 September
- On-campus Orientation: 3 September

AUTUMN TERM

- Start of Term: 7 September
- Half Term: 22 October – 1 November
- Christmas Holidays: 21 December – 3 January

SPRING TERM

- Start of Term: 4 January
- Half Term: 13 – 21 February
- Easter Holidays: 26 March – 11 April

SUMMER TERM

- Start of Term: 12 April
- Half Term: 29 May – 6 June
- End of Academic Year: 16 July



TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

Travelling by Rail

Cambridge South Station is the closest railway station to the college. Located 0.4 miles away, it is just a 7-minute walk to the campus alternatively it is around a 25 minute walk.

Students who travel by rail may be able to receive discounted travel by visiting:

- www.16-17saver.co.uk
- www.greatnorthernrail.com/tickets/discounts-and-railcards/student-connect
- <https://public.greenrailtravel.co.uk/scholars.html>

Travelling by Bus

We are served well by local bus services, including the Guided Bus. Journeys can be direct, or may require a change in central Cambridge. The closest bus stops to the college are Robinson Way, Puddicombe Way, Long Road, and Royal Papworth Hospital.

The Tiger Pass offers bus travel for just £1 for those under 25. The pass is free of charge and can be used to travel on the bus anywhere within the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority region. Many bus companies also offer Student Bus Passes, which give you a reduced travel rate and are often payable either termly or annually. Please visit individual operator's website for details.

Walking / Cycling / Driving

Many students either walk or cycle to the college from the surrounding area or the railway station. Multiple cycle racks are available on the college site. There is no student parking at the college or in the surrounding areas.

COST OF TRAVEL TOO MUCH?

If you require assistance with this cost of transport, then help maybe available through either your local County Council or the College's 16-18 discretionary bursary.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact us

E-mail:

finance@longroad.ac.uk

Telephone:

01223 63 1141

or

01223 63 1142





KEY MESSAGES TO APPLICANTS



Check your emails regularly for communication from our Admissions Team



Summer work is now available to download from our website!

[Click here to get started.](#)



If you have any questions before joining us in September please email admissions@longroad.ac.uk



GETTING SIXTH FORM STARTED: SUMMER WORK

One of the most important activities to help prepare you for your studies as a Long Road student is completing the summer work tasks set for you by our Course Team Leaders.

These activities aren't here to trip you up or catch you out, they're designed to give you an extra taste of what you will be learning during your time at Long Road, and we hope you have fun completing them!

If you do find that you have some questions then please don't hesitate in contacting your Course Team Leader, you can find their contact details by [clicking here](#).

All Summer Work should be completed and ready to hand in during your first lesson at Long Road.

Remember, if you decide to change courses during enrolment you will need to complete the summer work set for this course.

Please [click here](#) to visit our website and download all of your summer work activities.



WHAT TO BRING ON YOUR FIRST DAY

Does anyone else love stationery shopping?!

First day nerves can get the better of us all! To help you feel at ease we've put together a checklist of the essentials you'll need for your first day of college.

- ✓ Pencil case with pens (lots of pens!) pencils, highlighters. Depending on your subjects you may also need mathematical equipment.
Top Tip - buy a clear pencil case that you will also be able to use in your exams!
- ✓ An A4 folder for each of your subjects.
Top Tip - buy some colourful folder dividers so you can separate modules within your subject folders!
- ✓ A pad of A4 paper / A4 notebook / laptop to take notes in class.
- ✓ A diary to keep track of your timetable, assignment deadlines and all the exciting extra-curricular activities you'll be taking part in.
- ✓ Lunch / snacks and a large water bottle filled with water.
- ✓ Student travel pass / bike lock
- ✓ A smile, positive attitude and enthusiasm to learn!

BUT WHAT DO I WEAR?!

Basically, whatever you like!

(within reason - your new PJs might be super comfy but they're not really appropriate for college)

Our students generally wear casual clothing - jeans, jumpers, t-shirts, dresses. Wear something that you feel comfortable in.

No more school uniform - yay!





Get your summer work done in good time, so you feel prepared.

Use your free periods and doing little bits of it often.

Of course, if the work does get too much, you can always ask for a small extension to get it done; lots of the teachers prefer that you get it done well a few days later than not finish it at all within a tighter deadline.



WHAT WE WISH WE KNEW BEFORE STARTING COLLEGE

**ARTICLE BY LONG ROAD
ALUMNI ELLEN FISHER**

Some of our students and teachers have offered their advice and help to guide you through your first steps at college. These are things they wish they knew before they started...

Don't let the work build up!

Lots of our students suggested this. You can get quite a lot of work per week at college, and it can feel like it builds up quite quickly, especially if you don't keep on top of it. If the work does get too much, you can always ask for a small deadline extension; lots of teachers prefer that you get it done well a few days later than not finish it at all within a tighter deadline.

Some ways to keep on top of it might be:

- Buying a planner to organise your time.
- Getting your summer work done in good time, so you feel prepared.
- Using your free periods and doing little bits of it often.
- Working with your friends in your class to share ideas and help each other.
- Take your teacher's advice! They know the course best and can really help you. Don't be scared to ask questions you can always ask after your class if you don't feel ready to talk in lessons.



WHAT WE WISH WE KNEW BEFORE STARTING COLLEGE

Get prepared with the equipment you need!

Don't buy too much! Start with just paper, ring binders, pens and the suggested text books. Your teachers will tell you what else on your first day so you still have time to get everything. Make sure you have a bag big enough for everything, and one that you can carry around easily.

Look at your transport options!

The Long Road website can be a good place to start with this, because often public transport to and from college can get a little pricey! Transport costs may also be covered by bursaries for certain students. Check with the college if you're eligible to access these funds.

Some advice for transport:

- Looking on a company's website to see if they have student prices.
- Buy weekly, monthly or termly tickets to save a bit of money for the same amount of journeys.
- Test out your journey before your first day. Most are fairly straight forward, but it just takes off one worry from your first day, and try to test it at the time you will be on the day.
- Buses and trains can be packed at peak times! Try to get the earlier bus or train, it may take less time when it's quieter but everyone is rushing around to get to college most days!

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The best way to find your people is to be yourself. Try to branch out and say hi to anyone who looks a little lonely.

Everyone feels anxious about starting sixth form, whether they look it or not. Try to remember that you're not alone. And remember to smile, even if you don't feel like it.



WHAT WE WISH WE KNEW BEFORE STARTING COLLEGE

Meeting new people isn't as bad as you think!

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Some ways to make new friends could be:

- Talk to everyone. Yes, everyone. Even asking how someone's day is can help.
- Talk to people in your classes, you all take the same subject so start from there.
- Be you! There are so many people in college, there will be people you get on well with and people you don't. The best way to find your people is to be yourself.

- Don't worry about groups changing or leaving a group. You will likely have lots of different friends because you won't all have the same timetable. Try to branch out and say hi to anyone who looks a little lonely.
- Everyone feels anxious about starting sixth form, whether they look it or not. Try to remember that you're not alone. And remember to smile, even if you don't feel like it.

Make use of the support available

College and life in general isn't always easy. Asking for a bit of extra support, whatever it is, is always okay. If you're not sure where to get help,



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Speak to your progress coach, they will know where to go or email help@longroad.ac.uk.

Remember it's always okay to take a break or need some extra help, prioritise yourself.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN GET HELP IF YOU NEED IT:

- Academic support: Your teachers, your progress coach, head of departments.
- Mental health support: ALWAYS put your mental health first. You can email help@longroad.ac.uk you need support, or speak to your progress coach or teachers.
- Home/social and friends support: Progress coaches can help, or the emails for mental health support.

Remember it's always okay to take a break or need some extra help, prioritise yourself.

College is very important but it's also important to look after yourself too.

Make sure you talk to someone if you need support, Long Road has a great support system, and it's always good to make use of it.

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LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE APPLICANT NEWSLETTER



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