

MARCH EDITION: VOL. 3

# #LongRoadLife

LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE APPLICANT NEWSLETTER

## KEEPING YOU SMILING

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Hello from Long Road!

This month's applicant newsletter is looking at all the different ways you can make the most of your time at Long Road outside of your lessons - all those extra experiences that keep you smiling!

We've been super busy since we last spoke and have lots of exciting updates about our student Ski Trip, Apprenticeship Information Evening, Welcome to Your Vote Week, and the launch of our new student podcast, Voices of Long Road!

There's also some important information from our Admissions Team about our March Advice & Guidance Meetings, so be sure to take a look.

Happy reading!  
Long Road



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## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Our friendly 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

### **I HAVE A MARCH ADVICE & GUIDANCE MEETING**

Thank you to everyone who has booked their Virtual Advice and Guidance meeting for the 13th March!

We are really looking forward to meeting you and your Parent/Carers. To ensure that we can have a meaningful conversation about your individual goals and ambitions we require all meetings to take place with **cameras and microphones on**.

**All of our staff are equally highly trained and experienced team members able to discuss your post-16 options in detail.**

On the day, it is important to log on to the system at least 15 minutes in advance of your meeting to make sure that you are ready when it begins

We understand that this stage can be thrilling and a little daunting; so please take a read of the advice in our **February newsletter** which will support you in preparing for your meeting.

### **I WAS UNABLE TO BOOK A MARCH MEETING**

If you were unable to book a slot, please do not worry. We are holding additional Virtual Advice and Guidance Meetings throughout the Spring.

We will send out more detailed communication directly to any applicants that are affected once this next round of meetings has taken place.

If you have any questions or worries please email us on [admissions@longroad.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@longroad.ac.uk)

Best wishes,  
Long Road Admissions Team

# 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 2023

Applications Open

## SPRING & SUMMER 2024

Virtual Guidance Meetings & Conditional Offer

Discuss your options with an experienced member of staff. You'll receive a formal offer via your Admissions+ account shortly after your Virtual Guidance Meeting.

## JANUARY 2024

Applications Close.

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

## 4 & 5 JULY 2024

Auditions, Welcome Days & Summer Work

Spend the day as a Long Road student; try out your subjects & get a taste of Long Road life. Summer work will be available online & must be completed for your first lesson at college. Auditions for Performing Arts subjects will also be held during Welcome Days

## 22 AUGUST 2024

GCSE Results Day

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

## 9 SEPTEMBER 2024

Start of Academic Year  
2024/2025

Time to start your Long Road life!

## 28 - 30 AUGUST 2024

New Student Enrolment

Welcome to the Long Road family!

## 4 & 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

New Student Orientation



# Long Road Scholars' Award

Long Road Sixth Form College

## WIN £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**  
**WWW.LONGROAD.AC.UK**



## MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, THEIA

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*When I was visiting Long Road, the thing that stuck out to me compared to other sixth forms was the art department. I love how creative and expressive the area is, and how bright the whole school is in general, both physically and within the atmosphere of the college. Furthermore, the teachers and staff are extremely kind and supportive, not only with academics and class work, but mental health and well-being too.*

*The college provides an extremely welcoming environment and an opportunity to make new friends whilst also thriving both academically and creatively. The Scholars Award is both free and easy to apply for, so there is really nothing to lose. It's great motivation for working hard*

*towards your GCSE's, so if you think you can achieve the grades, applying for the award should be a no-brainer.*

*My favourite part of Long Road so far has been the people, as I have met so many wonderful students with the same interests as me, as well as the teacher's, who are clearly passionate about what they're teaching. It's so much easier to be engaged and interested in your classes when the people around you are too.*

### THEIA

Secondary School:  
Bottisham Village College

Year 1 Student

Studying:  
Fine Art A Level  
Geography A Level  
Maths A Level

Progression Goal:  
Study a degree in  
Architecture

[Click here to apply for the  
Long Road Scholars  
Award today!](#)





## SKI TRIP 2024

Both students and staff had a fantastic half-term spent on the slopes and we are looking forward to taking more students again next year.

Whether you're a skiing pro, or have never skied before, you are welcome to join us.

[Click here to view all our photos and videos from the week!](#)



## LONG ROAD SKI TRIP 2024

It was a fun-filled February half-term for 42 of our students who have just returned from another fantastic Ski Trip to the wonderful ski resort Pila, situated in the Italian Alps!

Students spent their days taking part in ski and snowboard lessons, available for all levels of ability; resulting in everyone improving their skills - especially our beginners who made outstanding progress up the mountain! We then spent our evenings taking part in a variety of apre-ski activities, including bowling, exploring the old town of Aosta followed by a traditional Italian pizza night and a ski instructor presentation where all of our skiers were awarded with certificates demonstrating the progress they had made throughout the week. The highlight of our evening activities was ice-skating, where

student Robin (a competitive ice-skater) treated us to a display of amazing tricks! Although for other students this proved more dangerous than skiing, resulting in a few bumps and bruises!

We celebrated our final day on the slopes by wearing fancy dress, which everyone embraced with hilarious costumes! Blue skies and sun greeted us for most of the week, but on this day in particular it decided to snow, which only added to the fun - it's not every day you end up in a snowball fight with a group of Teletubbies!

All the students were brilliant throughout the week, and not only developed new skills but all came away with new friendships with students who they had never met or spoken to before at college.



## THE VOICES OF LONG ROAD

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This week we launch our brand new student podcast, The Voices of Long Road!

Students Hadi and Riley will be hosting the podcast each week, talking about upcoming college events and general student life at Long Road! The podcast itself is completely student run, from recording to editing - we hope you enjoy listening.

They are also looking for input from you, our listeners, for ideas on discussion points, take polls and respond to feedback.

If you have something you'd like to hear Hadi and Riley discuss, let them know by [clicking here to send them your anonymous suggestions!](#)

The very first episode of the podcast has just launched and is available for you to listen on YouTube and Soundcloud.

We'll be uploading new 30 minute episodes every week, covering different topics and even meeting some special guests. Be sure to give them a listen to find out more about Long Road!

## THE VOICES OF LONG ROAD

Our first episode is now LIVE!

Listen now on...

[YouTube](#)

and on...

[Soundcloud](#)





## THINKING ABOUT AN APPRENTICESHIP?

If you're thinking about an Apprenticeship check out these useful websites for more information!

[What is an Apprenticeship](#)

[The Parent Perspective Podcast](#)

[Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Listing](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)



# APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENING 2024

Thank you to the 600 parents, carers, and students who attended our Apprenticeship Information Evening, as part of our celebration of National Apprenticeships Week 2024!

Twenty-five employers representing a wide range of sectors including engineering, healthcare, accounting, insurance, estate management, childcare, the armed forces, and many others answered parents and students' questions about apprenticeships in their industries. There was a great buzz in the room as employers were quizzed about what opportunities they offered, how apprenticeships worked, where they could lead, and the skills and confidence young people could develop through this pathway.

The event also featured an Introduction to Apprenticeships talk, delivered three times during the evening by Sonal Keshwala from Form the Future, which covered apprenticeship levels and qualifications, pay rates, the balance between work and study, and where to find Apprenticeship vacancies. She also compared doing an apprenticeship with going to university, highlighting the pros and cons of both options. You can find a link to Form the Future's presentation below along with useful websites.





## MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, BEN

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*My favourite thing about Long Road is the open and welcoming community, because of our large student population, there are many people that are in the same position as you with similar hobbies and passions. Everyone is very accepting, making the college very welcoming.*

*My advice to the new Year 1 students is to get stuck in and keep on top of your studies and to embrace the opportunities that your time at sixth form gives you.*

*This year I am working hard to getting the best possible predicted grades, attending lots of university open days to get a feeling of where I want to go next. Using UCAS trips to visit lots of universities in one go. I'm saving my Scholar Award money for a nice holiday after my A Level exams are finished!*

**BEN**

Secondary School:  
Impington Village College

Year 2 Student

Studying:  
Biology A Level  
DT A Level  
Geography A Level

Degree in Human  
Geography

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Award today!](#)





## 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 experiences 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

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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.



**ATTENTION**  
**YEAR 10s**  
*Scan here to book now!*

YEAR 11s WELCOME



OPEN EVENINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 ENTRY

# LAUNCH YOUR FUTURE

## LONG ROAD OPEN EVENINGS

**2ND & 3RD JULY 2024, 5-9PM**

[www.longroad.ac.uk](http://www.longroad.ac.uk)  
**#BeLong**



Launch your future at Long Road Sixth Form College. Explore our green and leafy campus, meet our staff and students, and design a study programme that is tailored to **YOU**. Whatever direction you take, as a member of our friendly and vibrant community you will develop the skills, independence and focus you need to keep moving forward.

**Be Prepared.  
Be Inspired.  
Be Long Road.**



## MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, ALEX

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*My favourite thing about a Long Road student is definitely freedom. I like the open campus and I like the relationships that I've formed with my teachers. It's a more mature environment than secondary school, and we're treated like adults.*

*My advice for year 1 students is firstly to enjoy it, make lots of friends, and don't get on the bad side of your teachers. Also, take key assessments seriously, they make up your predicted grades!*

*I am working towards my progression goals by doing **a lot** of studying. Med Squad is a huge help. I highly recommend it to any Year 1 students considering studying medicine at Uni. I'm spending the scholarship money on transport to college. Last year I used some of it to get an iPad for school.*

### ALEX

Secondary School:  
The Highfield School

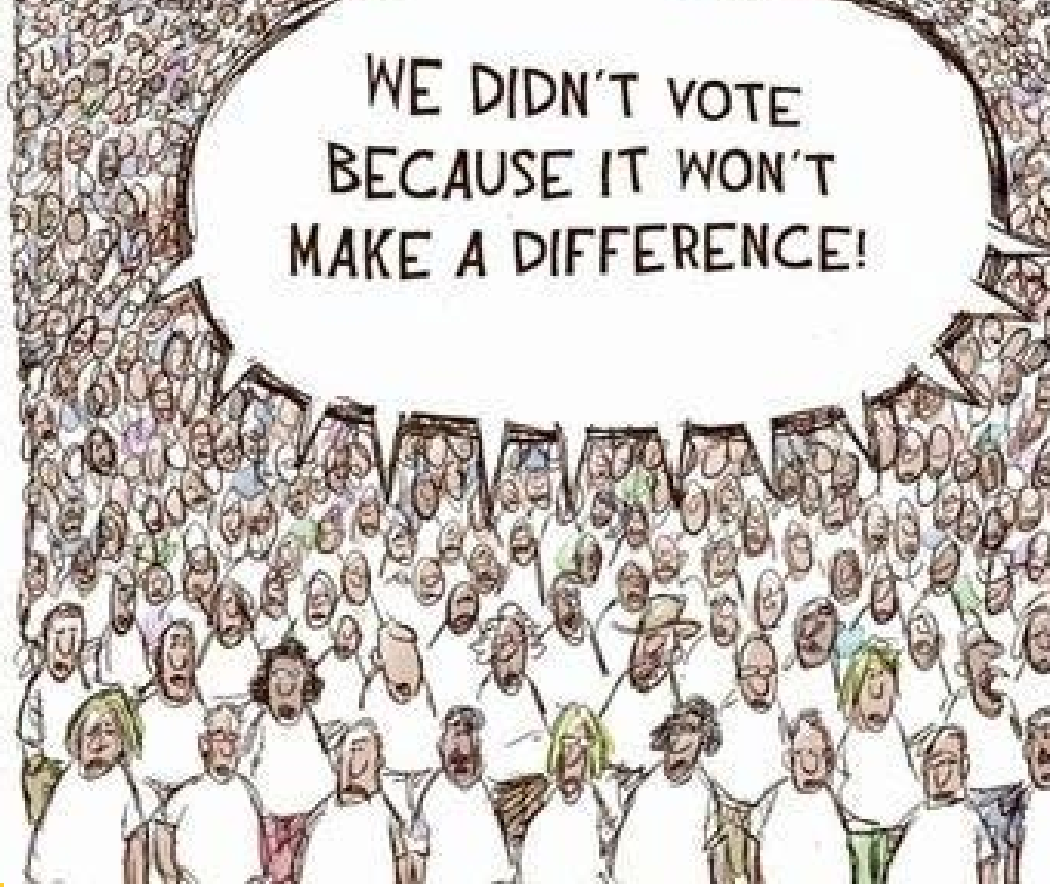
Year 2 Student

Studying:  
Biology A Level  
Chemistry A Level  
Maths A Level

Progression Goals:  
Study Medicine

[Click here to apply for the Long Road Scholars Award today!](#)





## ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Did you know, you can register to vote from the age of 16?

It only takes 5 minutes to get registered, all you need is your National Insurance Number.

**Your vote is your voice.**

**[Click here to register today.](#)**



## WELCOME TO YOUR VOTE WEEK 2024

'Welcome to Your Vote' week is a week where schools and youth groups are encouraged to celebrate democracy and to educate young people about how and why they should vote. During this week, Long Road Sixth Form College hosted three events including, information sessions, registration sessions, and a mock ballot with the aim of educating and empowering young people to vote.

We started off the week with information workshops. The theme of this 'Welcome to Your Vote' Week was 'Your Voice Matters'. To make this event more effective, we paired with Cambridge City Council, and a member of their elections team, Georgia Thurston. Georgia presented 5 information sessions about voting, and why our

students in particular should aim to break the false narratives around young people not turning out to vote. She also produced some statistics proving every vote matters. One example was in the 2017 general election in Northeast Fife, the Scottish National Party won with a majority of just 2 votes.

In the 5 sessions, 113 students attended with 6 staff members bringing their classes. Although many of our students are too young to vote, staff felt it's important to get their students educated and excited about voting, and getting as many young people as possible registered to vote from aged 16.

We ended the week with two mock ballot and registration drop-in sessions. We were in the

# Your vote

# is your voice

Register to vote at:  
[gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://gov.uk/register-to-vote)

## WELCOME TO YOUR VOTE WEEK 2024

student centre and food centre physically taking students through the process of registering to vote and for those who are already registered, they got a vote in the mock ballot. The mock ballot asked students the question 'Should voting age be lowered to 16?'. This sparked lots of conversation between students. Some had the opinion that 16-year-olds are not mature enough to make important decisions. However, others argued there are plenty of adults who aren't well educated in politics and yet, they can still vote.

The mock ballot paper that was given to students can be seen below. We received 110 votes in total, 54 for 'Yes' and 56 for 'No'.

Welcome to Your Vote Week helped our student community feel more empowered and educated around voting and why they should vote. This kind of social action had a positive impact on the students because it sparked many important conversations around voting, making even those under 18 feel empowered enough to have an opinion and to be heard. This event additionally has a wider community impact as the more young people who vote in local and national elections, the more influence they have to promote change in the communities they are a part of.

Thank you so much to Georgia for spending the week with us and helping to educate and empower our students!

*Welcome to Your Vote Week is an excellent opportunity to help students engage with elections and campaigns. The focus of the week is to demystify registering to vote and to empower students to find their democratic voices.*

*The combination of information sessions and more informal registration drop-in events allows us to reach a large number of students within the college and helps them to engage, as we move into this election year, it is really significant to help students feel informed and excited to cast their votes.*

**Georgia Thurston**  
**Cambridge City Council**



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