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#LongRoadLife

LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE APPLICANT NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO #LONGROADLIFE

Hello, from Long Road!

We are so glad that you have decided to make an application to study with us in September 2024. We would like to introduce you to #LongRoadLife, our monthly applicant newsletter that is jam-packed with information all about, you guessed it, Long Road life!

Our applicant newsletter is designed to help prepare you for life as a Long Road student and contains important updates from our Admissions Team.

We hope that it will keep you excited about joining us as a new student in September!

Best wishes,
Long Road



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AUTUMN TERM!



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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HELLO FROM OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM

Hello to all Long Road Sixth Form College applicants from your friendly Admissions team!

We are delighted that you are considering joining us for this next exciting step in your educational journey, and are here to support you through the admissions process.

Now that you've breathed a sigh of relief that your application has been safely submitted what's next?

The next big admissions events are the Virtual Advice and Guidance Meetings, which will take place throughout the Spring and Summer.

These meetings are a chance for you to get to know us and for us to get to know you; to talk through your options, your chosen courses and your plans for the future with a friendly expert. They are meant to help you decide if Long Road is right for you, and are not something to worry about.

We will be explaining a little more about them in this newsletter and sending you all the info you need via email over the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to meeting you!
Very 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



JANUARY 2024

Applications Close.

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

SPRING & SUMMER 2024

Virtual Guidance Meetings & Conditional Offer

(first meetings take place 15 & 16 February 2024)

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

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

LATE AUGUST 2024

New Student Enrolment

Welcome to the Long Road family!

**EARLY SEPTEMBER
2024**

Start of Academic Year
2024/2025

Time to start your Long Road life!



KEY INFORMATION

- The majority of our Virtual Advice and Guidance Meetings will take place on **Thursday 15 & Friday 16 February.**
- Meetings are available to book throughout the school day.
- You must book your own Virtual Advice and Guidance Meeting with us using the School Cloud booking system.



UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS: VIRTUAL ADVICE & GUIDANCE MEETINGS

Long Road is an open and inclusive community; we believe in equal opportunities for all of our students - that starts from the very moment you make an application to study with us. This is why we invite our applicants to a **personal Advice and Guidance Meeting** with one of our experienced members of staff.

To make your experience as smooth and stress free as possible, all of our **Advice and Guidance Meetings will take place virtually via videocall.** We know some of you may still be adjusting to the more virtual world we find ourselves living in, but please

don't worry. We will be sending you lots of guidance on how to book, prepare for and attend your virtual meeting over the next month.

This is a super busy time of year for our Admissions Team, but we feel it is important for you to understand our process and get an idea of what is going on behind the scenes in our Admissions office!

We have set aside two days to conduct the majority of our Advice and Guidance Meetings; these days are **Thursday 15 & Friday 16 February 2024.**



UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS: VIRTUAL ADVICE & GUIDANCE MEETINGS

Please be aware, due to the volume of applications, our Advice & Guidance Meetings will take place throughout the Spring & Summer Term; **so please don't panic if your friends receive a meeting date before you!** The timing of your meeting **will not impact** your offer to study.

Shortly after receiving your application, we will be in touch with further detailed information on how to book your Advice and Guidance Meeting.

You will need to book your own meeting with us using the School Cloud booking system; this allows you to choose a

meeting time convenient for you and your family. Meeting slots will be available to book throughout the school day.

Keep **checking your emails** for notification on when our booking system opens!

We strongly encourage applicants to attend their Advice and Guidance Meeting with a parent/carer. If, for any reason, your parent/carer is unable to attend with you via the same device (*e.g. a parent is at work*) a feature is available which will allow your parent/carer to join your meeting from a different device. We will share further information on this with you shortly when booking opens.

KEY INFORMATION

- Detailed information on how to book using School Cloud will be emailed directly to you from our Admissions Team.
- Keep checking your emails for a notification on our booking system opening date - don't forget to check your spam folder!
- Don't panic if your friends receive a meeting before you!





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, TABITHA

I chose to study at Long Road as I liked the opportunity to learn as an individual but with the support of the tutors. I felt that this approach would support me in achieving the grades I need for the degree I would like to study. I also liked the social areas at the college and the student events and felt this would allow me to have a balance of strong academic teaching with the social side of sixth form and build a strong friendship group.

The pastoral support showcased at the open evenings really appealed to me, as a nervous year 11 with worries of Sixth Form, commuting, and change to a larger college. The support reassured me that it would be alright, and if there were any worries, there was a support network I could go to.

I chose to apply for the Scholars Award because it presented me with a fantastic opportunity to promote my college, inform other students of the opportunities available, whilst improving my non-academic skills. Also, I knew that representing my college in this way would look great on future applications to universities and give me a way to stand out from other applicants, as it shows I am a dedicated and hard-working individual.

My favourite thing about being a Long Road student so far is that everybody is extremely nice. This has made the experience brilliant so far as it has made it so easy to make new friends and broaden your social circle.

TABITHA

Secondary School:
Soham Village College

Year 1 Student

Studying:
Biology A Level,
Chemistry A Level,
Maths A Level
Further Maths A Level

Progression Goals:
Research Scientist

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





WILL

Secondary School:
Soham Village College

Year 1 Student

Studying:

Computing Level 3 Applied
DT A Level
Maths A Level

Progression Goals:

Degree Apprenticeship

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



MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, WILL

I chose to study at Long Road because I had only heard good things about the college. Many former students I spoke to told me that the education Long Road provides is very engaging and enriching. Also, the support that Long Road offers to their students is unmatched by other colleges I was considering; the college really seemed like a positive place to be, even before I attended properly! These two factors made me really want to come to Long Road.

I chose to apply for the Scholars' Award because I felt that it would be extra motivation and drive for me to work harder and achieve the grades I wanted at GCSE.

In addition, I thought it would be an enriching experience to be a bigger part of the college, and to get involved more as a student. The fact that it encourages you to work hard for your GCSEs, but also offers further opportunities to make a positive contribution to college life means it is a very worthwhile award to apply for.

My favourite thing about being a Long Road student so far is definitely the great support I have been provided with. Both the teachers and the support staff are incredibly helpful and have made my transition from secondary school to sixth form so much easier.



MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, URVISHA

Long Road was my first option when considering sixth forms. Although I also received offers from other colleges, I chose to study at Long Road because apart from both offering my preferred subjects, I felt Long Road had a nicer environment and was better suited to my personality

I came across the Scholars Award whilst looking at the prospectus. I was eager to apply because I thought it would be a nice way to contribute more to college life and the community. I also felt it would be good motivation and a nice reward after studying for GCSEs. I plan on using my scholarship for educational trips and saving any left over for university fees.

I would encourage Year 11s to apply to Long Road because as well as the amazing support from teachers, other students and members of staff, there are so many opportunities that help enhance your college experience. Long Road has also given me more independence and freedom, helping you to fill the gap between secondary school and your next steps.

Choosing my favourite thing about Long Road so far is so difficult but already Long Road has opened so many doors and opportunities that I would not have had the chance to experience. In addition another favourite of mine has been the community. All students and staff have been so welcoming and supportive to my journey so far.

URVISHA

Secondary School:
The Netherhall School

Year 1 Student

Studying:
Maths A Level
Photography A Level
Sociology A Level

Progression Goals:
Law Degree

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





SHUTTLE BUS TIMETABLE

Daily Morning Buses:

Collect from Cambridge
Train Station at 8:10am,
8:40am & 10:25am.

Monday, Thursday,

Friday Afternoon Buses:

Collect from
Long Road 2pm &
4:20pm.

Tuesday & Wednesday

Afternoon Buses:

Collect from
Long Road 12:30pm &
4:20pm.



TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY:

If you're not sure what your journey to college will look like then a travel planner is a great place to start. [Click here](#) to use our journey planner.

LONG ROAD SHUTTLE BUS

To support our students in their journey to college we provide a FREE Shuttle Bus that runs between Long Road and Cambridge Train Station.

The Shuttle Bus is exclusively for Long Road students, simply show your Student ID Card when you board the bus!

Take a look at the orange box on this page to see our current Shuttle Bus Timetable.

TRAVELLING BY BUS

Long Road is well served by the local bus companies. Journeys may be direct to college, or could require a change in Cambridge City Centre. The closest bus stops to the college are Robinson Way, Puddicombe Way, Long Road and Royal Papworth Hospital. Addenbrookes Hospital Bus Station is just 10 minutes walk away.

Further information on bus routes and timetables across Cambridgeshire can be found by [clicking here](#).

If you choose to travel by bus you may be able to receive discounted travel in the form of a Student Bus Pass. To find out more information about the discount deals, visit the bus providers website.



TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

TRAVELLING BY TRAIN

Cambridge Railway Station is currently the closest station to the college approximately 1.5 miles away.

Students can then catch the **FREE Long Road Shuttle Bus** from Cambridge Railway Station to the College. Alternatively, the walk from Cambridge Railway Station is approximately a 25 minutes or 10 minute cycle.

Students who travel by rail may be able to receive discounted travel by visiting the rail providers website, or the website below:

- www.16-17saver.co.uk (please note this is not valid after your 18th birthday)

For more information on train routes and timetables please click here to visit the [National Rail Enquires](#) website.

HELP WITH TRANSPORT COSTS

Please contact your local County Council in the first instance to check eligibility and request a Post 16 Educational Transport application form. If you require assistance with this cost or your application is rejected by your local County Council, then you may be able to get help through the College's 16-18 discretionary bursary.

THE NEW CAMBRIDGE SOUTH STATION IS DUE TO OPEN IN SPRING 2025 AND IS LOCATED JUST A 5 MINUTE WALK AWAY FROM THE COLLEGE!

TRAVEL TOP TIPS

Research your route using simple tools such as [Google Maps](#)

Discount Deals

Once you've figured out how you'll travel to college, visit the website of your travel provider to see if they offer any student discount.

Do a test run

Get up one morning and do a test run of your journey to college to see if it's something you could manage everyday!





CONGRATULATIONS BEN!

If you would like to read Ben's poem *Though I Know* please [click here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page where you can download a copy!

Have you been inspired? Click here to visit the [Poetry Society website](#) and check out what competitions they have coming up!



STUDENT BEN COMMENDED AT THE FOYLES YOUNG POETS AWARD 2023!

Congratulations to student Ben Heiss who, on National Poetry Day (5 October 2023), was 1 of just 85 individuals to be commended at the Foyles Young Poets Award ceremony in London!

I think I first started liking poetry when we studied it in my secondary school for GCSE. I liked how the poems we studied compacted lots of meaning into small sections. I found that I had more freedom when writing poems, compared to writing stories, because I didn't have to follow the rules too closely. I liked how it allowed you to talk about things in a way that avoids obvious meaning.

My poem was mainly inspired by my own life experiences and personal observations of other people. I was trying to write about things that are relevant to the time period we are living in, even the things that seem unimportant and trivial.

When I found out I had been shortlisted as an award winner I felt happy that my poem had been acknowledged and awarded. At the award ceremony the Top 15 winning poems were read out to a live audience in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse at Shakespeare's Globe. All the poems will be published in an online anthology.



ALUMNI ABBIE SECURES COMPETITIVE DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP!

Former Long Road Scholar, Abbie, graduated from Long Road this summer after successfully completing her A Levels in Business, Maths and Economics. She is now about to start her Degree Apprenticeship in Commercial Banking with HSBC in London(!), but before starting her exciting new adventure she came back to give our current students an insight into the application and interview process, and just how competitive the apprenticeships are.

Abbie recommended students attend the college careers fairs and read the weekly updates shared by the Careers Team. These events and resources are where she found the

opportunities to attend several work experience and insight days. The experiences and skills she gained further enhanced her apprenticeship application, reinforcing the message to our students that employability skills are just as important as grades.

She went on to give students her experience of sitting her A Level exams, with tips on how to revise and when they should be starting their revision!

Thank you so much to Abbie for coming back and visiting us, we wish you the best of luck in your new role!

MEET ABBIE

Secondary School:
Newmarket Academy

Studied:

Business A Level
Economics A Level
Maths A Level

My favourite thing about Long Road was the balance of independence and support I received from my teachers, progress coach & other mentors around college. Having a voice as a Scholar also nurtured my confidence & teamwork skills.





MEET CHARLOTTE

Hi, I'm Charlotte, and I'm really excited about starting my new role as YSA apprentice!

I was a student at Long Road from 2020 - 2022 and I am looking forward to helping the current students evolve our college community, as well as working with the students at CRC and Luton to really stretch my wings and help make a positive difference to colleges and communities across our region.



YOUTH SOCIAL ACTION APPRENTICE LAUNCHED

We are delighted to welcome our new Youth Social Action (YSA) Apprentice, Charlotte, to the Long Road community! Charlotte will be working to empower students at Long Road, Cambridge Regional College and Luton Sixth Form College to take meaningful social action and address issues they face in their local communities.

We are so proud to be 1 of the 25 colleges, alongside our partners CRC and Luton SFC, to have secured funding from the Pears Foundation in order to take part in the second phase of the programme!

Charlotte has already started working with our students to organise activities which will

be student-led and in collaboration with community organisations and charities to ensure wide participation, impact and sustainability. They will also look to engage with local employers for support.

Her first event was our Winter Fair which took place at the end of last term and saw festive games, films, sustainable crafts and a Christmas quiz take place in the student centre as well as handing out over 200 free hot chocolates to spread some festive joy!

She is already planning lots of exciting activities, projects and programmes for our students to lead in 2024!



A BUSY AUTUMN TERM FOR OUR CAREERS TEAM

Our Careers Team have hit the ground running this year, with a first term jam-packed full of activities and events for our students! Our two biggest events last term were our brand new Green Careers Event and our annual Careers Fair.

The Green Skills and Careers Event gave students a chance to meet employers in sustainable industries, whilst our recent STEM Careers Carousel was perfect for students interested in working in science in the future, from life sciences to engineering and even patent law.

Our annual Careers Fair, our largest careers event of the year, had the widest variety. The college was visited by 38 organisations over two days, representing sectors such as

accountancy, construction, engineering, healthcare, life sciences, property management, and many more.

The New Year and the new term will see an equally packed programme of activities. Perhaps the most exciting is the delivery of our new VR headsets! As part of our involvement in the Local Skills Improvement Plan, we were successful in securing funding from the Department for Education to buy VR headsets and to develop partnerships with healthcare and life science companies on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus to create new employability related VR content for students and employees. We are looking forward to launching this in 2024!

MEET OUR CAREERS TEAM

We're committed to helping you create your own progression plan and supporting you to achieve your goals.



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