
Welcome to Long Road Year 2 Parent & Carer Talk



Welcome

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College Community

- Code of Conduct based on respect and personal responsibility
 - Mobile phone policy - out of sight, out of mind
 - College IT systems-acceptable use
 - Vaping and smoking- away from college
 - Safety and identification –ID Cards and no visits/visitors
 - Attendance - self-reporting –no authorised absence
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VESPA – Mindset

V	Vision	Do you know what you want to achieve?
E	Effort	How many hours of independent study do you do?
S	Systems	How do you organise your learning and time?
P	Practice	How do you practice to improve your study skills?
A	Attitude	How do you respond to setbacks?

Outcomes Vs performance -National

SFCs

Grade		Attendance
A*	D*	95.5%
A	D	94.6%
B		93.0%
C	M	91.4%
D		89.6%
E	P	87.7%
U	U	84.4%

Year 2 key dates

Key event	Dates 2025-2026
Key assessment 5 - A Level	29 th September – 3 rd October
Progress Audit 3	Released 28 th October
Parent/carer evenings - SchoolCloud	11 th & 12 th November
Key assessment 6 3-hour blocks for exams	15 th – 17 th December
Jan L3 applied exams	5 th – 20 th January
CA 3 - Applied	6 th February
Key assessment 7 Mock	23 rd – 27 th February
Parent/carer evenings - SchoolCloud	24 th – 25 th March
Summer A Level & L3 applied exams	11 th May - 24 th June

Cover arrangements

- There are no cancelled lessons
- If a member of staff is unable to teach their lessons, work will be set via Teams and a member of staff will be at the start of the lesson to instruct students and take a register
- Students post 16 would be expected to work independently with the work set via Teams
- If staff are away for more than 3 working days, we will use cover agency staff and existing staff to teach their lessons

Student Care, Guidance & Progression

Isabelle Bennett Humphries
Assistant Principal

- How does the Guidance team work with Year 2 students?
 - 1 to 1 support - Progress Reviews
 - Group support – 10 tutorials
- Maximising support for next steps – what help is available?
 - UCAS/ university deadlines; predicted grades
 - Careers and apprenticeships guidance

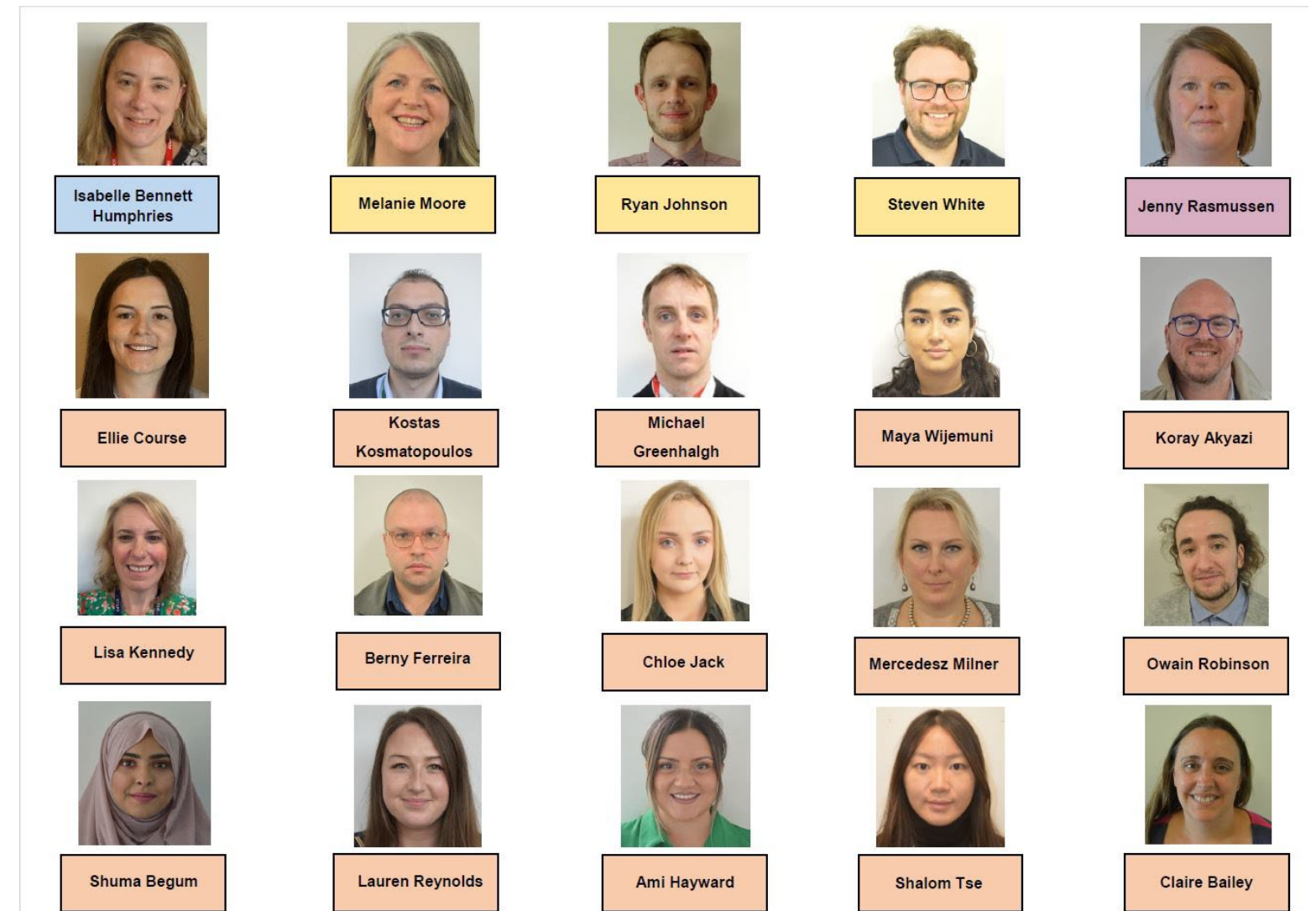


Long Road Guidance Team

- Developing resilience to succeed academically
- Exploring next steps / future vision
- Accessing experiences to realise vision

To do this we work in partnership with:

- curriculum/teachers
- careers team
- academic support/welfare



Long Road Guidance Team: Progress Coaches

What's a Progress Coach?

Every student has a Progress Coach

- Developing resilience to succeed academically
- Exploring next steps / future vision
- Accessing experiences to realise that vision

Helping students take their next steps

- How to search for work experience
- Supporting research on careers and apprenticeships
- Helping with university applications
- Addressing attendance and work concerns

Contacting Progress Coaches

- Based in team offices
- Accessible at different points in day
- Providing a link for parents/ carers

Email introduction this week

Progress Coaches will be happy to **signpost** you to another department

Partnership with

- Teachers/curriculum
- Academic support/wellbeing
- Careers staff



1 to 1 meetings: When can I see my Progress Coach?

Now: - Tutorial

- If a student would like a meeting with their Progress Coach – please contact

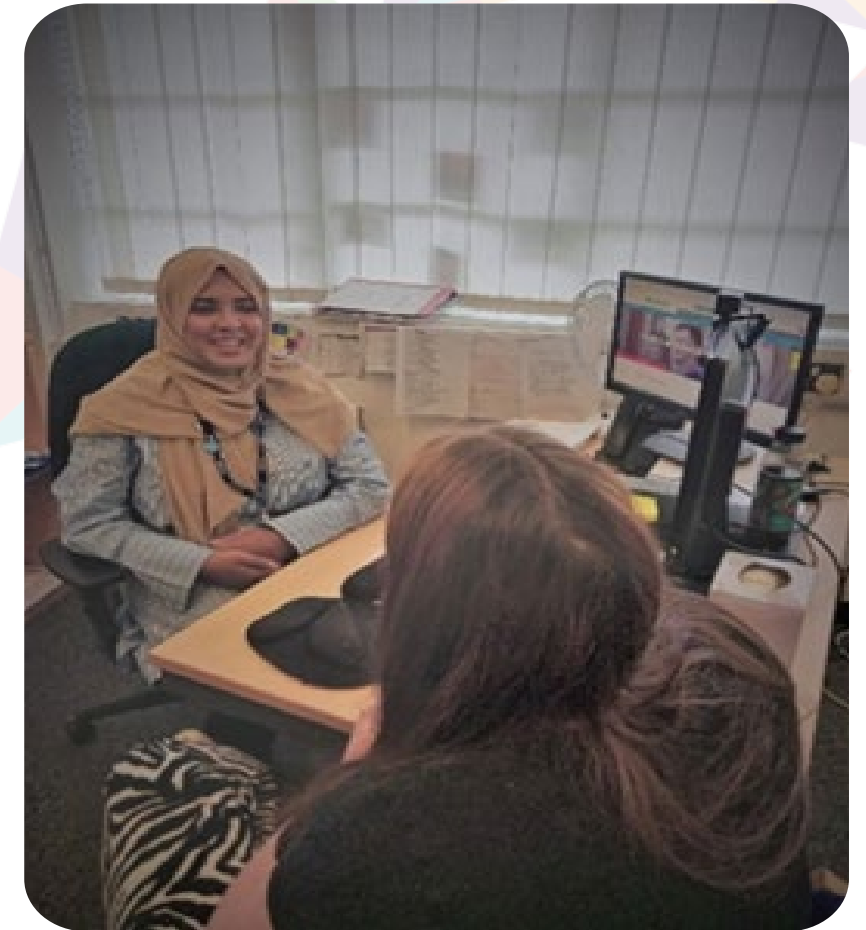
After half term –Progress Reviews (timed for applications)

20 min meeting – Appointment sent by email

Important: Don't miss it - After that – Workshops and drop in

Discussion focused on:

- **Vision** –the research you did last year- how can we support you to make this reality?
- Are you coping with the **step up** to year 2? How to plan and adjust/take steps to respond to teacher feedback
- Making **specific action plans** and logging skills and work experience



Directors of Student Care, Guidance & Progression

All students have a Director:



Melanie
Moore



Steven
White



Ryan
Johnson

Dealing with more complex pastoral and disciplinary concerns.

Please make sure we have your correct email and phone number as this is the way they will contact you if needed.



Year 2 tutorial – How is it different from year 1?

2 sessions–8 more before March–Check email

What type of issues are covered?

- **Managing step up to Year 2:** Feedback from exams and assessments?
- **Progression–Careers and courses–Application and choices**
- **Independent living and finance** –Ready to leave Long Road?
- (Advice from ex-students about what they wished they had known..)



Destinations: Support for **all** pathways

University - Predicted grades

- Based on Year 1 grades Students already know
- Additional **evidence from early Year 2** work (KA5, summer exams) could bring this up
- UCAS** asks us to predict based on “likely to achieve in positive circumstances”
- Draft reference** has been written by teachers
- For UCAS- Teachers can change until **Oct half term**

Destinations: UCAS Deadlines

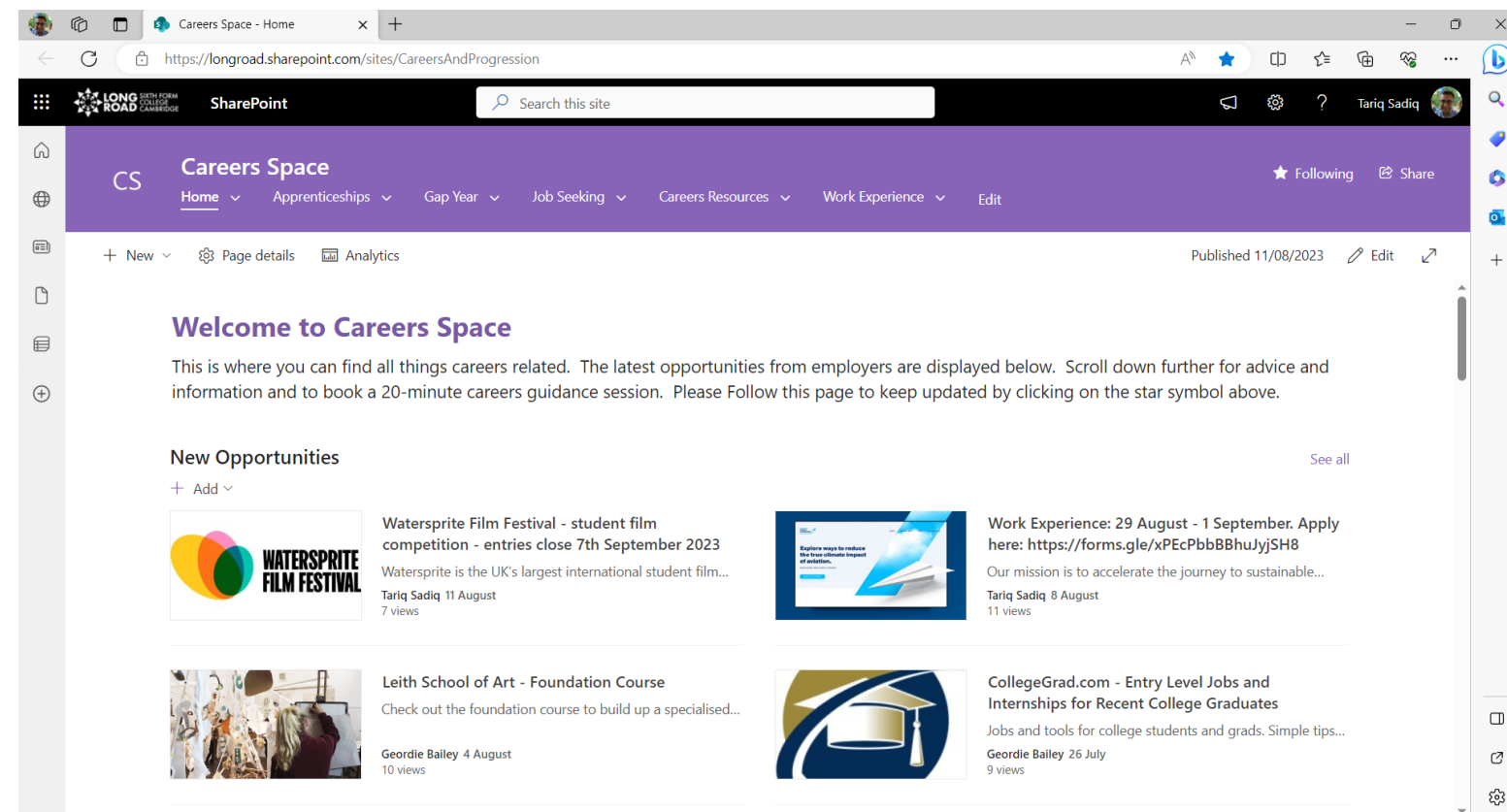
- **Early Applications** – Medicine, Oxbridge etc –
Personal Statements should be complete; making final changes to applications
- **Want your Personal Statement reviewed?**
Last date **24th October**
- **Want your application in by Christmas ? -**
Pay and send by **21st November**
- **Final deadline pay and send –5th December**

UCAS



Destinations: Careers and Apprenticeship support

Visit the Long Road Careers Space –
Sharepoint (Access through Moodle)



Explore Unifrog

Destinations platform, explore,
find and make applications

The Unifrog logo, featuring the word 'unifrog' in a lowercase, green, sans-serif font.

Activities

✘ Recorded at least 10

Go to tool >

Skills

✘ Completed all 12

Go to tool >

Degree Apprenticeship Preparation Workshop

Tuesday 21st October 2025 9.00am –
4.10pm

SIGN UP NOW

<https://forms.office.com/e/aVskRy3G7a>



Main Careers Events, 2025-26

- 22 Sept: **ARU Drop-in Advice Stand, LRC**
- 7 Oct – 18 Nov: **Sookio Creative Careers Challenge**
- 8 Oct – 10 Dec: **Ramboll Engineering Challenge**
- 16 Oct: **Careers Fair c. 30 companies**
- 21 Oct: **Degree Apprenticeship Preparation Programme**
- 23 Oct: **Chelmsford Science Festival, ARU**
- 4 Nov: **Green Careers Week – Stickerbook launch**
- 19 Nov: **How to build a creative career – expert panel**
- Dec/Jan: **CV and Mock Interview Clinics – dates TBC**
- 10 Feb: **Apprenticeships Information Evening – students and parents – c. 30 – 35 companies, colleges, universities**
- 12 Mar: **PE and Sports Careers Fair**
- 29 Jun: **Work Experience Week starts**

Working with individuals

A key purpose of tutorial and 1 to 1s

- **building regular contact and working relationship** between the student and the Progress Coach

When we know the individual, we can offer **guidance that suits you**

Encourage students to come and talk to us!

