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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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HOMERTON
CHANGEMAKERS



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 team 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 19th March.

What now?!

When you receive your conditional offer from us please ensure you log in to your Admissions+ account to accept this. 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 30th 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 2024

Applications Open

SPRING & SUMMER 2025

Virtual Guidance Meetings & Conditional Offer

(Next Round on 19th March 2025)

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

JANUARY 2025

Applications Close

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

30 JUNE 2025

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.

21 AUGUST 2025

GCSE Results Day

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

LATE AUGUST 2025

New Student Enrolment

Welcome to the Long Road family!

**EARLY SEPTEMBER
2025**

Start of Academic Year
2025/2026

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

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, WILL

Throughout my time at Long Road, it has always been a really positive and productive environment. It always feels like you're surrounded by the right people, and it combines the social and work aspects well with the shared study spaces, for example. To the Year 1 students, I would say you should start thinking about your plans for after Long Road sooner rather than later. It's something that, if you leave late, can be really overwhelming, so having a rough plan, or idea at least, is really helpful. This plan can always change, so don't overthink it, just do what is best for you.

I'm planning on looking into a degree in engineering, so I've been doing research relating to the courses and exploring why it might be a good fit for me. I've also been visiting university open days to get an idea of where I can see myself ending up after Long Road. It can be very daunting to make these decisions, but I'm trying to research so that whatever decision I make is backed up with good reasons.

I'm planning on putting my scholarship money towards something in the future, maybe a car for when I've passed my test.

WILL

Secondary School:
Soham Village College

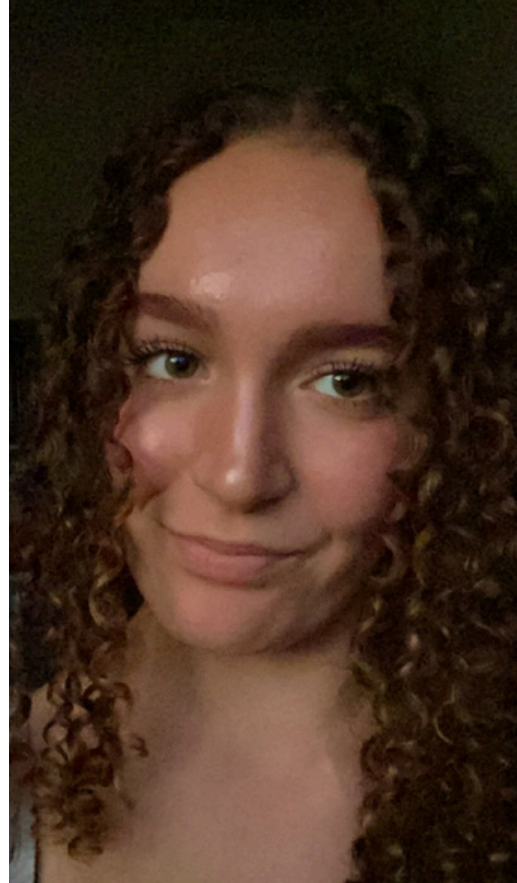
Year 2 Student

Studying:
DT A Level
Maths A Level
Computing Level 3

Progression Goals:
Engineering Degree

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





ELLIE

Secondary School:
Newmarket Academy

Year 1 Student

Studying:
Chemistry A Level
Maths A Level
Further Maths A Level
Physics A Level

Progression Goals:
Maths or Medicine
Degree

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Long Road Scholars
Award today!](#)



MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, ELLIE

I chose to study at Long Road because it has a great mix of a friendly and professional environment, even extending to calling teachers by their first names, creating more of a collaborative and familiar environment between students and teachers. I also liked the level of independence that students are given. Everyone seemed so comfortable being at college and being given more responsibility over their own education.

I chose to apply for the Scholars Award because, honestly, there was nothing to lose. You might as well give it a go! It is also something good to put on your personal statement and any opportunities that arise from representing Long Road, which looks great for any future plans you have.

My favourite thing about being a Long Road student so far is that I get to see my friends during my free periods, and I'm treated like an adult. In secondary school it can often feel like you're being treated like a child, which completely changes at Long Road, as Long Road is trying to prepare you for when you finish school and get into the real world. I have loved how many opportunities have already been given to me, such as various maths trips and a careers fair, making it less daunting to think about what I possibly want to do after college, which can be a very overwhelming and scary decision. I have also loved getting to know my teachers, especially my Maths teacher, Adriana, as it's nice to see another female who is amazing at maths that I can look up to.



MEET SCHOLAR STUDENT, URVISHA

My favourite thing about Long Road is the community. It is such a friendly and supportive place, created by both students and teachers. There is support and help if you need it, but there is also freedom and independence.

My advice to new students is to take Year 1 seriously. Try to keep up with your learning and to take advantage of resources and opportunities the college has to offer right from the start. This will all help support your learning and hopefully make it easier to decide what you would like to do after Long Road.

At the moment, to guide my progression goals, I am doing research and looking at different universities for the course I want to pursue. I am also in the process of writing my personal statement and submitting my UCAS application. I have been saving my scholarship money for university and plan to do that with the rest too.

URVISHA

Secondary School:
Netherhall School

Year 2 Student

Studying:
Maths A Level
Photography A Level
Sociology A Level

Progression Goals:
University study

[Click here to apply for the Long Road Scholars 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 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.





SPORT AT LONG ROAD

We have a number of Team Sports that you can get involved in at Long Road; [click here for more information.](#)

We will also support you in taking part in individual sports, such as badminton, cross-country running, tennis and golf. Can't see the sport that you love? Let us know - we're always happy to try and facilitate any sport based on student demand.



STUDENT AMÉLIE HACKER SETS SAIL FOR SUCCESS!

Congratulations to student Amélie on winning the 2024 Royal Yachting Association British Youth Nationals! Amélie sat down with our Sport Services Technician, Lauren, to tell us all about her success and what is next in her sailing journey...

What inspired you to start sailing?

I started sailing when I was around 5 and my mum taught me. Until I was around 13/14 I did it for fun. But when the lockdown came, I made the decision to train properly, aiming to go to the Olympics.

What is your proudest achievement?

I think the achievement I am most proud of would be when I won the Youth Nationals 2024 and was the female ILCA 6 British

representative for the ISAF youth world in Lake Garda 2024, in which I came 17th overall.

How do you balance your studies at Long Road with training?

Balancing training with school will be a big task, especially in my last A level year. However, doing early revision and staying on top of schoolwork makes it achievable and a good goal for the coming year.

Are you looking to compete at Olympic level or within any international competitions?

I would like to go to the ISAF Youth Worlds 2025 in Portugal as it's a big steppingstone achievement on route.



POLITICS STUDENTS VISIT HOMERTON CHANGEMAKERS

On Tuesday the 21st of January a small group of politics students had the pleasure of attending the latest event held by Homerton Changemakers at the University of Cambridge to hear from Jovan Owusu Nepaul, the Labour candidate for the Clacton constituency in last summer's general election. Jovan was talking about his experiences in politics to date and about his running as a parliamentary candidate in the election against the leader of the Reform Party, Nigel Farage.

In an engaging discussion hosted by a former Cambridge Politics student, Jovan discussed the nature of campaigning and reasons for why he became involved in both local and then national politics with the Labour Party.

He discussed the conflicts that can sometimes occur between a local campaign and the national campaign, including his being asked to help another campaign in his home city of Birmingham that gave his high-profile opponent a chance to accuse him of abandoning his campaign whilst appearing on Question Time. Jovan was open about the challenges facing the current party and was able to give sound advice to questions on how to best get involved in politics. He left the audience in no doubt that, despite his disappointment, that he would be a very good future candidate for the party.

These events enable students to engage with people across the political spectrum. Many thanks to the Homerton team for inviting us to take part once again.

POLITICS A LEVEL

Thinking about getting into Politics?

Check out our Politics A Level course where you'll learn about the UK Government, US Government and political ideologies.

For more information, [click here to visit the Politics course webpage](#)



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