

Year 7 Parents' Information Evening

Ms Grose
Head of Year 7



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Curiosity



Tenacity



Responsibility



Respect

Our focus tonight

- Belonging
- Attendance
- Homework
- Working together

"Every child deserves to feel they belong, attend regularly and achieve their best."



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What we want for all our scholars:



- ✓ Feel safe
- ✓ Feel they belong
- ✓ Attend regularly
- ✓ Work hard and be ambitious
- ✓ Achieve their potential



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Why does belonging matter?

- Improves confidence
- Increases engagement in learning
- Supports wellbeing
- Helps students make positive friendships
- Leads to better outcomes



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How does Longsands help scholars to belong?

- Tutor time
- Assemblies
- Clubs and enrichment
- Educational visits
- Student leadership opportunities
- Celebrating success



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How can parents and carers support?

- Encouraging involvement
- Talking positively about school
- Contacting us early if concerns arise



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Attendance matters

Every Day Counts

Attendance	Impact
97%+	ON TRACK
95%	Approx. 10 days missed
90%	Approx. 19 days missed
85%	Approx. 29 days missed

- Attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic achievement.
- Learning is sequential; missing lessons creates gaps that are difficult to recover.
- Good attendance also supports friendships, confidence and a sense of belonging.
- Our aim is for every student to achieve 97%+ attendance wherever possible.



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How can parents and carers support attendance?

- You can help by:
- Establishing strong routines
- Ensuring punctuality
- Booking appointments outside school where possible
- Communicating concerns early
- Encouraging resilience and independence

Our target: 97%+ attendance



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Why do we set homework?

- Reinforces classroom learning
- Develops independence
- Builds organisational skills
- Encourages good study habits
- Prepares scholars for assessments



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How can parents and carers support?

Simple ways to help at home:

- ✓ Check homework regularly
- ✓ Encourage routines
- ✓ Provide a quiet workspace
- ✓ Ask questions about learning
- ✓ Praise effort and perseverance

Support, don't complete the work for them! Encouragement and structure make the biggest difference.



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Working Together for Success

School	Parents	Students
High expectations	Support routines	Attend every day
Quality teaching	Encourage effort	Complete homework
Care and support	Communicate concerns	Ask for help
Opportunities and enrichment	Promote involvement	Get involved

When school, parents and students work together, young people are more likely to achieve, attend well and feel that they belong.



Key message from Ms Grose

-  Belonging leads to engagement
-  Attendance drives achievement
-  Homework builds success

Together, we make the biggest difference.



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