



Longridge High School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As December approaches, we are asking for donations of toys to support the Salvation Army Christmas 2025 Toy Appeal. Mrs Miles will be taking pupils to drop off our collection on Thursday 4th December, so any donations would be most gratefully received. In addition, Mrs Rogers is collecting donations for the Food Bank – please send donations in to reception.

As a school, we will be raising money for Derian House Children's Hospice in the lead up to Christmas. Pupils are all asked to support our annual **'Jumpers for Joel' Day on Friday 19th December** held in memory of Joel Shaw, who sadly passed away whilst in Year 7 several years ago. Joel was an amazing young man who faced life with a smile on his face despite his illness. We hold this event each year in his memory. We ask that pupils wear any of the following in addition to their normal school uniform: - Christmas Jumper; Christmas T-shirt; Christmas Santa Hat; Christmas accessories such as headbands, scarf, socks, tights etc. Or a Jumper of any other variety if a pupil doesn't have a Christmas jumper. **We ask that pupils bring in a small donation of £1.00.** We are also hoping to sell some badges too that pupils can purchase for a small monetary donation.

Year 11 have completed their first set of mock exams – **Parents' Evening is on Thursday 11th December** and it is imperative that all parents/ carers attend.

Kind Regards, Mrs Green



LONGRIDGE REMEMBERS

Staff and pupils from Barnacre Road Primary School and Longridge High School joined the community of Longridge on Sunday 9th November in Longridge's Remembrance Parade, laying wreaths at the war memorial. Many of the High School pupils were also part of the parade in their roles as Army, Navy and Sea Cadets.

On Tuesday 11th of November, Longridge High school pupils represented the school at the war memorial as the Longridge community observed the national two-minute silence.

In school, staff and pupils came together in a Remembrance Assembly, with Mrs Graves, who was in the Royal British Navy, reciting Laurence Binyon's 'To the Fallen' and then the Kohima.

It was extremely moving to hear the Last Post echoing through the school corridors, as the school paid its own respects.



Year 9 Career Day 2025

Inspiring Futures

We are thrilled to share highlights from our recent Year9 Career Day, where pupils took part in a series of engaging workshops designed to spark curiosity, build essential skills and explore exciting career pathways.

Bridge the Gap Construction Challenge – Presented by Preston College

Pupils became engineers for the day in this hands-on challenge. Using Lego, they designed, built, and tested their own bridges, learning about structural integrity, problem-solving, and teamwork. The session offered a fun and educational introduction to STEM skills and showcased local career opportunities in the construction sector.

Army Online Safety & Cyber Security Workshop

Led by two specialist teams from The Army's Cyber and Intelligence Corps, this workshop provided pupils with valuable insights into online safety and cyber security. They explored how digital threats are managed and learned about the wide range of careers available in cyber intelligence and defence.

Pillar of Growth Health Workshop – In Partnership with Future U

Through an interactive board game simulating an emergency response, pupils discovered the many roles within the healthcare sector. They answered questions and completed tasks that highlighted the skills and qualities needed in healthcare, gaining a deeper understanding of both clinical and support roles.

First Aid Workshop – Led by Dave Gilmore, Preston Fire Station

Firefighter Dave Gilmore delivered a practical and impactful session on essential life-saving techniques. Pupils learned how to:

- Perform effective chest compressions
- Place someone in the recovery position
- Apply basic bandages for minor injuries

The workshop was hands-on and highly engaging, giving pupils the confidence to respond in emergency situations. Dave emphasized that these skills are accessible to everyone and can make a real difference in saving lives. The addition of bandaging practice allowed pupils to further develop their understanding of first aid and the importance of calm, informed action during medical emergencies.





Some comments from our pupils about the day.....

Zoe: I think it was fun, and we got to learn lots of new things. Although I would change the army activity—I think it should have been more physical. I loved the Preston College session because we got to do more than just listen.

Shayen: It was interesting. My favourite part was Preston College, as we got to build a bridge. That was new and practical.

Willow: Careers Day was fun, and I really enjoyed the firefighter activity. I also thought the bridge-building task was entertaining and engaging.

Amya: I liked it and enjoyed the day. The best part was building the bridge. You could tell the day was fun and worth it—thank you!

Harlow: It was a very interesting and fun day. I liked the Preston College part where we built a bridge. I also enjoyed the nurse activity, where we played a game to understand how people with disabilities view life. Overall, I really enjoyed the day.

Nicole: I think Careers Day was really great. I enjoyed everything we did, especially the part where we created bridges and talked about construction. It was very entertaining, and everyone was focused on their own tasks. It gave us a chance to practice teamwork skills. The people leading the activity communicated really well and explained things clearly. All the activities were fun, and everyone learned something new—it was super interesting.

Daisy: Careers Day was good, helpful, and interesting. I enjoyed learning new things about the future.

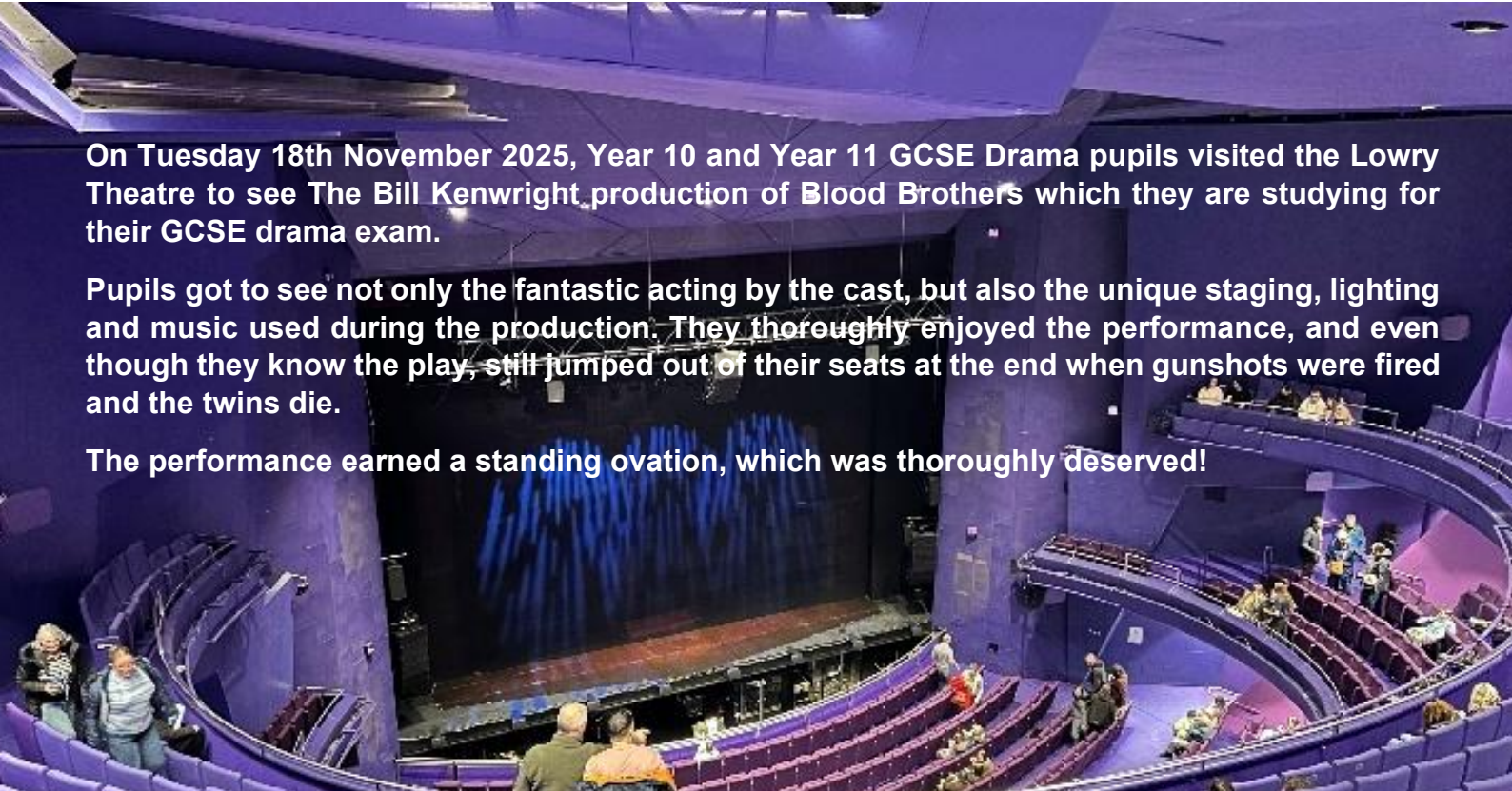
Emily: I really enjoyed Careers Day, so thank you for that. My favourite activity was “Future You” when we played the games, but I also liked the suspense of the army one.



On Tuesday 18th November 2025, Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Drama pupils visited the Lowry Theatre to see The Bill Kenwright production of Blood Brothers which they are studying for their GCSE drama exam.

Pupils got to see not only the fantastic acting by the cast, but also the unique staging, lighting and music used during the production. They thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and even though they know the play, still jumped out of their seats at the end when gunshots were fired and the twins die.

The performance earned a standing ovation, which was thoroughly deserved!



WILLY RUSSELL'S **BLOOD** *Brothers*





SEA LIFE CENTRE INSPIRES ARTISTS

Pupils from Longridge High school enjoyed a productive day at the Sealife centre in Blackpool collecting information in the form of drawings for their current project.

Following on from this visit, pupils will design a ceramic sculpture or vessel based on their drawings and the work of ceramists that they have been studying.



LONGRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PAY THEIR RESPECTS ON THE 11th NOVEMBER

Myerscough College proudly welcomed a group of pupils from Longridge High School to take part in a special Armistice Day event, hosted by our Uniformed Protective Services students on the 11th of November.

The event was designed to honour the significance of Remembrance Day while also offering pupils a glimpse into careers within the protective services — including the police, fire service, ambulance, armed forces, and prison service. It also served as an opportunity for those considering future study at Myerscough to experience the college environment.

The morning began with an engaging and informative presentation, where pupils learned more about Myerscough College, the role of public services in society, and the importance of remembrance. This was followed by a formal commemorative service, which included a respectful two-minute silence and a moving rendition of the Last Post.

Representatives from the Royal British Legion and college stakeholders were in attendance, adding to the significance of the occasion. Each school was invited to lay a wreath, provided by the college, as a mark of respect and remembrance.

Before returning to school, pupils enjoyed refreshments including flapjack and themed “war drinks,” which were very well received and added a thoughtful touch to the event.

Longridge High School extends its thanks to all who attended and contributed to making this Armistice Day commemoration a meaningful and memorable experience.

