

For over eighty years, Long Close has enjoyed a small, close-knit family community which makes a big difference. Our bespoke skills-first academic excellence provides essential preparation for our students to thrive in the rapidly evolving 21st century workplace.

Why PEGASUS?

Our wonderful school was founded in 1941, and PEGASUS has been our steadfast motif for over eighty years. The majestic, winged horse from Greek mythology encompasses beauty, inspiration and the pursuit of academic excellence; highflying PEGASUS is a powerful symbol for all our students to live up to our school motto, *altiora petimus* - to soar higher without limits.

Our students are happy, well-rounded and impressive young people. We know they love being part of the Long Close family every day and we are proud to be **inspiring future leaders.**

Dr Richard Robson
Headteacher

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Personalised 1:1 Provision

Our students are the beating heart of Long Close and they enjoy extremely strong relationships with their teachers.

Our small class sizes are a well-known defining feature of Long Close; every student is cherished and individuality celebrated. Transformative relationships are developed between teachers and students and this symbiotic collaboration ensures our students love Long Close. Our students benefit from small year groups, thrive academically, and grow in confidence with a core belief that no dream is too big!

- Bespoke individualised 1:1 teaching delivered every day
- Transformative ethos where every teacher knows every student personally
- Strong family atmosphere imbuing student happiness and wellbeing
- Exceptional personalised pastoral provision within our close-knit family

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“Students are enthusiastic learners, with an excellent work ethic and a desire to succeed. They are resilient and confident in the classroom.”

ISI Inspection Report



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Entrepreneurial Enterprise

Our skills-first preparation for the 21st century workplace is unique to Long Close.

We highly value our innovative Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Programme that equips our students with a self-confidence and resourcefulness to prepare them as global leaders of tomorrow. Students grow their own businesses inculcating risk-taking and solution-focussed approaches. Within our careers curriculum, we exploit our extensive links with local businesses providing real-life workshops and hands-on learning experiences.

- Links to financial companies, young enterprise and managing money workshops
- Themed business, design and commercial project weeks
- Creative 'think tank' where students take ownership of new creative projects
- Student-led international business initiatives





“The school provides me with motivation and teachers who help me build a strong relationship between them. This helps me work harder and love my community.”

Student in Year 11

Global Perspectives

Long Close is proud to foster a sense of shared global responsibility in all our students.

As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, our students learn empathy for diverse cultures and understand global challenges. As a forward-thinking school preparing our students to thrive within the global workplace, we organise themed days, enjoy networking through residential exchanges to international schools and activity centres across the world. Global citizenship cultivates critical thinking, collaboration and engages our students in actively participating in creating a more sustainable and equitable world for themselves and future generations.

- Awareness and empathy for diverse cultures
- Forward-thinking global innovation
- Global initiatives and international connections
- We teach the IGCSE qualification in Global Citizenship



“My school helps me feel safe and secure because they help me be a determined person in the future and to do well in studies and to make good friendships and make me feel in a happy community.”

Student in Year 8



Academic Success

A totally bespoke curriculum experienced by all Long Close students.

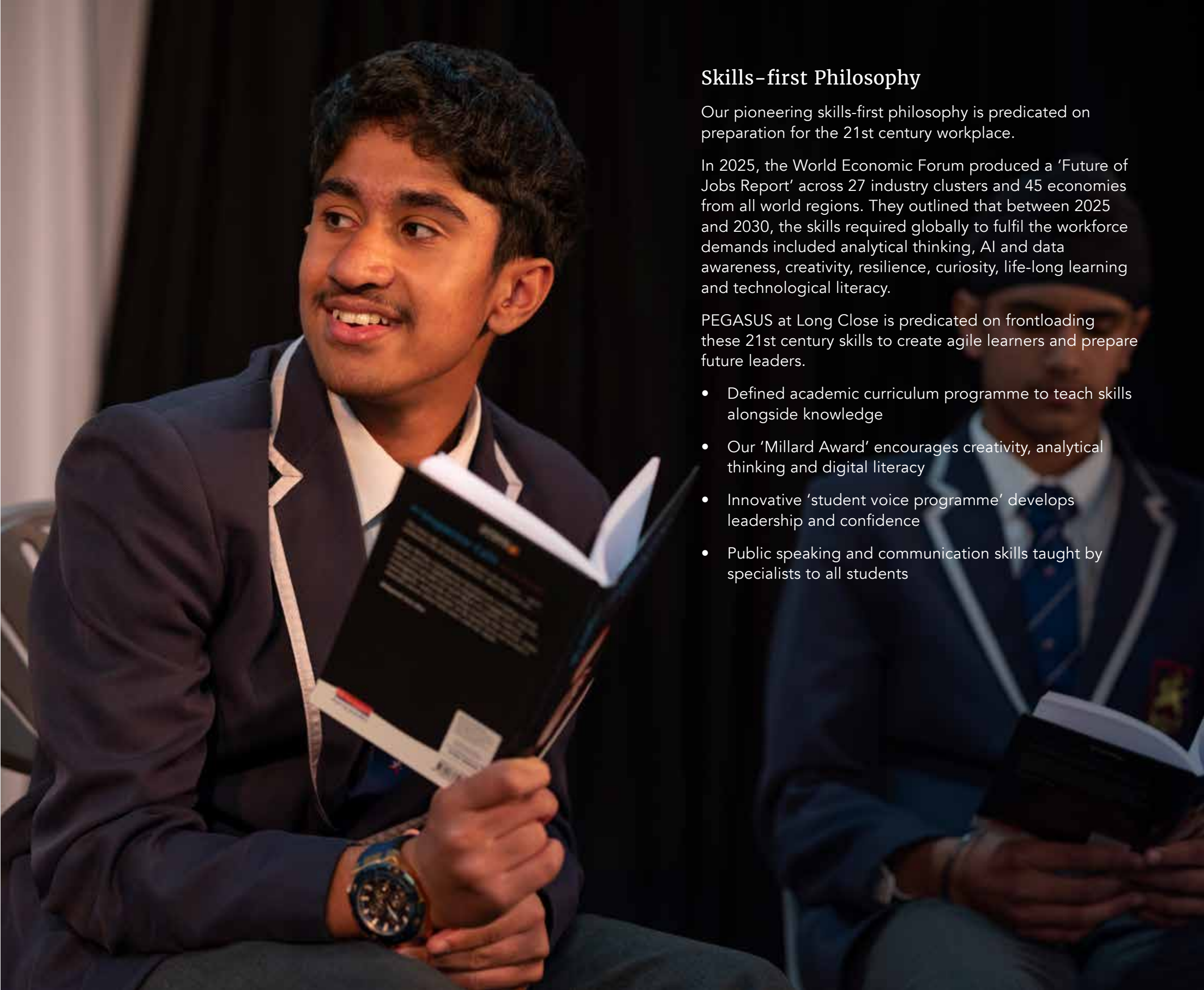
Our unique educational provision provides an extraordinary approach that empowers our students with an unquenchable life-long love of learning. Our unique whole-school curriculum ensures every student studies a bespoke range of subjects, clustered with equal importance. Our ambitious, intellectually agile and independent students experience a personalised programme of learning that leads to exceptional academic outcomes.

- Individual 1:1 academic support, stretch and challenge for every student
- Small classes ensure higher academic success
- Breadth and depth of knowledge going far beyond the UK National Curriculum
- Specialist whole-school teaching for all students





“Being a small school, Long Close focuses on holistic wellbeing of pupils, providing a very nurturing environment for them to thrive.”



Skills-first Philosophy

Our pioneering skills-first philosophy is predicated on preparation for the 21st century workplace.

In 2025, the World Economic Forum produced a 'Future of Jobs Report' across 27 industry clusters and 45 economies from all world regions. They outlined that between 2025 and 2030, the skills required globally to fulfil the workforce demands included analytical thinking, AI and data awareness, creativity, resilience, curiosity, life-long learning and technological literacy.

PEGASUS at Long Close is predicated on frontloading these 21st century skills to create agile learners and prepare future leaders.

- Defined academic curriculum programme to teach skills alongside knowledge
- Our 'Millard Award' encourages creativity, analytical thinking and digital literacy
- Innovative 'student voice programme' develops leadership and confidence
- Public speaking and communication skills taught by specialists to all students



“I have seen my child thrive and be happy. Long Close provides a nurturing environment, the teachers have been so supportive, and I am so glad I chose it over other schools.”

Long Close Parent



Unique Holistic Experience

We educate the 'whole' student to foster well-rounded young people.

Before the pandemic, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) reported that nearly half of all employers found young people were lacking in emotional intelligence. Through our nurturing, vertical tutoring, we ensure a calm and productive atmosphere that is tangible and powerful. Our incredible activities, trips, visits, competitions, clubs, societies and charity events, from journalism club to rowing on the Thames, develop resilience and fun memories.

- After school clubs enhance holistic curriculum provision
- International trips to Germany and Spain
- Outdoor adventure trips develop character and build relationships
- Forest School, den building, orienteering, outdoor classroom and cycling



“Long Close is a unique and inclusive environment. People are recognised for their unique qualities, we have a strong sense of community and collaboration and staff care about the work they do.”

Long Close Teacher

Shaping Digital Futures

At Long Close all our students are digitally inspired for the future workplace.

Essential skills such as technological literacy, systems thinking and AI (World Economic Forum, 2025) are embedded at Long Close. All students have immediate access to devices to enhance academic learning and they are provided with their own laptop from age 7.

Our students are adept at digesting digital information, they stand out as competent analytical and creative researchers and are prepared to thrive in today's rapidly evolving world.

- Technology integrated in all six curriculum pillars with industry-relevant tools
- Digital collaboration in real-time on shared projects through Microsoft Teams
- Professional creative design projects using Canva, Blender and Unity
- Microsoft Showcase School status sought to inspire future leaders



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To see how we bring our ethos to life every day in our wonderful school, please speak to our Admissions Manager on 01753 520095 or email admissions@longcloseschool.co.uk



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