



LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS LETTER



Longcroft Celebrates Best Ever Results!

It was with great pride and admiration that we celebrated the superb performance of our Year 11 'Class of 2022' as they produced our school's best ever set of examination results this summer.

Headteacher Mr Perry said, "What each of our young people have achieved during these unprecedented times is exceptional and would not have been possible without their hard work and determination to succeed, the support of our staff, or that of our wonderful parents and carers."

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Mr Perry said, "There have been some particularly notable achievements, with over 10% of students achieving at least 3 of the top grades, a truly outstanding accomplishment in such a challenging context. In several subjects there have been particularly strong performances, including English, Modern Foreign Languages, Maths and Sociology as well as in Theatre Studies, where two thirds of students received coveted A* grades. Whether it is one of the top rated universities or one of the many other exciting routes that have been secured by our cohort this year, we wish each of them every success. "

Summarising our pupils' and Sixth Form students' achievements, Mr Perry said: "As a school and community, we could not be more proud of each and every one of our young people."

He added, "Outcomes across the range of headline measures will now place the school well above regional and national comparisons and demonstrate a remarkable improvement since the last set of published outcomes in 2019."

Similarly when our Year 13 students received their results we were delighted to celebrate with them. As students did not sit GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11 due to the pandemic this was a new experience for them and Daisy said, "My results were significantly better than I was expecting." Brad said, "I don't know what to say - I'm speechless!" Aoife, having earned A* in English Literature and Politics and an A grade in History, will continue her studies at the University of Bristol where she will read Philosophy and Politics. She said, "I'm really proud of how I've done!"

Mr Henderson said, "I'm delighted with how well the students have done and they can certainly look forward to exciting futures."





Headteacher's Welcome



I do hope you have had a fabulous summer, as a school we certainly have!

It has been great to welcome children back to school and sixth form college this week, filling our corridors and classrooms for a new academic year. It has been a particularly busy start to term given the significantly increased numbers arriving to Year 7 and Year 12, and there has been a real buzz of excitement and anticipation across our community as a result.

Our positive start to the year has of course been augmented by a tremendous set of examination results in the summer. It was such a privilege to witness the many smiles, cheers and tears of joy from our young people and their families as the envelopes were opened. There were some truly exceptional outcomes which were significantly above regional and national averages, not least across the core subjects of English and Maths which provide such an important platform for the future.

We have been working hard in preparation for the return of our pupils and students to ensure that their school experience is even better than ever before. There has been further investment in our learning environment with the Art department now relocated more centrally, an updated IT suite to support our Art, Design and Technology curriculum and substantial renovation of our Theatre space to highlight just a few areas. We have also invested in developing and implementing a comprehensive professional development programme for staff, reflecting our commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring that we continue to drive standards in the quality of the education we provide.



There is much to look forward to this year, so please do continue to read the Newsletter every week. We'll continue to celebrate the work of our pupils and students and keep you up to date with the latest news, developments and opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns as we begin the new term, please do get in touch with your Care and Achievement Coordinator using the details provided on the final page. Have a great week.

Mr Perry
Headteacher



Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st September:

Year 13 UCAS Information Evening
6.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 28th September:

Staff Training Day and
Year 6 New Intake Evening

Wednesday 12th October

Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor Event
3.30pm - 6.00pm



1926 – 2022

Longcroft Remembers HM Queen Elizabeth II

This week staff, pupils and students have spent time through assemblies reflecting on the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II. We have recognised the extraordinary contribution she has made to so many, and the lives she has touched in myriad ways, including within our own community. As part of our reflection, we have considered the values that HM Queen Elizabeth II demonstrated through her time as sovereign and what we as individuals can take from her example.

As a community we offer our deepest condolences to those closest to the Queen, her family and many friends who have experienced a deep personal loss. We also keep in our thoughts the many people around the world who have been affected by news of her passing.

It has been confirmed that Monday 19th September will be a National Bank Holiday for the scheduled state funeral. As we have already communicated the school will therefore be closed. We will continue to limit communications during the period of national mourning including through our social media accounts, as a mark of respect.



HM Queen Elizabeth II
1926 – 2022

Reward Totals

So far this term our pupils have been awarded the following rewards for acting with Great Heart, Thought and Vision:



Acts of Great

HEART

3,842

THOUGHT

16,621

VISION

13,048

GRAND

TOTAL:

33,511



LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

A new academic year starts and what an absolute joy to welcome our children back to school for the beginning of the new term. Reflecting on my own summer holiday, I have enjoyed spending time with my daughter, making some fantastic long-lasting memories, visiting various local areas of interest and having some important time together. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable, memorable summer period with your loved ones also.



It's great to be back in school with all of our children at Longcroft; I truly do see it as privilege and honour to be a teacher, nurturing growth and success. It was a privilege to welcome our Year 7 pupils to school. Thank you for sending your children to our school, it means everything to us. I am so grateful to have the support of committed parents and carers as well as a dedicated team of staff to support me as we work together to ensure our Lower School community make the most positive start.

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We have had a fantastic start to the year and I know that pupils in all year groups will do their best. I have been so proud of the way that Year 7 have settled into the Longcroft community and the maturity with which they have embraced new routines and started to build new friendships.

Year 7 pupils were asked about their first day. Lola said, "I've enjoyed finding out where things are. I'm most looking forward to Art and Drama." Mia added, "I've enjoyed being with my friends." Eddie said, "It's been great. I'm most looking forward to Science and English." Brayden said, "Everything's been good so far."

When asked which subjects he was most looking forward to Jamie said, "Art and Technology." Mia said: "I'm excited about Product Design." Jaydon, who was enjoying his lunch when asked about the difference between his primary school and Longcroft, said: "Longcroft has better food!"

Our pictures show pupils enjoying various aspects of their first day.

The Year 7 pupils are polite, courteous and are eager to do well and I have no doubt they will enjoy the variety of fantastic opportunities available and achieve great things during the next few years.

Mr Worthington
Head of Lower School





SIXTH FORM



Mr Chapman writes:

Last week saw the first day in the Sixth Form for both myself and Year 12, but what a start it was. There were more than double the number of students joining us in Year 12 compared to the intake last year and the Sixth Form Area has felt busy and bustling all week as a consequence.

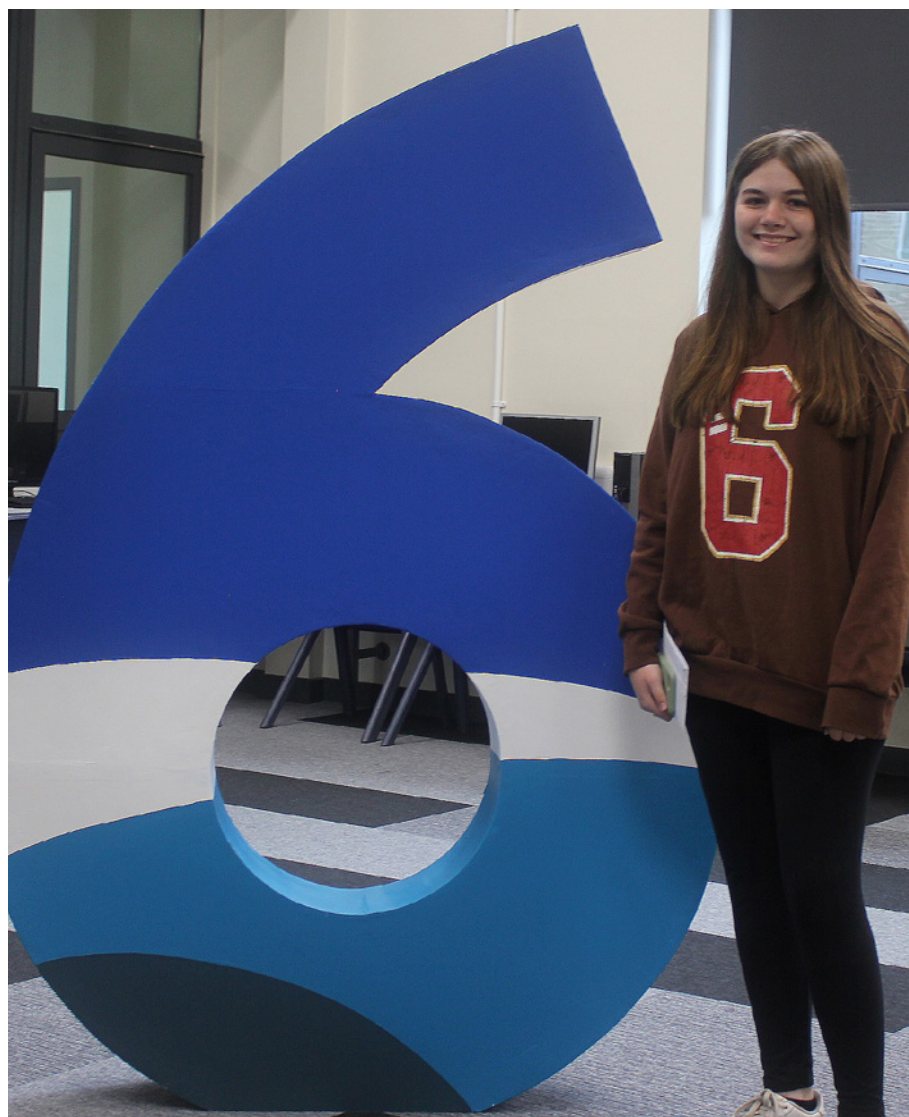
Studying an array of subjects at A Level that will provide enjoyment and challenge to these capable young people, Year 12 jumped straight into their Sixth Form life feet first.

Poppy is looking forward to studying Maths, Physics, Geography and Sociology. She said, "I like the class sizes, I'm familiar with the teachers and they know my learning style." When asked why she had chosen to continue her studies at Longcroft, Olivia said: "I felt more comfortable here." She will be studying Art, Criminology and Media Studies.

Frankie chose Criminology, English Literature, History and Psychology. She explained, "I like them and I think they sound fascinating." She also pointed

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out that knowing her teachers was a reason for choosing to continue her studies at Longcroft. Callum agreed, adding that members of his family have enjoyed their studies at Longcroft. He has chosen to study History, Politics, Biology and Physics and explained, "I don't know what I want to do after the Sixth Form so I've chosen subjects I'll enjoy."

The Year 13 students who start their second and final year were warm and welcoming to their colleagues. Now the process begins to see Year 13 succeed in their aspirations whether this be safely off to university as they disperse across the region and country or one of the many exciting alternatives available, whilst ensuring the new Year 12 students settle quickly and comfortably into the rhythm of life in the Sixth Form.

It seems clear to me that these two cohorts have the propensity to succeed, and I wish each and every member of our Sixth Form the very best of luck for the year ahead - I can tell already though that it is going to be great!

Mr Chapman
Head of Sixth Form





A Summer of Success!

*While praising the tremendous achievements of our 'Class of 2022',
former students also gave us cause for celebration.*

Andy's Honour!

"It makes us all really proud when we consider just how far Andy's work has reached and how many lives it has touched for the better."

Dr David Richards



Hull Hospitals' Professor Andy Beavis was put forward for the Degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, by the University of Hull's Dr David Richards.

Dr Richards' nomination described how Andy has excelled throughout his career after discovering his passion and abilities in both physics and maths at a young age.

After gaining his degree in Radiation Physics from the University of Newcastle, Andy joined Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust as a clinical scientist in 1992, taking on the role of Head of Radiation Physics at Castle Hill Hospital in 2007.

During this time, he developed the use of Magnetic Resonance Imaging in radiotherapy and created an algorithm for new treatment techniques called Dynamic Wedges, something which had stumped other industry experts at the time. These techniques were quickly adopted in cancer treatment and Andy started to become noticed on the world stage.

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At the same time, he joined the National Radiotherapy Programme Board, influencing national policy, playing a key role in the future direction of radiotherapy treatment and helping to establish a £23m Radiotherapy Innovation Fund to modernise radiotherapy throughout the UK.

Dr Richards said: "Andy is someone who has always strived to deliver more, whether that's clinical care for his patients, advances in technology for his colleagues, or shaping the direction of his profession and radiotherapy treatment across the globe."

He added, "He's been published over a hundred times, he's received multiple awards, and he's been listed in the top 100 Leading Practicing Scientists in the UK. It makes us all really proud when we consider just how far Andy's work has reached and how many lives it has touched for the better. He very much deserves the honorary degree given to him this month."

Now Head of Medical Physics at the Trust, Andy leads a team of nearly 100 scientists, engineers and support staff.

An internationally recognised expert Andy, who is pictured proudly wearing his Longcroft tie, said: "I hope that this award might help promote the opportunities that the NHS offers to scientists, engineers and technologists. It would be fantastic if we could interest local people to explore the type of career that I have been fortunate to enjoy so much." We are delighted and proud to celebrate and share Andy's honour—a truly inspirational and exceptional former Longcroft student.



Becky Represents Great Britain!

"It's been absolutely amazing. I'm proud to have finished and it's such an honour to represent Great Britain."

Leconfield's Becky Briggs, who left Longcroft in 2018, completed her first major marathon for Great Britain at the European Championships in Munich, where her time of 2:39:02 saw her finish a fantastic 31st.

Becky said, "It's been absolutely amazing. I'm proud to have finished and it's such an honour to represent Great Britain."

In March Becky won the Therme Manchester Marathon in 2:29:04 – a European and British under-23 record and 20th fastest time in the British women's rankings. Having represented Team GB as a junior at the World Cross Country Championships in 2019 she received her first senior call up just two years ago for the World Half Marathon Championships.

The marathon in Munich was both a team and individual event and Becky, Rosie Edwards, Naomi Mitchell and Alice Wright finished sixth as Germany took gold on home soil. Becky said, "It's so nice it's a team event as well so all four of us finished, which is kind of rare in a marathon to all cross the

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line. I'm proud of all the girls – it really was tough out there but we all did well."

Athletics was one of nine sports hosting their European Championships at the innovative multi-sport event, with cycling, gymnastics, rowing, triathlon, table tennis, canoe sprint, sport climbing and beach volleyball also featuring. Fans flocked to the Monday marathon and Becky said, "The atmosphere absolutely made it more special."

The temperatures in the city were soaring and Becky added: "It was good and really tough – but honestly, just the best experience. The atmosphere was just incredible – I didn't expect the atmosphere to be quite that good. It was an incredible experience and I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity and to have finished. I'm really proud."

We hope this is the first of many major championships in which Becky will represent her country and will proudly follow the career of this exceptionally dedicated, inspirational athlete.



Blade Sophie Sharpens Her Punditry Skills

Former pupil Sophie Haywood made the move from Aston Villa to Sheffield United in the summer while continuing her punditry, appearing regularly on Sky Sports' Good Morning Euros feature during the European Championships.

Sophie, who left Longcroft in 2012, studied in the United States on a sporting scholarship where she represented South Alabama Jaguars and Texas A&M prior to returning to play in the WSL.

She has appeared on Sky Sports WSL Show and features including Transfer Talk, and earlier this year in an interview with Olympian Katherine Merry as part of Stress Awareness Month provided a fascinating insight into her perspective on stress and how she deals with it.

Mr Baker said, "Sophie not only inspires through her performances on the pitch – she is highly intelligent and articulate and offers insightful views about all aspects of the game as recognised by her profile on Sky Sports."





Local Clubs Sign Longcroft's Elite

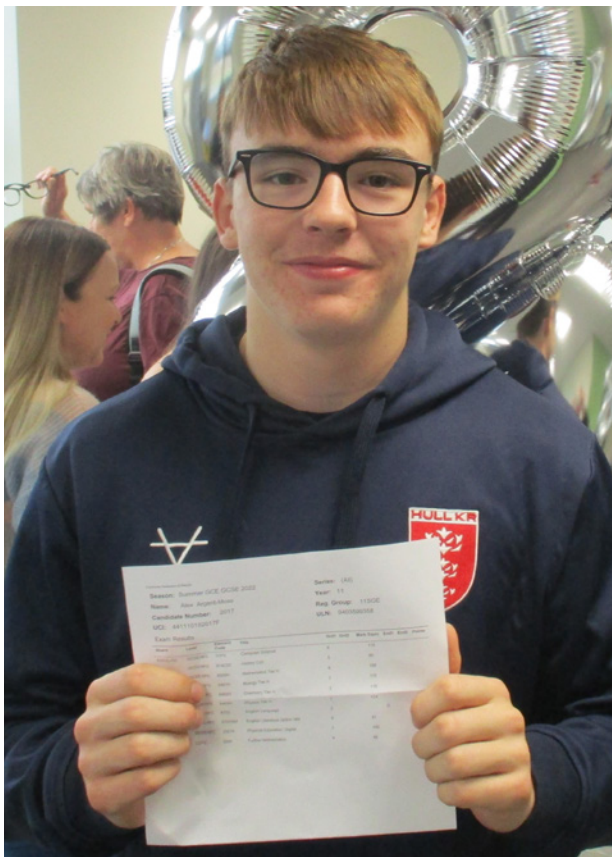
Rugby Players Secure Contracts

Four members of our cup winning rugby team earned Academy contracts with Hull's professional clubs, enabling them to take the next steps towards their dream of playing first team rugby.

Jack Charles and Will Hutchinson signed for Hull FC while Alex Argent-Moss and Hayden Todd will play for Hull KR.

All four boys represented their clubs at Under 16 Scholarship level last season and will hopefully emulate former Longcroft pupils such as Brian Hancock, Richard Wilson, Scott Taylor and Owen Harrison by playing in the first team.

As well as representing Longcroft, Jack and Hayden played for Beverley Braves while Alex played for West Hull and Will for Skirlaugh. We will be proud to follow their progress with their professional clubs next season and beyond.





Tigresses Sign Talented Quartet

Kasey Leak and Chloe and Lily Wilson joined Louise Dealtry-Todd in signing for Hull City Ladies.

All four girls have been dedicated to their football throughout their years at Longcroft and we are delighted they will continue their progress with the Tigresses. They have made an impressive start to the new season. Louise has established herself in the First Team, while Chloe, Kasey and Lily are making excellent progress in the reserves alongside former Longcroft pupil Olivia Dale.





Mrs Newsam

During Lockdown our Care and Achievement Co-ordinator Mrs Newsam took on the 'Couch to 5k' Challenge. Since then she has continued to enjoy her running, joining Beverley AC and both training and competing regularly over increasingly challenging distances.

A former Longcroft pupil, prior to taking on her current role Mrs Newsam worked as a Teaching Assistant and it was in this role she first met a pupil who inspired her to push herself further than ever before. Last weekend she took on the challenge of the Great North Run which sees participants run between Newcastle upon Tyne and South Shields.

The World's biggest half marathon, each year the 60,000 participating athletes raise millions of pounds for good causes. We were proud to celebrate Mrs Newsam's wonderful achievement of finishing in 12,740th place in an impressive time of 2:03:52.

The achievement was made all the more special as Mrs Newsam raised a fantastic £540 for Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS). Inspired by wonderful former Longcroft student Emily Duncan Mawdsley, who after seven years at Longcroft is looking forward to starting student life at Hull University and who meets the challenges of EDS every day, Mrs Newsam said: "I'm hoping more work can be done to make life easier for those living with EDS. This is my first ever half marathon, I'm scared but I'm doing this for you Mawdsley!"

It is a pleasure to congratulate Mrs Newsam on both completing this famous race and on the amazing amount of money raised for such a worthy cause!

Gold for Alice!

Year 11 pupil Alice Clark returned to school last week to start the final year of her GCSE courses as a gold medallist!

Alice competed for Leeds Children's Transplant Team at the British Transplant Games, winning Gold in Badminton and Silver in the 3 kilometre run – fantastic achievements in her first games. Diagnosed with the rare blood disorder Aplastic Anaemia when she was 11, in 2019 Alice received a stem cell transplant at Leeds Children's Hospital.

Alice, who studies GCSE PE, is also a keen footballer and enjoys playing for AFC Tickton Belles.

Mr Baker said, "Alice is extremely modest, but her achievement is fantastic and well-deserved."

Mr Thomson said, "We are extremely proud of Alice, who has shown great resilience throughout her years at Longcroft and thoroughly deserves our recognition of this tremendous achievement."





Memory Lane

This week we feature Geography teacher Mr Ball's Year 7 tutor group from 1992.



Back row:

S MacFadyen; A Lambert;
D Jenner; J Holwell;
K Pattison; C Ellis; P Bell;
S Spivey and P Wood.

Middle row:

K Hitchin; S Hart;
R Gamble; B Schofield;
P Hargreaves; D Wright;
M Edwards and R Perkins.

Front row:

A Furlong; M Gray;
S Hubbard; C Elvidge;
Mr Ball; C Oxtoby;
A Gilbride; M Obridge and
J Thackray.



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Care and Achievement Co-ordinators

Our Care and Achievement Co-ordinators work with specific year groups to ensure the welfare and progress of pupils and are the first point of contact for parents.

They support children to achieve academically by establishing a positive learning environment, visiting and working in lessons and supervising and supporting individuals and groups of pupils.

Our team, and their work mobile phone number which parents can use to contact them, are pictured below.



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