



LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS LETTER



Glamorous Evening

Showcases the Region's Sport!

We were delighted to host the School Sport Partnership's 20th Annual Awards in our Theatre.

Always a glamorous occasion, the event sees pupils from primary and secondary schools across the East Riding rewarded for their efforts in various aspects of physical education and sport.

The School Sport Partnership is based in East Yorkshire and acts as a central support network for both primary and secondary schools providing participation and competitive events, professional development and specialised support from the partnership team of School Sport Coordinators. The network was created in 2003 as part of the original School Sport Partnership Government Initiative.

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Each year the School Sport Coordinators provide their cluster of schools with a range of participation and competitive opportunities that feed directly into the regional SSP finals along with next level of the Humber School Games Programme.

We are fortunate that Mrs Henderson combines her role as a PE teacher at Longcroft with that of School Sport Coordinator and she organises a range of events, supported by our enthusiastic group of Longcroft Leaders.

Before Partnership Development Manager Angel Sanderson welcomed guests and introduced guest speaker Craig Heap she explained, "As a partnership we are committed to providing an inclusive, varied and high quality PE and School Sport experience." The evening certainly celebrated this, with awards including 'Outstanding Individual Performance in Sport', 'Outstanding Commitment to Extra Curricular Clubs in School' and 'Outstanding School Team' in primary and secondary categories.



Guest speaker Craig Heap proved inspirational. A former Olympic Gymnast, Craig made history at the 1998 Commonwealth Games by captaining the English men's team to their first ever Commonwealth Games Gold medal and again four years later at Manchester's 2002 games.

Craig's story began on a dairy farm in Lancashire and he believes the work ethic instilled on his parent's farm gave him an advantage over his sporting rivals. He sees this as a key factor in his being the only male gymnast to represent Great Britain at the 2000 Olympic Games, where he hit his Personal Best score.

He said growing up in a "not so cool sport" built his resilience and his "dare to be different" "run your own race" attitude. These are qualities he believes are needed for success in sport, business and a happy life.

Craig is an entrepreneur with several businesses to his name and he also covers European, World, Commonwealth and Olympic Games for the BBC.

We were proud that several Longcroft pupils received awards.

Max Sawyers, who is in Year 11, won first place in the category 'Outstanding Commitment to Extra Curricular Clubs in School'. Max, an outstanding role model who has featured in our rugby teams throughout his years at Longcroft and was a member of the Hull Schools' Cup winning team while in Year 10, is currently attracting the attention of Hull FC. Year 7 pupil Anna Shrimpton was a runner up in this category.

Year 9 pupil Anna Bruton earned second place in the category 'Outstanding Individual Performance in Physical Education'. Anna said, "There were a lot of people there – it was a great atmosphere. The speaker was so funny!"

Sixth Form student Gabby Caruso earned second place in the category 'Support in a Leadership/Volunteer Role' – a category in which Year 10 pupil Natasha Sharpe was also recognised. Gabby said, "It was really inspiring to listen to Craig Heap and it was an honour to receive the award."



Mr Baker said, "The School Sport Partnership is fantastic for sport in the East Riding. It gives young people opportunities to play but also to develop their leadership skills and to take on responsibility. This was the 20th ceremony and over the years it has been a pleasure not only to see Longcroft pupils rewarded but many from local primary schools who then continue their sporting journey with us. It is always a pleasure to host the evening – Angel and her team are so well organised and everyone both looks forward to and enjoys the occasion."

He added, "Mrs Henderson inspires a wonderful group of pupils to take on leadership roles at the various events and this is a key aspect of the Partnership's work and philosophy. Their awards reflect this, as they recognise performance but also commitment and the value of the leader and volunteer."

Mrs Henderson said, "It was so amazing to celebrate 20 years of awarding pupils for their achievements – there is so much talent in our schools. It was a great evening, well done to all the winners!"

Angel said, "This is the School Sport Partnership's 20th year holding our Annual Sports Awards at Longcroft School. We wanted to make the evening extra special for the pupils and parents and invited back Craig Heap (Olympian and Double Gold Commonwealth medalist) as our special guest. It was a fantastic evening, which focused on the power of physical activity to change and improve lives. We celebrated a huge range of achievements on the night including PE, Sport, Leadership, School Clubs and Active School/Ambassador. We want to thank Longcroft School for their continued support of our event and everybody who contributed on the evening."

We're already looking forward to next year's event, which will undoubtedly be the culmination of a fantastic year of sport in the East Riding's schools!

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

87,498

THOUGHT

386,906

VISION

333,455

GRAND

TOTAL:

807,859



Headteacher's Welcome

Our 'Longcroft Standard' is a statement of intent and enables us to characterise the expectations we place on ourselves as individuals and as a community. It reminds us to recognise the importance of the small things we can do each day which reflect that standard, reflect our values and reflect our commitment to being the very best of ourselves – 'living in to being' Great heart, Great thought and Great Vision.

It was an honour to host the East Riding of Yorkshire's School Sports Partnership Awards Evening at Longcroft on Tuesday evening, and a privilege to welcome over 350 guests from schools and families across the region. There were a plethora of awards for our own young people, and it was a particularly proud evening for all of the staff who have been involved in working with the successful individuals over the last year, and who attended the event to represent the school.

The guest speaker was Olympian and double Commonwealth Champion gymnast Craig Heap. With incredible humility, Craig shared the inspirational story of his own journey to sporting success and the many disappointments and failures experienced along the way. So much of what Craig shared resonated with our Longcroft values and was further testament to our belief in 'ordinary people' and their ability with hard work, to achieve 'extraordinary things' – often achievements that they could never initially have contemplated or imagined.

On Thursday it was a joy to see so many of our young people on stage for our Summer Performing Arts Evening. From across the school there were a range of talents on show and the varied bill kept the packed audience captivated throughout. I am always so incredibly impressed by the quality, courage and confidence demonstrated by our children during our showcase events and this week was no different. A huge well done to all involved.

It is often impossible to imagine what we are actually capable of, or where life may take us. At Longcroft we want to ensure a culture and an educational experience that empowers our young people to constantly reimagine what is possible for them and the world around them, to be confident and happy, committed and courageous, willing to take risks and accept failure as a path to success. As ever this week's newsletter is full of inspiring examples, celebration and opportunity. Please encourage your children to get involved and try something new... every journey starts somewhere.

Mr D Perry
Headteacher



LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

In the summer term, one of the aspects of the Head of Lower School role I enjoy the most is preparing for our new, prospective pupils and parents visiting our school. This week I have had the pleasure of visiting Cherry Burton C of E Primary School and St Mary's C of E Primary School in Beverley. These visits are vital for me as part of the transition process to ensure that our new pupils get an outstanding start, where we offer excellent care in order for our children to thrive in September.

On both visits I was joined by Miss Fox, our Care and Achievement Coordinator for Year 7 and transition. Mrs Barry, Head of Year 7, also joined me. She said "It has been really lovely to get to know the children and they all seem very keen to get started!". As part of our visits, we answer all the questions that our new starters have for us on the day and provide the reassurances and support needed ahead of this big next step.

Thinking closer to home, our children have been wonderful ambassadors for the school, and have been of great assistance in helping with school tours during the day, communicating and articulating well with regards to what makes Longcroft School so special. We know and care for every child as an individual. We actively encourage our children to demonstrate readiness for the future by developing the skills and qualities that will lead to success in life beyond school. Our children have settled back into school life well after half-term; during lesson time, the atmosphere is calm and purposeful, with pupils focused on their learning and striving to make good progress.

Active Travel Ambassadors continue to spread the word!

Known as the Longcroft Green Team, our Active Travel Ambassadors are continuing their work to help our environment by encouraging members of the Longcroft community to favour active means of travelling to and from school such as cycling and walking.





Earlier this year our Green Team were awarded £500 when they visited County Hall in Beverley and pitched a campaign to a panel of industry experts including Jenny Wiles from Active Travel England.

Mr Coupe explained, "We are delighted to work in partnership with Modeshift, the UK's leading sustainable travel organisation, and Sustainable Transport East Riding to encourage safe active travel."

He added, "Last week we were proud to contribute to a film that will further promote active travel. Our pupils were filmed demonstrating how to cycle safely and some had the opportunity to make a sustainable smoothie using pedal power!"

Sienna said, "Making smoothies in a carbon free way is a better alternative."

Mr Coupe finished by saying, "It is a pleasure to work with someone as enthusiastic as Active Travel Ambassador Coordinator Jason McAleese and his team. He is extremely supportive, proactive and encouraging and our pupils are really enjoying their role as ambassadors."

Modeshift aims to secure increased levels of safe, active and sustainable travel in business, education and community settings. They do this by representing their members' needs and supporting sustainable travel practitioners through a range of new and existing services.

Modeshift works with its members and partners in striving towards a world in which communities are free to make healthy and sustainable travel choices where active travel is seen as the norm.

Congratulations to all those involved in the Green Team!

Mr Worthington
Head of Lower School





Congratulations to our Lower School pupils on the number of ClassCharts rewards they are receiving each week. The pupils who earned the most rewards last week are listed below.



Year 7

Holly Ruston
Zachary Denton
Liam Booth
Bella Stoney
Lillie Wheeler
Alex Matta
Charli Drage
Charlotte Sutcliffe
Kiara De Kock
Bradley Elvidge

Year 8

Aidan Clayton
Thomas Wells
Libby West
Poppy Cooper
Millie Wisher
Ben Carlyle-Smith
Maisie Middlemiss
Ava Moore
Sam Al-Budri
Lana Sheikh Debes

Year 9

Callum Tuke
Grace Crook
Charlotte Skilbeck
Mathilda Smith
Gemma Schravessande
Nyara Ceesay
Joseph Moon
Sophie Dines
Thomas Marriott
Riley McGowan

Every Monday, a pupil who attended every single day in the previous week is chosen at random to receive a £5 Amazon voucher.

Last week's winners were:

Year 7: Jake Hara

Year 8: Cameron Pierce

Year 9: Olivia Beaumont



UPPER SCHOOL



Mr Henderson writes:

Year 11's final assembly

On Tuesday afternoon Mr Thomson took the opportunity to hold a final assembly for Year 11 – a group of young people he has supported as their Year Leader throughout their years at Longcroft.

I know just how much Mr Thomson cares about each and every one of these pupils. He has taken time to get to know each pupil as an individual – understanding their needs and recognising their strengths and aspirations.

Speaking to the year group in our Theatre for the final time he said, "It has been a true privilege to lead you through your career at Longcroft School. I always said in the early days of Year 7 that our year group is like a family. We are a team and we support each other. You are the best year group – funny, witty, intelligent, inspiring and passionate with characters that the school won't forget. From the originals to those we picked up along the way, I hope that you will look back on your time at school and enjoy memories which won't fade as you get older and take on adult responsibilities."

He added, "I want you all to be as successful as you can be. Go and enjoy life, travel, study, start a business, learn to drive, do something different, challenging and I am rooting for you to get everything you want in your life. I am rooting for you to be successful and experience the most exciting, rewarding life."

Mr Thomson has led and worked with a team of form tutors, some of whom have been with him since the pupils were in Year 7 and supported them during their first days in Lower School, through the challenges of Covid-19 and during Year 11. Other colleagues have spent a shorter period of time as form tutors. All have shared their experience and expertise, and I am



sure the pupils have appreciated their support. Thank you to Mr Charlesworth, Mrs Foster, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Low, Mrs Scott, Mrs Woodhead and the colleagues who in some cases preceded them in this significant role.

Mrs Ellis has provided tremendous support to so many pupils and I know the year group value everything she has done for them. She said, "Oh my goodness! I am really going to miss them - genuinely going to miss them! They're a fabulous year group, full of personalities, and we've been through so much together."

Thank you also to the many teachers, teaching assistants and support staff who have worked with the year group during the last five years. On behalf of them all, I wish Year 11 the best for the summer and beyond – we look forward to welcoming many back into the Sixth Form.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with Year 11 this year and to get to know many of these wonderful young people well.

We now look forward to next week's Prom at Lazaat, which promises to be an unforgettable evening and a fitting culmination of our years together!

Ash's Positive Contribution

We were proud to learn of work Year 11 pupil Ash Wells is doing with the charity TIC – Tourettes Syndrome Inclusion in the Community which is based in Hull.

TIC works to help create a future of acceptance and understanding for those living with Tourettes Syndrome.

Tourettes Syndrome is an inherited neurological condition. It affects around 1 in every 100 children and it is estimated that over 300,000 people in the UK have TS. Other Tic Disorders include Transient Tic Disorder, Chronic Vocal or Motor Tic Disorder, and Tic Disorder not specified.

Ash said, "I wanted to be a Youth Advocate because it is a good opportunity for me to practise communication and being part of a team."

Well done to Ash for proactively taking on this valuable responsibility.

Mr Henderson
Head of Upper School



Year 10 Mocks

	Friday 23.06.23	Monday 26.06.23	Tuesday 27.06.23	Wednesday 28.06.23	Thursday 29.06.23	Friday 30.06.23	Friday 14.07.23
9.00am	French & Spanish Listening & Reading Only	Y10 English Lang 1h 45m	Y10 Biology	Y10 English Lit 1h 45m	Y10 Chemistry	Y10 Physics	Art Option B + C (In Art Rooms)
1.00pm	Y10 Option A	Y10 Maths P1	Y10 Maths P2	Y10 Option C	Y10 Maths P3	Y10 Option B	Art Option B + C (In Art Rooms)

Y10 Option A	Y10 Option B	Y10 Option C
10A01/Computing	10B01/Art	10C01/Art
10A02/French AM	10B02/Drama	10C02/Food
10A03/Geography	10B03/Food	10C03/Geography
10A04/History	10B04/Geography	10C04/History
10A05/RE	10B05/History	10C05/Music
10A06/Spanish	10B06/Product design	10C06/PE
10A07/Engineering	10B07/RE	10C07/PE
	10B08/IT	10C08/PE
		10C09/Statistics

The Art exam will be held over the full day on Friday 14th July.





Congratulations to our Upper School pupils on the number of ClassCharts rewards they are receiving each week. The pupils who earned the most rewards last week are listed below.



Year 10

Ella Harris-Smith

Grace McKenzie

James Bucknall

Summer Mulvana

Eleanor Foster

Lydia Curley

Alissia d'Andilly

Libby Raper

Ruby Roberts

Adam Jefferson

Year 10 Over and Above Celebrations

The following pupils have gone 'above and beyond' and will join those with the highest number of ClassCharts rewards at Hot Chocolate Friday!

Max Murphy - Exceptional effort this term in Science.
Mr Worthington

Mia Bayliss and **Imogen Capes** - Good effort with mock prep...and thank you for the consistent effort all year!
Miss Meek

Alesha Duncan-Dove and **Millie Frank** - Perseverance and attendance at Maths intervention after school. **Mrs Wilson**



Every Monday, a pupil who attended every single day in the previous week is chosen at random to receive a £5 Amazon voucher.

Last week's winner was George Penny. Congratulations George!



LONGCROFT
THE EAST YORKSHIRE
SIXTH FORM

Mr Chapman writes:

12CME Secure Form Quiz Success!

Do you know how many joints are in a single spider leg? Or perhaps you can write Pi to 4 significant figures?

Over the last 10 weeks our Year 12 forms have been battling it out to prove which group has the best general knowledge with questions based on current events and a wildcard round featuring questions created by the students.

As young adults, it is important for the students to stay in touch with what is happening around the world. The current events quiz has been an engaging way to promote discussion and encourage students to research aspects of the news and current affairs for themselves.

Although forms fought hard, victory was grasped by the students of 12CME by the incredibly tight margin two whole points!

Well done to 12CME - enjoy your victory! Forms are looking forward to a re-match next year when they will put those research skills to the test.

Mr Chapman
Head of Sixth Form



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SAFEGUARDING



Mr Rogers writes:

Attendance Matters!

Our Attendance League continues with tutor groups now divided into two leagues based on pupils' attendance during the last half-term. Tutor groups with the highest attendance during that period are competing in the **Pizza League**. By improving their overall attendance this half-term, the other tutor groups have an opportunity to succeed in the **Sweet League**.

On the final day of the Summer Term, the winning form in the **Pizza League** will get pizzas delivered for lunch! The winning form of the **Sweet League** will get sweets for the whole form!

Tutor groups receive points each week as follows:

100% attendance = 4 points

<97% = 3 points

<96% = 2 points

<95% = 1 point

Pizza League

Last week, **7SGE** topped the Pizza League, followed closely by **7PDV** with **9JPO** in third place.

7RTO, **8DPE** and **8JHL** all picked up what could prove to be a valuable two points.

8DPE are the overall league leaders, setting the early pace with **7SGE**, **7RTO** and **10LSI** close behind!

Sweet League

Last week **7EMN** topped the Sweet League, with **10CMT** taking second place and **9JDY** third.

7EMN and **10CMT** are joint overall leaders at this early stage.

I look forward to seeing other tutor groups challenge these early leaders!

Mr Rogers

Deputy Headteacher | Head of Care and Achievement



TEACHING & LEARNING



Mr Taylor writes:

Hello again. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taking their next STAR assessments at the end of this term. These tests have given us a numerical figure for every child's reading age. We have introduced the Accelerated Reader scheme to Years 7, 8 and 9 and will continue the programme in the next academic year. We are committed to improving the standards of reading at Longcroft, and we are working with both Woldgate School and Primary Schools in the Trust on long term strategies to meet this commitment.

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his or her own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

Children using Accelerated Reader choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

Teachers and librarians help your child choose books at an appropriate readability level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.

If your child does not do well on the quiz, the teacher or librarian may help your child:

- » Choose another book that is more appropriate.
- » Ask more probing questions as your child reads and before your child takes a quiz.
- » Pair your child with another pupil, or even have the book read to your child.

In most cases, children really enjoy taking the quizzes. Since they're reading books at their reading and interest levels, they are likely to be successful. This is satisfying for most children. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Taylor
Head of Teaching and Practitioner Development



Memory Lane

This week we take a trip back to 1998 and feature a visit from legendary former Manchester United and England footballer Sir Bobby Charlton. Sir Bobby presented Head of PE Mrs Dewar with the Sportsmark Award and met a number of pupils and Sixth Form students.

Having survived the trauma of the Munich Air Disaster when aged just 20, Charlton recovered from his injuries to earn 106 caps for England, starring in the 1966 World Cup Final victory over West Germany at Wembley.

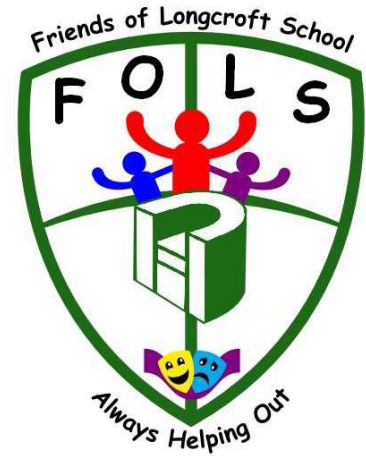


That year he was voted European Footballer of the Year and in a 17-year playing career with Manchester United he played 758 games and scored 249 goals. Knighted in 1994, Sir Bobby became only the sixth person to be granted the highly prestigious honour for contribution to football.

Sir Bobby is pictured with members of our senior football team and also with tennis players Steven Lumb and Julian Connell who, together with James Farrar and Steve Bates reached the national finals of the Midland Bank sponsored Lawn Tennis Association Schools' Tennis Competition. Mr Baker recalled, "The tennis team was outstanding – four fantastic players who hardly dropped a game as they progressed to the national finals in Sheffield. The national finals saw Britain's top 8 schools compete in a knockout competition, seeded based on each school's tradition of success at this level. Unfortunately as this was Longcroft's first appearance in the national finals, as 8th seed we were drawn to play the traditionally strong Cheam School who proved too strong and would go on to win the Glanville Cup. Nevertheless, to reach this stage was an exceptional achievement."



The Friends' Corner



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Cash Draw Winners

We have now drawn the winners for the first half of the year, Congratulations to them all!

Our winners who each receive £15 are:

January – Mrs Nicola Smith
 February – Mrs Clare Matthews
 March – Mrs Dawn McKie
 April – Mrs Casey Rumford
 May – Mr Iain Sudgon
 June – Mrs Trish Goldberg



Spread the word! Please remember to continue to support us, the more people that are in the draw, the larger the monthly prize fund will be. Remember that the remaining 50% of the money raised goes back into our fund to provide items and services that directly benefit the pupils of Longcroft School.

Planning a holiday or renewing your insurance?

Don't forget that if you are booking a holiday or renewing your insurance online that you can support the Friends of Longcroft School by using [Easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com) and choosing us as your selected charity. Once you have started to use them you will see how many retailers and companies donate on your behalf, without costing you a penny. If you are spending the money anyway, why not help us support our school?

Volunteering with FOLS

We are creating an auxiliary team of helpers, who would like to lend a hand but can only manage the odd occasion. This may be for activities such as making hot drinks and to serve refreshments to raise funds which will be used to fund projects and purchases that benefit the children of Longcroft School. We are all volunteers and would love to invite parents to join our group of dedicated volunteers, but understand that not everyone wants to make a long-term commitment to be a member of the committee.

If you feel you could help, please contact us on fols@longcroft.eriding.net



Carys is 80 minutes from Wembley!



Former student Carys Marsh, who plays for Wigan Warriors in the Women's Super League, is one game away from playing at Wembley after she played a key role in the Warriors' 48-10 quarter final victory over Huddersfield Giants.

Wigan's semi-final opponents will enjoy home advantage as the match against Leeds Rhinos will be part of a double-header at Headingley Stadium. However, the team can count on the support of a significant proportion of the crowd as the second game will see Wigan's men's team take on Hull KR in their semi-final.

Should Wigan overcome the Rhinos, the Betfred Women's Challenge Cup Final will be part of Rugby League's traditional showpiece occasion at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 12 August!

Before then, Carys returns to league action and is looking forward to an away fixture against York Valkyrie at LNER Stadium on Sunday 2nd July.





1st Molescroft Scouts Honoured

The custom of Trooping the Colour dates back to the time of Charles II in the 17th Century when the Colours of a regiment were used as a rallying point in battle and were therefore trooped in front of the soldiers every day to make sure that every man could recognise those of his own regiment.

The Trooping of the Colour has marked the official birthday of the British Sovereign for over 260 years. Over 1400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians come together each June in a great display of military precision, horsemanship and fanfare to mark the Sovereign's official birthday.



This year marked the first Trooping the Colour of His Majesty's reign. The King attended his first Trooping the Colour in 1951, aged three, riding in a carriage with his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and aunt, Princess Margaret. The King first rode in the parade as Colonel of the Welsh Guards in 1975. Marking the first time that the reigning Monarch has ridden at Trooping the Colour since 1986, when Queen Elizabeth II last rode, The King joined the Birthday Parade on horseback.

The troops processed from Buckingham Palace down The Mall before forming up on Horse Guard's Parade ready for inspection by The King.

His Majesty was joined by Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal Family to view the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards Troop their Colour. The Sovereign's Escort was provided by The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals.

Upon their return, The King and Queen were joined by other members of the Royal Family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace to watch a flypast of 70 aircraft in celebration of His Majesty's first official birthday.

We were delighted to hear that a group from 1st Molescroft Scouts represented The Scouts with a handful of other groups at His Majesty the King's first Trooping the Colour. Thank you to former Longcroft student and Scout Leader Kester Sharpe MBE who described the wonderful occasion. A very early start and a fairly late finish (we left at 4:30 and got back at almost 10) made for a long but simply brilliant day in London.

We had a great view from the Youth Enclosure of the entire parade, with everyone passing just a couple of metres in front of us (including all the Royal Family), and the Met Police and cadets took such good care of us.

The very special part for all of us was taking part in The Mall Movement as we walked down The Mall and the youth enclosure was moved to immediately in front of the Buckingham Palace gates giving us an unrivalled view of both the



flypast and the Royal Family's balcony appearance.

It was hard to top that in the afternoon, but we thoroughly enjoyed our Thames Clipper trip from Westminster to Greenwich, then a ride over the Thames on the cable car. It was also fantastic to have several members of the public stop us throughout the day to talk about Scouting, including the ice cream vendor and a man who wanted to get his son involved!

A stunning day, with 5 young people who were simply wonderful - so proud of them all. They smiled all day, were engaging and polite with everyone they met, looked out for each other and were a credit to Scouting.

We are sure the representatives of 1st Molescroft Scouts, including Longcroft pupils Finn, Brenton and Natasha, enjoyed an unforgettable day!





LIBRARY NEWS



Ms Carvill writes:

Celebrating Children's Art Week 2023

"Art is not the possession of the few who are recognised writers, painters, musicians; it is the authentic expression of any and all individuality."

—John Dewey

Children's Art Week 2023, run by ENGAGE – the National Association for Gallery Education, takes place from 29th June to 19th July. It's an opportunity to celebrate creativity, visit art galleries and museums, participate in art activities, and delight in books with amazing illustrations.



Don Quixote by Pablo Picasso

Art and literature are interconnected in numerous ways. Just as writers are influenced by artists, painters and illustrators are inspired by literary works: Pablo Picasso's *Don Quixote* (1955), John William Waterstone's *The Lady of Shallot* (1888), and *Alice in Wonderland – A Mad Tea Party* by Salvador Dali (1969).

A career in book illustration can reap huge benefits. Every year the best illustrators of children's books are awarded the Carnegie Medal for Illustration, a prize that brings international recognition and along with other prestigious awards can catapult a career. Former winners include Quentin Blake, Shirley Hughes, and Chris Riddell.

As a young child I remember being transfixed by the illustrations in books, especially fairy tales. They fed my imagination; when I selected books for my own children, I regularly picked ones with outstanding illustrations.

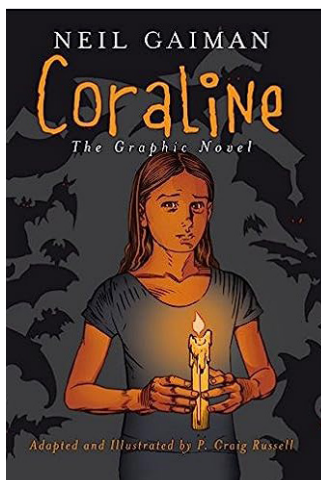
In the school library graphic novels are increasingly popular. They are fast-paced alternatives to regular fiction and have



the added advantage of glorious images. Pupils with busy lifestyles, or reluctant readers, can make time for them more easily. Some educationalists have been rather dismissive of graphic novels, especially Manga books, deeming them an inferior form of literature. In fact, they help nurture a love of reading and aid verbal and visual literacy. The world of graphic novels is far more than just superheroes and their arch nemeses, they are home to some of our greatest storytellers and finest illustrators. Here are some reasons to try them:

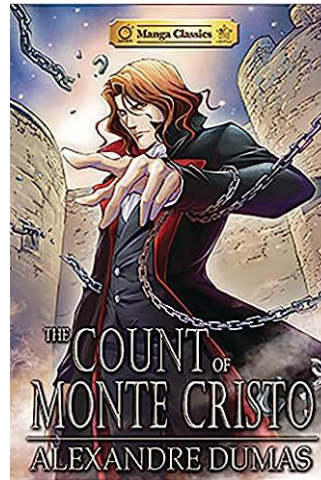
- » Graphic novels are engaging, especially for reluctant readers, providing added visual context.
- » Graphic novels build vocabulary. They may feature less text, but it is often complex, and every word must count. They teach readers about the importance of concise language.
- » Graphic novels aid comprehension. The union of images and text provide additional context clues.
- » Graphic novels are a great introduction to classic literature, like a Shakespearean play, a Jane Austen novel, or a Dickens.
- » Graphic novels help develop visual literacy. They encourage children to think critically and interpret images to understand plot and characterisation. This is an essential skill in an increasingly digital world.

We have a large selection of graphic novels in the library for KS3 and KS4, many on Accelerated Reader. Do encourage your children to explore them.



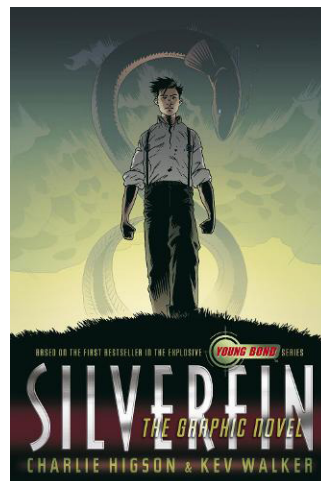
Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Craig Russell's dark and scary illustrations heighten the atmosphere in Gaiman's bewitching fantasy classic. When Coraline steps through the door in her new flat she finds another door with another flat, and another set of parents, who don't want her to leave. Creepy and entrancing.



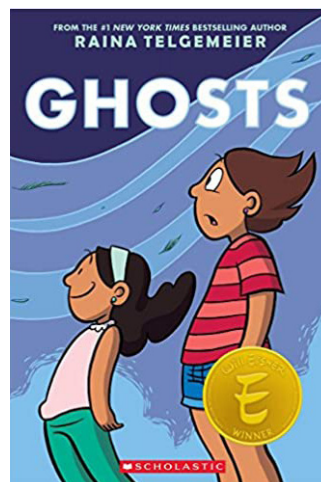
The Count of Monte Cristo: Manga Classics by Alexandre Dumas

Wrongful arrests, imprisonment, and revenge are all part of the drama, in this classic tale. Retold in manga style, this is a great book for reluctant readers. Thrilling and action-packed.



Silverfin by Charlie Higson

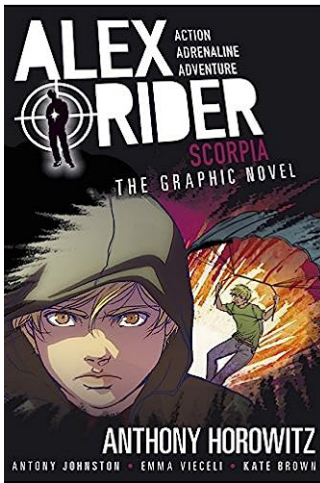
It's James Bond's first day at Eton and the adventure is about to begin. Already he's met his first enemy, and there are some terrifying discoveries to come. This is a real page-turner and Kevin Walker's dramatic illustrations add to the suspense. Thrilling and fun.



Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

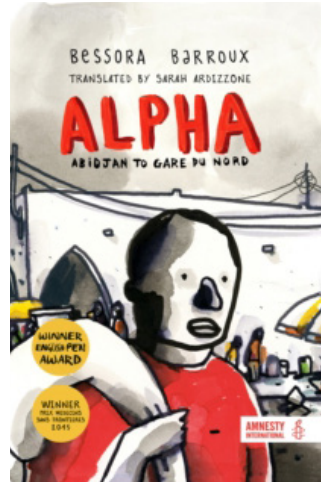
Maya's family have moved to the coast of Northern California to help her cystic fibrosis; she and her sister can't wait to explore their new home. One day a neighbour tells them that there are ghosts in their new house, something they didn't expect. Thank goodness they are friendly!

One of a number of great books by an award-winning graphic novelist. A celebration of sisterhood and friendship.



Alex Rider Scorpio by Anthony Horowitz

The deadly fifth mission in the bestselling Alex Rider series. Teenage spy Alex is in Venice to find out the truth about his past. This dark and captivating graphic novel is an astonishing adaptation of the original. Intriguing and suspenseful.



Alpha Abidjan to Gare du Nord by Bessora Barroux

One of the most powerful graphic novels ever created. Alpha Coulibaly is emblematic of the refugee crisis today - just one of millions on the move, at the mercy of people traffickers, endlessly frustrated, endangered, and exploited as he attempts to rejoin his family, already in Europe.

The illustrations are striking in their simplicity. Superb.

“The Purpose of art is to lay bare the questions that have been concealed in the answers.”

—James Baldwin



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