



LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS

LETTER



A celebration of our pupils' and Sixth Form students' achievements during 2022/23!

We reflect with pride on a wonderful year of academic endeavour, sporting success, performing arts opportunities, charitable endeavours and a fabulous enrichment programme that has seen us welcome inspirational guests and our pupils and Sixth Form students visit London, Paris, Italy, New York and Iceland.

With best wishes for the Summer.



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

119,725

THOUGHT

500,426

VISION

381,051

GRAND

TOTAL:

1,001,202



Headteacher's Welcome

This final Newsletter of the academic year is a wonderful celebration, not only of the many and varied opportunities our young people have enjoyed, but also of our Longcroft mission and values. There are so many examples of Great Heart, Thought and Vision that are demonstrated through our community and captured brilliantly through this visual and joyful compendium.

So much happens in school that this publication is only able to highlight a small sample of the activity. It is important that I acknowledge the many staff who go above and beyond to make experiences available for our children within and beyond the curriculum. Often this requires sacrifices in their own lives and for their own families, and I would like to publicly acknowledge their much-valued contribution in this regard.

I have set our community a number of challenges this year, and they have consistently risen to them. One notable example was the target for our pupils to achieve 1 million ClassCharts rewards. This is not a feat to be underestimated, and yet here we are in the final week of term having accomplished it! I am incredibly proud of our children and their commitment to the small things, the individual decisions each and every day that live our values in to existence. These acts of Heart, Thought and Vision create a culture which promotes learning and achievement, but is critically underpinned by kindness, care and compassion. In this climate we can be truly ambitious for our children to grow and develop as great thinkers, learners and people – able to make a positive contribution to our community, society and the world beyond.

As we look ahead to September, there is so much more to come. Next year will see further international trips, including to New York, Spain and Belgium as well as a wide range of domestic opportunities, visits and local experiences. In addition to our focus on the curriculum, learning and academic progress, we remain committed to providing a breadth of extracurricular clubs and events. We will continue to support our local community and primary schools with access to our facilities, and proudly celebrate our incredible pupils and students, and all that they achieve.

Thank you in anticipation for your continued support. Have a great summer.

Mr D Perry
Headteacher



SEPTEMBER

We began the new academic year buoyed by our best ever examination results and looking forward to a year filled with opportunity.

Year 7 pupils were delighted to receive their **Bookbuzz** books. Thank you to the wonderful FOLS team for funding this reading initiative and to Janet Louw for coming into school to help present the books. Evie said, "I read a lot. I like action books with cliffhangers. I'm currently reading Alex Ryder's 'Snakehead'. I've got the full Alex Ryder collection. I like to imagine what's going to happen next."

Year 11 pupils studying GCSE Geography visited **Dalby Forest** where they completed fieldwork. Mr Davies said, "It was a pleasure to take Year 11 into the beautiful natural environment of Dalby Forest to apply their knowledge."

We were proud to celebrate Care and Achievement Co-ordinator Mrs Newsam's wonderful achievement of finishing in 12,740th place in the **Great North Run** 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).





OCTOBER

Steel Rhyme, the multi-talented groove, melody and song duo, treated pupils studying GCSE Music to a wonderful workshop prior to performing in the East Riding Festival of Words.

Percussionist Gary Hammond, known for his work with the Beautiful South, owns over 1,000 instruments, and pupils got to play several of them as they improvised with him and composer Luke Carver Goss. The duo introduced a plethora of percussion instruments, from all corners of the globe, as well as an amazing Fanini accordion and range of guitars which pupils experimented with.

We were proud to invite pupils in Years 10 and 11 and Sixth Form students along with their families to our second **Careers Fair** while our East Yorkshire Sixth Form students visited the **National Apprenticeship Show** in Harrogate where they discovered more about Apprenticeships across the region.

Our **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, organised by Mrs Foster, raised over £150 for this fantastic charity.



NOVEMBER



A group of Year 9 pupils embarked upon the **Scholars Programme**. A visit to Leeds University was followed by a series of tutorials working in school with a PhD tutor on the programme which is designed to introduce pupils to university-style teaching, and to stretch and challenge them academically.

Author **Sabrina Pace-Humphreys** visited our Library and provided an insight into her life, put into words in her autobiography 'Black Sheep – A Story of Rural Racism, Identity and Hope'. Her visit proved both memorable and inspiring.

Year 10 pupil Laura, who travelled to Blackpool to represent the North East in the **International Dance Teachers' Association Nationwide Finals**, earned 4th place in her Freestyle and 5th in her Lyrical Slow Dance in the Under 16 additional needs category.

Our Sixth Form students took on the **Senior UK Mathematics Trust Challenge** while Year 11 pupils enjoyed a special performance of John Godber's play **Shakers** at Hull Truck Theatre.





NOVEMBER

Crime fiction is incredibly popular with Longcroft pupils and Sixth Form students and is one of the biggest selling genres in books. It can deepen one's understanding of the human psyche and hone one's deduction skills. Pupils in Year 9 were treated to a visit from local crime novelist **Anne Wedgwood**, who spoke to them about the writing process and publishing. Anne's books, set in beautiful Beverley, pay homage to some of the town's most famous landmarks: the Westwood and the Black Mill.

Year 7 pupil Charlie raced to victory in the **London Cup** at Rye House Stadium. Charlie, who has been racing for three years, competed in the Honda Cadet class. Charlie said, "I like the speed and the concentration needed."



Year 9 pupils Annie, Gracie-Mae and Rachel ran a bake-sale and raised £70 for **Children in Need**.

Year 10 pupil Lewis became the **Daiwa Open Beach Championship (Sea Fishing) Junior Champion** with a winning cod.





DECEMBER

Over 100 Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form students visited Hull Truck Theatre where they enjoyed an adaptation of **Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'**.

We were delighted to contribute to the annual **Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival** – our pupils, Sixth Form students and staff from Design Technology and Art made a variety of beautiful decorations.

Longcroft's **Talent Show** was a wonderful celebration of our pupils' and Sixth Form students' expertise across the performing arts. Compered by Sixth Form students Caleb and Josh, an array of bands, dancers, singers and dramatists entertained an appreciative, enthusiastic capacity audience. The judges were former students and exceptional performing artists in their own right Joanna Patmore and Joel Walker.

Ameerah-Grace said, "I loved being together, watching everyone else's performances and cheering them on." Sam added, "It was a great evening. Everyone enjoyed it and it gave us an opportunity to watch and support each other."



JANUARY



Year 8 pupil Lily's entry in the prestigious **RSPCA Young Photographer Competition** saw her invited to an awards ceremony hosted by Chris Packham at the Tower of London where her portrait of Angus the cat was judged as runner-up in the 12-15 mobile category. The judges were looking for photos that tell an animal's story and reveal their character and behaviour and Lily's photograph, 'Angus – not your average cat', certainly impressed.

Lily said, "When I walked into the ceremony all the pictures were on display which was really nice because I got to see everyone else's work. Previous years' competition winners were there as well. It was nice to get an award because I spoke to Chris Packham and he gave me ideas and inspiration."



Miss Sinclair's **D&D Club** continued to offer pupils the opportunity to express their creativity while developing social skills, building confidence and making friends. The club, which meets after school every Tuesday in our Library, is firmly established and popular with pupils of all ages. Year 10 pupil Jake has been playing for three years. He said, "D&D is fun, and it's my favourite after-school club. I like the creativity and adventure. I've also made friends through D&D club. It's an enjoyable way to spend time."



Professor Brad Gibson, Head of the Department of Physics and Mathematics at the University of Hull visited Longcroft on Friday morning as part of our programme of enrichment opportunities for Sixth Form students.



FEBRUARY

Through our collaboration with local charity 'Run With It' pupils enjoy innovative and challenging learning programmes that develop employability skills. The programme, which sees Lower School pupils visit Flemingate each week, has been a great success. Pupils enjoy the opportunity to have a behind-the-scenes look at the working world while applying literacy and numeracy skills to real life contexts.

Pupils presented a sales pitch to Flemingate management, Dragon's Den Style. This involved explaining what their company sells or services they provide and why their shop should be picked.

A group of Year 11 pupils visited Sheffield for **GCSE Science Live!** They heard presentations from inspirational scientists including Lord Robert Winston and Dr Kate Lancaster.

Year 11 pupil Blake Noble got a special mention at the **First Story 6 Word Story National Finals** for their fabulous 6 Word Story, 'Dad's home. Quick, call the police!' Blake's work has been published on the First Story website. Longcroft was also praised by the First Story team for having the highest in-house submission rate among every single First Story School across the country. Ali Johnson, Programme and Partnership Manager (Yorkshire) said: "This is a great testament to your support for the First Story programme in school. Thanks for being such great champions for these opportunities and promoting this opportunity to so many students."





FEBRUARY



Our Year 9 pupils completed their **Scholars Programme** and enjoyed a Graduation Ceremony at the University of Sheffield.

A group of 30 GCSE and A Level geographers spent half-term exploring **Iceland** in the company of Mr Davies, Mr Worthington and Miss Brown. The party enjoyed a tremendous range of unforgettable sights and experiences throughout their visit to this incredible country.

Harry said, "I wanted to go to see the nature. The waterfalls were good and I was particularly impressed by the glaciers." Amelie added, "It was a once in a lifetime experience!"

Former student **Laura Bradford**, who left Longcroft in 2013 having earned A Levels in English, Geography and Music to study at the Royal Academy of Music returned to the area to perform with the Hull Philharmonic Orchestra. An accomplished professional musician playing with leading organisations including the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Opera House, Laura performed Séjourné's Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra in the beautiful setting of Hull's City Hall.

Laura said returning to play felt special. "The Hull Phil was a big part of my formative musical education. Many of the pieces I now play as a professional, I performed first with them."



FEBRUARY

We were delighted to be able to offer over 100 of our pupils the opportunity to participate in the **UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Challenge**. The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge for pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11.

Year 11 pupil Angus, who earned a Gold certificate and the title 'Best in School', achieved a phenomenal total of 103. As one of the very highest performing pupils nationally Angus earned the opportunity to test himself in the Maclaurin Mathematical Olympiad - a follow-on round to the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Angus said, "I'm really pleased to have qualified for the Olympiad. Last year I qualified for the Pink Kangaroo, but this will be a very different challenge and I'm looking forward to it."

Angus said, "It was quite hard – there were points where I was banging my head against the desk!"

He added, "The questions were interesting and challenging – more than in normal lessons, which I enjoyed."

In April Angus took on the two-hour challenge consisting of six problems which required full written solutions, achieving a score which saw him awarded a Merit.

Harrison Adams and Tyler Parsons, both in Year 11, also earned prestigious Gold certificates.

Maths teacher Mrs Powell, who organised the opportunity, said: "The most rewarding aspect of the UKMT, in my opinion, is hearing the pupils that are less confident mathematicians say how surprised they are at how well they've done."

We held the first of two half-day sessions for a group of female and non-binary pupils who might wish to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering or maths subjects. Working with an organisation called **Women into Manufacturing and Engineering**, we were able to introduce 24 Year 10 pupils to a number of female employees working in these sectors. Alongside Carren, Cade, Tracey and Rachael from Howden's Kitchens and Lorraine from Centrica Storage, the pupils reflected on their own values, skills and personalities, and explored careers in which they might be interested in the future. The response of the pupils was really fantastic and they approached the sessions with enthusiasm and maturity.



MARCH

Year 9 pupils Amy, Anna, Emily and Katie joined over 100 young people from across the region when they put on their walking boots and tackled the **Humberside Police Night Challenge**.

A total of 111 young people walked nearly 13 miles around the Brantingham Dales whilst tackling a number of thought-provoking challenges along the way.

Year 11 pupil Ash Wells earned second place in an art competition - young people aged 25 and under were invited to produce an image illustrating at least one condition that comes under the neurodiversity banner.

As part of **National Careers Week**, we took over 130 Year 9 pupils to Hull University. This event was designed to give pupils an experience of what universities have to offer in a range of disciplines. Prior to the trip, the pupils were asked to choose what subjects they might be interested in from amongst a wide range of options. These covered such diverse areas of university education as the sciences, engineering, game-design, music, policing, healthcare, politics, education, midwifery, social work, art and music.

Four Longcroft pupils who are members of Beverley's Base Dance Company were among the BDC Royals team which competed in the **United Dance Organisation British Dance Festival** at Blackpool's Winter Gardens.

Ava, Ella, Hailey and Poppy, along with their teammates, won first place in their Under 16 Team Street Dance. They are now the British Street Dance Champions and have qualified for the World Championships which are in August.



MARCH



We collected donations towards an appeal that will help those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Donations contributed to the wider appeal launched by Beverley businessman Ali Tekce – the **East Yorkshire to East Turkey Emergency Earthquake Appeal**.



Author and playwright **Saviour Pirotta** came to talk to Year 7 in the Theatre, an apt venue for such a gifted storyteller with excellent performance skills! He was due to collect the Fiction Express Award for his book Pandora's Box at a ceremony in London later in the day, but was in no rush to leave.

"I wish I didn't have to go. This is a wonderful school. I'd love to come again. So many of your pupils have the ability to be writers."

Saviour has written over a hundred books but is best known for the bestselling The Orchard Book of First Greek Myths and his Ancient Greek Mysteries Series for Bloomsbury. Like the gods and goddesses that populate his fiction he is a larger-than-life character: full of mischief, funny, and very wise. Our pupils in Year 7 clearly thought he was very entertaining.



Isla Addinall said, "He told really good stories off the top of his head. When he spoke about his granny on the exploding toilet it really made me laugh."

Year 11 spent a day working on **revision strategies** in Hull University's impressive Staff House. Pupils participated in short seminars on revision techniques that have proven to be some of the most effective strategies. These included effective mind mapping skills and flash card making.

Pupils were also able to discuss the revision they had been working on in order to get advice and guidance on how to improve. Pupils really enjoyed the day. Charlie said, "It was key for us to know how to revise well."

Several of our Year 12 students accompanied by Mr Coupe and Miss Taylor spent a week in **New York City!**



Whilst in the city they visited the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, the Museum of Modern Art and Ground Zero - the former site of the World Trade Centre.



MARCH

Year 9 pupil Millie represented Humberside in the prestigious **English Schools' Cross Country Championships**. Competing against the country's best, Millie had a great race. She improved by over 50 places from last year and managed to be the 3rd girl home from Humberside.

Millie said, "I did a lot better than last year. The course was a lot harder and really hilly. I'm pleased to have competed in the English Schools' Championships again."

We were proud to host the incredible **East Riding Youth Orchestra and Senior Wind Band's Spring Concert** in the beautiful setting of our Theatre. Their stunning performances included renditions of Movements from El Cid, French Military March and Wall of Sound – music to suit everyone's taste.

Former student **Laura Meredith**, having previously featured in Casualty, appeared in ITV's legendary soap **Coronation Street**. Laura, who left Longcroft in 2015, caused chaotic scenes when her character Samantha McDowell made an unwelcome appearance at Daisy Midgeley's Hen Party in the iconic Rovers Return.

Extraordinary, eye-opening, and an out of this world experience were just some of the comments made by our pupils after their visit to **Cambridge University** just before Easter. **The First Story Young Writers Festival** is always a thrilling event, but this year was exceptional, not least because it was located on the glorious Downing College site. The campus is set amidst 20 acres of magnificent grounds in the heart of the city. Our pupils were clearly impressed, as James Shiels stated: "It was my first time in Cambridge. It was beautiful. The university is amazing. I'd love to study there."



APRIL



Over Easter over thirty pupils and Sixth Form students spent a week skiing in the stunning setting of the Italian Alps from their base in Santa Caterina.

Mr Martin said, "Skiers progressed exceptionally well. On the final full day of skiing we held a downhill slalom competition. I was delighted with everyone's attitude and behaviour throughout the week – they were fantastic!"

Year 10 pupil Libby was one of the few skiers with previous experience and during the week she felt she'd improved. She said, "We were all having fun as friends – even on the bus!" Having already skied in France, she added: "The snow was really nice – I'd recommend Santa Caterina."

Alfie said, "I wanted to go because I thought it would be something good to do with my friends. The sledging was the highlight of the week." A beginner at the start of the week, he added: "I progressed well. I felt quite confident by the end of the week."



A group of Lower School pupils, known as the **Longcroft Green Team**, took on the role of Active Travel Ambassadors with the aim of helping our environment by encouraging members of the Longcroft community to favour active means of travelling to and from school such as cycling and walking.

Recognising the challenge to encourage people to switch to sustainable travel has never been greater and more important, we are delighted to be working in partnership with **Modeshift** – the UK's leading sustainable travel organisation.

Our Green Team enjoyed the opportunity to visit County Hall in Beverley where they pitched their campaign to a panel of industry experts including Jenny Wiles from Active Travel England.

The pupils certainly made an impact on the panel of judges. Mr Coupe explained, "While pupils were pitching to receive £250, the panel were impressed and awarded them £500! I am sure our Ambassadors, who did an amazing job, will invest their money wisely and succeed in their aim of both encouraging and supporting active travel."



Year 9 pupil Orlaith, who is taking part in our First Story programme, won a place on the fabulous **First Story Summer Residential** at Arvon's beautiful Lumb Bank writing centre. The residential, which is an incredible opportunity for Orlaith, begins on July 24th.

Orlaith's extract, entitled 'The Dark', is featured here.

The dark. What do you imagine when you hear those words? Pitch black? Ominous clouds of grey? The menacing teeth of fear? Not that. No. I don't mean those. I mean that first thought that came to your mind. The event that you shoved to the back of your brain; that you tried so hard to forget. Do you not hear the tragic whines of a violin echoing through your mind as you sprint away from that memory, the great weight of guilt stalking your every move? Do you not feel the mighty sabotage and stabbing concealed in the dark?

Year 9 pupil Anna captained the East Riding Under 14 football team in the **English Schools Football Association's District Cup Final** against Sefton. The match, which saw Sefton lift the cup following their 3-0 victory, was played at Stoke City's Bet365 Stadium.

Anna said, "It was an unbelievable experience and the first time I'd played in a professional team's stadium."



Ice hockey playing former pupil **Owen Bruton** represented **Great Britain** who secured the bronze medal at the U18 World Championship Division II Group A in Serbia following a final day which saw them lose 2-1 in overtime to Lithuania.

Lithuania took gold and Croatia claimed silver while Great Britain also faced Romania, Spain and hosts Serbia. The team won three of their five matches, beating Romania, Serbia and Spain, and suffered only one regulation-time defeat. Owen scored for his country in the 3-2 victory against Spain.

Jack Charles and **Will Hutchinson**, who both play for Hull FC's Academy team having been key members of Longcroft's Hull Schools' Cup winning team last year, represented **Yorkshire** against Lancashire in the first of a three match Academy Origin Series at Castleford.

Will, who plays hooker and has already appeared for Hull FC's reserve team, said: "I've had to put extra hard work in to get this opportunity. The fact that I didn't have a full-time Academy contract in the first place and now I've been called up to Yorkshire. It's all happened so quickly, but I feel like my development is going really well."





"Events such as The Coronation Big Lunch help to ensure everyone can feel like they belong in their community – they bring people together."

The weather could not dampen the spirits of pupils who came together in our Gym to celebrate a moment in history and share friendship, food and fun for the **Coronation Big Lunch**, part of the official Coronation celebrations.

Mr Rogers, who led the organisation of Longcroft's Big Lunch, said: "We recognise the many benefits of working together and the value of a strong, resilient community. At a time when societies are becoming increasingly fragmented, we believe we are better equipped to tackle challenges when we face them together."

We celebrated **AFC Tickton's** success in winning the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Chairman's Award in the Outstanding Club/Team category.

Mrs Nichols said, "AFC Tickton and Longcroft have been in a partnership for some time, but over the last 18 months we have really moved forward together. Working with AFC Tickton has been fantastic for both of us as Kirsty has really helped us with the FA and secured the purchase of a new marking out robot. The football pitches are looking really well and I feel that moving forward, with AFC Tickton's amazing help, Longcroft will become one of the best venues to play football."

Congratulations to this great local club on your prestigious award – well-deserved recognition of your commitment to our community.

Thanks to Mrs Powell's organisation over 100 pupils in Years 7 and 8 were able to take the **UKMT Junior Challenge**, and we were extremely proud of their fantastic results. To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge, the UKMT awards the top-scoring 40% of participants Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1. This demonstrates both the level of competition and our pupils' achievements.

Aidan, who was awarded 'Best in School', said: "It was alright – challenging! It was a bit easier than last time, and I did better. I think I'm a more able mathematician this year and I knew more."

Sophie Haywood, who left Longcroft in 2012 and studied in the USA while playing for South Alabama Jaguars and Texas A&M University, now plays for **Sheffield United**. As well as being a successful player, Sophie featured regularly as a pundit on Sky Sports during England's successful European Championship campaign. Sophie's incredible goal at Coventry was nominated for the **Barclays Women's Championship Goal of the Season!**

Professor Mark Lorch visited us and treated Years 7 and 8 to a presentation on 'The Science of Superheroes'!

Year 8 pupil **Luci** was celebrating a gold medal winning performance at the prestigious Angel of the North Box Cup.

Luci, a member of Beverley's Track Fitness and Boxing Club, said: "I won every round – it was a unanimous decision." She added, "There were loads of people there, and three different boxing rings. There were so many people! It was very busy."

When asked about her victory, Luci explained: "It felt amazing – it was so good. I was so happy! When I was training I was so nervous and winning it was amazing."





We were proud to welcome over 400 children from local primary schools to enjoy our wonderful facilities as we celebrated our second **Year 5 STEM and Sports Day**.

In collaboration with the School Sports Partnership, pupils from Cherry Burton, Keldmarsh, Lockington, Minster, Molescroft, St Johns, St Marys, St Nicholas, Walkington, Wawne and Woodmansey primary schools enjoyed a variety of different sporting activities, as well as Science, Mathematics and Art sessions led by our school staff.

We enjoyed a visit from Hull FC player **Scott Taylor** and Media Manager **Lewis Scott** who recalled happy memories of their years at Longcroft. Scott spoke particularly warmly of his special and ongoing relationship with Mr Cassidy, himself a former Hull FC player, highlighting the support provided both as a coach and a mentor.

Now in his 16th year as a professional player, Scott has won every domestic honour in the game and represented his country.

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.

Longcroft's award winners this year were Anna, Gabby, Max, Natasha and Sarah.





Our **Active Travel Ambassadors** continued 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.

Mr Coupe explained, "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."

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

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."

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**.

33 Longcroft pupils participated in and successfully passed the Expedition Section of their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award**, and having already completed the other sections Year 11 pupil Layla Robinson became the first pupil to achieve the DofE award through Longcroft School.

Mr Coupe said: I'm so proud of all the pupils who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Section over the last few days. They've all faced and overcome many personal challenges and displayed great resilience and strength of character, which is what the DofE is all about!"

He explained, "Out on their own, relying only on themselves and each other, finding themselves in unfamiliar surroundings and situations they've built lasting memories."





Beverley's popular Italian restaurant Figaro provided a lovely setting for our farewell to **Year 13** – a wonderful group of students who have made a significant contribution to our school during their years with us.

Miss Taylor said, "Everybody looked amazing. It was lovely to see everyone together again and to spend the evening together in such lovely surroundings."

A capacity audience enjoyed a range of wonderful performances from our performing artists at our **Performing Arts Evening**. Miss Taylor, who herself performed in many Performing Arts Evenings during her years as a pupil and Sixth Form student at Longcroft, said: "The students were absolutely fantastic. They all put in so much hard work and produced a great show!"

Year 11 celebrated their years at Longcroft together with an amazing and emotional **Prom** at Lazaat Hotel.

Mr Thomson said, "What an incredible evening! The Prom gave the class of 2023 the opportunity to celebrate the end of their exams and acknowledge the achievements of my year group since starting at Longcroft. We had exceptional transport arrivals, from double decker buses to tractors, student led awards to recognise members of the year group and a live band who played a spectacular set."

An unforgettable evening provided a fitting end to five fantastic years.

We congratulated former pupil **Adam Fox** who became the **Under 20 Northern Champion** in the 400 metres! Adam, who runs for Kingston upon Hull Athletics Club, is now ranked 13th in the UK in 400 metres.

Our Year 12 students were involved in a taster-style day at our local University in Hull – '**This is Hull!**'. They sampled a range of lectures, seminars, sessions, and presentations. Almost all faculties at the University were open for the day for our students to experience and engage with. Students seemed particularly enamoured with the Hull York Medical School, the Computing Department with their VR sessions and the Law and Criminology Faculty – where there was a live crime-scene, court and jail!

Notwithstanding the chocolate making in the Science Faculty, the multiple live music stages and the face painting, students engaged fully in the academia on offer.



JULY



A group of fifty pupils enjoyed an unforgettable opportunity to experience the sights, culture and atmosphere that make the magnificent city of **Paris** so special.

Orlaith said, "It was a fantastic experience. My highlight was the Eiffel Tower because of the views and it's such a feature of Paris." Amelia added, "I enjoyed the boat ride on the Seine because you got to see lots of different things."

Mrs Barry said, "We had an action-packed trip to Paris. Our Longcroft students were an absolute credit to the school and their families. They took part in all activities with a smile on their face and were polite, engaged and full of energy during every visit. They jumped at the opportunity to practise their French. They really made us proud and all staff involved are very much looking forward to their next trip to France."

Our Lower School pupils taking part in the **Run With It** programme visited East Riding College's Flemingate campus where they worked with tutors from the College's Construction course as part of a fantastic new partnership.

We were delighted to see the reintroduction of a week of **Work Experience** for our Year 10 pupils, Mr Coupe was supported in his organisation of the opportunity by Louise Dunn from 'Education To Work'. Pupils' employers spoke very highly of them. Several pupils even received job offers off the back of their placements!



Sixth Form student Phoebe was selected to attend a prestigious Summer School at the **University of Surrey**. This was a significant achievement and we are very proud for Phoebe and all of her successes to date.

We looked forward with excitement to September as Year 6 pupils joined us for their **Induction Day!**

Jack Charles fulfilled a dream when he walked out at the Stade Jules Ribet stadium in St Gaudens as a member of the **England Academy** team ready to represent his country against France in front of his family.

Jack said, "It means so much to play for England. It's something you dream of."

Rose, Soleman and Ryan who are in Year 11 and Year 9 pupil Joe performed Arctic Monkeys' favourite 'I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor' and The Wombats' 'Moving to New York' to win the annual East Riding Schools' Music Service **Battle of the Bands** at Bridlington's Spa.

Named after the room in which our pupils and Sixth Form students study GCSE and A Level Music, Room 64 competed against 12 other bands, each representing an East Riding Secondary School.

Joe said, "To win was amazing! I was really excited. I knew it would be tight and there were quite a few good bands."





Our final residential visit of the year saw 50 pupils and Sixth Form students enjoy the sights and sounds of **London**! As well as enjoying two fabulous West End shows, 'The Mousetrap' and 'Wicked', our party visited Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and the London Bridge Experience and Tombs. They also took part in a workshop at BASE Dance Studios.

Grace said, "It was really good. I liked the Globe Theatre – I learned a lot about it." She added, "I enjoyed The Mousetrap. We tried to guess who the murderer was and we were completely wrong!"

Year 12 student Hayden said, "A highlight was BASE Dance Studios – we got to do some acting and worked with a cast member from Wicked." Josh added, "The Mousetrap was really good. It kept us all guessing, which made you feel part of it."

Kasey particularly enjoyed watching the shows, while Kade's highlights were the London Bridge Experience and The Mousetrap. Kade explained: "I'm a fan of 'whodunnit' stories and the plot twist was good. After the performance I met four of the actors."

Mr Deer, who led the visit, said: The London Trip was a huge success and saw many students enthralled by Agatha Christie's cleverly written 'Whodunnit?' – 'The Mousetrap'. Her witty and clever ruse managed to fool most of our students and the grand reveal saw many gasps of surprise. From this, to the historical and scary London Bridge Experience with some excellent performances from the exhibition frightening our students out of their wits! A drama session followed which allowed students to workshop with one of the cast members from the West End Show 'Wicked'. This segued perfectly on to the magnificent spectacle that was 'Wicked'. The finale to a wonderful trip saw us step into the world of Shakespeare with a guided tour of The Globe Theatre – a fitting end to a fabulous trip!

The final week of term saw over 400 pupils enjoy a Reward Trip to **Flamingo Land**. Mr Rogers said, "It was wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the day together."

A wonderful year culminated in a celebration to mark the publishing of our third **Anthology**. First Story believes everyone has a unique voice, a story to tell and a right to be heard. The charity supports young people to practise creative writing for pleasure, self-expression and agency; their flagship programme sees inspirational professional writers work to develop creativity, confidence and ability. A group of pupils worked with Ms Carvill and First Story Writer-in-Residence Vicky Foster to produce 'Portholes', a stunning collection of poetry and writing through which they have demonstrated tremendous talent and maturity as authors.

Ms Carvill said, "First Story provides many windows of opportunity for young people; having a Writer-in-Residence like Vicky Foster has been a particularly precious one. It takes courage for young people to put pen to paper; to look out through their personal portholes at the world around them, and also to look into their inner lives."

We look forward to featuring our wonderful Anthology and the launch party more fully in September.

Lead

By Ryan Campbell

I give you this pencil as a gift. A gift of creativity, joy and prosperity. Every piece of lead will sacrifice itself to give you a piece of art, using your creativity. Every trial and attempt will create joy for you through the dumb but funny things you create. You will prosper from selling the art you have created from a single pencil. No matter the little things, they create a moment: a moment in time where you enjoy the pencil that I have given to you.



Wonderful World?

By Casey Clarkson

I am sat here trying to write about the wonderful world we are living in

But all I want to write is...

How do I talk about this so-called wonderful world when I am ashamed to live in it myself?

What gives us the right to call it a wonderful world when we are the ones destroying it?

What makes this world so wonderful, I ask,

The wars WE create?

The segregation between skin colours throughout history WE caused?

The stereotypes WE create?

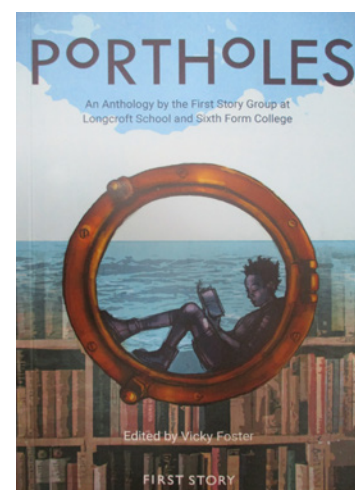
The bodies of water WE pollute?

The toxins and chemicals WE put into the air?

You have probably noticed the repetition of the words:

WE are the ones who call the world wonderful,

So what gives us the right to destroy it?





Golden Recognition for PE Team

2022/23 has seen our PE Department organise an extensive range of sporting fixtures and opportunities for all year groups across a wide variety of sports, and our teams have continued to represent Longcroft with pride.



In addition to those who have played, our fantastic Longcroft Leaders have played a variety of key roles, organising, coaching and officiating at a range of events involving pupils from local primary schools and their peers.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the **School Games Mark Gold Award** for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils and Sixth Form students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Well done to everyone involved - we look forward to applying once again in 2024!

Intra-School Sport Competition

The final intra sports competition of the year, a combination of cricket and rounders, saw some great fielding and batting skills on display throughout the year groups.

Rounders

	Adams	Ennis	Grainger	Trott
Year 7	4th	3rd	1st =	1st =
Year 8	4th	1st	3rd	2nd
Year 9	3rd	1st	4th	2nd
Year 10	1st	2nd =	4th	2nd =

Cricket

	Campbell	Farrah	Ainslie	Wiggins
Year 7	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 8	3rd	1st	4th	2nd
Year 9	1st	4th	2nd =	2nd =



Our sports teams have enjoyed another fantastic year!







Pupils' Work

We are proud to celebrate examples of pupils' work from across the curriculum.

My poem about Suffragettes

Zach Denton (Year 7)

In days of old, a movement brave,
The suffragettes thought to pave
A path of equal rights, so all could see
That women's rights should always be.

Their voices rose with passion so strong,
They wanted to right a glaring wrong.
Through marches, protests, and speeches planned,
They fought for justice, hand in hand.

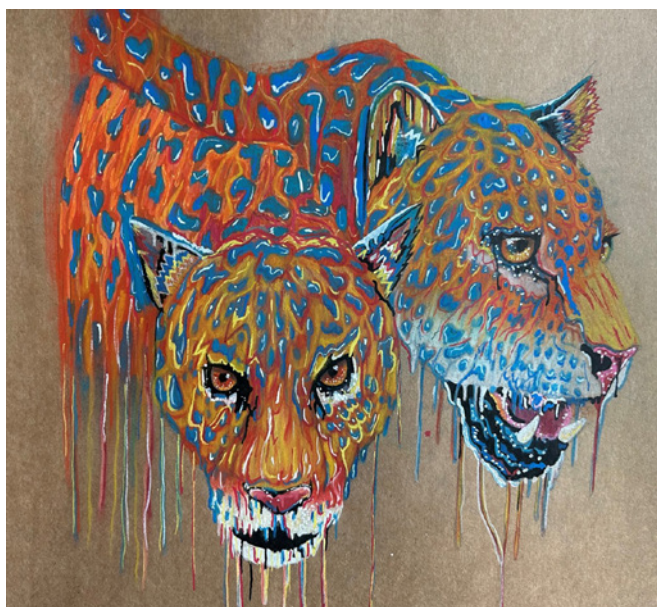
Suffragettes together, their demands were clear,
To gain the right that they held dear.
Votes for women, they loudly cried,
In streets, horse races and far and wide.

With courage and determination, they stood,
That equality for women can only be good.
Their dreams came as one, their actions true,
They paved the way for women like you.

Brave women and still, their legacy remains,
Their struggles, triumphs and enduring pains.
In history's pages, their names shall shine,
As victors of the vote that is now yours and mine.

Let us remember their struggle to write
That their journey was not easy, they had to fight
For equal rights, for the call of freedom
Suffragettes' courage was there when we needed them.







Attendance Matters!

Our Attendance League saw tutor groups competing in either the Pizza League or the Sweet League.

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

Tutor groups received points each week as follows:

100% attendance = 4 points

<97% = 3 points

<96% = 2 points

<95% = 1 point

Pizza League



Winners - 10LSI

2nd - 7SGE

3rd = - 7RTO

3rd = - 8DPE

Congratulations to 10LSI!

Sweet League



Winners - 10EFX

2nd - 10CMT

3rd = - 7EMN

3rd = - 10SWL

Congratulations to 10EFX!



The Friends' Corner



FOLS Cash Draw

Thank you to our fantastic Friends of Longcroft School who do so much to raise funds that create opportunities for the benefit of our children.

Congratulations to our Cash Draw winners.

January – Mrs Nicola Smith

February – Mrs Clare Matthews

March - Mrs Dawn McKie

April – Mrs Casey Rumford

May – Mr Iain Sudgon

June – Mrs Trish Goldberg

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If anyone still needs to claim their prize,
please email fols@longcroft.eriding.net.





*Thank you to everyone who has made 2022/23
such a wonderful year!*

Looking ahead to September...

Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term

Wednesday 6th September:	First day of term for Years 7 and 12
Thursday 7th September:	First day of term for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13
Monday 30th October – Friday 4th November:	Half-term Holiday
Friday 22nd December:	Final day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students
Monday 25th December – Monday 8th January:	Christmas Holiday

Spring Term

Tuesday 9th January:	First day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February:	Half-term Holiday
Friday 22nd March:	Final day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students
Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April:	Easter Holiday

Summer Term

Monday 8th April:	First day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May:	Half-term Holiday
Friday 19th July:	Final day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students