



# LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

## NEWS LETTER



### Longcroft Enjoys National Coverage of Examination Success!

**We were proud to celebrate the achievements of Year 11 and Year 13 on their respective Results Days.**

Having been previously referenced as one of the 'most improved schools in the country' by the Department for Education, we were delighted to share Year 11's Results Day with the nation as ITV presenter and news correspondent for Good Morning Britain Katy Rickitt joined our celebration. Katy praised the achievements of an "incredible bunch of young people". Among pupils Katy interviewed live on Good Morning Britain were Harrison, who she described as an "absolute brainbox", Tyler and Campbell. Harrison earned Grade 9 in seven of his subjects and Grade 8 in the other three. He said, "I'm really happy. We did a lot of mocks so we were well prepared. I think the revision paid off." Reflecting on their impressive results, Campbell said: "I got an 8 in Maths, which I'm most proud of." Tyler added, "I'm proud of the 7 I got in Geography – I worked hard for it."

*"I've a lot of great memories. Amazing teachers — I couldn't have wished for better!"*

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Pupils spoke of their pride in their achievements and their appreciation of the support they received. Katy said, "I'm very happy. I got everything I wanted and will stay on to do A Levels in Art, Theatre Studies, Sociology and English Literature. I've really enjoyed my time here. It's a really good school." Edward added, "There's been an amazingly supportive atmosphere here and I have really enjoyed my time at Longcroft." Oliver said, "Coming here has made me enjoy school, and I've thoroughly enjoyed it."

Mia said, "It's been an amazing time!" Emily added, "It's been really good – I've a lot of great memories. Amazing teachers – I couldn't have wished for better!"

Ben and Freya agreed they had enjoyed appearing on national television. Mr Baker said, "Our pupils all came across extremely well on live television. I was proud that Longcroft featured on Good Morning Britain!"







# CONGRATULATIONS!

## To our pupils on GCSE Results Day













# 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 the sixth form 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 a buoyant 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 our 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 with several national trends reversed, particularly with respect to the proportion of pupils achieving the very highest grades which rose significantly again this year.

Having been previously referenced as one of the 'most improved schools in the country' by the Department for Education, Longcroft has enjoyed some national profile and you may have seen our amazing pupils featuring as part of the Good Morning Britain coverage of GCSE exam results. Those involved from ITV and the production team on site were hugely complementary of our school and young people, and we were very proud to be able to celebrate their successes.

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 some significant upgrades to various areas of the estate and the first phase of a scheme to upgrade our Sports Hall having taken place. We have also invested in the further development of our 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.

Our Vision at Longcroft is for an education which is: World class; Never settles for average; Never makes excuses; and reflects absolute ambition for all children it is our privilege to serve.

Underpinned by our core values of heart, thought and vision and an unrelenting drive for excellence, children will be afforded the opportunity to truly recognise and realise their potential. All young people will be provided with a curriculum and school experience that effectively prepares them for life beyond school, engenders a global perspective, enables and empowers, and which demonstrates that with hard work and discipline, we can re-imagine what's possible.

Our ambition for our children is reflected in the standards and expectations we set for them, and for ourselves. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our children respond positively to that challenge, whether through their uniform, attendance, completion of homework or attitude to learning. We know that these make a profound difference to the outcomes that all in our community will achieve and that success will always come through our effective partnership between home and school.

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 D Perry**  
Headteacher





# LOWER SCHOOL



## Mr Worthington writes:

**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. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer, getting to spend much-valued time with loved ones, making joyful memories and enjoying the decent weather when it arrived!**

This summer, I enjoyed watching our Lionesses show great warmth and character in their efforts to win the World Cup. Whilst, ultimately, it wasn't to be on this occasion, the team brought much joy to the beautiful game and have done so much to raise the profile of the sport. The team provide many great role models for our own children to aspire to be in the future, and I look forward to seeing how our own sports teams grow and develop off the back of this national success. One of our local community clubs that is close to my heart is Beverley Town FC, who are seeing increased interest in girls' football, as well as other local teams such as AFC Tickton, who are running multiple teams this season. This can only be a good thing and I for one am excited to see what the future holds. I look forward to sharing our pupils' achievements in sport throughout the year.



As we look forward to all the exciting possibilities and new opportunities that lie ahead this year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families as they join our Longcroft community. To our new parents, 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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Our pupils are the heart of everything we do, and knowing and understanding every child as an individual is at the very core of our ethos. Our school is a community, and it is with the support of families that we are able to offer our pupils such a unique education.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our Year 7 pupils, and they have already begun to settle into school life and routines. They are making friends and growing in confidence with the support of Mrs Barry, Miss Fox and their form tutors, and I look forward to following their progress and celebrating their many achievements over the coming year and in the years to come.

Olivia said, "I really enjoyed doing Spanish and I'm looking forward to this year." Toby was keen to tell me how much he'd enjoyed his English lesson.

Rosie added, "I enjoyed meeting new people at break and lunchtime."

As our Year 8 pupils move into their second year at Longcroft, it is an opportunity for them to reflect on their first year of secondary school and develop their interests, skills and understanding. It is also an opportunity for pupils to make the most of extra-curricular opportunities, such as trying out for the school sports teams, or taking part in our annual productions. This year, our Year 8 children will be under the care and guidance of Mr Thomson as their Head of Year.

For our Year 9 pupils, this year is very important as they begin the process of researching and choosing their GCSE option subjects for Years 10 and 11. They will be guided through this important process by their subject teachers, form tutors, Care & Achievement Co-ordinators and their

Head of Year. Over the next few months, supported by their Head of Year Mr Coupe, our Year 9 pupils will begin to consider their future plans and ambitions during their careers lessons as part of this process. I know that this year, our Lower School pupils will make the most of all the opportunities our school has to offer and achieve their potential.

I would also like to take this opportunity to re-introduce our Care and Achievement Co-ordinators for Lower School — Miss Fox overseeing Year 7 and Mrs Newsam working with Years 8 and Year 9. Their role is to support pupils on a day-to-day basis, ensuring they not only have all the practical things needed for learning but that they also have the emotional support required to succeed. These colleagues are very experienced in working alongside pupils and ensuring that they get to know and understand everyone in their care. I know that they will ensure each pupil is cared for and helped to settle back into learning routines over the next few weeks. Miss Fox and Mrs Newsam are the first point of contact for parents and will respond to parental requests and queries as soon as they are able to; please be mindful of the large periods of time that they spend supporting and interacting directly with our children during the school day which means that phone calls cannot always immediately be returned.

Finally, I hope all of our children enjoy their journey this year! There are many sides to attending school, such as making new friendships, learning new skills and developing academically. Our young people achieved some fantastic results in the summer; we are ready to support your child to follow in their footsteps.

**Mr Worthington**  
**Head of Lower School**





## UPPER SCHOOL



### *Mr Henderson writes:*

**Firstly, congratulations to our Year 11 pupils on their exam results! Everybody involved – pupils, parents and staff worked together to make this a success and I would not only like to publicly thank everyone but also wish every pupil every success moving forward on their chosen next steps. It has been fantastic to see many of our pupils enrol into The East Yorkshire Sixth Form here at the Longcroft campus.**

GCSEPod has been a massive success in the last year, and we will be building on this in the next 10 months. I want to congratulate those that have used this resource to work over the summer. GCSEPod is such a great resource. If you are not familiar with GCSEpod or have not revisited it for a while, can I please urge you to do so? Resources are fantastic and it is such an easy way to look over topics and self-test in an easy and accessible manner. If you are having issues logging in, please do not hesitate to contact your Head of Year – Mr Wilson or Mr Cassidy. We will be setting challenges in the next year for both Years 10 and 11.

Over the coming weeks I will inform parents and pupils of our plans for the term as we look to maximise all opportunities to develop progress for our Year 11 pupils. In the near future we will be inviting parents in to give advice on revision planning and strategies, wellbeing and subject specific guidance on how to achieve and exceed their target grade. A calendar of events is below for Key Stage 4 pupils.

### **Year 10**

This is an exciting time for Year 10 — the previous years of study have allowed them to choose their options and focus on areas and subjects that they have enjoyed and had success in. This is a crucial year and with hard work and dedication they can really set themselves up for a successful Year 11. Simply, the more pupils work now the easier next year becomes. We have an evening calendared this year to welcome and inform parents and pupils of our plans to support Year 10 over the coming two years.



## Looking ahead

We look ahead with great positivity – there is so much to celebrate, and it is a fantastic time to be part of our school community. We look forward to working with and supporting both our pupils and their families, and to support planning I have listed here a number of events relevant to Upper School pupils and their families that will take place during the Autumn Term.

<b>Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th October:</b>	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork (Dalby Forest)
<b>Thursday 5th October:</b>	Year 10 – Welcome to GCSE Evening
<b>Thursday 12th October:</b>	Key Stage 4 Careers Fair
<b>Thursday 26th October:</b>	Sixth Form Open Evening (6.00pm) and Taster Lessons during the day
<b>Tuesday 7th November:</b>	Start of “Tuesday and Thursday Interventions” during Form Time
<b>Thursday 9th November:</b>	Walking Talking Mocks – 1 How to revise. English, Maths and Science Focus.
<b>Friday 10th November:</b>	Year 11 Progress Update Issued
<b>Wednesday 15th November:</b>	Year 11 Parents’ Consultation Evening 1 ON-SITE (3.30-6.30pm)
<b>Wednesday 22nd November:</b>	Year 11 Parents’ Consultation Evening 2 ON-SITE (3.30-6.30pm)
<b>Wednesday 29th November:</b>	Walking Talking Mocks – Options subjects focus.
<b>Thursday 7th December:</b>	Year 11 Solo Music Recordings
<b>11th December to 21st December:</b>	Year 11 Mock Examinations

**Mr Henderson**  
Head of Upper School







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*Mr Chapman writes:*

## Summer of Success in the Sixth Form!

**We were delighted with the outcomes our Year 13 students achieved this summer in their A levels and Level 3 BTEC courses.**

Students, staff and families all combined perfectly in May and June to ensure that these young people, our most senior students in the Longcroft community, achieved highly and made safe passage to university.

Bucking the typical Results Day challenges, all of our students were able to successfully enter either their first or second choice university. No student had to go into clearing as they successfully met the criteria of their offers from Universities including Bristol, Manchester and Hull. This meant that the process ran smoothly and that by lunchtime all students were able to accept their choice without the added pressure and uncertainty that often ensues on results days.

### Our students completed courses in:

- Art
- English Literature
- Media Studies
- Biology
- Geography
- Politics
- Business Studies
- History
- Psychology
- Criminology
- Maths
- Sociology



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Grades in at least 3 of these subjects will now take our Year 13 students all across the country. Universities that students from Longcroft will begin attending in the next few days include:

- University of Bristol
- University of Manchester
- University of Hull
- York St John University

We wish them well on their journey and can't wait to hear how this next step goes when we catch up with them as they return to Beverley at Christmas.

**Mr Chapman**  
Head of Sixth Form



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# SAFEGUARDING



## Mr Rogers writes:

### Welcome back, after what I hope has been a good summer.

Longcroft holds Safeguarding at the very heart of everything we do. We approach safeguarding by making sure that everyone provides a safe environment in which children can learn. This includes, having a curriculum to promote safety and the correct documents, policies, procedures and records in place. Additionally, we believe that staff knowledge of the indicators of abuse and neglect is critical. Without these elements, safeguarding will be ineffective, just as it will if we fail to act on early signs of abuse and neglect in a professional way, do not share information, or do not listen to what children tell us.

Even if children, young people and adults say they feel safe, we are fully aware that we must keep asking ourselves whether they are safe. The truth is that we do not know, which is why we take every step to develop a culture that is as safe as possible.

#### We embed this culture by:

- » Recognising that anyone can become a perpetrator, regardless of faith, religion, background, or gender.
- » Being aware of school related issues and trends, along with knowledge of concerns in the wider community.
- » Being confident of reporting safeguarding (or potential safeguarding) concerns and respecting the importance of confidentiality.
- » Never turning away from a difficult, controversial, embarrassing topic or conversation at our school.
- » Discussing concerns sensibly, with maturity and consideration.
- » Speaking to the right people to seek advice and support.
- » Acknowledging that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and working as a team to prevent, protect and take action.



Any concerns are passed through the members of staff who are trained as 'Designated Child Protection Officers' in school in compliance with the 'sharing of information' guidance.

If as a parent you have any concerns please contact your child's Care and Achievement Co-ordinator in the first instance. Their telephone numbers are published at the end of this Newsletter.

If your concern is about a child in immediate danger contact the police on 999. If you have a different concern relating to another adult or Child you can contact the East Riding Safeguarding Partnership Hub: <https://www.erscp.co.uk/>

My articles often focused around safeguarding and offer practical advice to parents regarding to safeguarding issues such as 'keeping safe online' and 'relationships'

We also cover a breadth of safeguarding issues with pupils delivered within our curriculum but also in assemblies and tutor time.

**Mr Rogers**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**Head of Care and**  
**Achievement**







## Memory Lane

This week we take a trip back to 2002 and feature English teacher Mr Hope's tutor group, 7B.



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## LIBRARY NEWS



**Ms Carvill writes:**

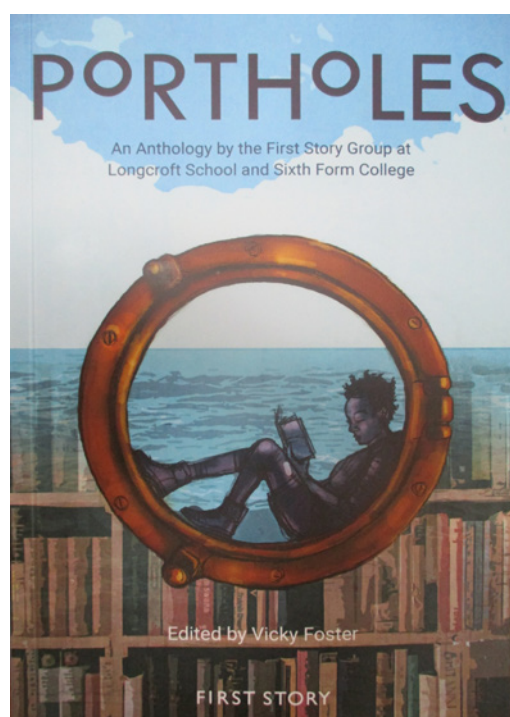
## Celebrating Portholes

**Parties should always be fun, and the book launch party to celebrate Portholes, Longcroft's third First Story anthology, was certainly that. Inspirational, imaginative, and impressive were among the superlatives guests used to describe the event at the end of last term.**

Heartfelt thanks to pupils, parents, guardians and Longcroft and First Story staff for making it such a memorable occasion. At Longcroft, we recognise the importance of celebrating success. To have your creative writing professionally published when you are still at school is a special achievement; it starts a journey on which anything is possible, a life full of opportunities.

Portholes speaks for itself. It's a remarkable collection of poetry and prose by a talented group of young people, who had the courage to look into their personal portholes and express themselves creatively. Listening to them perform their work in front of a large audience; to share their thoughts and feelings so confidently, was profoundly moving. Their families were clearly exceptionally proud.

Successful parties are all about ambience. Especial thanks to our Sixth Form Care & Achievement Co-ordinator, Miss Taylor, and Mason Whittle who provided vocals and piano at the event. Both highly accomplished musicians, they created the perfect atmosphere to celebrate. Huge thanks also to our inspirational Food Technology teacher Ms George and her Year 10 pupils for preparing an exquisite buffet of delights.







It was wonderful to have representatives from First Story at the launch, including Ali Johnson, First Story Programme & Partnerships Manager (Yorkshire), who spoke about the First Story journey and the transformative impact it can have.

*The Young Writers at Longcroft have achieved so much this year, growing their confidence and producing another high-quality anthology to add to the school's growing collection!*

Thank you to the whole First Story team, especially our wonderful writer in residence, Vicky Foster, who encouraged pupils with their performance skills at the launch party, and helped host the event, and to Mrs Foster, our Curriculum Leader in English, the Senior Leadership Team, and FOLS for their ongoing support throughout the programme.

The images in this newsletter, like the words our cohort penned, are testament to the power of creativity. As the writer Elizabeth Gilbert wrote:

*A creative life is an amplified life. It's a bigger life, an expanded life.*

Copies of Portholes can be purchased on ParentPay, or loaned from the school library. Do enjoy reading it. May it open up a world of windows to you.











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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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