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— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS LETTER



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A Summer of Celebration!

We were proud to celebrate with pupils, Sixth Form students and their families as this year's examination results were released.

First it was the turn of Year 13, and we were delighted to see so many of our students achieve fantastic outcomes across a wide range of A levels and Level 3 courses.

There were exceptional performances across these subjects with close to half of all grades in Maths and Sciences at A or A*. Arts and Social Sciences also boasted A* outcomes and many students achieved top grades, while we were also proud to celebrate inspirational stories of specific achievement along with the exciting next steps our students are looking forward to.

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Mr Perry said: "I'm grateful to the staff and parents who have worked hard to support our students through the significant demands of post 16 study. Their loyalty and dedication are commendable. We have a passionate, dedicated team of professionals who are determined to see our young people succeed and ensure that they are exceptionally well prepared for life beyond college. We are incredibly proud of our young people and remain focused on ensuring they recognise and realise their extraordinary potential and have the belief and confidence to succeed in a complex and rapidly evolving world."



The following week it was the turn of Year 11 to celebrate, and this year results have been very significantly above national comparisons across the board with exceptional performances across the range of subjects offered and many pupils achieving a succession of top grades. There were also notable individual stories, such as those who have overcome particular and profound challenges to achieve their wonderful results.

Mr Perry said: "We are so proud of all our pupils who today have seen their hard work and determination pay off. We know many will progress into our sixth form college, which celebrated great outcomes last week, while others will be exploring a range of wider options across the region. We wish them all every success. We must not underestimate how challenging the secondary educational experience has been for these young people, nor the significant shadow cast by the Covid pandemic. They have shown tremendous courage, character and fortitude."



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Last year Longcroft, which has been celebrated by both the Department for Education and Ofsted, became the most well attended secondary school in the region. Mr Rogers linked the examination success with that achievement. He said: "We are incredibly proud of our children and families for the commitment they show to their education. The impact of their efforts is no better demonstrated than through the exceptional exam results we are celebrating today."



Two pupils are now set to be presented with special letters of commendation after not only achieving the coveted grade 9 in 10 different subjects, but doing so with scores that placed them amongst the very highest performers in the country. Following his extraordinary achievement, Sam said: "I can't believe my results! The progress I have made since the start of Year 10 is amazing. I am so grateful to my teachers for inspiring me and helping me to achieve the grades I have."

Congratulations to our wonderful young people on everything you achieved – we were proud to celebrate with you!



Longcroft School and Sixth Form



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Outstanding Examination Outcomes

Headline Measure	Longcroft 2025	East Riding	National Average
Progress 8 Score	+0.49 *	-0.13	-0.03
Average Attainment 8 score	49.9	44.6	45.9
% achieving a grade 5+ in English and Maths	56%	43%	46%
% achieving a grade 4+ in English and Maths	76%	64%	65%
% entering the English Baccalaureate	66%	38%	40%
English Baccalaureate average point score	4.63	3.96	4.07
% success in education or entering employment	98%	94%	93%

* Progress based on comparing GCSEs with nationally standardised KS2 assessments.

'As a result of the quality curriculum they receive, pupils achieve strong outcomes' Ofsted

Officially the most well attended secondary school in the East Riding!

Department for Education (DfE) 2025

'Children enjoy coming to school' and are 'proud of their many achievements'

Ofsted

Transport available from across Hull and East Riding

In your area this includes: Beverley and surrounding villages

Due to the high number of routes available, please speak to a member of our team at the event or contact:

school@longcroft.eriding.net

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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 continuing strength in the numbers arriving to Year 7 and Year 12, and there has been a real buzz of excitement and anticipation across our community as a result. I want to offer a huge welcome to all those who are joining our community this September.

Our positive start to the year has of course been augmented by our examination results in the summer which were truly superb. 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 exceptional outcomes across the curriculum with subjects in every area performing well above national comparisons. Two pupils in Year 11 have received letters of commendation after achieving ten grade 9s, substantially beating the thresholds required and placing them both amongst the very highest performers anywhere in the country. Some of the most heart-warming successes were amongst those young people who had overcome significant barriers to achieve outcomes that have set them on course for their desired next steps, including of course our wonderful Sixth Form. You can read more about some of our pupil and student successes in this week's Newsletter and on our social media.

It is no coincidence that all of this success has come at a time when Longcroft has become officially the most well attended secondary school in the East Riding of Yorkshire. I have written to parents this week to remind all in our community of the significance of being in school, not only for social development, relationships and well being, but also to ensure we give our children the very best chances academically and for life beyond school. It has been a brilliant start already this week so let's keep going!

Attention has now of course turned to the current academic year, and we have been working hard in preparation to ensure that our children's 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. We are also continuing to invest in the development of our comprehensive professional development programme for staff, reflecting our commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring that we further drive standards in the quality of the education we provide. Our enrichment offer is growing again and we are very excited to see our children embrace all that Longcroft has to offer.

*Our Vision is for an education which is: **World class; Never settles for average; Never makes excuses; and reflects absolute ambition for all children.***

Our ambition and care 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 hinge on the 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.

Mr D Perry | Headteacher



Longcroft Exam Headlines 2025

Below is a summary of provisional outcomes for Longcroft following this summer's exams, with comparisons to the latest published regional and national averages where available.

We are incredibly proud that pupils at our school now achieve significantly above their peers across the East Riding and England across every headline measure. This is a testament to their hard work, commitment to school and the support of their families and the staff who have worked with them. We could not be more proud!

GCSE Results

Headline Measure	Longcroft 2025	East Riding	National Average
Progress 8 Score	+0.49 *	-0.13	-0.03
Average Attainment 8 score per pupil	49.9	44.6	45.9
% achieving a strong pass in English and Maths (grade 5 or above)	56%	43%	46%
% achieving a standard pass in English and Maths (grade 4 or above)	76%	64%	65%
% of pupils entering the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)	66%	38%	40%
English Baccalaureate (EBacc) average point score (APS)	4.63	3.96	4.07
Percentage of pupils staying in education or entering employment	98%	94%	93%

* Please note that progress measures will not be published nationally for 2024/5 due to the impact of the Covid pandemic impacting SATs when these children left primary school. Progress calculations here are based on nationally standardised and directly comparable assessments that were undertaken on arrival in Year 7 and provide a robust alternative.

A Level results.

Average Result	C+
A Level Points Per Entry	33.2
Average Result	Distinction
Applied Points Per Entry	34.00
Progress made in E&M	SUPP
SUPP: Suppressed in circumstances we will suppress an establishment data. This is usually when there are 5 or fewer pupils or students covered by the measure.	



LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

As September begins, the school is filled with anticipation as we begin a fresh academic year. For our Year 7 pupils, this is a particularly exciting and important milestone, their very first steps into secondary school life. Starting a new school can feel daunting, but it is also full of promise. I have been immensely proud to see how quickly our newest pupils have begun to settle in: making friends, finding their way around, and discovering what it means to be part of our community.



Secondary school offers so much more than a new timetable and new classrooms. It offers the chance to explore subjects in greater depth, to be inspired by specialist teachers, and to develop independence and confidence. Most importantly, it opens doors to opportunities beyond the classroom. Opportunities such as clubs, teams, school performances, and leadership roles such as School Council leader that may spark lifelong passions.

Throughout the summer, I see that a number of our pupils have got involved in the local community. As someone who volunteers in the local community for a football club, it has been fantastic to see so many participate in sports clubs. I would like to set a target for each member of our Key Stage



3 community to try to least one new extra-curricular activity this year – sport, volunteering to help at an event, or otherwise, as we have so much to offer.

As a coach for Beverley Town Ladies, we're seeing so many taking up the sport after being inspired by our Lionesses' Euro 2025 win this summer, I personally am looking forward to being in the dugout for an Adobe FA Cup fixture this weekend as we face Handsworth away. Volunteering for me is a powerful way of giving back to the community whilst also developing valuable skills and experiences. For those young people who do this, it helps to build empathy, teamwork and responsibility. It can also open doors to new friendships and opportunities.



New beginnings are not only for Year 7. Every September each of us, whether pupil or member of staff, has the chance to reset and refresh. A new academic year is a perfect time to reflect on what we'd like to achieve, and to take steps, however small, towards new goals. It may mean joining a club you've never tried before, setting yourself a new challenge in a subject, or simply approaching each day with a determination to give your best.



My message to all pupils is this: be brave, be curious, and embrace the opportunities that come your way. New beginnings are not just about change; they are about growth. I look forward to seeing how each of you will make this year your own.

Mr Worthington
Head of Lower School





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UPPER SCHOOL



Mr Henderson writes:

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 11 pupils on their fantastic exam results! Everybody involved - pupils, parents and staff - worked brilliantly together to secure success and I would not only like to publicly thank everyone but also wish every pupil the very best as they move forward with their chosen next steps. August's Results Day was an unforgettable experience. It has been great to see many of our pupils enrol into The East Yorkshire Sixth Form here at the Longcroft campus and begin the next stage of their journey this week.

We have seen a fantastic start to the new academic year in Key Stage 4. Both Years 10 and 11 have been quickly getting down to learning in lessons. As the pupils get older, more is expected in terms of homework each week. This time will then increase as they get closer to their exams, incorporating revision. We will be helping our pupils with this process; if you have any questions please get in contact.





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GCSEPod and Passport to the Prom

Year 11 pupils have used GCSEPod in Year 10 and can log in. In the coming weeks we are relaunching this with them. It will be launched with Year 10 after the October half term holiday. It is very encouraging that some Year 11 pupils have continued to use it throughout the summer. Coinciding with the GCSEPod re-launch is the introduction of this year's Prom Passport. This holds our minimum expectations of Year 11 pupils with respect to not only GCSEPod but also attendance and attitude to learning. Expectations will clearly be laid out to pupils in assemblies and the weekly Pupil Bulletin. The first reward for pupils will be a Christmas Cinema celebration of this term's challenging work.

Staff set homework using GCSEPod so, Prom apart, pupils do need to access this resource. I have promoted GCSEPod many times for the simple reason it is exceptionally good. It is easily accessible and has a proven track record of success. Whilst I appreciate pupils revise in various ways, and this is good, it is intended to supplement effective revision practice and not replace it. This resource will also be available to our Year 10 pupils and the more they use it now the better prepared they will be for end of year mock examinations.



Key dates:

Year 10 Steps to Success 1: Welcome to GCSE Evening – Thursday 2nd October

Year 11 Steps to Success 3: The Option Subjects Evening – Thursday 6th November.

Mr Henderson
Head of Upper School



Mr Chapman writes:



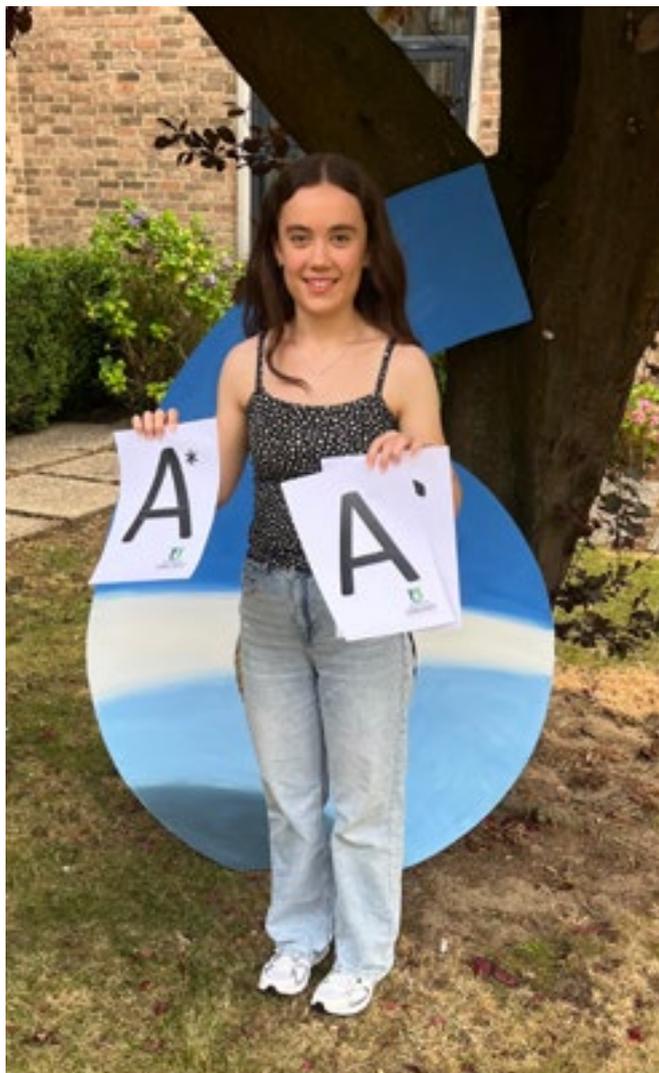
LONGCROFT
THE EAST YORKSHIRE
SIXTH FORM

A summer of success for our Sixth Form!

We were delighted to see so many of our students achieve great outcomes this summer across a wide range of A levels and Level 3 courses. A significant number of our subjects are now performing amongst the highest colleges in the country in terms of the progress students make from their GCSEs. This is a testament to the support, care and guidance provided by our staff, within our student community and our parents and carers.

There were exceptional performances in a number of subjects with close to half of all grades in Maths and Sciences at A or A*. Arts and Social Sciences also boasted A* outcomes and across the curriculum the progress pupils have made over the last two years compares favourably with national benchmarks. Many students achieved top grades across their range of subjects and there have been numerous inspirational stories of specific achievement along with the exciting next steps they are now looking forward to.





Edward studied four A Levels. Having earned A* and A grades in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics, he is looking forward to studying at the University of Hull.

Rosie, who is going to read Theoretical Physics at York University, achieved a suite of top grades at A* and A. On receiving her results, she commented: "It feels great, albeit a bit weird opening the envelope this morning. I'm really pleased with what I've achieved and to be taking my next steps at York University."

Harvey, who will be reading Accounting and Financial Management in Sheffield, said: "I worked hard, especially in Maths, so it's a relief to be rewarded with the top grades. I'm now looking forward to university and hoping to secure a placement abroad."

I am both delighted and proud that such a wonderful group of young people achieved so well and look forward to keeping in touch and hearing about the next exciting stage of their lives.

Year 12 – New Arrivals!

It has been great this week to welcome our new Year 12 cohort with more students joining us each day. Students have had an induction and been familiarising themselves with their Sixth Form study spaces before beginning lessons which are now in full swing. It has been great to see so many of our young people return following their success in the summer. There will be lots of welcome events, information and guidance for families over the coming weeks so please do look out for further details.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 11th September – Welcome to the Sixth Form Information Evening for parents of our new Year 12 students.

Thursday 18th September – UCAS Information Evening for parents of Year 13 students.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Mr Chapman
Head of Sixth Form





SAFEGUARDING



Mr Rogers writes:

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

Longcroft holds keeping children safe at the very heart of everything we do. Our commitment to an effective safeguarding culture is to ensure a secure environment in which children can feel safe, confident and happy as they learn and grow. This includes delivering a carefully constructed curriculum to promote their personal development and the correct documents, policies, procedures and recording processes in place.

We will always ensure that children have a voice and are listened to. In addition, our staff undergo regular and extensive training so that they can look out for signs that children might display which raise concerns. We embed a culture of safeguarding by, for example:

- » Ensuring confidence in 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.
- » Ensuring awareness of school related issues and trends, along with knowledge of concerns in the wider community.
- » Recognising that anyone can become a perpetrator, regardless of faith, religion, background, or gender.
- » 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 relevant 'sharing of information' guidance.

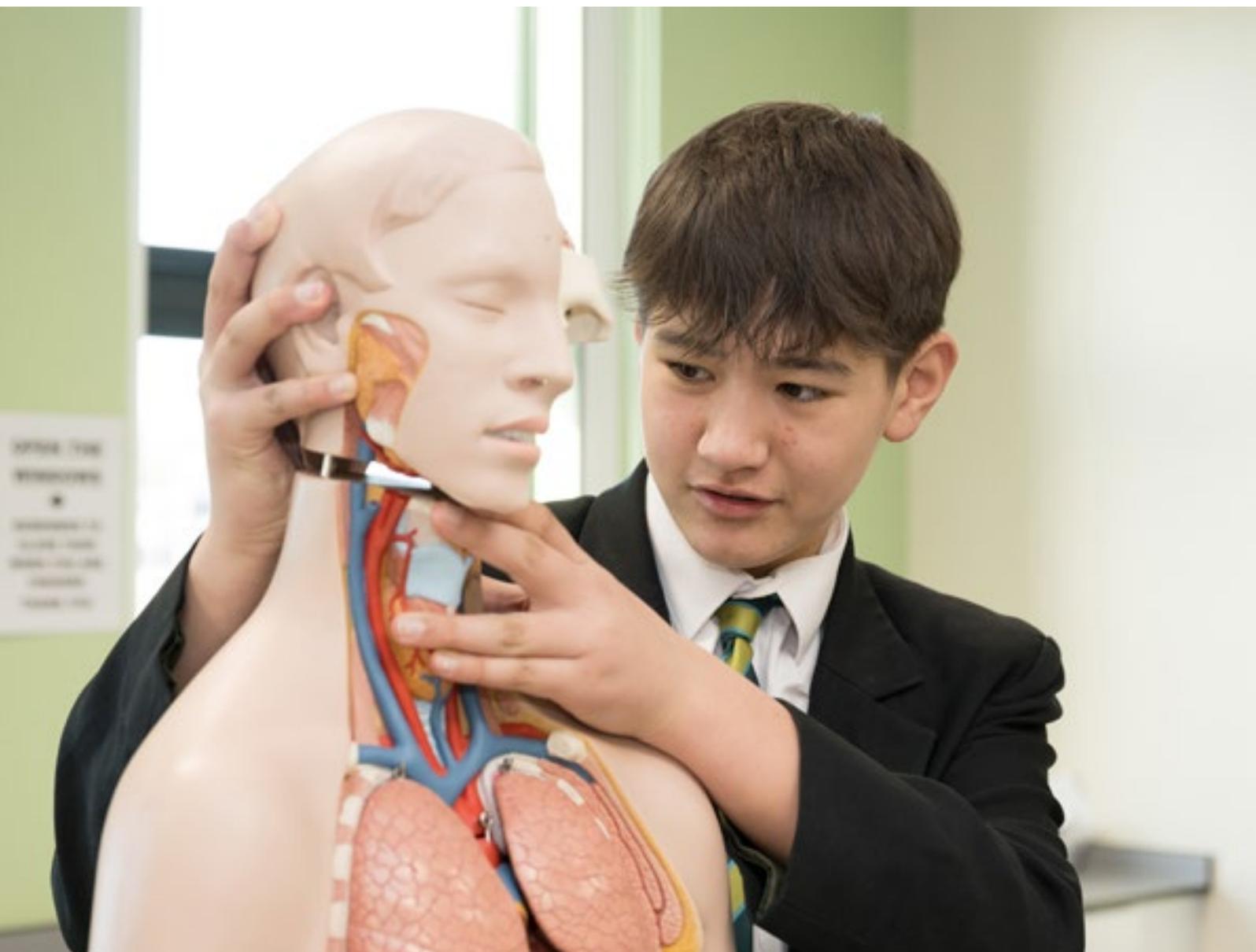
If as a parent you have any concerns please contact your child's Care and Achievement Co-ordinator in the first instance. Their telephone numbers are published at the end of this Newsletter. You can also find our policy documentation and guidance on the school website.

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 Newsletter articles are often focused around safeguarding and will offer practical advice to parents regarding a wide range of issues such as 'keeping safe online' and 'relationships'.

We also ensure relevant issues are explored appropriately with pupils through our personal development curriculum, which includes assemblies and tutor time. Thank you for your support in ensuring we maintain a culture and environment that ensures our children are safe, supported and able to thrive

Mr Rogers | Deputy Headteacher





Pupils Going Nuts for Languages!



Pupils study either French or Spanish throughout Key Stage 3, with many going on to study their foreign language at GCSE and beyond. Languagenut is designed to support and empower pupils in their study of French and Spanish.

The platform provides a comprehensive suite of resources for exam preparation and language mastery. With thousands of expertly designed activities, Languagenut ensures pupils develop core language skills, offering 8,000 comprehensive exam-style questions, an extensive vocabulary bank of more than 2,500 words in French and Spanish, verb conjugation exercises across a wide range of 60 verbs and tenses, a phonics section where pupils can practise their pronunciation across a range of engaging activities, a sentence building section with chunks and whole sentence activities, and much more!

We are delighted with the enthusiasm shown by pupils for Languagenut and last year saw the introduction of a new award as we celebrated the Language Nutter of the Week.

Last year's top scoring Nutters were:

Levi Petherbridge – 1,782,400 points

Holly Artley Tolson – 677,100 points

Anika Matta – 565,000 points

Ben Smedley – 508,900 points

Ms Shepherd said,

"Pupils across the year groups are enjoying the challenge provided by Languagenut - I look forward to celebrating pupils' commitment and progress each week. Congratulations to our top scoring Nutters from the last academic year!"





Memory Lane

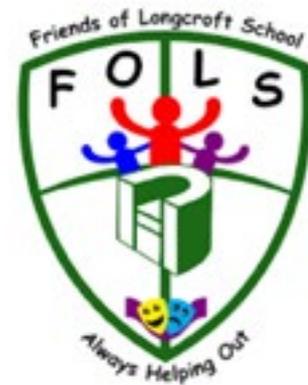
This week we take a trip back to the year 2000 and feature our Year 10 boys' hockey team who won the East Riding Schools' Under 15 League. The boys were presented with the shield and certificates by West Ham United and England legend Sir Trevor Brooking.



WE HAVE FUNDED



- ✓ 6th form TV / display unit
- ✓ Free books for Year 7s
- ✓ Reading room development



FRIENDS OF LONGCROFT SCHOOL (FOLS)

The Friends of Longcroft School (FOLS) would like to extend a warm welcome to the Year 7 pupils and families who are joining the Longcroft family in September. We would also like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves and invite you to join us.

The Friends of Longcroft School are a group of parents and carers who work together to run events throughout the school year to raise money that is reinvested into the school, to fund equipment or experiences for the majority of pupils at Longcroft School which cannot be covered by the limited school budgets.



GET INVOLVED

The FOLS sell refreshments at school production evenings and parent consultation evenings, seek funding through external grants and hold a monthly cash draw where parents can win £15 a month.

Contact Us

fols@longcroft.eriding.net



Find out more about our events

FOLS Online

Facebook - Friends of Longcroft School





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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