



# LONGCROFT

—SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE—

## NEWS LETTER



**"I enjoy playing and I can't wait to represent Longcroft!"**

**Pupils Preparing for a**

**Season of Success!**

Longcroft has an enviable tradition of success in sport and pupils are eagerly anticipating the start of another season of fixtures.

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Olivia said, "I enjoy representing Longcroft because you get to play alongside your friends and it's nice to compete against other schools."

Brad, who plays football, said, "I enjoy playing, and play for East Riding Rangers. I'm looking forward to playing against different schools and I think we'll have a decent team."

Head of PE Mr Nicholls explained, "I have been thoroughly impressed by the attitude, effort, and enthusiasm shown by our pupils, not just in lessons, but across the wide range of extracurricular clubs on offer. Their commitment to sport and physical activity, whether competitively or just for enjoyment, is truly inspiring. It speaks volumes about the values of this school and the importance placed on personal development, teamwork, and resilience."

He added, "The level of participation in after-school clubs and sports fixtures has been exceptional. Pupils from all year groups are showing a genuine passion for staying active, supporting one another, and striving to improve. It's clear that PE and school sports are thriving here, and that is a credit to the pupils, Sixth Form students, their families, and the staff who give their time so generously."



# Longcroft School and Sixth Form



## You are invited to our Open Evening

Wednesday 24th September  
5:00pm - 8:00pm

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## Headteacher's Welcome

**This week the Parish Councils of both Beverley Town and Molescroft have independently voted to support our school with substantial grants.**

These will be directed towards our First Story writing project, a now well established programme at Longcroft which has led to several years of our children's work being published in the British Library. We will now secure an author in residence who will support a wide range of reading and writing initiatives, including access to national competitions, in which we now have an impressive track record of success. We are incredibly grateful for the support from both Councils and look forward to welcoming representatives to visit Longcroft soon, as well as exploring ways that we can work together in continued service to our communities.

It has been a privilege to attend the parish council meetings and represent Longcroft alongside our literacy lead and librarian, Ms Carvill, and chair of the FOLS, Rebecca Chapman, who has brilliantly led the application processes. These are the most recent of a number of successful bids driven by the FOLS which have accrued £2500 towards reading initiatives including developing a new social reading space. Without the support these grants will provide and the hard work of the FOLS we would not be able to deliver all of the wonderful initiatives that contribute to our culture of reading and writing and the many profound benefits that they create for our children across the school.

Throughout this week I've enjoyed visiting lessons and talking to pupils and students about their experiences over these early weeks of the new academic year. I have been thoroughly impressed by the quality of presentation both with respect to uniform and through work in books, as well as by the level of focus and commitment demonstrated in lessons. It has also been fabulous to see pupils involved in our many extracurricular clubs and sporting fixtures as the busy autumn schedule begins.

We have also been planning this week for our SEND parental engagement programme 2025/26. Following the success of recent years, this will continue to bring together

expert practitioners and a range of local services to support families and promote the help and support available to our young people, including through valued expert partners. Senior leaders will be meeting with parents in the coming weeks to individually discuss the support currently in place for their children and consider any further opportunities to develop their provision. We received some wonderful feedback last year and it was great to hear many of our staff specifically acknowledged for the work they have done with particular children, as well as being able to celebrate some of the amazing progress that has been made through a range of targeted intervention and support programmes. Further information will follow soon.

At Longcroft we believe passionately in the importance of knowing and valuing each and every young person, and spending time with families helps us to learn even more about them. Every member of our community is unique and brings something special and different to our community. Events like those captured here and in our Newsletter are a great opportunity to celebrate just that.

Next Wednesday, we have our annual Open Evening with record numbers again having booked spaces to attend. We have been overwhelmed with volunteers to support the event from tour guides to subject ambassadors and our young people always represent us so well. I look forward sharing some pictures and reflections on the event next week and please do share the good news of Longcroft, encouraging anyone considering transition to secondary school to come and find out more. Remember, we are now amongst the highest performing schools anywhere in the region and are the best attended secondary school in the East Riding of Yorkshire!

I hope you enjoy reading more about what our young people have been getting involved with in this edition of our Newsletter. Have a great week.

**Mr D Perry**  
Headteacher



# 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**

**5,779**

**THOUGHT**

**33,770**

**VISION**

**41,861**

**GRAND**

**TOTAL:**

**81,410**





# LOWER SCHOOL



## Mr Worthington writes:

**Firstly, congratulations to our fantastic Year 7 pupils on the outstanding start they have made to their years at Longcroft – clearly evidenced by their attendance. Last week pupils enjoyed some Longcroft Golden Heart chocolates to celebrate their 100% year group attendance!**

At Longcroft, we've always taken great pride in nurturing the Performing Arts, and this week marked a joyful beginning to another exciting year. Our first rehearsals were full of energy and promise, and we held our first Production meeting to begin planning the performances ahead. I'm genuinely excited to see what unfolds over the coming months. Mr Perry and I were thrilled to see a large number of a pupils attend the first session, what a fantastic turnout!

It's not just the arts that are thriving, our sports clubs are buzzing too! We've seen brilliant engagement from our Key Stage 3 pupils. It's inspiring to see so many young people getting involved and making the most of the opportunities available. This week I enjoyed taking the Lower School girls' football session where we had a small game and finished with some penalties and one-touch shooting drills. It's fantastic to see how the Lionesses have inspired our next generation of female footballers. One pupil has even mastered the Chloe Kelly style penalty complete with run up. There were also a lot of pupils participating in our netball club.

With fixtures coming up against other schools, there will be plenty of opportunities to train. For those that do not get picked first time, I would encourage you keep attendance up. Due to the high participation of our clubs, some pupils





may have to exercise patience before representing the school, but we do like to give all an opportunity to wear their Longcroft colours with pride.

Next week, we're looking forward to welcoming families to our Open Evening on Wednesday 24th September. It's a wonderful chance to showcase our incredible facilities and the vibrant life of our school. If you'd like to join us, you can book your place at [www.heartthoughtvision.co.uk](http://www.heartthoughtvision.co.uk).

At Longcroft, we believe that education is about more than just lessons, it's about experiences that shape young lives. Our extensive programme of activities and visits offers pupils the chance to explore, discover, and grow. Whether it's taking part in local sports fixtures, walking the stunning East Yorkshire coast, or simply enjoying the natural beauty around us, there's something for everyone.

We're also proud to offer unforgettable international trips that enrich our curriculum and create lifelong memories. From ski adventures to cultural explorations in New York, these experiences inspire and broaden horizons. I recently had the privilege of joining our Upper School pupils on a trip to Iceland; seeing the Northern Lights was truly magical. There are more exciting opportunities planned for this year!

Our location is a gift, surrounded by beautiful countryside and equipped with some of the best facilities in the region. From our Sports Hall and 3G floodlit pitch to dedicated spaces for dance, drama, music, and even a recording studio. Longcroft is a place where talents flourish. Our site is alive with activity, hosting local and regional sports fixtures and bringing our community together.

We celebrate diversity and inclusion in everything we do. Whether it's joining the Rainbow Council or diving into a Dungeons & Dragons adventure, there's a place for everyone here. At Longcroft School, everyone is welcome; we grow, learn, and thrive together.

**Mr Worthington**  
Head of Lower School





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



### Year 7

Effi Baldwin  
Amy Shiels  
Ella Barry  
Memet Akkus  
Leo Pardoe  
Aleks Williams  
Ben Clarke  
Freddie Peacock  
Eloise McIntosh  
Hollie Sutcliffe-Storr

### Year 8

Gracie Barber  
Rhys Thompson  
William Battye  
Rory Buck  
Sebastian Tomlin  
Amy Charge  
Leon Zielinski  
Evie Pardoe  
Millie Frampton  
Madison Key

### Year 9

Imogen Trolle  
Oliver Albrow  
Tymofii Merkulov  
Jake Redmond  
Leonid Vaskov  
Ryan Russell  
Angel Butler-Shorrocks  
Chloe Turner  
Isaac Savage  
Harry Hugill

## Attendance Matters!

Each week we reflect on the importance of attendance at school by giving ClassCharts rewards for Great Vision to every pupil with 100% attendance the previous week. These pupils are then entered into a draw and the winner receives a £5 Amazon voucher.

### Last week's winners were:

Year 7: Layla Evans

Year 8: Max Castley

Year 9: Pennie Sonley Kilkenny



# UPPER SCHOOL



## Mr Henderson writes:

Firstly, congratulations to Year 10 from Mr Cassidy and Mrs Newsam. The pupils have made a really encouraging, positive start to their GCSE courses and I am looking forward to working with them throughout their time as Upper School pupils.

## Careers Expo

I am very much looking forward to our Longcroft Careers Expo on Wednesday 22nd October. This promises to be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to find out more about routes into various careers, training pathways and study opportunities. We will welcome employers and also apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities so there really will be something for everyone! Any providers out there who would like to participate in the evening are welcome – please get in touch!

Several Upper School pupils have enjoyed success in activities they enjoy outside school.

Charlie Woolfitt, who is in Year 10, has enjoyed great success in karting. At the weekend he finished testing in preparation for the final round of the British Championships

in Newark. Charlie is currently sixth and in line for a ticket to the World Championships in Bahrain!

Year 11 pupil Primrose Kilgannon plays netball for White Cross Netball Club. At the weekend her team played a tournament in York and qualified for the regionals which will be held in Sheffield on Sunday.

Year 10 pupil Olivia Lax won a dance competition – Olivia dances at Neon Dance School in Doncaster and the competition took place at Doncaster Dome. Olivia won her slowdance competition.

It is great to hear that our pupils are engaging in so many positive activities both in school and during their evenings and weekends!

### 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



# LONGCROFT CAREERS EXPO 2025



## When

October 22nd, 2025

**Session 1:** 2.10pm to 3.10pm

**Session 2:** 4.15pm to 7.00pm

*Attendance welcome at one or both*

**Refreshments provided between sessions**

## Who

We are looking for exhibitors from all sectors of education and employment to share routes into their profession and insights into day-to-day work experiences, as well as any training pathways and study opportunities.

## We welcome.:

- ✓ Employers
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Colleges
- ✓ Universities



## Booking

Exhibitors - if you're able to support us, please book your place by scanning the QR code



### We are aiming to...

.. allow our young people to engage with more providers, professionals and potential future opportunities than ever before.



### Pupil engagement..

.. is streamlined using a tested approach of bringing Year 9 and 10 for structured interactions in session 1 before welcoming Year 9-13 students and their families for session 2.



### The future is bright..

.. for our amazing young people. This is a great opportunity to establish your organisation with our community and invest in their incredible potential.



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GREAT HEART, THOUGHT AND VISION

## **CAREER OF THE WEEK: Wind Turbine Technician**

### **What does a wind turbine technician do?**

Wind turbine technicians install, maintain and repair wind farm turbines. They can work in remote rural areas or at sea. They work at height and outdoors in all weather. It can be a very exciting career.

Day-to-day duties could include installing wind turbine towers, fitting electrical, mechanical and hydraulic equipment, testing turbine blades and control systems, carrying out planned maintenance work, finding and fixing faults, and running safety checks on electrical substations and cables.



As wind turbines are a form of green energy you will also be doing your bit to positively impact the planet.

### **What can I expect to earn as a wind turbine technician?**

Salaries start around £20,000 - £25,000 per year and increase with experience. They can go up to around £47,000.

### **What subjects should I study to become a wind turbine technician?**

You will need qualifications in English and maths in order to become a wind turbine technician. Courses in science, engineering or design and technology may also be useful.

### **How can I start my career as a wind turbine technician?**

There are various routes you could take to become a wind turbine technician. You could do a college course, such as mechanical, electrical or maintenance engineering, which could help you to get a job as a trainee with a wind turbine engineering company.

You could do an advanced apprenticeship such as engineering technician, or maintenance and operations engineering technician.

You could also do a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in a subject like renewable energy engineering, electrical or mechanical engineering, or electrical power engineering.

Courses that include the opportunity to gain work experience through a year in industry or summer internship can give you an advantage when applying for jobs.

Alternatively, if you have qualifications and experience in electrical or mechanical engineering from another industry, or from the armed forces, you could apply directly for jobs.

To research local education and training opportunities that could lead to a career as a wind turbine technician, visit our partner website [www.logonmoveon.co.uk](http://www.logonmoveon.co.uk)

### **Useful websites to find out more about a career as a wind turbine technician:**

RenewableUK <https://www.renewableuk.com/page/Careers>

The Humber Offshore Wind Cluster <https://www.humberoffshorewindcluster.co.uk/>

Offshore Wind Skills Intelligence Report

[https://www.owic.org.uk/files/ugd/1c0521\\_94c1d5e74ec14b59afc44cebe2960f62.pdf](https://www.owic.org.uk/files/ugd/1c0521_94c1d5e74ec14b59afc44cebe2960f62.pdf)

Women into Manufacturing & Engineering <https://greenporthull.co.uk/jobs-training/women-into-manufacturing-and-engineering>





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### Year 10

Daniel Kemp  
Kamila Canniffe  
Brenton McKie  
Ruby Rogers  
Lily Hardman  
Lily Curtis  
George Coughlin  
Muireann Kennedy  
Aaron Davies  
Thomas Goodwin  
Harry Dixon

### Year 11

Sam Al Budri  
Ellie Eaton  
Lily Mae Tierney  
Cody Keenan  
Emily Moon  
Lexie Burke  
Maisie Monaghan  
Hayden Lax  
Dylan Noble  
Lucas Edwards

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Year 10: Ava Curley

Year 11: Charlie Wyeth



*Mr Chapman writes:*



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SIXTH FORM

## Celebrating Mathematical Talent at Longcroft School

We are proud to announce that five of our Year 12 students will be participating in the Mathematical Competition for Girls, a prestigious new initiative designed to inspire and challenge young female mathematicians across the UK.

The UK Mathematics Trust works to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The Trust aims to achieve this in particular, but not exclusively, by organising and running mathematics competitions.

Mrs Low said, "This exciting opportunity not only showcases the exceptional talent and enthusiasm for mathematics among our students, but also supports the national effort to encourage more young women to pursue their passion for the subject."

We wish our students the very best as they take on this challenge – and we look forward to celebrating their achievements!

We are also entering 8 of our current Sixth Form students for the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge on 9th October.

## Thriving in The Sixth Form: Making the Most of Your Final School Years

Stepping into the Sixth Form represents a unique stage in your educational journey. It is a time of greater independence, responsibility, and personal growth. For many, it is the bridge between the structured environment of school and the freedom of university, work, or apprenticeships. Making the most of these two years involves more than just turning up to lessons; it is about embracing opportunities, developing good habits, and engaging with the wider school community.





## Embracing Academic Challenge

A Levels and equivalent Sixth Form courses are a step up from GCSEs. The workload is heavier, the content more demanding, and the expectation for independent study far greater. Success in the Sixth Form comes from engaging proactively with your subjects – read beyond the syllabus, ask questions in class, and make use of the resources your teachers recommend.

One of the best habits to cultivate early is consistent, active revision. Rather than leaving all your study to the weeks before exams, review your notes weekly and consolidate your understanding as you go. Flashcards, mind maps, and self testing can all help reinforce learning. If you find a topic challenging, address it early—seek help from teachers, talk to classmates, or use online resources. The Sixth Form is not just about passing exams; it lays the intellectual foundation for your future.

## Balancing Work and Wellbeing

While academic success is important, caring for your wellbeing is equally vital. Sixth Form study can be stressful, particularly as deadlines and exams approach, so balance is key. Establish a routine that includes breaks, hobbies, and social time alongside your studies.

Physical health supports mental health. Eating well, getting enough sleep, and exercising regularly will keep you energised and focused. Even a short daily walk, joining a school sports team, or practising mindfulness can make a difference. Do not hesitate to seek support if you feel overwhelmed. Our Sixth Form staff are there to help you navigate challenges.





## Getting Involved in School Life

Your Sixth Form experience is about more than just lessons and coursework. Join clubs and societies, take part in school productions, or help in a Lower School class. These activities build teamwork skills, confidence, and friendships that can last long beyond these two years.

Volunteering and leadership roles are also excellent ways to contribute to the school community. Consider becoming a peer mentor, helping with lower school activities, or joining the student ambassador team. Such experiences not only enrich your time in school but also strengthen your personal statement or CV for future applications.

## Planning for the Future

The Sixth Form is also the time to think seriously about your next step. Whether your goal is university, an apprenticeship, employment, or a gap year, preparation is essential. Attend careers talks, explore open days, and discuss your interests with teachers or the careers office.



If you are considering university, start researching courses early. Look beyond the subject title—course content, assessment methods, and location can vary widely. For apprenticeships or work placements, look for opportunities to gain relevant experience or skills now. The Sixth Form gives you a chance to explore interests, test your strengths, and refine your goals.

## Building Independence and Life Skills

Beyond the curriculum, the Sixth Form offers an ideal chance to develop skills that will serve you for life. Time management, organisation, and self motivation are crucial for success now and in the future. Use planners or digital tools to manage deadlines, and break larger tasks into smaller, achievable steps.

You will also become more responsible for your own learning. Teachers will guide and support you, but they will expect you to take ownership of your progress. This independence can be liberating, but it requires discipline. Learning how to prioritise, meet commitments, and solve problems will prepare you for adulthood far more than any single assignment.

## Making Memories and Looking Ahead

Finally, enjoy the experience. The Sixth Form is a unique time when you are old enough to enjoy greater freedom yet still part of a familiar community. Take photos, join trips, celebrate milestones, and make the most of the friendships you form.

When you look back, the memories will not just be of exams or essays, but of the people you met, the challenges you overcame, and the moments you stepped outside your comfort zone. The Sixth Form is not simply a stepping stone—it is a transformative period that shapes who you are and who you will become.

By embracing challenge, balancing work and wellbeing, engaging with the community, and planning for the future, you can make these years truly rewarding. Your journey through the Sixth Form is yours to shape—make it count.

**Mr Chapman**  
Head of Sixth Form



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# CYBER SWITCHUP 2025

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ONLINE QUALIFIERS HELD DURING OCTOBER &  
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# SAFEGUARDING



*Mr Rogers writes:*

## Introducing Cyber Switch Up 2025!

We are pleased to announce that the Yorkshire & Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit in conjunction with their Partners are once again running the hugely successful Cyber Switch Up competition in 2025. Pupils and Sixth Form students are warmly invited to get involved! The information below is from the Unit's Cyber Prevent Team.

This year's competition is being sponsored by Amazon Web Services and is open to all pupils in Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 in schools and colleges exclusively across the Yorkshire & Humber region.

The competition is delivered in two parts: an online qualifier that will be open between **29th September – 26th October 2025** consisting of a series of timed cyber and digital themed questions and exercises, all appropriate to the respective age groups (one entry per pupil). The online qualifier can be completed individually at home, but wherever possible, we do encourage teachers to deliver this as a classroom session.

Registration for the online qualifier is simple and can be completed via our website. All pupils who completed the online qualifier will be awarded an e-Certificate of Participation.

The top performers for each Key Stage for the online qualifier will then be invited to the in-person live finals day on **Tuesday 25th November 2025** at the **University of Hull** to represent their school or college. The finalists across the Yorkshire &





Humber region in each Key Stage will compete for trophies and prizes for themselves and their schools or colleges. No finalist will go home empty handed. Also featuring at the finals day will be informative cyber and digital themed talks by Partners from across industry and academia, numerous exhibition stands and tech demos. There will be lots of opportunities for everyone to get hands on with fun interactive games.

Please take some time to explore the website and watch the promotional video to learn more and stay up to date on Cyber Switch Up 2025 news via our social media channels.

Yorkshire & Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit is committed to reducing cyber crime, promoting safe and lawful behaviours online. We actively support young people in furthering their interests and reaching their potential in higher education and careers in cyber security.

If you have any questions, then please email the team at

[cyberprevent@yhrocu.police.uk](mailto:cyberprevent@yhrocu.police.uk)

We look forward to seeing your school or college participate in the online qualifier competition in October and to all pupils and Sixth Form students participating, good luck!

<https://cyberswitchup.com/>



## Golden Buzzer Winners

At Longcroft we are always looking for new ways to celebrate the hard work, positive behaviour, and kindness displayed by our pupils and Sixth Form students. Last year we introduced a new reward initiative: the 'Golden Buzzer' Award!

Each week, every member of staff will have the opportunity to choose one pupil or Sixth Form student who has stood out to them for a special reason. Whether it's for exceptional work, outstanding effort, or a simple act of kindness, these pupils are recognized with a 'Golden Buzzer'. This award is a way for us to celebrate those who go above and beyond in their daily school life, and it allows us to recognize the wide variety of achievements across our school community.

### What does this mean for your child?

If your child receives a 'Golden Buzzer' from a staff member, they will be invited to our exclusive Hot Chocolate Friday during tutor time. This is a special opportunity for our Golden Buzzer winners to celebrate their success in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

We believe that recognising pupils' achievements, whether big or small, plays an important role in building confidence and fostering a positive school environment. This initiative will encourage all pupils to work hard, be kind, and help create a strong sense of community at our school.

**Mr Rogers**

**Deputy Headteacher**



## A huge congratulations to our latest Golden Buzzer winners!

Oliver Albrow 9JNC  
Luke Anderson 8GRU  
Holly Barber 11ASC  
Lexie Burke 11ASC  
Oscar Buxton 10EMN  
Arnie Carr 9LWO  
Henry Coates 9NFO  
Alfie El-Sharif 11NST

Curtis Gordon 10GTA  
Millie Grebby 9EFO  
Joshua Hall 9EFO  
Lucas Hall 8ESH  
Oscar Lawson 9ACR  
Eloise McIntosh 7JHL  
Ben Muralee 9LWO  
Niamh Raw 10PDV

Zak Robinson 8JPO  
Mia Selleck 11PDR  
Charlotte Sutcliffe 10PDV  
Hollie Sutcliffe-Storr 7JHL  
Sebastian Tomlin 8JPO  
Alissia Williams 8GRU





# Extra Curricular Activities

## Tuesday

### CHOIR

This is open to all pupils and Sixth Form students – no audition is required.

Room 64 from 3:15 until 4pm.

### FOOTBALL

'Come and Play' sessions are open to all – separate sessions for boys and girls.

3G from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

### NETBALL

A session for Lower School pupils in Years 7 – 9.

Netball courts from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

All year groups and staff are welcome to join Ms Sinclair. Character sheets and dice are provided!

Library from 3.10-4.30pm.

## Wednesday

### CHESS CLUB

Library at lunchtime.

### ORCHESTRA

Open to all instrumentalists.

Room 64 from 3:15 until 4pm.

### RUGBY

A session for Lower School pupils in Years 7 – 9.

Field from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

### NETBALL

A session for Upper School pupils in Years 10 and 11,

Netball courts from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

### HOCKEY

Sports Hall from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

### TABLE TENNIS

Gym from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

## Thursday

### MUSICAL THEATRE

Open to all pupils and Sixth Form students – no audition is required.

Theatre from 3:15 until 4:30pm

### GIRLS' FOOTBALL

3G from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

## Friday

### BADMINTON

Sports Hall from 3.15 until 4.10pm.



# South Cave Panthers

## Under 14- 25/26 Season

**We are seeking  
2 outfield players  
for the new season**

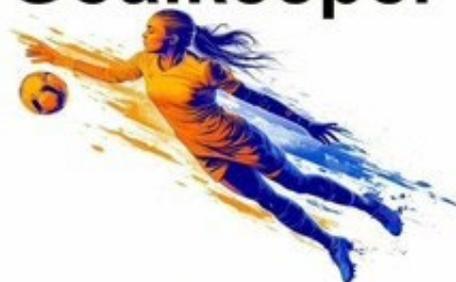


*We only  
do  
positive.*

**Any experience welcome  
We train Wednesdays  
If you would like to come  
along please get in touch**



**And a  
Goalkeeper**



**Contact our Coach  
Lee Coulson  
07502599060**





# 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.

**Congratulations to this week's top scoring Nutters!**

**Oscar Purchon** –  
69,200 points

**Frankie Gray** –  
59,200 points

**Watson Mackevych** –  
59,000 points

**Henry Konieczko-Hansom** –  
58,300 points

**Jacob Bradley** –  
56,700 points

**Joshua Bradley** –  
53,700 points

**Jack Denyer** –  
52,300 points

**Megan Morley-Smith** –  
51,000 points

**Seth Donnelly** –  
50,700 points

**George Hogg** –  
50,200 points





# Memory Lane



This week we remember much loved and highly respected teacher and colleague Penny Hansom, nee Hartley, who passed away on Sunday 31st August. Penny enjoyed a wonderful career at Longcroft, mainly teaching Cookery which featured as Domestic Science, Home Economics and latterly Food Technology among other guises. She taught many Longcroft pupils and was regarded highly.

Penny's husband Dave also enjoyed a long, distinguished career at Longcroft while their children Katy and Gill are former students and grandson Henry currently attends our school – our thoughts are with her family and many friends.

We are grateful and honoured that donations are being collected for our Friends of Longcroft School.

We hope the montage of photos will stir happy memories and that a selection of comments from former pupils demonstrate the impression Penny made on so many during a life well-lived and a career to be proud of.



*"Remembering you as a great domestic science teacher."*

*"We had some good times Mrs Hansom in cooking."*

*"Best cookery teacher Longcroft ever had, RIP Miss."*

*"Not only a fabulous teacher when I was a student at Longcroft but a lovely lady to have as a colleague in later years."*





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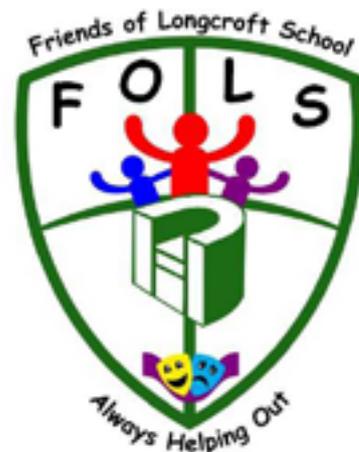
# NEWS

# LETTER





# The Friends' Corner



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Charity Reg No. 515674

**Do you fancy a chance at winning £15, whilst helping the Friends of Longcroft School?**

The FOLS run a monthly cash draw where you can win £15 with each monthly draw.

All you have to do is buy an annual entry via ParentPay (listed under FOLS cash draw) for £12 and the FOLS will do the rest. The £12 pays for a monthly entry for a full year.

**Each month there is a draw and if you win, you will receive £15.**

Any profit from the draw is reinvested into the school by the FOLS so every child benefits!

You'll find the cash draw on ParentPay.

The FOLS will be selling refreshments at the **Open Evening** on **24th September**, so if you are attending please come and visit us in the Year 11 Canteen. Even if you just buy a can of Coke, it all helps and profits go into the school. Every penny counts as they say!



**Ms Carvill writes:**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### The Bookbuzz Books are here!

Every year, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Longcroft, FOLS, Longcroft is delighted to offer every new Year 7 pupil their very own free book to celebrate their arrival at Longcroft and to demonstrate how much reading matters to our school. We are one of just over 1,200 schools in the UK who is fortunate to participate in the Bookbuzz reading for pleasure programme, designed to empower young readers to make choices and take ownership of what they read.

Pupils can choose from a range of 16 amazing fiction and non-fiction titles, specially selected by a panel of librarians and teachers and targeted at a range of abilities and interests.

Sample copies of all the books are on display in the Main Library, where pupils can discuss the books with staff, read passages and blurbs, and listen to the 16 authors recommend their books in the Bookbuzz video. Once they've read their book pupils can borrow the others from the library, and recommend what they like to their friends.

“It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations – something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own.”  
 —Katherine Patterson, children’s author



Reading regularly and choosing what to read can have a huge impact on encouraging pupils’ language and literacy development, general progress across all subjects and health and wellbeing.

This year the 16 books include two which are already being read by Year 7 and 8 in their Reading Aloud sessions on Tuesdays in form time, Katherine Rundell’s award winning fantasy adventure Impossible Creatures,



and Hiba Noor Khan's exquisitely told Safiyyah's War. Another favourite, which was on this year's Carnegie longlist is *Fallout* by Lesley Parr, a thought-provoking novel about what it's like to be born into the wrong family and have to fight to become the person you deserve to be. Below are some brief descriptions of some of the books to get our pupils buzzing about what they're going to pick to read as their free book. Further works will be featured next week.



### **Hercules: The Diary of a (sort of) hero by Tom Vaughan**

AR Colour Code – Blue

Oh dear, Hercules Braver's new start at secondary school has not gone to plan. He's soon the target for the school bully and definitely on the wrong side of the headteacher.

Enter his absent handsome Greek dad, Zooley, who unbeknown to Hercules is a celebrity with a gold-plated sports car. Suddenly Hercules is popular, but what about his old friends? Those that stood by him when he needed them most.

Written in diary format with some fun illustrations and lots of fascinating Greek mythology, this book will have you laughing out loud. Funny and tender.

### **The Fallout by Lesley Parr**

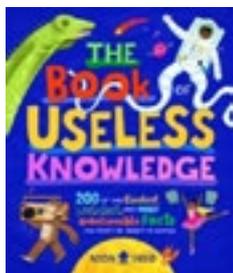
AR Colour Code – Green

Set in summer 1980, this thought-provoking coming-of-age novel asks some challenging questions about how it feels to be born with low expectations and know everyone thinks you are bad news.

Marcus has just been suspended from school, and his brother is in a detention centre. Dad is planning a robbery. Crime runs through the family's blood. But Marcus wants something else, and when new girl Emma arrives and sees Marcus differently it seems someone has faith in him. That is until a man is put in hospital following a horrendous incident. Why has Marcus got the blame? Can he and Emma clear his name?



A gripping read.



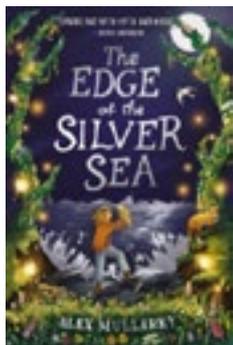
### **The Book of Useless Knowledge by Sophie Allan, Dr Victoria Atkinson, Dr Brittany G. Borowiec, Laura Buller, Dr Lucia Perez Diaz, Anna Goldfield and Dr Yara Haridy, illustrated by Hannah Li, Alexander Mostov and Liz Kay**

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If you love facts this non-fiction read is the book for you!

Do you know how many brains an octopus has, or why you shouldn't drink fizzy drinks in space? This brilliant book is exploding with over 200 fun facts about nature, the earth, history, space and culture, all researched by scientific experts.

Colourful illustrations add to its accessibility. Fun to dip in and out of or read from cover to cover. Great for budding scientists.



### **The Edge of the Silver Sea by Alex Mullarky**

**AR Colour Code – Red**

How would you feel if your parents decided to uproot the whole family to a neglected house on a remote Scottish island? Blair is enraged. Will she ever get home? When a strange woman promises to grant Blair's wish to return to normality she jumps at the chance. Yes may not have been the right answer though; suddenly she finds she's entered into a dangerous bargain, and the fate of the island is in Blair's hands.

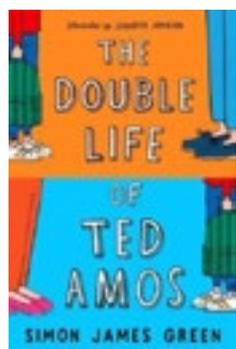
A delicate blend of contemporary life pitched against dark magical and fantastical elements. Blair is a great character who drives the story along.

### **Lunar by Chris Bradford, illustrated by Charlotte Grange**

**AR Colour Code – Blue – Dyslexia-friendly**

This dyslexia-friendly novella finds Luna stranded on the Moon following a hailstone storm. Luna knows the moon, she lives there helping her Moon Miner dad search for valuable minerals, but now she needs to be rescued. Can she find the courage and knowledge to survive until help comes? It's going to be a nail-biting race against time.

A great blend of science fiction and science facts, this exciting adventure is packed with knowledge. Just how do you go to the loo whilst wearing a space suit? Fun and accessible with great illustrations.



### **The Double Life of Ted Amos by Simon James Green, illustrated by Jennifer Jamieson**

**AR Colour Code – Blue**

Edward Amos in Year 7 does not enjoy being called 'Bin Juice Boy' by everyone but his best friend Archie. The buddies hang out, write each other silly notes and dress up in Star Wars outfits. Everyone else bullies Edward.

Things change following his parents split, and the chance for Edward to reinvent himself as cool Ted. Unfortunately, to maintain his new persona Edward has to tell lots of lies – and he's going to be found out.

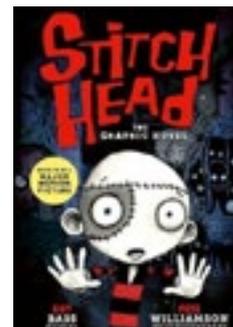
This is a really funny read with lots of life messages about being true to yourself.

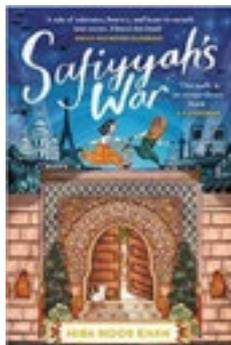
### **Stitch Head: the graphic novel by Guy Bass, illustrated by Pete Williamson**

**AR Colour Code – Blue**

This action-packed graphic novel is a must for reluctant readers or those that feast on brilliant illustrations and awash with atmosphere with text. Stitch Head was the first creature to be created by Professor Erasmus but others, monstrous creations, have followed and now Stitch Head must protect the town, but who can he trust?

Elements of black humour, thought-provoking, with emotional moments that ask deep questions. Just who are the real monsters – the humans or the creatures?





### Safiyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

AR Colour Code – Purple

I was blown away when I first read this novel in 2023 and learnt about the secret pockets of resistance happening in the Grand Mosque in Paris during World War II following the draconian laws imposed on the Jewish community.

Following the German invasion, violence lurks on every Parisian street corner, and people are hungry and afraid. Safiyah feels powerless as she begins to understand the impact of war, but slowly becomes aware that rebellion is occurring. She is desperate to play her part.

An exquisitely written book, packed with delicate colour and fragrance, destined to become a classic. Superb.

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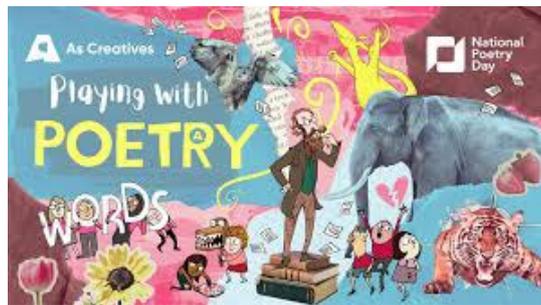
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## National Poetry Day – Thursday 2nd October 2025

National Poetry Day is fast approaching, and we'll be marking the event at school all day on Thursday October 2nd, with lots of activities and resources in classes, and staff and pupils reading poems in the library at lunchtime. It's the biggest mass celebration of poetry in the UK and a wonderful opportunity to share favourite poems and also write some new ones. This year the theme is 'Play' and we're inviting pupils and students to create a poem that expresses their feelings about 'Play'. The poem can be of any length and does not have to rhyme. Prizes will be awarded. Look out for the posters around school. The deadline to submit your entry at the Library is Monday 29th September 2025. To get you thinking have a read of the poem about play below.



### Block City by Robert Louis Stevenson

What are you able to build with your blocks?

Castles and palaces, temples and docks.

Rain may keep raining, and others go roam,

But I can be happy and building at home.

Let the sofa be mountains, the carpet be sea,

There I'll establish a city for me:

A kirk and a mill and a palace beside,

And a harbour as well where my vessels may ride.

Great is the palace with pillar and wall,

A sort of a tower on top of it all,

And steps coming down in an orderly way

To where my toy vessels lie safe in the bay.

This one is sailing and that one is moored:

Hark to the song of the sailors on board!

And see on the steps of my palace, the kings

Coming and going with presents and things!

For more information about National Poetry events and resources visit: <https://forwardartsfoundation.org/national-poetry-day/>

“Poetry is what in a poem makes you laugh, cry, prickle, be silent, makes your toenails twinkle, makes you want to do this or that or nothing, makes you know that you are alone in the unknown world, that your bliss and suffering is forever shared and forever all your own.”

—Dylan Thomas



## 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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