

Consultation Document

Proposal for a Temporary Removal of Sixth-Form Provision

(Change of Age Range: 11–18 → 11–16)

School: Longcroft School and Sixth Form

Why you're receiving this: Our governing body are seeking to receive views from all stakeholders and interested parties with respect to the changes outlined in this proposal. These will be taken into consideration prior to any further decisions being taken.

How to respond: There are a number of ways in which you can share your views regarding this proposal and these are detailed on page 3.

Closing date for responses: 3rd April 2026

1) What we are consulting on

The Governing Body of Longcroft School and Sixth Form is consulting on a **time-limited change of age range from 11–18 to 11–16**. In practical terms, this means:

- **No Year 12 intake in September 2026.** All pupils in **Year 13** will continue through to the end of their programmes and will be unaffected by the change.
- **Likely to be no Year 12 intake in September 2027;** there would therefore be no sixth-form cohorts on roll during academic year 2027/28.
- **Year 12 intake returns in September 2028**

This proposal sits within the statutory maintained-school framework for prescribed alterations (temporary change of age range).

2) Why change is proposed now

a) Local authority proposals to repurpose the current Longcroft estate

The LA have expressed their intention to remove and repurpose a significant area of the current estate, which impacts the entire sixth-form area and means these facilities may be unavailable during the process of them being re-provided. Running sixth-form programmes during major estate displacement would materially constrain delivery and risk significant disruption to learners.

b) Exceptional cohort profile

An extraordinary Year 7 intake five years ago (now Year 11) created a significantly smaller number of pupils in Year 11 and an atypical attainment profile. This has suppressed internal progression and impacted on how well the curriculum is able to meet the needs of the current cohort.

c) Long term financial impact

The financial deficit that would be created by maintaining a Year 12 intake in September 2026 given the above circumstances and the associated impact on student numbers would have a profound and long-lasting impact on the financial viability of the whole school. Statutory funding for 11-16 pupils would have to be redirected and over the recovery period resources that should be available to the whole school would have to be reduced / removed. This places pupils at an unfair disadvantage.

3) What this means for children and families

Current Year 13 (2026/27):

- **Teach-out guaranteed** — students finish at Longcroft with full teaching and exam support. Continuity for this cohort has been considered.

Current Year 11 (2025/26) and Year 11 (2026/27):

- **No Longcroft Year 12 in Sept 2026 or likely Sept 2027.**
- We will provide additional **impartial careers guidance**, application support, including access to local providers (A levels, T Levels, vocational routes) and including **travel information**.

Vulnerable learners / protected characteristics:

- An equality impact assessment will accompany the formal proposal, including mitigations (bursaries, travel support signposting, supported handovers for SEND learners).
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4) Timetable

Milestone	Expected date
Consultation	wc 9 th March 2026
Consultation closes	3 rd April 2026
Governing Body considers consultation report and, if agreed, moves to publish the formal proposal	wc 6 th April 2026
Decision	wc 4 th May 2026
Implementation	September 2026

5) How to have your say

- **Email:** school@longcroft.eriding.net
 - **Post:** AO Governing Body, Longcroft School and Sixth Form, Burton Road, Beverley, HU17 7EJ
 - **Online form:** [Click Here](#)
 - **Student forums:** Details will be provided to pupils and students (will take place in school)
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6) Next steps

If, after this consultation, the Governing Body proceeds, we will:

1. Publish a full proposal document and run a further representation period.
 2. The Local Authority will make a decision having regard to statutory decision factors. If the LA fails to decide in time, cases may be referred to the Schools Adjudicator.
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