



# LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

## NEWS LETTER



"It means so much to see children, proud walking around the town, in their Beverley Town kits and hats."

### Dave is Town's Hero!

**As Beverley celebrated its football team's promotion to the Northern Premier League East on Saturday, their manager reflected with pride on a job well done and another exceptional season.**

Dave Ricardo's qualities as a player were evident throughout his years at Longcroft and he went on to enjoy success locally with such as Bridlington Town and Winterton Rangers before moving into management.

His leadership skills were evident from a young age. Mr Baker explained, "Dave was an obvious choice to captain his school team. He was a talented, determined player, full of enthusiasm, but he could motivate his teammates and his communication skills were impressive – he commanded the respect of the other players."

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Dave delivered unprecedented success during his first spell as Beverley manager, winning two consecutive Humber Premier League titles. He went on to manage Selby Town, Barton Town and Hall Road Rangers before returning to Beverley in 2022.

Now, ably assisted by another former Longcroft student James Bennett, Dave has taken the club to heights they could only dream of when he left the club in 2014. Back in 2022 he explained, "I left because I didn't think (Step 6 football and floodlights) could be done."

Mr Worthington is heavily involved at Beverley Town, running the club's social media and coaching the Beverley Town Ladies. He interviewed Dave following Saturday's victory. Dave said, "We've got a close-knit side. I thought we were really good today - that was one of our best performances of the year."

Dave explained, "It means everything to the football club - it's what we've been working towards. A lot of hard work's gone into this and to finally get over the line is massive. It's been a long journey. The support we've had has been unbelievable."

He added, "This is what success looks like for us."

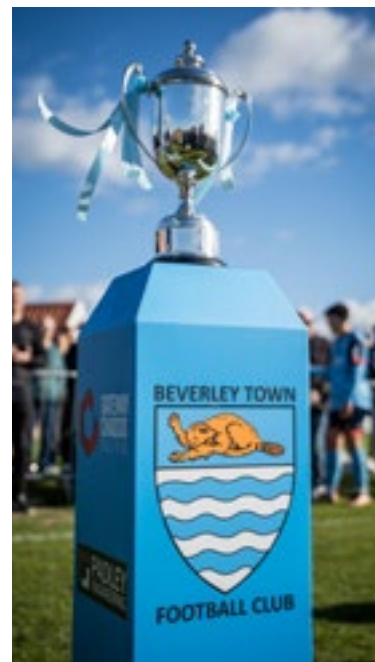
"We represent the town - it's a community club and the town's come together behind us. There's a real pride in Beverley. It means so much to see children, proud walking around the town in their Beverley Town kits and hats."

While Dave's football career has at times taken him away from the town he is very proud of his roots. He concluded, "This is for the people of Beverley. It means a lot to give something back."

Mr Baker said: "Dave is rightly highly regarded as an outstanding manager who is putting Beverley on the map. He is highly skilled, commands respect and deserves his success - he's someone a player would want to work with. Significantly in interviews he focuses on his players and the club's fantastic volunteers - never himself, even though he has been pivotal in the club's growth. I'm proud that a former Longcroft student is having such a positive impact on sport in the town."

Congratulations to Dave, James and Beverley Town on the club's progress and achievements. We look forward to celebrating many more wonderful days in the future!

Thank you to Peter North for allowing us to use the fantastic images taken on an unforgettable day.





## Headteacher's Welcome

**One week into the Summer Term and there is so much to look forward to and get excited about. I do hope you have enjoyed time as families and with friends over the Easter holidays.**

Just before the Easter break we enjoyed celebrating huge numbers of pupils who met our most recent attendance challenge – well done to all! It was brilliant to see over 500 pupils receiving Easter Eggs from our special guests and you will have seen some pictures in last week's Newsletter and on our social media. It has been a great start this term too with excellent attendance continuing as the school soars above national and regional comparisons. This can only lead to better learning and opportunities for our children so thank you to all for your support.

We have also received news of a number of successes for our children in recent weeks which are covered throughout our articles. Beth's amazing achievement in securing a First Story Summer Residential place after being selected as one of 15 pupils from thousands across the country has been one highlight. We are really proud of Beth and the fact that she joins a legacy of exceptional writers at Longcroft who have previously achieved this coveted opportunity. In this week's 'Library News' you can see the shortlisted book cover designs for our anthology competition which has yet again brought about some incredible contributions from across the school.

Last week, we had a visit to Cambridge University and we now have residential trips to Barcelona and London on the horizon as well as a wide range of other trips and events scheduled. This includes Year 10 historians heading to Hardwick Hall, Geographers heading to Mappleton and of course our end of year escape to Flamingo Land which will be launched very soon. Our young people will also be taking part in the final stages of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, completing a range of sports competitions and festivals and we will be hosting several events for the community and schools across the region. As a community school, our place in service of Beverley and the surrounding villages matters to us and we look forward to welcoming visitors and ensuring our fabulous facilities continue to be made available in many different ways. The

legacy of our school in the community is something we are incredibly proud of and we could not be more pleased to congratulate Dave Ricardo and Beverley Town for their amazing achievements in securing promotion to the Northern Premier League East on Saturday. As an alumni of Longcroft we recognise Dave and the team's achievements in this week's headline article.

We are now just days away from the heart of the exam season and pupils and students continue to prepare to represent themselves well. I remain hugely encouraged by the response our young people have demonstrated to this challenging period and to the raft of support the school continues to provide. This has manifested in many ways, including attendance and engagement with intervention, exceptional attendance to the extensive Easter programme; tutoring and support sessions; and with the use of GCSE Pod, SENECA, SPARX and other national online learning platforms. Momentum is key and our focus is to continue to build on all that we have now established. Please continue to encourage and support at home and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We know this is a challenging period emotionally and physically and we are here to help!

At this time of year, we experience much transition for children across the school. Some students will leave us to take their next steps in education, employment or training and others will be preparing to join us for the first time, with strong numbers again in Year 7 and lots of induction activities planned.

It is at times of transition that our values and expectations provide constancy and reassurance. They will remain a focus of all we are and do at Longcroft for the young people we serve. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support in partnership with the school and our community.

**Mr D Perry**  
Headteacher



## LOWER SCHOOL



### *Mr Worthington writes:*

**Firstly, I would like to offer my congratulations to Beverley Town FC on their fantastic promotion to the Northern Premier League East Division, following their playoff final success on Saturday. It is especially encouraging to see so many of our Lower School pupils either playing for, or regularly supporting, the club, and proudly representing Beverley within the local sporting community.**

Across the town, pupils also represent clubs such as AFC Tickton and others, and Beverley Town's success can only help to further raise the profile of the area as a thriving and passionate sporting town.

Community pride and opportunity are at the heart of school life, and this was evident again this week as we welcomed Year 5 pupils from Molescroft Primary School into our Science Department for a Chemical Reactions Masterclass. The visit formed part of our ongoing work with local primary schools, giving younger pupils a chance to experience secondary science in a hands-on, inspiring environment and helping to spark curiosity about where their learning could lead next.

The session began with a range of dramatic and highly engaging demonstrations designed to capture pupils' attention and showcase the excitement of chemistry. These included flame tests using potassium, copper and lithium, allowing pupils to observe how different elements produce distinctive colours when heated. Other highlights included the ever-popular Elephant's Toothpaste experiment and the Whoosh Bottle, each carefully explained to ensure pupils understood not just what was happening, but why.

After watching the demonstrations, pupils moved from spectators to scientists as they carried out their own practical investigations into catalysis. Working carefully and collaboratively, they explored how hydrogen peroxide can be used to speed up a chemical reaction, changing different independent variables and observing how these affected the outcome. Throughout the session, pupils were encouraged to think scientifically, make predictions, record results and link their findings to real-world and industrial applications.



The masterclass finished in memorable fashion with the Screaming Jelly Baby experiment, bringing together key ideas about energy and reactions in a way that left pupils wide-eyed, smiling and eager to ask questions. It was a pleasure to see such enthusiasm for science, and we hope the experience has helped to build both confidence and excitement as these pupils continue their learning journey.

We look forward to continuing and strengthening our collaboration with local primary schools in the months ahead. This term, I will be working closely with our Year 6 colleagues to ensure that our new starters in September are supported thoughtfully and confidently, allowing them to begin their journey at our wonderful school in the very best possible way.

## Oscar's Success!

Congratulations to Year 9 pupil Oscar Purchon who qualified for the UK Maths Trust Grey Kangaroo challenge and earned an impressive Bronze certificate. Mrs Powell organises the UKMT challenges. She said, "Oscar's performance in this exceptionally testing challenge was exceptional. He's demonstrated the ability to think both logically and creatively to work his way through problems designed to challenge experienced mathematicians."

Mrs Powell added, "His result is made even more impressive by the fact the Intermediate Challenge is for pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 so he has two more years at this level."

Next Wednesday, many of our younger pupils will be taking the UKMT's Junior Challenge. We look forward to reporting on their results later this term!

**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

Chloe Fitzpatrick  
Miley Wright  
Ashton Spademan  
Rupert Atkinson  
Rafe Atkinson  
Molly Bloom  
Abi Jameson  
Isabelle Cunningham  
Aleks Williams  
Lucy Harling

### Year 8

Naomi Jack  
Cobie Hancock  
Rhys Thompson  
Lydia Dorsey  
Isla Garth  
Will Newsam  
Mia Walters  
Zac Lister  
Will Batty  
Holly Artley Tolson

### Year 9

Alexander Waterson  
Rosie Fitton  
Jack Denyer  
Elias Chapman  
Mahmoud Al Shaqran  
Macie Bullamore  
Anna Beynon  
Mia Spruce-Wan  
Frankie Gray  
Jacob Bradley

## 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: Isabelle Goodwin

Year 8: Evie Moxon

Year 9: Shanice Munaku





## **CAREER OF THE WEEK: Hairdresser**

### **What does a hairdresser do?**

Hairdressers don't just cut hair – they help people feel confident and express their style. A typical day might include washing, cutting, colouring, and styling hair, as well as giving advice on products or treatments. Some hairdressers specialise in areas such as colouring, barbering, or bridal styling. Many also build strong relationships with clients, which makes communication and customer service skills just as important as technical ability. Work can be fast-paced, creative, and social, with every day bringing something different.



### **What can I expect to earn as a hairdresser?**

Earnings can vary depending on where you work, your experience, and whether you're employed in a salon or self-employed. As an apprentice, you may start on the minimum apprenticeship wage. Newly qualified hairdressers often earn around £14,000–£18,000 per year. With experience, this can rise to £20,000–£25,000, and highly skilled stylists, colour technicians, or salon managers can earn £30,000 or more. Self-employed hairdressers and those running their own salons may earn higher incomes, but they also take on business costs.

### **What subjects should I study to become a hairdresser?**

There are no strict subject requirements, but certain areas of study can help. English and maths are useful for communication, booking appointments, handling money, and managing a business. Art or design can boost your creativity and eye for style. Science, particularly chemistry, is valuable for understanding hair colouring and treatments. Above all, practical skills, patience, and an interest in fashion and people are essential.

### **How can I start my career as a hairdresser?**

Most people begin through a college course or an apprenticeship. At college, you could study a Level 2 or Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing, which combines theory and practical training. Apprenticeships allow you to earn while you learn, gaining hands-on experience in a salon while working towards a qualification. Once qualified, you can choose to specialise, move into salon management, or even open your own business. Some hairdressers also work in fashion, theatre, film, or television. Continuous learning is key, as styles and techniques are always evolving.

If you enjoy being creative, sociable, and helping others look and feel their best, a career as a hairdresser could be the perfect fit.

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

### **Other useful websites to find out more about a career as a hairdresser:**

National Careers Service – Hairdresser <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/hairdresser>

Indeed - How to become a hairdresser <https://uk.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/how-to-become-a-hairdresser>

Hair and Beauty Industry Authority – Careers <https://habia.org/careers/>

The Hair Council – Training <https://haircouncil.org.uk/about-us/training/>



You can find us at



[www.skillshullandeastyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.skillshullandeastyorkshire.co.uk)



*Congratulations to our Upper 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 10

Neve Meagher  
Daniel Kemp  
Muireann Kennedy  
Alyscia Leach  
Martha Beaumont  
Lily Curtis  
Isla Addinall  
Harry Dixon  
Lily Hardman  
Will Balmforth

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### Last week's winner was:

Year 10: Marcus Lawley





## Mr Chapman writes:



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SIXTH FORM

Four of our Sixth Form students are preparing for an amazing experience next summer when they will visit Peru. Operation Wallacea is a series of biological and social science expedition projects that operate in remote locations across the world. Peru is renowned for being the heart of the Inca Empire, boasting incredible biodiversity and deep cultural roots.

The Amazon River's source is just one of the country's unique natural landmarks. Home to pink river dolphins, taricaya turtles, jaguars, red uakari monkeys, peccaries and smoky jungle frogs, our students will study the largest protected seasonally flooded forest in South America boasting unimaginably wide tree-trunks, leaves that are as big as yourself and a canopy so tall it hurts your neck to gaze at! Anna, Mathilda, Millie and Summer are working hard to raise funds to support their trip and last week their bake sale raised over £200.





Millie explained, "The bake sale was held to raise money for our upcoming trip to Peru with Operation Wallacea, where we will take part in conservation work and a research expedition in the Amazon rainforest. Specifically, we will be based in the Yarapa River várzea forests, which lie between the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve and the Tamshiyacu Community Reserve."

Millie added, "During our trip, we will work alongside experts to collect data on the sustainability of forest resources use by indigenous communities, as well as to assess the impacts of climate change and human disturbance in the Amazon. We will also attend informative lectures and workshops on Amazonian biogeography and participate in an ecology course."

Pupils certainly enjoyed the bake sale. Year 8 pupil George said, "It's good how the school supports Year 12 raising money." Harry is also in Year 8. He added, "I bought something to help raise money for their expedition to Peru."



Year 10 pupil James said the students were "Spreading happiness throughout the school community." Sophie is in Year 9. She said the bake sale, "Brought something different to a normal lunchtime."

As Millie concluded, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore one of the most diverse ecosystems on Earth while developing valuable practical skills."

Well done to our students on their fundraising efforts to date. I look forward to both reporting on their progress as they have several exciting and innovative events planned, and also on what will be an incredible expedition!

**Mr Chapman**  
Head of Sixth Form



# SAFEGUARDING



*Mr Rogers writes:*

## Supporting Our Service Children

**As a school with a high proportion of service children, we are continually striving to ensure that the support we offer meets their unique needs. Service children can face particular challenges, including periods of separation from family members, mobility, and transitions between schools. It is therefore essential that we continue to strengthen our provision and understanding in this area.**

To support this work, we are engaging with external partners who specialise in supporting service families. This collaboration will help us further develop our practice, ensuring that every service child at our school feels understood, supported, and able to thrive both academically and personally.

April is recognised nationally as the Month of the Military Child, providing an opportunity to raise awareness and celebrate the experiences of these pupils. As part of this, we marked Purple Up Day today - Friday 24th April. Pupils, Sixth Form students and staff were encouraged to wear purple to show their support and appreciation for service children and their families.

We are proud of our strong service community and remain committed to ensuring that every child feels valued and supported.





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

George Bassett

Olivia Birt

Florence Crabtree

Annabelle Curtis

Reagan De Kock

Taylor Henderson

Luke Hiles

Jasmine Hind

Niamh Raw

Ruby Reilly

Zak Robinson

Ruby Rogers

Milana Shalai

James Sharpe

Rosie Shiels

Lottie Skinner

Angelo Stenson

Charlee Taylor

Faith Thompson

Mia Walters

Toby Webb

Millie Wisher

Miley Wright





# IN FOCUS

# ART

This week we are delighted to feature a selection of work by our talented Year 8 artists.







## Mathematicians

## are Bright Sparx!

# Sparx Maths

**With a mission to improve lives and the world through learning and building maths confidence through personalised learning, Sparx Maths supports pupils aged 11-16 with challenging, attainable homework. Each pupil has a clear, unambiguous target to answer 100% of their homework correctly each week and external research conducted by RAND Europe and the University of Cambridge found that using Sparx Maths for 1 hour a week significantly improves grades.**

The team at Sparx Maths, made up of 90 experts, including outstanding teachers, academics, data-scientists, researchers and technologists, uses over 200 million data points to personalise every homework for every child. This ensures pupils always receive homework that is both achievable and challenging, meaning they experience success as well as being stretched by harder questions.

Mrs Low, our Head of Maths, explained: "Sparx Maths is both popular and effective – we are going to be celebrating pupils weekly in our Newsletter and presenting pupils with certificates to recognise their hard work but also their perseverance and resilience when faced with some extremely challenging questions!"

**This week we are celebrating and congratulating our highest scoring Year 7 pupils.**

**Congratulations to our fantastic Year 7 pupils and top scorer Isabelle Cunningham!**

**Isabelle Cunningham** – 32,498XP

**Oscar Dale** – 32,124XP

**Calla Stallard** – 26,950XP

**Hollie Sutcliffe-Storr** – 22,066XP

**Amy Shiels** – 20,605XP

**Evie Williamson** – 20,463XP

**Mason Bennett** – 19,690XP

**Caleb Carrison** – 19,581XP

**Eloise McIntosh** – 18,981XP

**Rupert Atkinson** – 18,844XP



# Memory Lane

This week we return to 1984 and feature two Year 7 tutor groups. Form Tutors Mrs Wlodarczyk and Mrs Ellis are pictured with their tutor groups.





## LIBRARY NEWS



*Ms Carvill writes:*

## An Offering of Suns – Longcroft's Cover Design Competition Results

**A huge thank you to all our pupils and students who submitted entries for our Longcroft First Story anthology cover design competition 2026. Getting the perfect image concept for our new anthology is so important, and receiving such outstanding entries only made the task of deciding on a winner even more difficult. This year lots of pupils and staff gave their opinions about their favourite design, as well as professional artists and writers.**

The title of our 2026 anthology is An Offering of Suns and what we were looking for was an original visually captivating image that could grab the attention of the reader and convey a sense of mood and meaning. There were some fabulous interpretations and it's wonderful to see such a variety of media and styles completed with great care and creativity.

After a great deal of debate, we have selected Hayden Berango's design to be the inspiration for our new cover. Text will be added to Hayden's image, and an artist will work with our team on the details. A huge well done to Hayden who will see her book cover design published in July and receive two free copies of the book and an art goodie bag as her prize!

Below are some of the images we shortlisted. Our judging panel were particularly impressed by the work of Mathilda Smith, Ava Hutchinson-Chan, Ella Barry, Florence Crabtree, Amy Shiels, Freya Leaf, Chloe Featherstone, Evie Cunningham, and Jess Jameson. A display of the fabulous book cover designs will be on view in the Library corridor for everyone to admire this week. Thank you so much to Maureen Lennon, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Block for their support with this competition.

"Everyone likes to judge a book cover. In the first place, it is easier to evaluate the cover than the content. Besides, it's fun. All one needs to do is look and react."

— Jhumpa Lahiri, 'The Clothing of Books: An Essay'



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“Good cover design is not only about beauty... it's a visual sales pitch. It's your first contact with a potential reader.”

—Eeva Lancaster, 'Being Indie: A No Holds Barred, Self-Publishing Guide for Indie Authors'

# Gingerbread\*

## Are you a single parent?\*

A Gingerbread group for single-parent families meets regularly in **Beverley town centre**.

- \* **Run by single parents for single parents**
- \* **A chance for a cuppa and chat with others who know what it's like being a single parent**
- \* **Meet local single parents in a fun and informal environment**
- \* **Groups are child-friendly and free**

**For any questions or to find out more, email:** [eastriding@groups.gingerbread.org](mailto:eastriding@groups.gingerbread.org)

**Scan the QR code to join your local group →**



**"It's a safe place where you can say how you really feel. It is also very social, friendly and informative. I am so grateful for this group."**

– Gingerbread group member



## 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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