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An Unforgettable Evening!

The stunning setting of The Manor Rooms was a fitting venue for this year's Year 11 Prom. The sun shone as our wonderful pupils arrived in style, vehicles including tractors, lorries and sports cars.

Following photographs, speeches and the crowning of our Prom King and Queen, Stan and Gracie, pupils reminisced with staff who have played a part in their journey before dancing the night away!

Mrs Ellis said, "The Prom was a lovely evening – truly unforgettable. Everyone looked amazing and it was a fabulous venue. The pupils have worked so hard and I've thoroughly enjoyed the year. I know we're all going to miss them!"

Thank you to Jen Ellis for the lovely photographs.

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Headteacher's Welcome

Thank you to everyone for supporting adjustments this week as we have negotiated the heat to ensure the minimum impact on our children and their learning. The forecast is set to return back in line with seasonal norms, but we will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep you informed regarding uniform expectations and any other relevant information.

Over two busy weeks of transitions, it has been great to see our community come together to celebrate with Year 11 and 13 as well as welcoming new arrivals to Year 7. These moments promote inevitable reflection and a chance to look back together on shared journeys, friendships forged, challenges overcome and successes enjoyed. For these groups of young people, school years have provided quite the extraordinary experience. We are again reminded of the resilience, courage and commitment they have demonstrated, characteristics that will serve them well as they negotiate the next steps in their lives.

As we moved beyond final examinations it was time for our eagerly anticipated Year 11 Prom, a stand out event in the school calendar. It was a truly fabulous evening and you can enjoy more pictures in this week's Newsletter, not least of the incredible outfits and range of transport on display!

Year 13 are also set to enjoy their celebration prom this evening and we can't wait to enjoy it with them. It has been a busy period across the sixth form with futures events, residential fieldwork in the summer sun and a trip to New York. Students also enjoyed being part of National Writing Day with a special visit from Dr Ed Hurst, Lecturer in Creative Writing and a great supporter of Longcroft. You can read more about his work with our children in our Library News.

A school full of families joined us on Thursday for our Year 6 Induction Evening. This was an opportunity for our new pupils to meet their tutors, hear from some of the key leaders and pastoral staff that will be working with them in September, and to get prepared for all of the exciting opportunities that will be available to them when they arrive at Longcroft. It was great to spend time listening to children talk about what they were most excited about, seeing broad smiles everywhere and understanding from families why they had chosen the school. There was overwhelming support throughout for what, as a school, we stand for; our culture of high expectations and an absolute focus on every child being known and valued. We can't wait to start the journey with each and every one of them next week at our Induction Day!

This is a busy time of year so do keep an eye on Arbor and your e-mails for updates affecting your child(ren). It is a privilege to publish our Newsletter each week with so many examples of our brilliant pupils and students embracing so many wonderful opportunities.

Enjoy and have a great week.

Mr D Perry
Headteacher



LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

Fin's County Honour!

I was delighted to hear that Year 8 pupil Fin has been selected to represent Humberside Schools' Combined Events Team in the Pentathlon this weekend.

The event takes place in Doncaster and Fin, who took up athletics recently having previously focused on swimming, at which he competed nationally, has the opportunity to qualify for the prestigious English Schools' Championships.

Fin competes for Hull's Kingston AC. He said, "My coach suggested doing the Pentathlon. My best event is the hurdles. I'm looking forward to competing and I'd like to qualify for the English Schools' Championships."

Mr Baker said, "I'm really pleased for Fin – it's a great honour and he's earned it, although he picked up an injury and it isn't certain he'll be able to compete at this stage. I remember his dad competing in the same event and then in the English Schools' Championships when he was at Longcroft. While he's building his own reputation in the sport Fin certainly has an excellent role model. Fin is a very talented athlete - he also cycles and I can see him becoming an outstanding triathlete. He certainly has an exciting future in whichever events or sports he chooses."

Best wishes to Fin for this weekend's prestigious competition, the rest of the athletics season and beyond. I look forward to following his progress!





Pupils Enter a Material World!

Last Wednesday pupils in Years 7 and 8 enjoyed a theatre roadshow designed to inspire young people into STEM.

Material World: Engineering the Future is brought to schools in a long-term partnership between BAE Systems, the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy, and delivered by education engagement specialists hi-impact and Altru. The engaging production is celebrating its 21st year of igniting interest in science and engineering.

Through a fun, interactive performance, pupils followed Alex, Jody and Harry as they created a live TV show about the fascinating world of materials science. Their highly interactive and energising performance demonstrated how the materials all around us connect to cutting-edge technologies in aerospace, engineering and beyond.

Thank you to Miss Sinclair who organised the opportunity.



Supporting Pupils' Transition

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks at Longcroft, filled with opportunities to strengthen our links with local primary schools and welcome the next generation of Longcroft pupils.

We were delighted to welcome pupils from St Mary's Primary School into our Product Design department as part of an exciting collaborative project. Working with specialist tools and equipment, the pupils have been designing and creating replica sections of Baghdad, developing their practical making skills while bringing history to life through hands-on learning.

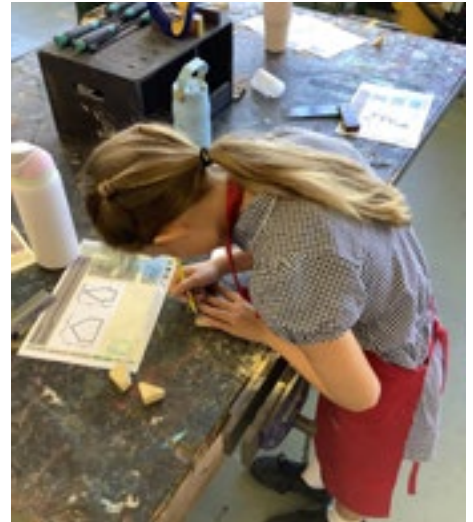
The enthusiasm, creativity and attention to detail shown by the pupils have been fantastic to see. Projects such as these provide valuable opportunities for young people to experience secondary school facilities and develop confidence in a specialist learning environment. We are incredibly proud of the work they have produced and look forward to seeing the finished creations.



As part of our continued partnership with St Mary's, I also had the pleasure of visiting the primary school last week to deliver a session on the human circulatory system. Pupils explored how the heart, blood and lungs work together to keep us alive and healthy. The session included a heart dissection, allowing pupils to examine the structure of the heart first-hand, alongside a practical lung demonstration which helped bring the science to life. The pupils asked thoughtful questions throughout and demonstrated an impressive level of curiosity and scientific understanding.

We were also thrilled to welcome our new Year 6 pupils and their families to Longcroft for our annual Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday.

The event provided an important opportunity for pupils who will be joining us in September to meet their form tutors, begin building relationships with key staff and gain a greater understanding of what life at Longcroft will be like.



Families were able to receive important information about the transition process, while pupils spent time getting to know members of their tutor group and familiarising themselves with their new school community.

The atmosphere throughout the evening was incredibly positive, with pupils showing great excitement and enthusiasm about the next stage of their educational journey. We are looking forward to welcoming them back for our Transition Day on Tuesday 30th June and cannot wait for them to officially become part of the Longcroft family in September.

Looking to the Future!

We are delighted to be taking a group of sixty Year 9 pupils to the University of Hull on Wednesday 1st July for a Campus Visit. Pupils who have expressed an interest in educational routes which may lead to university are being offered early access to this visit – a popular event and a fantastic opportunity to experience an institution a number of Sixth Form students choose to continue their studies.

The visit is planned as a 'day in the life of a university student' and aims to give pupils a first-hand experience of an academic session as well as a range of sports clubs and societies on offer.

I look forward to reporting on what is sure to be a fascinating opportunity!

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

Molly-Belle Bloom
Andorra Atkinson
Lucy Harling
Rafe Atkinson
Lillianna Basan
Abi Jameson
Winifred Marrow
Annie Elliott
Hollie Sutcliffe-Storr
Rupert Atkinson

Year 9

Rosie Fitton
Beth Dawson
Frankie Gray
Joshua Dakin
Jack Denyer
Angelo Stenson
Joshua Bradley
Leah Gray
Alexander Waterson
Anna Beynon
Mia Spruce-Wan

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: Marina Westphal

Year 9: Amelia High



UPPER SCHOOL



Year 11 – We Wish You Well!

Following their wonderful Prom, we said farewell to our Year 11 pupils on Friday morning.

Pupils and staff gathered in the Theatre together for the final time and Mr Thomson addressed the young people he has worked with throughout Year 11. He stressed that pupils should be open to opportunities, whatever these may be - travel, further study. He emphasised that everyone is a valued individual and that they should take pride in their achievements, aim high and always strive to present the best version of themselves.

These fantastic young people now move on to the next stage of their lives. We wish them well.

Year 11 2026 – we are tremendously proud of you all!



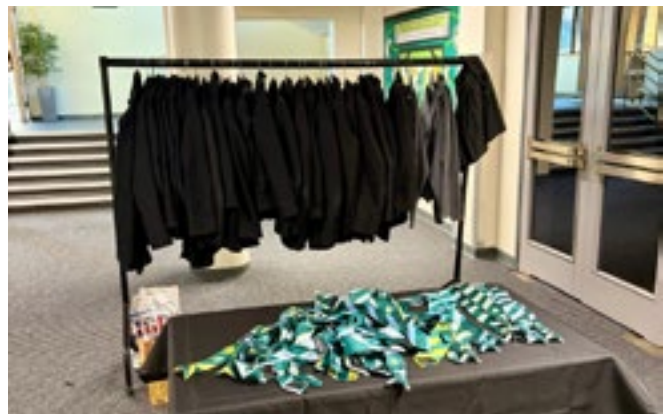


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Congratulations to our Upper School pupils on the number of ClassCharts rewards they are receiving each week. The pupils who earned the most rewards last week are listed below.



Year 10

Ava Curley
Harry Wilson
Muirann Kennedy
Isabelle Chant
Alyscia Leach
Neve Meagher
Jack Ayre
Will Balmforth
Devon Bryans
James Charge





Mr Chapman writes:



LONGCROFT
THE EAST YORKSHIRE
SIXTH FORM

We are in the middle of such an exciting time in the Sixth Form...

Year 13 exams are finally completed and I am exceptionally proud of the approach that they took this year to their exams. They were hugely impressive! As you read this newsletter, we will be setting up for the Year 13 Prom which will be later on this evening.

Year 12 Biologists visited Cranedale – you can see from the photos that they were immersed in their studies (and they enjoyed this delightful weather whilst at the coast).

...and finally, Libby and Olivia have returned from the annual visit to New York City! I asked Libby for a diary of the trip and I am grateful to her for taking the time to produce this commentary.

What a time to be a Sixth Former!!





Day One

Left Woldgate at 8 in the morning – flew from Manchester airport.

The flight was 6.5 hours. We arrived in New York at JFK in the evening. Security took a long time. We took the train into New York, as our coach was delayed – from the subway (which goes over-ground too) we could see the skyline against the sunset.

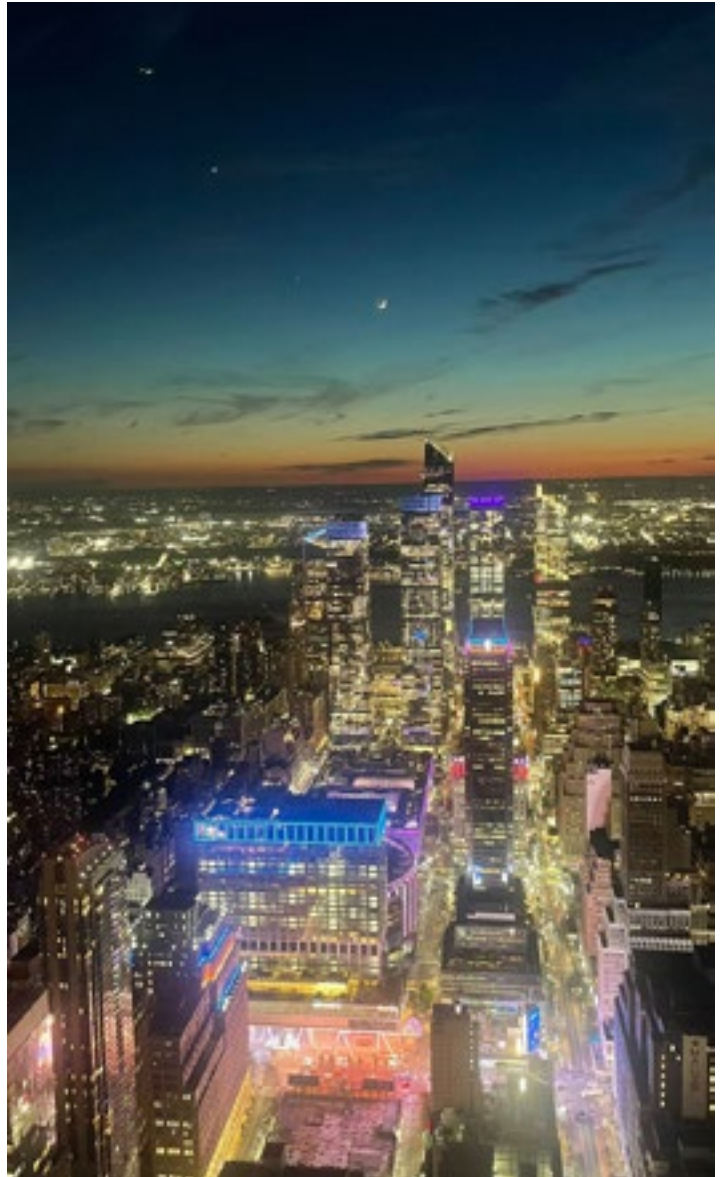
Went out for tea in Times Square – our hotel was only a five minute walk from Times Square – everyone was very tired by the evening.

Day Two

Tour guide in New York – walked for about three hours – saw the Empire State Building, Grand Central Station – we walked all round the station underground before ending in the centre, New York Public Library, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and the Rockefeller Centre!

Afternoon—we went to the Museum of Modern Art – saw Van Gogh's Starry Night and Monet's Water Lillies – incredible opportunity!

We ate in a Forrest Gump themed restaurant in the evening before going to the Empire State Building – took the express lift 80 floors up – there were displays and information inside, before finally going up in the lift again to the 86th floor where we could go outside. We stayed up for a long time and the views were amazing at night and it felt like a different city so high up.



Day Three

Statue of Liberty cruise – could see lots of the city from the boat, spent time on Liberty Island, walking round the Statue of Liberty

Saw Ellis Island, but did not get off the boat there. We walked around the World Trade Centre site and went into the Oculus Shopping Centre. Then we went to the 9/11 museum—we learnt a lot and it was a very powerful experience.

We ate in Hard Rock Café, where we watched some World Cup football, before going to watch Hadestown on Broadway. The production and music of the show were amazing to watch and hear.

We went into Times Square at midnight – football fans everywhere – even busier than during the day – lively and exciting atmosphere.



Day Four

Left early to go to the Brooklyn Bridge – however when we got off the subway we were in the Knicks parade – people everywhere climbing up buildings – we could not move for a while – eventually everybody caught up with one another but the Brooklyn Bridge had been closed off – it was exciting to experience the atmosphere and the parade even though it was not planned.

Given free time to ourselves on the last day – we did lots of shopping, tried lots of food, my favourite being the massive pizza slices.

Finally, we walked round Central Park!

Caught the coach back to JFK in the afternoon – security was very intense.

Long flight back, everyone very tired – but wanted to stay in New York for longer.

What a life moment! Thank you Libby for writing this.

Mr Chapman
Head of Sixth Form





SAFEGUARDING



Mr Rogers writes:

Festival of Friends

On Friday a group of Longcroft pupils attended the Festival of Friends event at the University of Hull. The event celebrated the work schools are undertaking to improve support and opportunities for children from service families.

The day was packed with activities and opportunities for pupils to learn, reflect and have fun. Throughout the event, pupils were entertained by Tommy J, whose energy and enthusiasm helped create a fantastic atmosphere. Pupils also had the opportunity to explore potential future careers within the Armed Forces and learn more about the wide range of pathways available.



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The key focus of the day was reflecting on the experiences of being a service child. Pupils took part in discussions and activities that celebrated the unique strengths and challenges associated with service family life. They also enjoyed a tour of the University of Hull campus, giving them a valuable insight into university life and future educational opportunities.

The afternoon provided an opportunity to hear how schools from across the region are working together to support service children and ensure they feel valued, included and able to thrive.

We would like to extend our thanks to Matt Blyton for organising such a successful event and to Mrs Thwaites, our Service Pupil Champion, for her ongoing commitment to supporting our service families at Longcroft.

The pupils represented the school brilliantly throughout the day and were excellent ambassadors for our community.





Workshop Opportunity

The Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust are offering a workshop for parents: Being Change Ready – Transition.

The workshop will cover: Understanding how to prepare children and young people for change in relation to school transition. Exploring the impacts and top tips on how you can best support them.

- » Monday 6th July at 5pm – 7pm (latest)
- » Online

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-workshop-being-change-ready-school-transition-tickets-1991547192263>

Please see poster for more information and QR code booking link.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM **EAST RIDING**

NHS
Humber Teaching
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent Workshop: Help your child with Anxiety

Friday 21st July 2026
Online via Teams
9:30-11:30

This workshop covers:
How to respond to and support your child with regulating and managing their anxiety whilst being compassionate to yourself as a parent.



Scan to book!

Aims and Objectives:
Build a greater understanding of anxiety. Learn what anxiety in children looks like and develop techniques/strategies to respond to anxious behaviours and anxiety symptoms.



MHST Resources and support

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A huge congratulations to our latest Golden Buzzer winners!

Holly Artley Tolson 8JDY

Andorra Atkinson 7DPE

Finley Barrett 9ACR

Ella Barry 7JHL

Sophie Clayton 9NFO

Gabrielle Daniels-Robson 9LWO

Melody Drage 9NFO

Jasmine Hind 9NFO

Noah Hughes 8JDY

Naomi Jack 8ESH

Lottie Johnston 8JDY

Noah Kirkley 9NFO

Imogen Logan 8JDY

Harriet Lugg 8GRU

Olivia Radley 9LWO

Alice Scott 7FCO

Rhys Thompson 8ESH

Harry Wilson 10GTA

Charlotte Wray 8ESH



IN FOCUS

MATHS

This week we feature two enrichment opportunities which enable pupils to challenge themselves in various aspects of mathematics.

Firstly, three Year 8 pupils qualified to take the prestigious UKMT Junior Kangaroo – a 60-minute follow-on round for high-scoring participants of the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. It consists of 25 multiple-choice questions which evaluate problem-solving, and is designed to stretch mathematically gifted pupils.



Leon, Madison and Pallavi earned the opportunity to take part and all three did exceptionally well. The top-performing 10% of participants are awarded a Gold Kangaroo Certificate and we are delighted that Leon managed to achieve this.

Leon said, "I enjoy Maths and was very happy and proud that I did so well. I found the questions challenging but interesting."

Maths Excellence Co-ordinator Mrs Powell said, "To have three pupils progress to the Junior Kangaroo is exceptional. I'm proud of all three pupils!"



On Monday a group of Year 7 pupils attended the Axiom Maths Rising Mathematicians Festival at the York National STEM Learning Centre.

Axiom Maths aims to help every child with an aptitude for maths realise the potential of their power. The event was designed to inspire and challenge pupils with a strong interest in mathematics.

Memet said, "I enjoyed the day. We did some different activities and it was good to spend a day working on a subject I really like."

Thank you to Mr Innocent and Mrs Jones who took the pupils to the event.





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.

Each week we publish the names of the ten pupils who have earned the most points. Ms Shepherd said, "Languagenut is proving extremely popular and is making a difference to pupils' ability and confidence in their French and Spanish."

Congratulations to this week's top scoring Nutter – Lola Appleby!

Lola Appleby – 173,800

Holly Artley Tolson – 71,600

Mia Walters – 71,600

Max Van Den Ban – 66,600

Evie Pardoe – 57,300

George Bassett – 56,000

Jacob Bradley – 55,000

Riley Coates – 50,500

Noah Hughes – 40,100

Nathan Pineda – 39,500





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!"

Congratulations to this week's Sparxy Maths Champion Jacob Bradley!

The top 10 pupils this week are:

Jacob Bradley – 2,750XP

Rebecca Stewart – 838XP

Rosie Shiels – 1,140XP

Sabah Madina – 803XP

Hosna Mohammadi – 1,117XP

Ann Mariya Binoy – 763XP

Tom Dethlefs – 1,048XP

William Newsam – 701XP

Imogen Logan – 1,047XP

Kayla Murambiwa – 684XP



Memory Lane

This week we return to 2010 and feature Year 11 pupils celebrating their years together with Year Leader Mr Smith.





The Friends' Corner



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Charity Reg No. 515674

The FOLS will be selling refreshments at the Performing Arts Evening on Wednesday 1st July.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to get a licence to sell alcoholic drinks, but we will have a good selection of soft drinks, hot drinks, snacks and sweets. So, if you are attending the event, please come and visit our stall.

We will be running a raffle. In order to do this successfully, we need prizes. If you have any prizes to donate, please drop them off at the school reception.

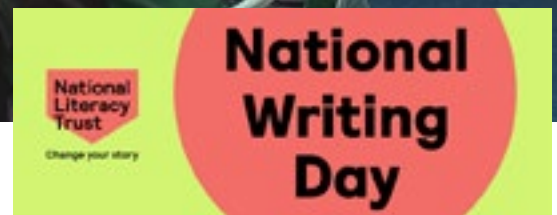
Thank you to everyone who is using the Easy Fundraising App to do their on line shopping. We've had 26 new donations which is great, every little bit helps and the pennies soon add up. Please consider downloading the App and using it when you shop.



LIBRARY NEWS



Ms Carvill writes:



Celebrating National Writing Day: Wednesday 24th June 2026

“Keep writing, and one day you might just become a great writer.”
—Pablo Picasso

On Wednesday Longcroft celebrated National Writing Day with a timely visit from Dr Ed Hurst, Lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of Hull. Ed, who is a great admirer of our school and appreciates our commitment to writing, has become a regular visitor and delivered some amazing writing workshops in the library.

On Wednesday he began by talking about AI, asked pupils what they thought about it and discussed how it worked. Interestingly, a lot of pupils were really anti AI, and said it was harmful to the environment and would stop people thinking for themselves, and encourage creative theft.

Ed explained how it worked in terms of creative writing projects, with millions of words fed in, mainly stolen or ‘scraped’ from other writers. He asked pupils to imagine a romantic scenario and write down the sort of cliches associated with romance novels. Then he read them an extract from an AI generated romance novel, and everyone fell about laughing. As Ed demonstrated AI is trained to predict the most common words, so the result was full of cliches and over used tropes.

Pupils then created a character questionnaire based on questions to a stranger, an acquaintance and very close friend, and



then answered the questions from a perspective different from their own. In the latter part of the session our cohort were invited to create a romantic scene where a couple hated each other, or an unromantic scene where they loved each other.

Ed is a real motivator and his relaxed and fun approach always inspires ideas and discussion; all our cohort wrote a lot in a short space of time. As Hayden said:



■ *"The workshop was fun. It was challenging, open, and had a really relaxed feel."*

Oscar was also impressed by Ed's teaching style:

■ *"I really enjoyed the freedom. It wasn't like set themes or tasks."*

Ed also talked about careers in creative writing, which enthused Elias:

■ *"What he said about careers was really interesting. It made me think what I could do, and where creative writing could take me, and just how special the human mind is."*

Currently, Ed is trying to secure funding for an exciting research project; one he very much wants our pupils and Sixth Form students to be involved in.

■ *"You have some fabulous young writers at Longcroft. Some really exceptional ones. I'm more than happy to help mentor them."*

The project will research various benefits associated with writing; including confidence growth. Writing is a wonderful means of encouraging creativity, self-expression, self-reflection and self-awareness and strengthening mental well-being and confidence. It can also deepen our social connections with others; sharing a poem or story with our peers and friends heightens communication and promotes dialogue

Over the last few years, we have been incredibly fortunate at Longcroft to work with First Story, England's largest creative writing charity for young people, to have a writer in residence, and to publish a professional anthology annually. Copies have just arrived in the library so more news to follow! We organise regular writing competitions, and encourage writing as a career through author visits to the library like inspirational Ed.

Staff recognise that writing can be a source of immense pleasure, is one of the greatest skills we can teach our young, and is at the very heart of learning.

As we celebrate National Writing Day let's remember all the great joy writing brings. A huge thank you to Dr Ed Hurst. We so appreciate your input and always get such positive feedback from pupils and Sixth Form students following your visits. Thank you also to Miss Meek and Mrs Clarke for their support with this event.

"Good prose should be transparent, like a window pane."

—George Orwell

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Care and Achievement Co-ordinators

Our Care and Achievement Co-ordinators work with specific year groups to ensure the welfare and progress of pupils and are the first point of contact for parents.

They support children to achieve academically by establishing a positive learning environment, visiting and working in lessons and supervising and supporting individuals and groups of pupils.

Our team, and their work mobile phone number which parents can use to contact them, are pictured below.



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