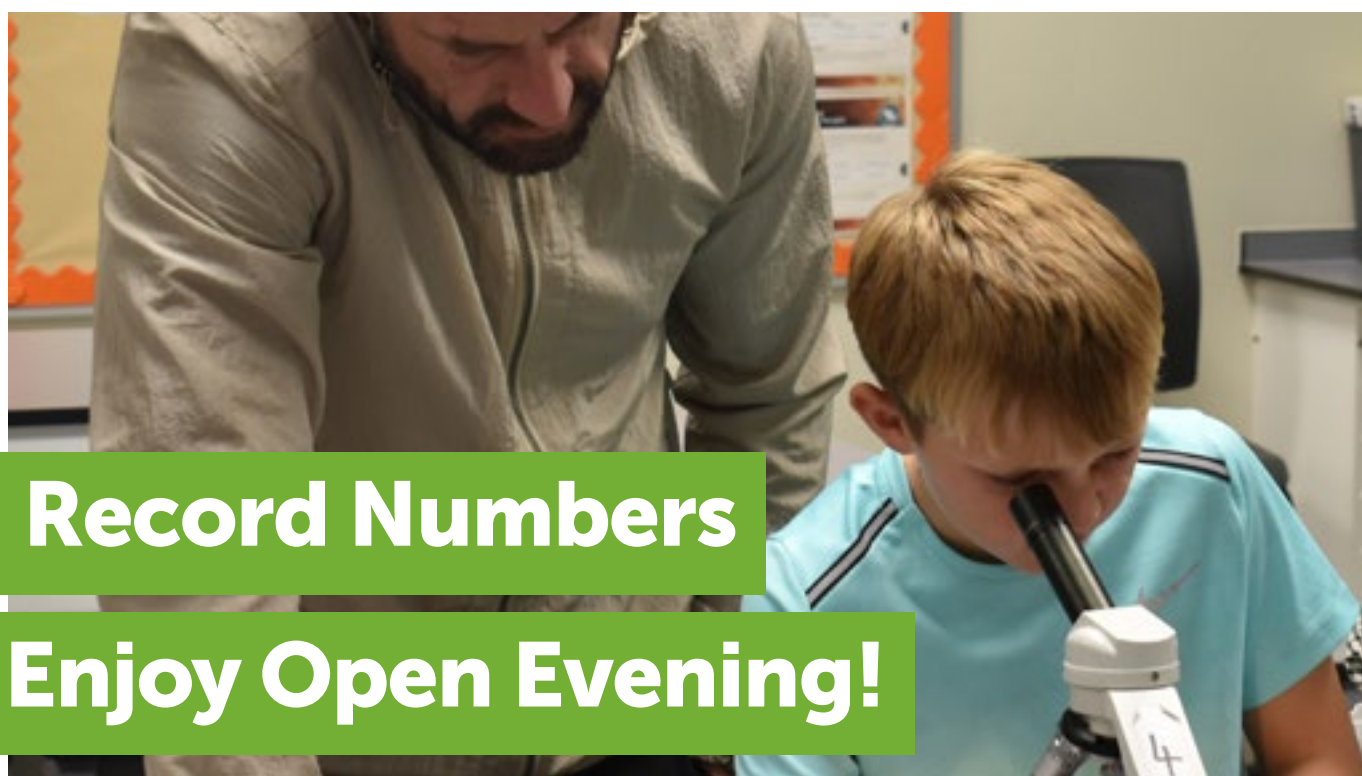




LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS LETTER



Record Numbers

Enjoy Open Evening!

We were delighted to extend a warm welcome to over 350 Year 6 pupils and their families on Wednesday evening!

Headteacher Mr Perry said: "It was an extraordinary privilege to welcome record numbers of families through our doors to learn about our amazing school, our ethos and the high quality, inclusive and enriched education we are proud to offer. There is always a huge amount to celebrate at Longcroft, but with our current status as one of the highest performing schools anywhere in the region and as the best attended secondary school across the East Riding of Yorkshire as well as being ranked number one in the country for similar schools, it is a particularly exciting time for all in our community. My colleagues and I were proud to share our collective ambition for Longcroft."

Head of Lower School Mr Chapman, who will lead children's transition into Year 7, explained: "It was a pleasure to hear so many positive messages from children and their family members who had clearly enjoyed a wonderful evening!"

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Headteacher's Welcome

What an extraordinary privilege it has been to welcome so many families into our school this week for our Year 6 Open Evening. Record numbers came through the doors to learn about our school, our ethos and understand more about the kind of education we are proud to provide.

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The school was filled with a tangible buzz of excitement as prospective students filled our corridors and classrooms, taking part in various activities and challenges. From mini pizzas in Food Technology or escape rooms in Maths to murder mystery in English, and a range of performances in the Theatre from our exceptional drama and music pupils, there were so many things to enjoy right across the school. Competitions in PE were a real hit, with many pupils blown away by our sports facilities and the opportunities available to them here at Longcroft.

Feedback about the evening and the school has been extremely positive and we anticipate further pressure on places for September. The whole event was a great credit to the work of our staff and particularly our incredible pupils and students who volunteered to support. Over 80 tour guides from Year 7 and 8 were kept busy throughout the night with multiple tours. In addition, every subject area had volunteers from all year groups running activities and talking to visitors about their experiences. I am so thankful to each and every one of our young people who were involved, and the pride demonstrated as they represented our school so fabulously well was thoroughly uplifting and invigorating.

I was able to speak to prospective parents about the importance of high expectations and that holding ourselves and our children to a high bar is a demonstration of how much we care about each and every one of them. Our young people are simply too important to us, for us not to strive for excellence in all that we do, in our academic

work, our relationships and our collective support and care for each other.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our children do the basics brilliantly and represent themselves and our community in the very best way possible. We will continue to praise and challenge the fundamentals that represent our culture and our commitment; uniform, attendance, attitudes to learning, presentation and pride in our work and ourselves. Our 'Longcroft Standard' is important to us and it is great to see our community continue to rise to the challenge and achieve extraordinary things.

Throughout the week I have enjoyed visiting lessons and talking to pupils and students about their experiences over this early period of the academic year. I have again been impressed by the quality of presentation in books and the focus and commitment demonstrated in lessons. The delights being cooked in food technology were a real highlight, as was the impressive discussion in PSHE. It has also been great to see pupils involved in our extracurricular clubs and sporting fixtures as the busy autumn schedule gets into full swing. There have been unprecedented numbers in our Dungeons and Dragons and Performing Arts clubs this week and there is a real appetite for our children to get involved in opportunities available to them.

I am really looking forward to seeing our young people perform at Leconfield Church this evening at the request of the Friends of St Catherines. If you are able to come and join us from 7pm please do, you won't be disappointed!

I hope you enjoy reading more about what our young people have been getting involved with in this edition of our Newsletter, including our A-level geographers and their fabulous field work experiences in Morecambe. Have a great week.

Mr D Perry
Headteacher



LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Chapman writes:

As we reach the halfway point of the first half term, it is a good opportunity to pause and reflect on the very positive start that has been made across the Lower School. The first few weeks of a new academic year are always busy, with new routines to establish, new expectations to understand and, for some pupils, a completely new school environment to navigate. It has therefore been particularly pleasing to see the way in which our pupils have approached the start of the year.

This week, we welcomed prospective Year 7 families to our Open Evening, and I would like to begin by thanking all of the Lower School pupils who played such an important role in making the evening a success.

A particular mention must go to our Year 7 tour guides. Only a few weeks ago, many of these pupils were themselves visiting Longcroft for the first time and getting used to the size, routines and expectations of secondary school. To see them now confidently guiding prospective families around the building was hugely impressive. They were able to demonstrate, through their own actions, just how quickly pupils can settle into secondary school life.

For children who may currently be feeling a little nervous about starting secondary school, seeing confident Year 7 pupils leading tours is a powerful reassurance. It shows our prospective pupils that, although the transition from primary to secondary school can initially feel daunting, they very quickly become familiar with their surroundings, develop new friendships, establish routines and begin to feel at home.

I was also delighted to have four Lower School pupils join me during the evening to speak to parents and share their reflections on their experiences so far. Their contributions were thoughtful, honest and mature. They spoke about their first few weeks, the things they have enjoyed, the routines they have established and some of the differences they have noticed compared with primary school. Hearing directly from pupils is often one of the most valuable parts of an evening such as this, and I was extremely proud of them.

I would also like to congratulate our entire Year 7 cohort on the positive start they have made. I have spent some time looking through the Arbor app, and it is very encouraging to see that the volume of positive comments being recorded about Year 7 pupils significantly outweighs the constructive feedback. There are very, very few negative comments, while



overwhelmingly the feedback recognises pupils for their effort, conduct, attitude and contribution. That is a wonderful reflection of the start they have made, and I hope they can continue in exactly the same way.

Thank you also to our Year 8 and Year 9 pupils who supported the Open Evening. Your willingness to help, your maturity and the way in which you represented the school were greatly appreciated.

As we move beyond these first few weeks, however, a positive start is only the beginning. One of the most important things pupils can do now is establish good study habits that will support them throughout their time at Longcroft.

Good study habits do not necessarily mean spending hours every evening completing work. They are much more about consistency and organisation. Arriving at school on time, bringing the correct equipment, listening carefully in lessons, completing homework to the best of your ability and asking for help when something is not understood are all simple habits that make a significant difference.

Pupils should also be encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. If there is a topic they find difficult, they should not simply ignore it and hope that it disappears. Speaking to a teacher, revisiting work, asking questions and taking advantage of additional support can prevent a small gap in understanding from becoming a much larger one.

For Year 8, this is an important year of consolidation. The foundations established in Year 7 now need to be strengthened. This means maintaining high standards, continuing to work hard and identifying any areas where knowledge or understanding may need further development. Year 8 should not be viewed as a year to rest on the achievements of Year 7; rather, it is an opportunity to build confidence and make further progress.

For Year 9, this is an especially important stage of the Lower School journey. GCSE option choices will be made during Year 9, and pupils should therefore be thinking carefully about the subjects they enjoy, the areas in which they have strengths and the subjects in which they may wish to develop further. There is no need for pupils to have everything decided immediately, but steady effort and engagement in lessons will help them to make informed choices when the time comes.

Across Years 7, 8 and 9, the message is therefore a simple one: continue the positive start. Establish good routines, work hard, listen to your teachers, ask for help when you need it and take pride in the contribution you make to our school community.

The first half term is already moving quickly, and there is much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. Thank you to pupils, parents and staff for the part you have all played in making such a positive start to the year.

Let us keep that momentum going.





Rugby Teams Start Season Strongly!

Congratulations to our rugby players who enjoyed their first games of what I am sure will be successful seasons last week.

On Wednesday Year 9 enjoyed a convincing 32-14 victory over Hessle. Cobie score three tries including two from 70 and 60 metres, Kai score twice and Jack also crossed the line.

Friday saw Year 7 take on Sirius Academy – a traditionally strong rugby-playing school based in West Hull. Longcroft scored three good tries, George, Leighton and Ronnie all crossing. Mr Cassidy said, "It was a positive start and we'll get better."

In both cases it was fantastic to see such a large number of boys wanting to play and represent their school!

Pupils' Sporting Successes!

I was also delighted to hear that two of our Lower School pupils enjoyed success while representing their clubs over the weekend. Madison, who is in Year 9, competed in her first boxing show of the season on Saturday evening in Bridlington. She scored a unanimous points decision over a local girl in front of a large audience that favoured her opponent! Madison, who represents Hull's Tommy Coyle Academy, has been training five days a week in preparation for this new season and was elated with the win!

Year 7 pupil Harper competes in gymnastics, representing Goldstar Active. At the weekend she competed at the Border Counties School of Gymnastics and earned silver medals in the floor and vault disciplines! Harper has been enjoying gymnastics for four years and training at Goldstar Active in Willerby for the last two years. She said, "My favourite discipline is the floor because I can express myself." Harper added, "I really like how proud gymnastics makes people – my mum was very proud watching me compete! I was also proud of myself."





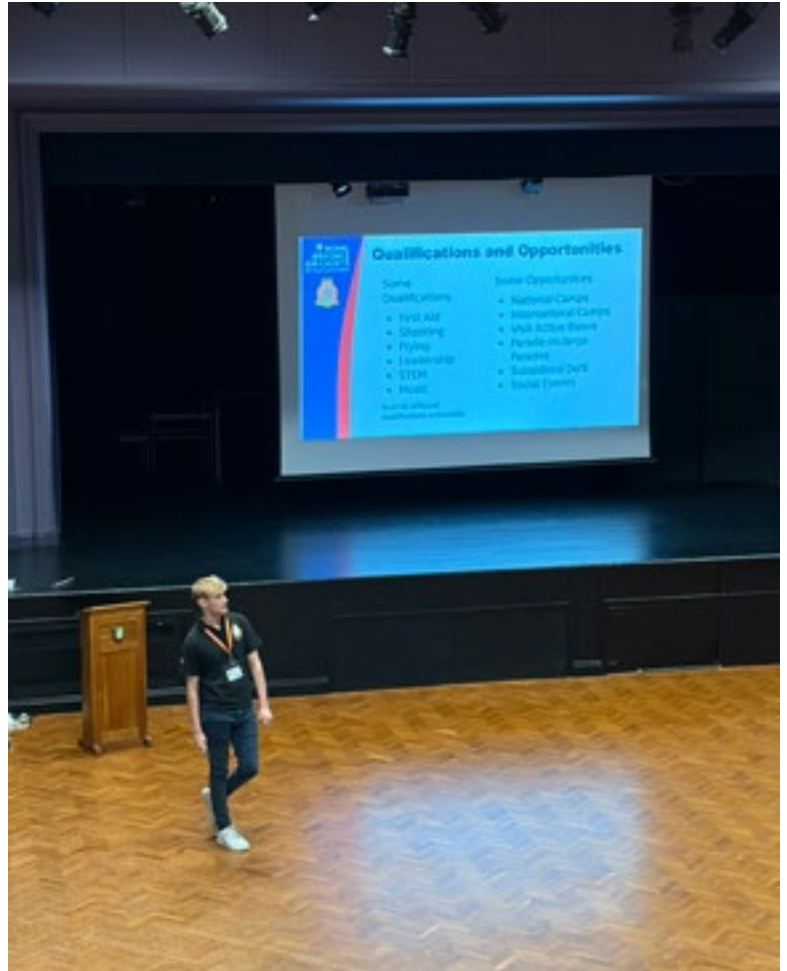
Air Cadets

We were delighted to welcome the RAF Air Cadets to Longcroft last week. Year 8 enjoyed a presentation about the many benefits of becoming an Air Cadet.

Cadet life is all about challenge, excitement and adventure. Cadets have many opportunities including UK and overseas camps, leadership courses, air experience flights and pilot training. The focus is always on enjoying yourself while improving your skills. Every year nearly 43,000 air cadets and 10,000 volunteer staff take part in exciting events at over 1,000 squadrons across the UK.

Locally, 399 Squadron (Beverley) are based on Norwood Far Grove in Beverley. To be an Air Cadet you must be 13 years old, or 12 years old if you're in Year 8.

From cyber and space to sports, flying and adventure training – being a cadet means trying new things in a safe environment, making friends along the way and gaining skills for life. What an incredible opportunity!



Sparx and Science!

All pupils now have a Sparx account for Science. For pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 Sparx will be the new homework platform.

Pupils' log-in information is the same as for Maths – pupils should speak to Mrs Scott if they cannot log on.

We are asking all pupils to spend this week logging on and seeing what they make of the platform!



Arbor

REWARDS

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

Year 7

Poppy Pryderi
Olivia Tucker
Megan Evans
Isabelle Smith
Penny Blakeston
Mattheos Al-Ahmed
Barnaby Dillon
Lily Forster
Archie Hughes
Ariah Riley

Year 8

Edward O'Neill
Faith Nenova
Alfred O'Neill
Evelyn Pennock
Eddie Addinall
Frantisek Fox
Ebony Gill
William Greensides
Emelia McNish
Rosie Shiels

Year 9

George Buckle
Jasmine I'Anson
Jess Jameson
Ivy Holmes
Hollie Monaghan
James Sharpe
Lenny Harvey
Charlee Taylor
Luke Taylor
William Thwaites

Attendance Matters!

Each week we reflect on the importance of attendance at school by giving 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: Lily Forster

Year 8: Kay Chong

Year 9: Holly Artley Tolson



UPPER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

Firstly, congratulations to Year 11 pupil Charlie who won the UKC Championship on Sunday! Best wishes to Charlie and his team for the forthcoming British Championship at Silverstone!

It has been another busy week in Key Stage 4, with our Year 11 pupils beginning to think carefully about their next steps beyond Longcroft.

This week, Mr Haworth delivered an informative presentation to Year 11 about the opportunities available at Longcroft Sixth Form. Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 3rd November, providing families with the opportunity to learn more about the wide range of courses, excellent academic outcomes, small class sizes, and the expert care and guidance we provide. One of the greatest strengths of Longcroft Sixth Form is that our children join a familiar environment where they are already known, understood, and supported by staff who have worked closely with them throughout their school journey.

We are also proud of the way our pupils engage with and celebrate events beyond school. Sophia Brown recently shared her experience of watching Kevin Sinfield complete his local ultra-marathon on Sunday, helping to raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Sophia said: "It was great to watch and really inspiring to see what Kevin Sinfield was doing for MND awareness. The choir that sang as he went past Craven Park was amazing and made it feel really special."





Finally, a reminder to all Year 10 families that our Steps to Success: Welcome to GCSE Evening takes place next Thursday. This is an important event and the first in our parental engagement programme, designed to help families understand the opportunities, expectations and support available throughout Key Stage 4. The evening will include guidance on academic success, wellbeing, attendance, support at home, English and Mathematics, online learning platforms, work experience, and post-16 preparation. Please remember to complete the sign-up form as soon as possible so that we can plan for attendance. We look forward to welcoming Year 10 pupils and their families for what promises to be a valuable and informative evening.

Link to form – -> [Welcome to GCSE Evening 2026 – Thursday 8th October – Fill out form](#)

Science Assessments

This year in Science, **Year 10 pupils** will sit three cumulative assessments with a Biology, Chemistry and Physics section.

Pupils' first assessment will be on the topics below during the week commencing 12th October – there are revision resources and questions on Arbor and pupils who would like support or need anything printing can speak to Mrs Scott in B7.

Biology: B1 Cell Biology; B2 Organisation

Chemistry: C1 Atomic Structure

Physics: P2 Electricity

Year 11 pupils will sit one cumulative assessment with a Biology, Chemistry and Physics section in addition to their mock exams.

Pupils' first assessment will be on the topics below during the week commencing 12th October – there are revision resources and questions on Arbor and pupils who would like support or need anything printing can speak to Mrs Scott in B7.

Biology: B7 Ecology

Chemistry: C5 Energy Changes

Physics: P3 Particle Model

Pupils must provide evidence of revision – this could be:

- » BBC Bitesize quizzes
- » SENECA questions
- » Exam questions – all of these are on Arbor.

Physics and Maths Tutor has fantastic summary notes that will save pupils time: <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/>



Maths Support Sessions

Mrs Low, our Curriculum Leader, is available each Monday and Tuesday lunchtime for Year 11 pupils who have questions about any aspect of their studies in Maths. Pupils can find her in A6 or A7.

Sparx and Science!

All pupils now have a Sparx account for Science. For pupils in Years 10 and 11, Sparx will be set to support learning and revision with question booklets.

Log-in information is the same as for Maths – pupils should speak to Mrs Scott if they cannot log on.

We are asking all pupils to spend this week logging on and seeing what they make of the platform!

Year 11 Recognition Award

This weekly award rewards and celebrates Year 11 pupils' improvement, proactivity, commitment to their studies and

Last week's winners were Jack Ayre and Brenton McKie – congratulations!

Key dates:

Year 10 Steps to Success 1: Welcome to GCSE Evening – Thursday 8th October



Arbor

REWARDS

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

Year 10

Harry Hugill
Oscar Lawson
Ashley Griffin
Oscar Purchon
Leonid Vaskov
Emma Selleck
Amelia High
Elizabeth Dale
Oliver Albrow
Elias Chapman
Isaac Savage

Year 11

Ella Boothby
Harry Dixon
Lily Hardman
Max Lister
Amy Simpson
Lily Curtis
Neve Meagher
Devon Bryans
Lilly Waiter
Lillie Wheeler

Attendance Matters!

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Last week's winners were:

Year 10: Lawrence Afolabi-Dada

Year 11: Zach Denton



Mr Haworth writes:



A Level Geographers Make Waves in Morecambe

From Monday 21st to Friday 25th September, six of our A Level Geography students travelled to Morecambe Bay alongside their Geography teachers, myself and Mr Davies, to undertake the fieldwork element of their Independent Investigation (NEA), which accounts for 20% of the A Level qualification.

The week provided an invaluable opportunity for students to collect the primary data needed for their individual investigations. Research topics were varied and ambitious, ranging from analysing the impact of Morecambe's coastal management schemes on beach morphology and salt marsh characteristics to evaluating the success of regeneration projects across Morecambe's seafront, West End and town centre.

During the trip, we also partnered with another sixth form college, sharing accommodation and collaborating on certain aspects of data collection. This not only helped students gather a wider range of evidence but also provided an excellent opportunity to work alongside fellow geographers from another institution.



The six students demonstrated exceptional commitment throughout the week, working tirelessly both in the field and during evening sessions to ensure they collected as much high-quality data as possible. A particular highlight was the questionnaire work undertaken by Anna, Elise, Emily and Hayden, who gathered an astonishing number of responses from members of the public. In fact, it was the largest number of questionnaires I have ever seen collected on an A Level fieldwork trip. Despite some understandable nerves about approaching strangers at the start of the week, the students quickly found their confidence. By the end of the trip, Anna even declared questionnaire surveys to be her favourite part of the experience!

Meanwhile, Ashie and Lily focused much of their fieldwork on beach-based investigations. Special mention must go to Ashie who, despite openly admitting that she “doesn’t like sand”, could still be seen smiling throughout the data collection process. Whether this was because she had grown to enjoy beach fieldwork or because it was finally over remains a matter of debate!



Of course, it wasn’t all hard work. After long days in the field, Team Geography found time to relax together over evening meals, including burgers for most and, memorably, a generous helping of beans for Elise. The hotel’s social space became the venue for a series of fiercely contested games of Uno, Charades and the ever-popular Scabby Queen. Mr Davies firmly established himself as the group’s Uno champion, albeit amid some discussion regarding the introduction of several rather questionable “new rules”. Meanwhile, in a result that surprised absolutely nobody, I earned the title of Scabby Queen.

Reflecting on the week, Mr Davies and I agreed that all six students were a pleasure to take away on a residential visit. Their enthusiasm, resilience, teamwork and good humour made the trip an outstanding success.

With the data collection now complete, the focus turns to the next challenge: transforming all of that hard-earned evidence into a full investigation write-up. As any geographer knows, collecting the data is only half the battle. The real work starts now!

We wish all six students the very best as they begin the final stages of their NEA investigations.





Anna's Challenge!

Fresh from her week in Morecambe, Anna completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks on Saturday in support of the Mariella Rose Foundation alongside former pupils Amy and Katie. They took on the challenge in memory of their friend and fellow police cadet who sadly passed away earlier this year.

The Mariella Rose Foundation provides support for other young people, who like Mariella, have dyslexia and barriers to learning.

An incredible **£7,000** has already been raised – further donations are welcome.

Anna finished a successful week by playing a key role in Hull City Ladies' Development Team's hard-fought 2-1 victory at Doncaster Rovers Belles which saw them progress to the next stage of the FAWNL Development Cup!





**MARIELLA ROSE
FOUNDATION**

Be more Mariella ♥

*Kind people
brighter futures* ♥



*Kind
Brave
Determined
A force
of nature* ♥

Mariella's Mountain Movers

YORKSHIRE THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 26TH 2026

Mariella Rose died tragically earlier this year. She was just 17. Mariella was a Volunteer Police Cadet with Humberside Police- Beverley Unit. Mariella joined in 2023 and had enjoyed taking part in operations with serving officers, annual events including remembrance parades and having fun out with the marine unit.

In her name Four Cadets from her Beverley Cadet Unit are walking **24 miles across Mountains** to raise money for the **Mariella Rose Foundation**.

Mariella was passionate about supporting young people with Dyslexia and other barriers to learning. The Foundation provides financial support for diagnosis and other areas to remove the barriers faced.

Mariella was kind, thoughtful but also stood up and spoke out. She was a **force of nature** who wanted to make a difference.

*Please support us,
every penny adds up!* ♥



24 MILES
THREE PEAKS



3 MOUNTAINS
ONE PURPOSE



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SAFEGUARDING



Mr Rogers writes:



I am pleased to share details of the Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust's upcoming free Parent and Carer Workshops.

These workshops are delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and are designed to provide parents and carers with practical strategies and greater understanding of common emotional wellbeing and behavioural difficulties experienced by children and young people.

Upcoming Workshops: The sign-up link for each workshop is highlighted

Behaviour as a Form of Communication: A Parent/Carer Workshop

- » 30 September 2026, 4:30pm (Online) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2000011950583?aff=oddtcreator>
- » 21 October 2026, 9:30am (Beverley Children's Centre) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1998737936974?aff=oddtcreator>
- » 22 October 2026, 9:30am (Hornsea Children's Centre) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2001230673817?aff=oddtcreator>

Understanding Anxiety: A Parent/Carer Workshop

- » 12 November 2026, 5:00pm (Longcroft School and Sixth Form College) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1998737111505?aff=oddtcreator>
- » 10 December 2026, 9:30am (Hornsea Children's Centre) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1998738934959?aff=oddtcreator>
- » 4 February 2027, 4:30pm (Online) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2000012362816?aff=oddtcreator>

The workshops are free to attend and offer parents and carers the opportunity to learn evidence-based approaches to supporting their child's emotional wellbeing and behaviour. Parents and carers can book a place via the ERMHST Eventbrite page (East Riding Mental Health Support Team) or the direct links next to each workshop.



Golden Buzzer Winners!

At Longcroft, recognising pupils' hard work, positive choices and kindness is an important part of our school culture. We want our young people to know that their effort matters and that the positive contribution they make to our community is noticed.

Each week, every member of staff can award a Golden Buzzer to a pupil who has stood out for a special reason. This might be for:

- » producing exceptional work;
- » demonstrating outstanding effort or resilience;
- » making significant progress;
- » showing kindness or supporting another person;
- » displaying excellent conduct and leadership; or
- » consistently demonstrating our school values.



Golden Buzzers are not reserved solely for the highest academic achievement. They recognise the different ways in which pupils contribute positively to school life and show **Great Heart, Great Thought and Great Vision**.

Every winner is invited to our popular **Hot Chocolate Friday**, held during tutor time. This provides an opportunity for pupils to celebrate their success with others in a relaxed and positive setting. It remains one of the highlights of our weekly rewards programme and is always a pleasure for staff to share with pupils.

A huge congratulations to our latest Golden Buzzer winners!

Ella Page 10NFO

Poppy Pryderi 7MHE

Olivia Tucker 7MHE

Milly Alaszewski 9ABA

Harriet Lugg 9ABA

Ryan Took 10LWO

Harper Merrylees 7GTA

George Buckle 9EIN

Annabel Naylor 9JDY

Leighton Somers 7PDV

Shanice Munaku 10NFO

Ryan Carter-Rigg 9JDY

Ollie Goodare 8SJU

Elliott Pierce 10LWO

Flynn Robson 10NFO

Millie Freer 10LWO

Evelyn Pennock 8FCO

Oscar Lawson 10ACR

Emma Selleck 10ACR

Miley Wright 8ARU

Molly-Belle Bloom 8ARU

Harry Hugill 10JNC

Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'



IN FOCUS

Ms George is delighted with the start Year 10 pupils have made to their GCSE Food and Nutrition course. Pupils are pictured demonstrating their skills to make vegetable soup!

GCSE FOOD AND NUTRITION





Careers Expo—21st October

In recent years, our Longcroft careers events have been really well received by parents, pupils and the organisations we have worked with. This year, we are seeking to further grow and enhance our offer. Our aim is to allow our young people to engage with more providers, professionals and potential future opportunities than ever before.

Event Format and Timing

Our Expo, as in previous years, will involve two sessions. The **first session** will run from **2.10pm to 3.10pm**, followed by the **second session** from **4.15pm to 7pm**. During the hour-long interval, refreshments will be served for exhibitors (please inform us of any dietary requirements). Arrival on site will be from 1:30pm (or 3:30pm) for set up and preparation as required.

This format is designed to ensure that our Year 9 and 10 pupils can be provided with structured access to exhibitors within our school day and can then return with their parents, along with Years 7 – 13 families, in the after-school session. Whilst it would be great to have as many organisations represented as possible for both sessions, I appreciate that timings may present a challenge, and therefore if you are only available to attend one of the sessions then that is not a problem. We have excellent engagement rates at Longcroft and anticipate high footfall for this event. It is also worth noting that following feedback from last year, locations will also ensure maximum engagement with all of the exhibitors.

Confirming Attendance / Further Information

Thank you for considering being part of this marquee event for our school and community. We greatly value the contribution of our exhibitors and partners in helping our young people to learn about the many great opportunities available to them in the future.

If you are able to be a part of our Longcroft Careers Expo 2026, please complete this short booking form to book your place.

Link: [Longcroft Careers Expo 2026 Exhibitors – Fill out form](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your involvement further, then please do not hesitate to contact me directly at leanne.sinclair@longcroft.eriding.net.



LONGCROFT CAREERS EXPO 2026



When

October 21st, 2026

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



Carys Takes on the World!

Former Longcroft student Carys Marsh, who plays in the Women's Super League for Wigan Warriors, will fly to Australia later this month having been named in Wales' squad for the Women's Rugby League World Cup.

Experienced hooker Carys has been with the Warriors since 2019, having previously played with St Helens. She left Longcroft in 2016 having earned A Levels in Chemistry, Maths and Physics which she studied alongside the Advance Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence at Bishop Burton College and now works as a chartered surveyor in Manchester. She first represented Wales in 2021 and is one of their top players.



Last weekend Carys featured in Wigan's Grand Final defeat to York. Mr Baker said, "While unexpected, the defeat shouldn't detract from what has been another excellent season for Carys – she played a key role in the team which won the Challenge Cup and League Leader's Shield having won all four trophies last season, and her performance in the Grand Final was outstanding."



He added, "While Carys is playing at the highest level of the game, she holds down a full-time career – the commitment and sacrifice involved are significant. While at Longcroft she demonstrated tremendous determination to succeed in everything she did and

I'm delighted she's enjoying success in both her working and sporting careers. To travel to Australia to take on both England and the current world champions in the host nation will be an unbelievable experience!"

Wales will begin their World Cup campaign against England in Perth on October 17 before facing Samoa on October 23 and then finishing the group stage against reigning World Cup winners Australia on November 1.



Chess Club

Wednesday Lunchtime – The Library



Do you enjoy playing chess?

Sessions are held in the library every Wednesday lunchtime, led by chess expert Mrs Alexakis.

Come along and develop your thinking skills and make new friends.

"When you see a good move, look for a better one." - Emanuel Lasker

After School Clubs

TUESDAY

Choir (all year groups)

Dungeons & Dragons (all year groups)

Boys' Football (all year groups)

Netball (all year groups)

WEDNESDAY

Girls' Football (Years 7-9)

Orchestra (all year groups)
– starting 7th October

Rugby (Years 7-9)

THURSDAY

Girls' Football (Years 7-9)

Musical Theatre (all year groups)

Table Tennis (all year groups)

FRIDAY

Badminton (all year groups)



Memory Lane

This week we take a trip back to 2011 and feature two Year 13 tutor groups. Members of 13.5 and 13.6 are pictured with their tutors Mr Skelton and Mr Prescott.





Cycle to School Week is back for 2026!

From **Monday 5 to Friday 9 October 2026**, schools and families across the nation will be taking a new route to the school gate — one that's quicker, healthier, cheaper and a whole lot more fun.

Cycle to School Week is a national celebration of everyday cycling. Whether you're already rolling or just getting started, it's your chance to build confidence, try something new, and discover how good the school run can feel on wheels.

Make your pledge, get involved, and join thousands of children choosing a better way to travel.

For more information and to make your pledge visit:

Cycle to School Week 2026 – Bikeability



Molescroft Wildlife Network

Congratulations to Molescroft Wildlife Network on being shortlisted for two awards, Smile's Environmental Volunteer Award and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Community Group Wildlife Hero.

We are pleased to publicise forthcoming events:

- » Molescroft Wildlife Network volunteer event, Thursday 15th October. Please email MWT for more information about time, place and activities – molescroftwn@gmail.com
- » Molescroft Walking for Health – every Tuesday, 10 to 11am, Molescroft Pavilion. Details are on the poster.
- » Hull and East Yorkshire Biodiversity Action Group. HEY BaG's next meeting is Thursday 3rd December at 6.45pm. Again, please see the poster for details.
- » Dementia and the Outdoors training.

Thanks to funding from The National Lottery Community Fund Anthony Hurd, Growing Green and Blue Health Programme Manager, is pleased to open bookings for their 3rd year of Dementia and the Outdoors training! The training is delivered by Dementia Adventure as part of HEY Smile Foundation's Growing Green and Blue Health programme.

This free training is for organisations and services that want to build their confidence in creating positive, inclusive outdoor experiences for people living with dementia. If you have any questions before booking, please feel free to get in touch, anthony.hurd@heysmilefoundation.org

Molescroft Wildlife Network

Millennium Volunteer Event

Thursday 15th October

Contact us:
For more information please get in touch via the email below

With thanks to:
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
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Carbon Footprint Ltd
Beverley Area Community Trust Grant

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Molescroft Wildlife Network

Hull and East Yorkshire Biodiversity Action Group

HEY BaG

Meeting: Thursday 22nd October, 6:45 pm

Location: Wesley Room
Toll Gavel Methodist Church
Old Walkergate, Beverley, HU17 9AA

Entrance

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Molescroft Walking for Health Weekly Walk

1 hour walk, Molescroft Pavilion
10-11 am Every Tuesday,
Woodall Way, Molescroft, Beverley, HU17 7HT
(The car park can be accessed via a narrow road off The Croft)

We are delighted to invite you to our free, guided, informal walk along the hidden pathways of Molescroft Parish and our lovely wildlife areas. Join us to boost your health, meet new people, and enjoy the beautiful nature around Molescroft.

Refreshments will be provided at the end and everyone is welcome, no matter age and ability. No specialist equipment is needed, it is:

- Suitable for all abilities
- no need to book, just turn up 15 mins before the start
- You may wish to give a £1 donation for the refreshments and so on, but it is not a requirement
- the routes change according to the weather
- toilets are available for the walkers

We are a fun, friendly group and look forward to welcoming you.

This is part of East Riding Walking for Health and was developed by Molescroft Wildlife Network, ERYC Active Communities Team, Growing Green and Blue Health and Molescroft Parish Council. Thank you, also, to Dogger Bank Wind Farm Ltd.

For more information, please contact Laura Hutchinson:
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ERYC Walking for Health





LIBRARY NEWS



Ms Carvill writes:

Celebrating National Poetry Day 2026

This year the theme for National Poetry Day is Wonder. The idea is designed to encourage everyone to delight in the world around them; to pause for a few minutes, connect with nature and their community, and appreciate both the extraordinary and ordinary sights, sounds, and scents that colour our world.

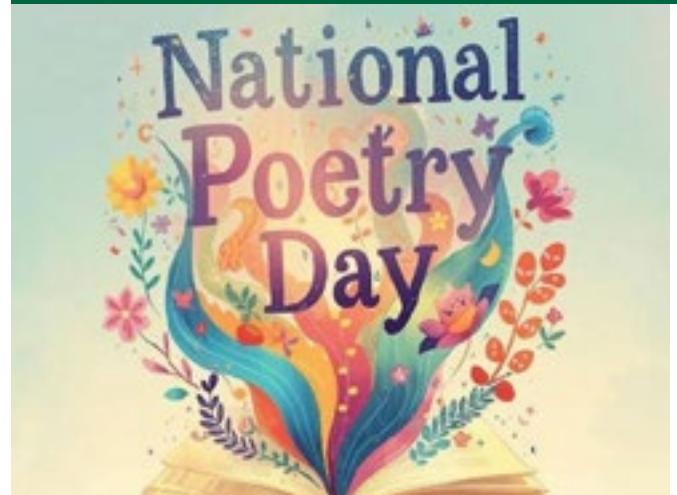
Last week we started our National Poetry Day celebrations early with a visit from poet Michelle Diaz, and this week we've enjoyed a range of activities in the library. Thank you to staff and pupils who read some of their favourite poems on Thursday in the library at lunchtime, and to visiting Year 6 pupils who wrote some great poems at the Open evening on Wednesday.

The purpose of National Poetry Day is to engage with both familiar and new poetry, and wherever possible to write your own. We can all share in the celebrations by recalling a poem that's meaningful to us and reading it aloud to family and friends, or we can challenge ourselves to write a few lines based on something that causes awe and wonder in us.

According to the National Literacy Trust poetry is making a big comeback across the UK. Book sales have been up 13.3% year on year, topping £8 million and 50% of young readers preparing for National Poetry Day 2026 say reading or writing poetry reduces anxiety, depression, and loneliness.

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Poetry is language at its most distilled and most powerful.”
—Rita Dove





Over recent years children's fiction has seen a surge in verse novels; especially for YA (young adult) readers. Writers like Dean Atta, Jason Reynolds, Elizabeth Acevedo, Kwame Alexander, and Ibi Zoboi are just a handful among many rising stars.

The popularity of slam and performance poetry has also had an impact, with slam poetry clubs, workshops, gigs, and competitions not just in the UK but across multiple continents. In children's fiction a number of books have recently been published in which a young male teenager facing challenges finds a new lease of life through writing poetry. Nathaniel Lessore's **Steady for This**, and **Against All Odds**, and Danielle Jawando's incredible **If My Words Had Wings** all show how transformative writing poetry can be, and that it's cool to be a poet.

At Longcroft poetry has always been cool, and our English teachers are wonderful at using it to build language skills, and foster empathy and deeper understanding and connection. Through our work with First Story, a number of our pupils and students have become published writers, their poems featured in anthologies and online. They've also won prizes in national and inhouse competitions.

Sometimes a pupil or student, quite unprompted, will share one of their poems with staff in the library; we're always thrilled to read their work, and give encouragement and feedback. Poetry is such a wonderful outlet, means of expression, and creativity, and we can all benefit from it.

A display of poetry books is in the library to mark National Poetry Day 2026. Do encourage your children to visit, and please share a poem with them if you can.

"Anon, who wrote so many poems without signing them, was often a woman."

—Virginia Woolf

Winnie The Pooh Writing Competition

Celebrating 100 years since the publication of A.A. Milne's original classic book in 1926

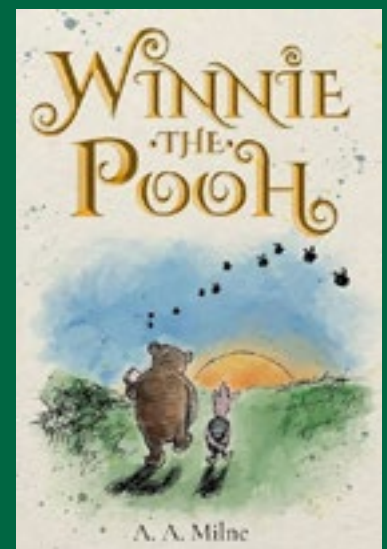
Can you write a story or poem based on the adventures of Winnie the Pooh? You can change the characters; even include yourself in the story; locate it on Westwood, or in Longcroft's fabulous grounds, instead of Hundred Acre Wood.

To mark the 100th birthday of the publication of Winnie the Pooh, Beverley Town Council are inviting all Longcroft pupils and Sixth Form students to enter the competition. Winning stories will be published online on the Beverley Town Council website, and special prizes will be presented by Beverley Mayor Cheryl Giles.

For further details and the chance to take part in a creative writing workshop based on the competition please visit the library.

The Rules:

- » Stories must not exceed 1000 words.
- » Stories must be inspired by the Winnie the Pooh stories but can use different names for characters and settings.
- » Stories must be original and not use AI.
- » The deadline for submission is Monday 2nd November 2026





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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