

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 18th January 2019

Week Commencing Monday 21st
January 2019 is Timetable Week B

Students Enjoy Unique Music Workshop

Throughout this week, a very special music workshop took place at Longcroft, with our students and pupils from local primary schools experiencing a unique cultural opportunity. One of our Year 10 students, Evie Lane, has written the below report.



If you had asked me before the Monday of the 14th of January what I knew about Indonesia, I would have struggled. However, I can now tell you all about the musical culture of Indonesia... **Gamelan!**

This is a sacred musical art of Indonesia, based on numbers instead of musical notation (except the dreaded "note four"). It is an expensive rarity in the music world, where every instrument adds its own personal flare to the unique and impressive sound produced. Former House Martins percussionist Gary Hammond was on hand to help GCSE music students to understand this.



Throughout the session, we were told how the Gamelan was made for various people with varied musical backgrounds, yet took a lot of skill to master. It was also brought to our attention how Gamelan is dying out and the culture needs younger people to carry the tradition on.

As a class, we also faced the challenge of learning to play a new instrument and style – such as the marimba and the gong.



Effortlessly, the sound of the Gamelan eventually blended together to create a beautiful and interesting sound as we all played our own, unique Gamelan piece.

Personally, I enjoyed the afternoon very much - my musical knowledge has been broadened and I have also discovered an intriguing area of culture. In addition to this, in the future I am more inclined to discover other styles of music globally.

Thank you to Evie for this report and also to Gary for bringing the Gamelan to Longcroft. It was an opportunity all involved will remember for a long time.

Longcroft Launches Official Facebook Page



We have launched an official Facebook page for Longcroft. Although we are starting it slowly, we will be posting celebrations, notices and information on a regular basis.

To find us, search for “**Longcroft School & Sixth Form College**” and “like” the page.

You will then be able to view and share information and be kept up-to-date with life at Longcroft.



Badminton Tournament at Wolfreton

After qualifying in the first round at Wolfreton last month, Longcroft’s Key Stage 4 boys and girls and the Key Stage 3 boys headed off to Wolfreton for the second round of this badminton tournament.

The Year 8 boys played some very good games and came joint second, narrowly missing out on going through to the next round. Well done to those boys - Owen Waterson, Freddie Mills, Owen Bruton and Nick Taylor.

The Year 11 lads lost a player due to an injury the day before the tournament. Thankfully, Alex Paraschiv stepped in to make his debut in these competitions and did exceptionally well, as did the rest of the team - Owen Walker, Oliver Stapleton and Alex Stapleton – who all played some excellent badminton.

Winning all their matches against Wolfreton, South Hunsley and Beverley Grammar, they now go on to represent the East Riding against Hull and Lincolnshire schools on 5th February.



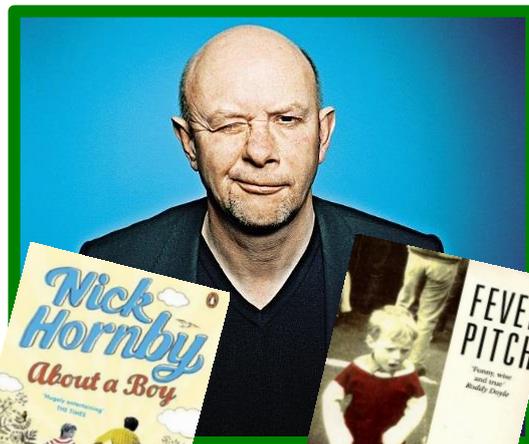
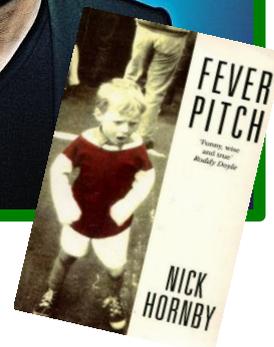
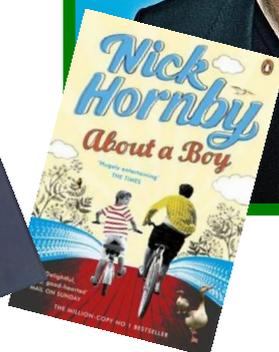
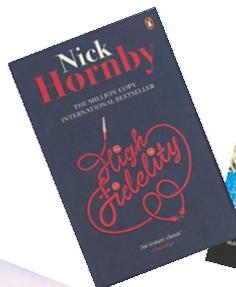
The Keys Stage 4 girls were also successful, finishing in first place against Wolfreton, South Hunsley, and Beverley High School. Charlotte Hall, Lucy Walker, Abi Ankrett and Daisy Miles played some excellent matches and will also go on to the next round.

These were great results for everyone involved and we look forward to hearing back about their future matches.

Library News

Authors of the Month

This month we celebrate the work of the Oscar nominee Nick Hornby at the Upper School Library. Hornby, a former teacher, is known for his novels *High Fidelity* and *About a Boy*, as well as screenplays for films like *An Education* and *Brooklyn*.

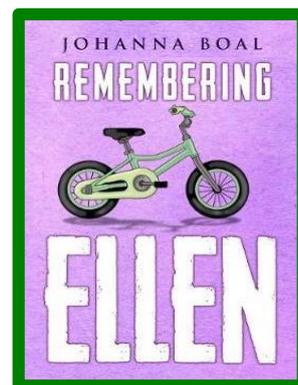


At the Lower School Library we feature the books of London born writer Sophie McKenzie who has written a string of young adult thrillers including: *Girl Missing*, and the *All about Eve* series, as well as the award winning science fiction thriller *Blood Ties*.



Visiting Writers

Over the next few months the Upper School Library will be welcoming a number of writers to work with our students. Next week Beverley based author Johanna Boal will talk to students about her debut young adult novella *Remembering Ellen*. We look forward to hearing her speak about the road to publication, and what has inspired her. Johanna will also be signing copies of her book which is suitable for students over 14. If you would like to purchase one, please let Ms Carvill know.



Chess Club



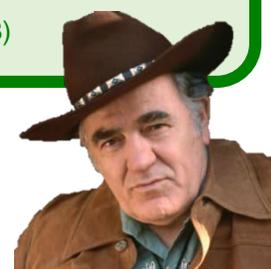
Over recent weeks chess club has become increasingly popular on Monday and Friday lunchtimes. In view of this Mr Ezra, our chess expert, has decided to run an after school club on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15 in the US Library. It is hoped that some of our gifted chess players will compete in chess tournaments with students from other schools. The next outside event is the Blitz Chess Tournament at Hull Central Library on 4th May 2019. Entry is free and medals and prizes will be awarded. If your child is interested please ask them to visit the Upper School Library. Beginners are most welcome.

Revision Guides

Just to remind you that all GCSE revision guides are available from the US Library and can be purchased through Parentpay or in cash. These guides are a great resource; particularly as students approach their exams in June. Please encourage them to start revising early and thank you for all the support you give.

"Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you."

Louis L'Amour (1908-1988)



Supporting the Air Ambulance

Any Old Stamps?

If anyone has envelopes with used stamps on them, or receives mail in the future with them, please could you consider donating them – they will be given to support the Air Ambulance. Students can bring used stamps to the Upper School reception. Many thanks to Mrs Taylor for coordinating this.



Clothes Recycling

Do you have any items of clothing or pairs of shoes you no longer need? If so, consider donating them to the clothes recycle bin – all items will raise funds to support the Air Ambulance and can be dropped off in the recycle bin near the Upper School tennis court.

Work Starts on School Site

Groundwork is now underway for what is an exciting development at Longcroft. The new extension to Upper School to replace the Lower will take several months to complete, but we are happy to announce that work has started.

We would like to thank and congratulate all students for the way they have adapted to the diversion routes around school to enable this work to take place. Behaviour regarding the build has been exemplary.

The company carrying out the work, Henry Boot, will be updating us on their progress, which we hope to report back to you in future newsletters.

Diary Dates

Friday 25th January 2019: Drop Everything and Reflect (DEAR) – Holocaust Memorial

Monday 11th February 2019: Year 8/9 Girls HPV Immunisations

Wednesday 13th February 2019: Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019: Half Term

Monday 25th February 2019: Staff Training Day (students not in school)

Tuesday 26th February: Students return to school