

# LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 22nd September 2017

## **Prevention and Education Team Intervention in School**

We are happy to announce that after a great deal of liaising and hard work, our Pastoral staff have organised for the Prevention and Education Team (PET) to come into school at the end of this month to carry out group work with students who we feel would benefit from work around resilience.

This work will include self-esteem, anger management, dealing with anxiety and building confidence. Along with this and hopefully to further enhance our students' awareness around key issues affecting their lives today, the PET team will come in to do some "Welfare Days" for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. The specific arrangements for these days will be made clearer in due course, but they will involve lessons and work around online safety, substance misuse, emotional health, child sexual exploitation and bullying. The PET team have never delivered these lessons on such a large scale before, so it is a great opportunity for them, us and most importantly our students.

These issues affect our students daily and with the increasing pressures of social media it is a vital that we provide our students with support on how to be more self-aware and how to stay safe.

We hope that the students will benefit from these interventions by gaining skills and knowledge needed to develop into emotionally healthy young people.

Many thanks to our fantastic Pastoral Team for organising these events.

## **National Poetry Day**

On Thursday 28th September we will be celebrating National Poetry Day. All students are invited to write a poem on this year's theme 'Freedom'. Poems can be of any length and do not have to rhyme. There will be lots of prizes for the winners, so encourage your children to enter soon. Entries can be left at the US or LS Library.

## **Bookbuzz**

It's been an exciting start of term in the library for all our Year 7s. Following the launch of Bookbuzz, and thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Longcroft School (FOLS), each one of them will be receiving a new book that they have chosen themselves.

Bookbuzz is a fabulous initiative designed to encourage reading for pleasure, celebrate independent choice, and really get students sharing their thoughts about books.

## **BAE Video**

You might recall that last term some of our students took part in an engineering competition with BAE Systems at Brough and were crowned the winners.

The company has now released a short video of the winning students visiting the BAE as part of their reward, which includes one of our students, Thomas Smith. To see the video [click here](#).

## **Friends of Longcroft School Cash (FOLS) Prize Draw Returns**

The FOLS Cash Draw 2017-2018 is open! Just £1 a month buys a lucky number, which is then put into a monthly Cash Draw (drawn at FOLS meetings throughout the year). Over the last few years over £3000 has been awarded in prize money! Monthly prize winners are announced via Longcroft News.

To join please simply log in to parent pay and add your payment – from the £12 you pay - half goes towards the fundraising of the charity which then goes on to support the pupils in school and half goes into a prize pot to be won!

## **FOLS Annual General Meeting**

All parents and members of staff are welcome to attend the Friends of Longcroft School's Annual General meeting on Tuesday 24th October. Starting at 7pm in the Board Room (next to Upper School Reception), new faces will be given a warm welcome and coffee and biscuits will be provided. The group looks forward to seeing you there.

## **Important Dates**

**Sep 18th 2017** – Year 12 Information Evening (6pm)

**Oct 4th 2017** – Year 6 Intake Evening

**Oct 12th 2017** – Year 7 Tutor Evening

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