

# LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018

Week Commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018 is Timetable Week B

## Food Bank Collection

Over the next two weeks, we are encouraging Longcroft families and members of staff to donate items for the East Yorkshire Food Bank, which provides support to people in Beverley.

If you would like to donate any items, students can take them to Upper School Reception from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



To help you decide what to donate, here are some items the Food Bank welcomes:

Food Items		Non-food Items
Cereal	Rice, lentils and pulses	Toiletries (soap, deodorant, toilet paper, shaving gel, toothbrushes, tooth paste, shower gel, hand wipes, etc.)
Tinned soups	Tinned meat and fish	Household items (laundry power, washing up liquid, etc.)
Dried pasta	Tinned vegetables	Feminine hygiene products
Tinned Beans	Tinned fruit	Baby supplies (nappies, baby wipes, baby food, etc.)
Tinned tomatoes	Tea and coffee	
Jars of sauce	Biscuits	
Fruit Juice	Long-life/UHT Milk	

Items the food bank **cannot** accept include food that is out-of-date, frozen food, fresh food (e.g. fruit, veg, bread, etc.), items that require refrigeration, dairy products (milk, cheese, eggs, butter, margarine, etc.) and baked goods. This is because the shelf-life of these items is very limited and Food Banks do not have the facilities, such as fridges and freezers, to preserve them.

We hope the Longcroft community will be able to help and support this initiative, as the Food Bank Network, which is run by The Tressell Trust, carries out vital work to support those who need it the most.

If you would like more information about the work of the Trust [click here](#). For further details about the East Yorkshire Food Bank [click here](#). Finally, for more information about what can and cannot be donate, [click here](#).

**Thank you in advance for your donations – they will help to make a positive difference.**



## Carol Concert

Everyone is welcome to join us for our annual Carol Concert, held in St Mary's Church in Beverley at 7pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

This always proves to be a wonderful event, which marks the start to this festive time of the year.

Students will perform seasonal music and songs, and there will be the opportunity for everyone to join together to sing traditional carols.

This event is free to attend and we look forward to sharing the Yuletide spirit with you.

## Positive Discipline Success Continues

The most recent Positive Discipline (PD) Lesson proved to be another resounding success, with the top two students from each PD group being sent to the canteen to celebrate their great commitment to positive behaviour choices and their school work.

Congratulations to Sam Robinson in Year 9, who is the winner of our Golden Ticket for receiving more stamps over the last three weeks than any other student.

In addition, every student who comes to the canteen as part of PD receives a raffle ticket with the opportunity to win a £15 voucher - Well done to Year 7 student Ryan Burdett, who was the lucky winner!

## Last Day of Term – Early Closure Reminder

A message has been sent to all parents, explaining that school will close early to students on the last day of term – Friday 21 December. This will allow time for a staff development session. Students will be permitted to leave the school site at 1:30pm and buses have been arranged to depart at 1:45pm for those who require them. However, we will arrange supervision for students who need to stay on site until the end of the usual school day at 3:10pm.

To help us with this, the initial message sent out included a link to an online permission slip for parents to complete (including Sixth Formers). Thank you to everyone who has responded to date – for those who have not, a reminder message will be sent out over the weekend that includes another link to the form. We would be very grateful if you could respond to it as soon as you can. Many thanks in advance.

## Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 students are preparing for their Mock GCSE exams, which take place at the very start of next term. Details and support information have been sent to those students involved and their parents. In addition, you can [click here](#) to view to mock exam schedule. Good luck to all students taking part in these important examinations.

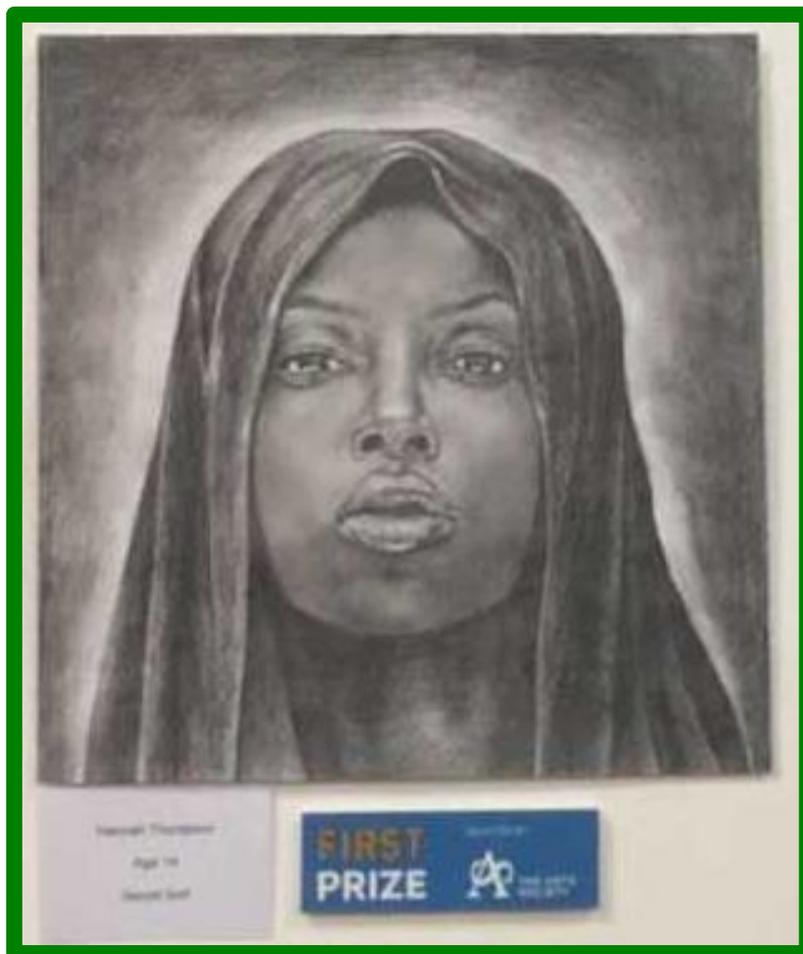
## Ferens Art Gallery Success

A number of our Year 9 and 10 students have had work accepted into the Ferens Art Gallery Junior Open Exhibition. This is a wonderful accomplishment for everyone involved.

**Congratulations go to Hannah Thompson from Year 10, who won first prize for her age group (her artwork is pictured here). This is a great achievement for Hannah, who should be very proud of this success.**

Well done to all students and thank you to teachers from our Art Department for all their support and encouragement.

The work will be on display at the Ferens Art Gallery in Hull until Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



## Greenpower Team Racing Forward

The Longcroft Greenpower Team have been invited to race in the Hull Street Race next year.

Their car is built and working, and the next tasks are to complete the vehicle management systems, which are monitored via an App. Funds will also be raised to build the carbon fibre body panels, in order to reduce drag and increase speed.

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### HULL CITY STREET RACE

The first electric closed road race in the UK will take place on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 on the streets of Hull city centre.

Greenpower inspires young people to excel in STEM subjects through a unique challenge; to design, build, and race an electric car.

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Vaughan Curnow, Project Shuman Co-ordinator for the Greenpower Education Trust, is coming into school next week to talk to the students about the event.

The Longcroft team are aiming to race for the first time at an event towards the end of March, prior to the Hull Street Race. All those involved are excited about this project - they have been working on it after school and at lunchtimes for many months.

**Good luck to the team and we look forward to reporting their progress next year.**

## **Sports Roundup**

**There have been a lot of sports activities and achievements over the past week:**

### **Year 8 Rugby League Team in Yorkshire Cup**

The Year 8 team travelled to Honley School in Huddersfield, after qualifying for the group stages in the Yorkshire Cup. Captain Jack Charles and centre Nick Taylor were unavailable for selection after picking up injuries from the weekend. However, the troops rallied magnificently and Year 7 boys Harrison Adams and Luke Foreman did an outstanding job in stepping up a year.

After a 90 minute bus journey the boys got off with a racing start, with a try to the outstanding Will Hutchinson, who also added two points with his conversion. Will and his half back partner Max Bayes directed the team around the park magnificently and, combined with some excellent passing to Gem White, resulted in a super try. Captain Sam Davies scored a great try after a typical barnstorming run, but not to be outdone by his partner in crime, Tom Rae got himself on the scoreboard after challenging the defence all game, giving Longcroft a half time score of 18–4. The second half saw Gem White and Sam Davies add further tries, as well as a great effort from Year 7 Luke Foreman who played the full game in the middle of the park at hooker. Will Hutchinson added two further conversions to give a final score of 36–10. The performance and conduct of all players was excellent and they all did Longcroft proud. The team travel to Corpus Christie (Leeds) next Wednesday, before the final group match at home on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Minsthorpe School from Leeds. Well done boys!

### **Netball Update**

The Year 9 and 10 girls had a fiercely competitive netball fixture against Hornsea School on Wednesday night. With some team members from Year 10 unable to play the Year 9 students stepped in. Despite some excellent play from both teams, both unfortunately lost. We look forward to a re-match on home soil! Well played to all of the girls.

### **Primary Transition Events**

We held a swimming gala at Beverley Leisure centre on the morning of Tuesday 4th December for all Beverley Primary Schools – in total seven schools attended; Keldmarsh, Molescroft, Cherry Burton, Walkington, St Marys, St Nicholas, Minster and St Johns. In what proved to be a really enjoyable event, some impressive swimming on display. Well done to all the children who took part and congratulations to Keldmarsh on winning the event, who now go through to the East Riding final to represent Beverley.

Year 3 and 4 pupils also had the opportunity to take part in a Sports Hall athletics event on Tuesday 27th November at Beverley High School. Seven schools attended; Tickton, Minster, Walkington, St Johns, St Marys 1 & 2, and St Nicholas. The children thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities involved in the competition. Congratulations goes to Tickton on winning the event - they now go through to represent Beverley at the East Riding finals.

### **Sports Hall Athletics**

On Tuesday 4th December, Longcroft sent four teams to compete at the East Riding Sports Hall athletics competition in Bridlington. It was a great evening of sport, where the students competed in a variety of track and field events. Longcroft did very well, with the Year 7 girls securing a second position. Well done to all who took part in the event.

## Year 9 Rugby League Success

A further event took place on Tuesday 4th December, when our Year 9 rugby team welcomed North Halifax Grammar school to Longcroft to play out their Yorkshire Cup Quarter final. Despite struggling with the conditions, the whole team showed some incredible defence skills to win the game 18-10. The team now await the news of their semi-final opponents. Reaching this stage of the competition has also meant entry into the National cup. Well done to all who played.

## Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...



Once again, the Longcroft Design Technology department has taken part in Beverley Minster's Festival of Christmas Trees.

This year the inspiration for Longcroft's decorations was that most festive of foods, the humble sprout! Ms George's Year 10 Food Technology students produced gingerbread biscuits in the shape of characterful sprouts, each with an individual personality with iced facial expressions!



Meanwhile, Miss Wigglesworth's Textiles students made felt sprout characters, complete with Christmas hats.

The Festival takes place from Friday 7th December to Sunday 9th December, with the Longcroft entry just one of 86 uniquely decorated trees – entry is by a £3 programme and it is open 10am to 4pm on Sat 8th and 12pm to 5pm on Sun 9th Dec.

**Well done to all the students who were involved with making these quirky – no matter what your views are on what sprouts taste like, we are sure you will love these creations!**

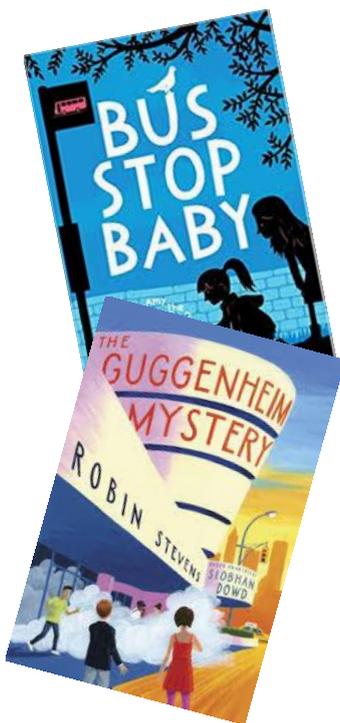


## Westella and Willerby AFC Recruitment Drive

Year 7 footballers are being sought for recruitment by Westella and Willerby AFC. The club are seeking new players to join them and play as part of the Myton League (Division 1) of the Hull Youth and District League. Organisers are fully DBS cleared and the team adhere to all safeguarding requirements. Training is held at Wolfreton High School on Tuesdays at 7pm and Saturdays at Hull Top from 1pm (where home matches are also played – 10:10am kick off. If your child is interested, please contact Gaz (team manager) on 07712 266962.

## Library News

### Bookbuzz Book Cover Design Competition



Over the last few years, due to the generosity of the Friends of Longcroft School and Bookbuzz, all Year 7 students have been presented with a free book in their first term at Longcroft – a selection of the titles they chose from are pictured.

Bookbuzz are currently running a competition to design a book cover based on the free books students received this year.

If your child is interested in art and design and would like to enter the competition, please ask them to speak to Ms Carvill at the US Library. The deadline is 1 February 2019.



### Library Christmas Chess Rapid Tournament

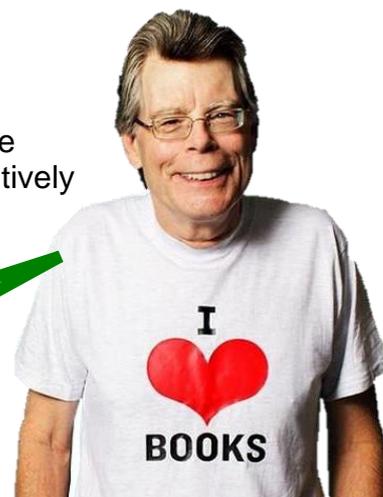
Recently a number of students have enjoyed playing chess in the Upper School Library at lunchtimes, thanks to the expertise and encouragement of Mr Ezra. On Monday 17th December, Mr Ezra will be overseeing a special Christmas tournament of 15 minute rapid games after school, from 3:15pm to 4:30pm. If your child is interested in competing, please ask them to sign up at the Library. Prizes will be awarded.

### Revision Guides

As mock exams approach just a reminder that revision guides are available from the Upper School Library. These are very competitively priced and can be purchased through Parentpay or in cash.

*“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”*

Stephen King



### Diary Dates

**11th December 2018** – FOLS Extraordinary General Meeting (7pm, Upper School)

**13th December 2018** – Carol Concert at St Mary’s Church, Beverley, 7pm

**19th December 2018** – Presentation Evening, Longcroft Theatre, 7pm

**21st December 2018** – Last Day of Term (student can leave 1:30pm – see article above)

**7th January 2019** – First Day of Term