

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 6th January 2017

Welcome back to a new year and a new school term. We hope you had a happy and peaceful New Year and look forward to all that 2017 has to bring.

Author David Mark Visits Longcroft

Best-selling local author David Mark visited Longcroft School Library on Friday 16th December to talk to Sixth Form students studying English about how he became a successful writer. David, whose latest book *Cruel Mercy* is due for release in February 2017, has written a string of crime novels based around the character of DS Aector McAvoy, and set in Hull. His debut novel, *The Dark Winter*, was selected by Richard and Judy's Book Club in 2012 and went on to sell over 250,000 copies in its first year.

Mr Mark spoke to students about his early passion for reading: *"Reading and digesting other people's hearts is what makes us what we are"* he said; going on to describe the importance of imagination and play in his childhood. *"Fiction seemed infinitely superior to real life. I spent many a happy hour crafting films and stories with my toys"*. Despite a lot of initial rejections, he was single-minded in his desire to become a writer *"I had stories in me, screaming in my head."*

Students were thoroughly entertained and inspired by David's frank and witty journey from journalist to author and asked him a number of probing questions.

Many thanks to Mr Mark for coming into Longcroft and to all the members of staff involved with organising the fantastic event.

Molecroft Inn Parking

Please be aware that the Molecroft Inn car park will now be closed between 3pm and 4pm. If you collect students by car and wait in this private car park, please find an alternative location.

We also advise that you do not park on dropped curbs, as this is a highways offence.

We appreciate how difficult it can be for parents collecting their children by car to find an appropriate space, but we also have to take the needs of our neighbours into consideration.

Many thanks for keeping this in mind and for your help with this issue.

Non-uniform Day

Thank you to all students who donated £1 on non-uniform day at the end of last term, which raised £745 for charity. Thank you and well done!

Immunisation Sessions

Please note that the following immunisations sessions are scheduled for 2017:

- Monday 30th January: Year 9 – TdP, Men ACWY and MMR
- Monday 3rd April: Years 8 – 1st HPV; Year 9 – 2nd HPV

Important Dates

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 – **First Day of Term**

Wednesday 25th January 2017 – **Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening**

Wednesday 1st February 2017 – **Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening**

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