

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 13th July 2018

School Games Day 2018

Wednesday 11th July, saw Longcroft students take to the school field and sports hall to enjoy a range of activities that form our annual School Games Day.

With a wide variety of events on offer, including athletics, football, rounders and more, it was a big logistical task to pull the day together – many thanks to Mrs Moon and the P.E. Department, who worked so hard to achieve this.



Thankfully, the weather was warm, but not too sunny to overheat competitors, and students and staff threw themselves into the spirit of the event.

Congratulations to all students who took places in the different sports/games and well done to all who took part – it was also wonderful to see classmates cheering each other on, creating a real sense of community spirit. Many thanks to all members of staff who supported the event.

An event like this shows the Longcroft community at its very best and we hope this annual school tradition will continue for many years to come.

Longcroft Wins Interactive Whiteboard

Well done to English Teacher Mrs Thomas, who has won a state of the art, [ActivPanel](#) for her classroom.

As part of a competition run by Promethean, who produce these educational displays, Mrs Thomas had to produce video showing, in a fun way, how such an item could enhance teaching and learning.

Congratulations to Mrs Thomas and all the students who took part in the video.

Author of the Month

This month's 'Authors of the Month' are Terry Pratchett at the US Library, and Jacqueline Wilson at the LS. Both writers excel in their particular genres: Wilson for her gritty realism, and Pratchett for his comic fantasy novels. Please encourage your children to explore their work.



David Lund Visits Longcroft Art Department



The dynamism of colour, liquid, and motion electrified art students at Longcroft when David Lund, one of the UK's foremost commercial and art photographers, visited on Thursday 12th July to share his knowledge and expertise.

Lund, who specialises in liquid photography, and numbers Rolls Royce, Shell Oil, and Baileys among his clients, began the day working with sixth-formers, allowing them to experience what a professional photo shoot is like. Students constructed an enclosed studio set, learnt about cutting edge technology, and the significance of working as a choreographed team in a highly competitive field; including essential vocabulary to communicate at speed.

This was very much a hands on experience, as Lund said *"Today is not about me demonstrating, it's about you learning. You don't know what's going to happen. You can experiment; test your creativity"*.



Lund's innovative photographs push the boundaries of digital imagery, capturing liquid formations imploding and exploding in vibrant colour. Whether kaleidoscopic or strikingly simple they are fused with energy and light. Clearly, our A-level and GCSE students were impressed by the whole process; as one Year 9 said *"You got to learn what a professional photographer is doing behind the scenes. It was really practical and exciting; it gave me ideas about what I might do when I'm older"*.



The event, organised by Longcroft art teachers Ms Gibson and Mrs Holmes, and sponsored by Beverley Arts Society, was a huge success with students. Moreover, it gave them the opportunity to consider the possibilities of an exciting and lucrative career in the arts. As Mrs Holmes said *"The students have seen creativity on another level and been given access to a medium that will let their imaginations fly"*.

Thank you to Ms Gibson, Mrs Holmes, and Beverley Arts Society, and of course David Lund for his enthusiasm and passion.

Summer Reading

A number of students have visited the LS and US Libraries this week to select books to read over the summer holidays. Students are invited to bring a list of what they've read to the US Library in September, and stamps and prizes will be awarded at assemblies for those who demonstrate commitment and effort.

Exciting News

In September the Hull-based poet Catherine Scott will be visiting the US Library to work with some of our students on a project for the Beverley Literature Festival. This will include a series of workshops, and culminate in a performance in October 2018. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to learn from a professional poet, and develop their creative writing and performance skills. We look forward to Catherine's visits.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Last Day of Term – Early Closure

Parents of students in Years 7 to 10 have been asked to give permission for their child to leave school early on the last day of term (1:30pm on Friday 20th July – buses departing site 1:45pm) or request their child be supervised until 3:40pm. This has been done via an electronic permission form sent by text message or to the MyEd app.

Thank you to all those who have already responded and we look forward to hearing from parents who have yet to do so. We really do appreciate your support with this.

Uniform Reminder

The expectations regarding the school uniform from September 2018 for students in Years 7 to 11 are as follows:

Below is a reminder about uniform expectations:

- White shirt long enough to tuck into trousers/skirt
- Longcroft school tie
- Knee length skirt purchased from approved suppliers with the 'green-triangle'
- Black trousers purchased from approved suppliers with the 'green-triangle'
- All black footwear
- Longcroft branded 'v' neck jumper only (no other type of jumper can be worn including round neck PE jumpers)
- No hoodies, tracksuits, branded tops, leather or denim jackets
- Dark plain belt with a simple fastening
- Students may only wear a watch, one simple ring and one small stud in each ear if pierced (no nose or tongue piercings)
- Discreet make up, no nail varnish or acrylic nails

These will be sold by our usual suppliers: Steady School wear: <https://steadyschoolwear.co.uk>
Rawcliffes: <https://rawcliffes.co.uk>

Please note that Steady Schoolwear currently have a 10% discount off uniform orders until the end of term – type the code **long10** into the coupon section when finalising your purchase in the shopping cart before checking out.

If you have any questions regarding uniform during the summer holidays please e-mail school@longcroft.eriding.net or call 01482862171

Friends of Longcroft School (FOLS)

The Friends of Longcroft are meeting at the Upper School Boardroom (turn left and it is the second door/last one on the left before the double doors) at 7pm on Monday 16th July 2018. The committee is small and needs new people to contribute ideas for fundraising and to help make decisions about funding extra items for the school. Please do email us if you wish any further information: fols@longcroft.eriding.net.

Important Dates

- Friday 20th July – Last Day of Term
- Thursday 16th August – A-level Results Day
- Thursday 23rd August – GCSE Results Day
- Wednesday 5th September – First Day of Term for Students



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