

# LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October 2018

Week Commencing Monday 22nd  
October 2018 is Timetable Week B

## A Great Week for Attendance

**During the past week, our attendance figure has risen to over 96%.** This is a brilliant achievement and we would like to thank all students for their efforts and parents for their support.

A good attendance level is vital for students to get the most out of their education – just one lesson lost could result in an important piece of information missed, which might be vital for an assessment, project or exam. This can make all the difference to the grades a student achieves.

With only one more week to go before half term, it would be fantastic if attendance next week could be further enhanced and that 96% level surpassed. **Thank you in advance to all parents for encouraging students to help us achieve this.**



## Positive Discipline Congratulations

We are proud to report that the Positive Discipline strategy continues to be a success, with many students receiving acknowledgment for their positive behaviour, work and attitude.

Of particular note are the following students, who over the most recent three-week Positive Discipline period received the most stamps:



**Year 7:** Charlie Robinson and Jasmine Brown

**Year 8:** Ronan Richardson and Andrew Woodhouse

**Year 9:** Amber Ross, Rawan Sheikh Debes  
and Sam Robinson

**Year 10:** Ella Markillie and Amy Burnett

**Year 11:** Elizabeth Henson and Jacob Hill

**Congratulations in particular to Jasmine Brown and Sam Robinson, who were each awarded a special Golden Stamp.**

We are pleased with how students have taken to the Positive Discipline system and thank all members of staff for making sure it runs smoothly across all year groups.

## Bike Safety

**Please can all parents of students who travel to school by bicycle reinforce the message that they must cycle safely at all times.**



We have received reports from the police of local residents contacting them, concerned with the dangerous behaviour exhibited by a number of students, especially when they cycle home at the end of the day. This is an issue throughout the year, but with darker afternoons on the way as Autumn progresses, it is even more important that students understand the importance of respecting other road users and pedestrians, cycle in a safe manner and use safety equipment (e.g. helmets, lights, reflective gear, etc.).  
**Thank you for helping to reinforce this message.**

## National School Travel Awards – Longcroft Receives Bronze.

One group of students who know all about cycling safety is Mrs Hirons's form.

Last term they worked with officers from East Riding of Yorkshire Council on the Mode Shift Stars project. This is part of the National School Travel Awards supported by the Government's Department for Transport.

**We are delighted to announce that due to the success of this project, Longcroft has been presented with a Bronze Award by the scheme.**



To help other students understand the importance of bike safety, the form will be working together to develop projects that raise awareness of this issue throughout the school.

## Immunisations

Immunisations will take place for all Year 9 students on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The session will take place in the Large Social Area at Upper School from 9:15 until roughly 12:15pm.

Please can Year 9 parents help us by ensuring students wear a short-sleeved PE shirt that morning, as this will speed up the immunisation process.

**Thank you in advance for your help with this.**

## Library News

### **The Library Poetry Competition**

The Library had an amazing response to its poetry competition to mark National Poetry Day 2018. What a huge amount of talented poets we have at Longcroft! Thank you to parents/carers and staff for the encouragement they gave to students.

**The winners were picked by the poet Catherine Scott and are as follows:** Robert Cooper (Year 7) – First Prize, Bryony Young (Year 8) – First Prize, Lydia Lawrence – (Year 10) – First Prize. Runners up are: Luke Foreman (Year 7), Molly Kemp (Year 8), and Katie Parkinson (Year 10). Prizes will be awarded next week.

### **Reading over Half-Term**

The holidays are a great time to catch up on some reading and take out additional books. Currently the libraries have displays of some fabulous new works, featured writers, and lots of horror to mark Halloween. Please encourage your children to challenge themselves.

### **Revision Guides**

The GCSE Drama Play Guide to Blood Brothers has just arrived and is available from the Upper School Library at a cost of £3.00. It is a really helpful resource. A full list of all revision guides is available on ParentPay.



## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 23rd October** – Year 9 Immunisations

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Half Term

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