

# LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 15th June 2018

## Challenge Cup Visits Longcroft

This week, student had the opportunity to have photographs taken with the Rugby League Challenge Cup.



Local legends Hull FC are the current cup holders, having beaten Wigan at the 2017 final. We were lucky to have Sam and James from their community team join us and talk about the history of the Challenge Cup, alongside engaging in a question and answer session.



This was a wonderful opportunity for the many students at Longcroft who both love playing and watching Rugby League.



## Library News

It has been a busy few weeks in the library, with lots of new resources arriving. Thank you to students for their fabulous suggestions and enthusiastic recommendations to peers.



On Tuesday June 19th we will be welcoming the internationally renowned, prize-winning author Melvin Burgess to Longcroft. Melvin has written over twenty books and will be talking to Years 7, 8, and 9 students about his writing; the importance of reading, and he will also be answering questions. If students would like to get one of his books autographed, they can bring in a copy from home or buy one from the library - please speak to Ms Carvill.

More GCSE Revision Guides are now available to for purchase from the US Library. They can have a real impact on results, so please encourage your children to use them.

Thank you for your continued support.

## School Day 2018/19

Thank you to the many parents and students who, in various ways, contributed to our consultation regarding the structure and timings of the school day. While it was not possible to respond to every individual comment, concern or question, all were considered and some are addressed below.

The consultation demonstrated overwhelming support for a model in which lunchtime was reduced to 40 minutes and with an earlier finish to the school day.

From September 2018 Longcroft will adopt the timings and model below:

**8.35** Move to morning registration or Assembly (8.40 start)

**9.00** Period 1

**10.00** Movement

**10.05** Period 2

**11.05** Break

**11.25** Period 3

**12.25** Lunch

**13.05** Period 4

**14.05** Movement

**14.10** Period 5

**15.10** End of school day

We believe moving our form time to the start of the day will support students in their readiness to learn by offering an opportunity to address any issues with their form tutor or another appropriate member of staff prior to Period 1.

Questions raised during the consultation process centred on three areas:

1. **Time to eat lunch** – having spent time evaluating, at various times of the year, the time students currently take to eat their lunch in both the Upper and Lower School Dining Halls, we are confident that with the facilities we have, students who choose to do so are able to use the dining facilities and eat their meal within the 40 minute period.
2. **Transport** - we have received assurances from both the Local Authority and EYMS that they will change the timing of their services to meet the needs of our students. The timing of the start of the day has not changed.
3. **Extra-curricular activities** – these opportunities form an important aspect of students' experience and we would not wish to negatively impact on this. Many staff give up time to lead or support a range of opportunities. While there may be some changes to specific clubs or activities, we are confident our extra-curricular offer will continue to enrich students' experience of school and the earlier finishing time will contribute to this.

In addition, a small number of parents commented on the earlier finish creating a longer period between the end of the school day and them either arriving home from work or being able to pick their children up from school. At present, opportunities are offered for students to use our study facilities beyond the school day and a small number take advantage of this, usually to complete homework. This facility will still be in place until 4.00pm; consequently, should a parent be unable to collect their son or daughter from school, the facility exists for the child to work in a safe environment.

We look forward to the many benefits the changes to our school day will bring.

### Important Dates

- Exams are underway – good luck to all students taking part!
- Wednesday 20th June – Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 27th June – Year 11 Prom Night
- Thursday 28th June – Recital Evening, 7pm



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