

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 1st March 2019

Week Commencing Monday 4th
March 2019 is Timetable Week A

Letter to Parents

Earlier this week we sent students home with a letter, which detailed important information about the school. A copy was also sent out to parents by email. If, for any reason, you have not received it via either route, [please click here to read the letter](#). Thank you.

Year 8 Rugby Victory

The Year 8 rugby team has secured a fantastic victory against a strong Winifred Holtby team, in the quarter final of the Hull and East Riding Rugby League Cup. This was a repeat of last year's final, when Longcroft just missed out by a try.



The game did not start well, with Winifred Holtby going ahead by 10 points to nil in the first 15 minutes. However, Longcroft soon found their stride and started to play some excellent attacking rugby. Captain Jack Charles was instrumental, sending over Alex Argent Moss for his first of 2 tries and then weaving his magic to get over the line himself. Charles converted both tries to go into the break 12 -10 up. It was all Longcroft in the second half, with Argent Moss scoring an outstanding try from 40 metres out after a neat inside ball from Charles. Harrison Glendinning was a tower of strength, coming off the bench to go over for 2 tries, giving Longcroft a 28-10 lead. Winifred Holtby scored a consolation try at the end to give a final score of 28-16.

Special mention must go to our prop forwards, Sam Davies and Tom Rea, who were key to this success. Harrison Adams, Jack Robinson Ben Shrimpton and Luke Foreman from Year 7 stepped up tremendously to make a big contribution to this excellent victory.

This was an excellent match and both teams displayed outstanding skills and discipline. Well done to all involved.

Next week, the Year 7 team will be hoping to emulate this win, when they play Wolfreton in the same competition at Longcroft on Thursday 7th March

Morning Arrival

We have a few students arriving at school before 8am. Ideally, they should not be onsite at that time, as we do not have staff available to supervise them. However, if this cannot be helped and there is no alternative, please ask them to make their way to the dining room at Upper School, as this is the only area where staff might be present. As this is a safeguarding issue, we really do appreciate your help with this.

Attendance Figures Report

Thank you to all parents and students for their ongoing efforts to enhance attendance figures.

We currently stand at 94.85%. This is an improvement of 0.85% in comparison to this time last year.

Comparing the last half term (Christmas to February) to the same time frame in 2018, we improved in that period by 2.2%. Those weeks often see a drop in attendance, but we are delighted that in 2019 the opposite happened, ensuring we are on course to be in line with the national average.

Many thanks once again for parental support with this and well done to all our students.

Library News

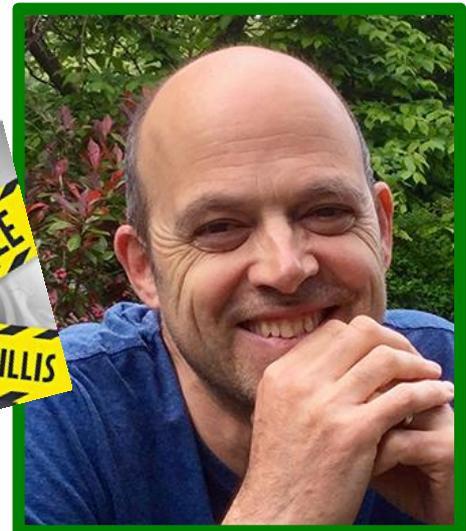
Library Competition



March is [Women's History Month](#), and [International Women's Day](#) is celebrated on March 8th. To mark these events, the Upper School Library is running a writing competition. Students are invited to write about one of their favourite heroines. Details of the competition will be displayed in the Upper School and Lower School Libraries and in the English Department.

Exciting News

Thanks to the support of East Riding Libraries, the author Mark Illis will be visiting some of our Year 7 students in May. Mark won the Northern Writers' Award in 2015 for his first Young Adult novel *The Impossible*. He's also written for TV (Emmerdale Farm, EastEnders, Peak Practice, The Bill), and for Radio 4, and his screenplay *Before Dawn* won the Best Screenplay Award at the Bram Stoker International Film Festival. Mark will be talking to students about his career, the challenges of being a writer, and the importance of reading. We look forward to his visit.



Author of the Month



This month both the Upper and Lower Libraries celebrate the work of J.K. Rowling, the first author in the world to reach billionaire status. Rowling's Harry Potter series has encouraged millions of children to read, and also taught them important life lessons. Displays of her books will be in both libraries.

*Read as much as you possibly can.
Nothing will help you as much as reading.*

Year 9 Rugby

On Thursday, the Year 9 rugby team travelled to Warrington to take on Beaumont Collegiate Academy in the last 16 of the National Cup.

After the 90-minute journey, the boys were eager to get the game started. In difficult, wet conditions we unfortunately struggled to keep hold of the ball, which gave the upper hand to our opponents.

The second half saw a much better performance, but on this occasion we were beaten by the number one ranked team in the North West.

It has been a great season so far and a fantastic opportunity for our students to compete at the highest level of school sport. We now look forward to our next game, which sees us take on local rival Archbishop Sentamu in the semi-finals of the Hull Schools Cup on Wednesday 13th March.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th March 2019: Year 8 GCSE Options Day and Evening

Wednesday 13th March 2019: Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening

Wednesday 27th March 2019: Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening

Friday 5th April 2019: Last Day of Term

Monday 8th to Monday 22nd April 2019: Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April 2019: Students Return to School
