

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 20th October 2017

Library News

This month the Longcroft Libraries are marking Halloween with a series of displays of fiction and non-fiction works, designed to encourage students to sample some scary books.

As part of this we are running a short story competition on the theme of Halloween. Students are invited to write a horror or ghost story of between 250 and 1,500 words. Entries should be left at the Lower or Upper School Library by November 6th 2017. Prizes and certificates will be awarded, and stories will be shared and displayed.

Please encourage your children to explore this imaginative theme, and develop their reading and writing skills.

P.E. Update

Wednesday 18th October was a very busy evening in P.E., with over 90 students participating in a variety of physical activities. This included a Year 10 football match, Year 7/8 girls and boys cross country teams competing in the first round of the English Schools Competition, Year 7/8 mixed hockey tournament, Year 7 netball match, a year 10 rugby fixture and girls football training.

This was all in one night, with many more activities taking place throughout the week. It is great to see so many students being active and enjoying sport - congratulations to all those that have participated this week and a big thank you to staff for giving up their time to enable these activities to happen!

Introducing MyEd – Communicating with Parents

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a new way in which Longcroft will communicate and share information with our parent community. This new system is called **MyEd** and will replace SIMS Learning Gateway on Monday 30th October 2017.

MyEd is a free parent app that gives you a range of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. This will give you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and more. In coming weeks, more information will be added to the app to make it your one-stop place for Longcroft information.

The **MyEd** app is available now for both Apple iOS and Android devices. If you do not have either of these systems and so cannot download the app, you will still receive text messages and emails, meaning you won't miss out. The advantage of the app is that it pulls all the information we send you into one place.

You can download the app for FREE, either from the Apple App Store or Google Play by searching for **MyEd**, or scan a unique QR code to access the download page – [click here to find the QR on our website](#). Alternatively, look out for it on an information postcard that will be sent home with students next week.

We want parents and carers to feel as much a part of Longcroft as possible and make the best use of the increase in smart phone technology. You can download **MyEd** before the official launch and if you have any issues regarding it please email myed@longcroft.eriding.net.

FINAL REMINDER - FOLS Annual General Meeting

All parents and members of staff are welcome to attend the Friends of Longcroft School's Annual General meeting on Tuesday 24th October. Starting at 7pm in the Board Room (next to the Upper School Reception).

New faces will be given a warm welcome - coffee and biscuits will be provided. The group looks forward to seeing you there.

Important Dates

Thu 26th Oct 2017 – Year 7 Performance Evening (more information coming soon)

Mon 30th Oct to Fri 3rd Nov 2017 – Half Term

Wed 15th Nov 2017 – Year 11 Options Info Evening – 6:30pm

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