

# LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 19th January 2018

## Library News

BBC Radio 2 have just launched their spectacular 500 words story-writing competition, the world's biggest for kids. Prizes include a ride around the Hampton Court Palace grounds in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, tea on the Thames aboard Gloriana, her Majesty the Queen's barge, and 500 books for the school.

Our English teachers will be working with students on this. Entrants must be 13 or under. More details can be found on the following website: [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1). Do encourage your children to enter.

## Revision Guide Reminder

Please remember that revision guides for Year 11s are available at the Upper School Library, at very competitive rates. They can be purchased through ParentPay or in cash. Check ParentPay for the latest guides available. These resources can have a really positive impact on exam results.

## Skype Club to "Appear" at BETT London Show

A group of Longcroft Students will be appearing at the BETT London Show next week, without even leaving their classroom!

BETT – British Educational Training and Technology – is an annual trade show that promotes information technology in education. Event organisers contacted Mrs Lee, who runs the Longcroft Skype Club, and invited the group to pre-record a section for a presentation on how Skype (online video communications) can benefit education. This will be shown at the BETT Show next week. We hope to share a link to this video with you in the future.

As an example of how Skype can help students gain a greater understanding of the wider world, this week the club spoke with a school in Serbia got about 40 minutes. They exchanged cultural information, including a performance of Serbian dancing beamed live into our classroom. There are already plans for another online meeting, to enable the students in Serbia to practice their English speaking skills.

## Important Dates

Wednesday 31st January 2018 – Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening

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