

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 1st February 2019

**Week Commencing Monday 4th
February 2019 is Timetable Week B**

Panathlon Games Day

Well done to the students who represented Longcroft at the recent Panathlon Games at Hull's Costello Stadium.



Eight teams from six different schools from across East Riding West and Bridlington School Partnerships took part, competing in eight sporting activities. The event was especially designed for Key Stage 3 students.

The Longcroft team were trained by Mrs Henderson and Mr Trotter, with support from Year 12 coaches, and their behaviour on the day was exemplary. The group enjoyed all the activities and came home with a commemorative t-shirt, medal and certificate.

Well done to all involved, in what was a competitive but enjoyable event. Thanks go to all members of staff who were involved with this.

Cycle Lock Giveaway

Thank you to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Road Safety Team and Humberside Police, for coming into school on Friday 1st February to support student cyclists.

Not only were they on hand to promote the importance of bicycle safety, but they also gave away free locks to the first 70 cyclists through the school gates.



This is part of our ongoing work regarding cycle and road safety, which has also included the distribution of free lights, presentations in assemblies and gaining an award from the Department for Transport supported School Travel Awards.

Library News

Authors of the Month

February is the month when we celebrate Valentine's Day, and this month's authors are both known for the theme of romance. At the Lower School Library, we feature the work of Louise Rennison, who wrote the incredibly popular **Confessions of Georgia Nicolson** series for teenage girls. Rennison's down to earth, funny books have been awarded the Smarties Book Prize, Roald Dahl Funny Prize, and portrayed in film.



At the Upper School Library the timeless novels of Jane Austen are displayed. Although it is over 200 years since Austen died her books continue to be read, filmed and televised. On the subject of love Austen offers timeless insight and advice. Her hugely popular novels are a must for students of English Literature.

Johanna Boal Visit

A huge thank you to Johanna Boal, who came to talk to English A-Level students last week about her recently published debut novel **Remembering Ellen**. Johanna read extracts from her book, spoke about the writing process, her inspirations, and the challenges of getting books published. Her talk sparked some searching questions from our sixth formers. Well done to them, and thank you to Mrs Foster for her support with the event.



Children's Mental Health Week 2019

Next Tuesday the poet and playwright Catherine Scott will be visiting the Upper School Library to lead a writing workshop focusing on some of the challenges young people face. Catherine, who is an experienced counsellor, will also be performing some of her own poetry from her book **Add Verse to Therapy**. Thank you to the pastoral and welfare team for supporting this literacy initiative.



"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."

Walt Disney (1901-1966)

Revision Guides

As the exam period gets nearer please encourage your children to revise. Guides are available to purchase at the US Library, or can be loaned. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Supporting Amy

A crowdfunding page has been set up to support former Longcroft student and current parent Amy Robinson (nee Bridges). I am aware that many parents, as well as current and former staff, will know Amy, whose resilience and determination are an inspiration, and I am sure everyone will send their thoughts and best wishes as she faces yet another challenge. [Click here to go to the JustGiving crowdfunding page](#), which outlines the challenges facing Amy as well as those she experienced earlier in her life for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

Personal, Social and Health Education

On Thursday 31st January, a member of the Sexual Health Outreach Team visited Longcroft to speak to students in Year 9.

Tonian Lowe gave a presentation that focussed on traditional and contemporary issues regarding relationships, sexual orientation, contraception and sexually transmitted infections. After the event, she expressed her thanks to all the students for their maturity and attentiveness during this important presentation. She found them a pleasure to speak to and she described them as the best behaved students she had ever encountered.



Thank you to Mrs Robinson, our Health Advisor, for organising this event and to Tonian for her presentation.

Not only did this event enable our young people to learn about and discuss these important issues, it also highlighted how well they behave and the warm welcome they give to all visitors who come to speak to them.

New Build Update

Despite the cold weather, work continues on the new build, as Henry Boot Construction have begun to create the foundations, including excavating and pouring concrete into precision dug footings.



All the additional soil has now been removed from site and work has started on the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), which is adjacent to the All-weather Pitch.



Students continue to behave well around the site and enjoy seeing the project develop.



Meet Cookies and Cream!

Meet the two newest members of Longcroft's Science Department!

Cookies and Cream, a pair of mice, are now resident in A10. Students can pop in to see them on Monday and Friday lunchtimes.

Facebook Reminder

Please remember to follow us on Facebook. Search for "Longcroft School & Sixth Form College".



Cross Country

Longcroft took part in a very chilly cross country meet on Thursday. With temperatures as low as -2, the team did fantastically well to make their way round a frozen course whilst all remaining in high spirits.



There were some great individual results from Longcroft students:

Adam Fox - 10th

Amelia Irvine - 12th

Emily Holloway - 13th

Sophia Haywood - 14th

Georgia Snowden - 19th



Well done to all concerned and team results will be sent out to schools at the beginning of next week.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th February 2019: Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019: Half Term

Monday 25th February 2019: Staff Training Day (students not in school)

Tuesday 26th February: Students return to school