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NEWS LETTER



Longcroft Celebrates!

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Staff were delighted to celebrate with pupils, Sixth Form students and their families as this year's A Level and GCSE examination results were released.

There were exceptional performances across the range of subjects with many pupils achieving a succession of top grades. There were also notable individual stories, such as those who have overcome significant challenges to achieve their wonderful results.

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Over recent years the school has gone from strength to strength, leading to a sustained improvement in standards and outcomes as well as hugely increased demand for places. Last year the school, which had already been described as one of the 'most improved in the country' by the Department for Education, received further external validation from Ofsted Inspectors who described the excellent education that is now being provided.

Headteacher Mr Perry said: **"We are so proud of all our pupils who have seen their hard work and determination pay off. We know many will head into our Sixth Form College, which celebrated great success, while others will be exploring a range of wider options across the region. We wish them all every success. We must not underestimate how challenging the secondary educational experience has been for these young people, nor the significant shadow cast by the COVID-19 pandemic. They have shown tremendous courage, character and fortitude."**

Liv earned an incredible 9 Grade 9s at GCSE. She said: **"I am absolutely thrilled with my results. I can't believe I have done so well. I am hoping to pursue a career in Medicine in the future so these grades will hopefully stand me in good stead. I'd like to thank all of my teachers for all of their hard work and support."** In addition to her grades, Liv received a certificate of commendation for her overall performance which places her amongst the highest performers in the country. She not only met the grade 9 criteria, but was comfortably over the grade threshold in all areas placing her in the top percentile of candidates nationally.

James said: **"I am really pleased with these results and particularly proud of my Grade 9s in Maths, Further Maths and Chemistry."** Tristan added: **"I am a delighted with my GCSE results. I've always been someone who has tried my best and today it has come off!"**



Alex said: **"Today has been a good day. I want to pursue a career in sport and that's what I got my best grade in, although I am also pleased with my Grade 8 in Geography. I am going to study Sport next year in preparation for work in that field."**

Dominic said: **"The results are really pleasing for me. I am so pleased with my Maths grade and would like to thank my teachers for their hard work during my time at Longcroft."**

Libby said: **"I was thrilled by my results, particularly across the Sciences and Maths."** Megan added: **"I'm so excited. All of the hard work paid off! I love Humanities so I am pleased with my results in Geography and History."**









Headteacher's Welcome

I do hope you have had a fabulous summer—as a school we certainly have!

It has been great to welcome children back to school and the sixth form this week, filling our corridors and classrooms for a new academic year. It has been a particularly busy start to term given the further increased numbers arriving to Year 7 and a buoyant Year 12, and there has been a real buzz of excitement and anticipation across our community as a result.

Our positive start to the year has of course been augmented by our examination results in the summer. It was such a privilege to witness the many smiles, cheers and tears of joy from our young people and their families as the envelopes were opened. There were some truly exceptional outcomes and a wide range of subjects performing well above national comparisons. One pupil in Year 11, Liv received a letter of commendation after not only achieving grade 9s across the curriculum, but smashing the thresholds required; placing her amongst the very highest performers anywhere in the country. Some of the most heart-warming successes were amongst those young people who had overcome significant barriers to achieve outcomes that have set them on course for their desired next steps, including of course our wonderful Sixth Form. You can read more about some of our pupil and student successes in this week's headline article.

Attention has now of course turned to the current academic year, and we have been working hard in preparation for the return of our pupils and students to ensure that their school experience is even better than ever before. There has been further investment in our learning environment with some significant upgrades to various areas of the estate. We are also continuing to invest in the development of our comprehensive professional development programme for staff, reflecting our commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring that we continue to drive standards in the quality of the education we provide.

Our Vision at Longcroft is for an education which is: World class; Never settles for average; Never makes excuses; and reflects absolute ambition for all children.

Our ambition and care for our children is reflected in the standards and expectations we set for them, and for ourselves. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our children respond positively to that challenge, whether through their uniform, attendance, completion of homework or attitude to learning. We know that these make a profound difference to the outcomes that all in our community will achieve and that success will always hinge on the effective partnership between home and school.

There is much to look forward to this year, so please do continue to read the Newsletter every week. We'll continue to celebrate the work of our pupils and students and keep you up to date with the latest news, developments and opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns as we begin the new term, please do get in touch with your Care and Achievement Coordinator using the details provided on the final page. Have a great week.

Mr D Perry
Headteacher



LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

It's great to be back in school with all of our children at Longcroft; I truly do see it as privilege and honour to be a teacher, nurturing growth and success. Some of the best parts of the week are the opportunities to spend time in classrooms, helping children to learn about Science, amongst other subject areas. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer, getting to spend much-valued time with loved ones, making joyful memories and enjoying the decent weather.

This summer, I have enjoyed watching ordinary people perform extraordinary feats in the 2024 Summer Olympics. I couldn't help but feel the immense pride that these talented individuals have brought to our country in their sporting achievements. My particular highlight was Alex Yee grabbing the Gold Medal in the Triathlon event, with a late burst of pace to overtake his nearest rival; what struck me in the interview afterwards about Alex was that he was very much an "ordinary guy" who has worked very hard to hone his talents. Some of the medallists had life-changing stories to tell, particularly the emotional story of Lola Anderson who drew inspiration from her late father who had looked after a diary note that a young Lola had written about her dreams and then discarded.

In more local affairs, East Yorkshire-based Lottie Fry was in the medals which is pleasing for the area. I distinctly remember her attending a school that I used to teach at whilst I was there... but taking any credit would of course be very tenuous! I would like to emphasise that taking opportunities when they come, and putting in maximum effort, does pay dividends. Closer to home, I did notice an Ice Hockey fan in Hull with "Bruton" on his back last week and I definitely did teach Owen at Longcroft School! We have fantastic children at our school, who achieve well academically as well as in sport and other areas of the curriculum too. Our Key Stage 3 pupils can look forward to exam achievements when their time comes. The A-Level Results and GCSE Results were really something to celebrate this Summer, and I enjoyed being at school on those days.





When I wasn't watching the Olympics, I mainly focused on exploring the local area and what Yorkshire has to offer. I truly feel that we are blessed living in such a wonderful county that has plenty to investigate and enjoy.

Our pupils are the heart of everything we do, and knowing and understanding every child as an individual is at the very core of our ethos. Our school is a community, and it is with the support of families that we are able to offer our pupils such a unique education.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our Year 7 pupils, and they have already begun to settle into school life and routines well over the last couple of days. They are making friends and growing in confidence with the support of Mrs Barry, Miss Fox and their Form Tutors, and I look forward to following their achievements over the coming year and in the years to come.

As our Year 8 pupils move into their second year at Longcroft School, it is an opportunity for them to reflect on their first year of secondary school and develop their interests, skills and understanding. It is also an opportunity for pupils to make the most of extra-curricular opportunities, such as trying out for the school sports teams, or taking part in our annual productions. This year, our Year 8 children will be under the care and guidance of Mr Barry as their Head of Year for a further 12 months.

For our Year 9 pupils, this year is very important as they begin the process of researching and choosing their GCSE option subjects for Years 10 and 11. They will be guided through this important process by their subject teachers, form tutors, Care & Achievement Co-ordinator and their Head of Year. Over the next few months, supported by their Head of Year Mr Cassidy, our Year 9 pupils will begin to consider their future plans and ambitions during their careers lessons as part of this process. I know that this year, our Lower School pupils will make the most of all the opportunities our school has to offer and achieve their potential.

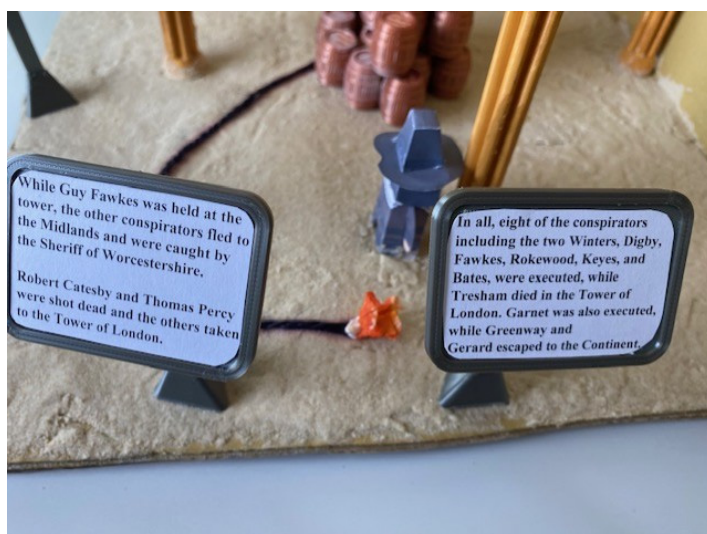
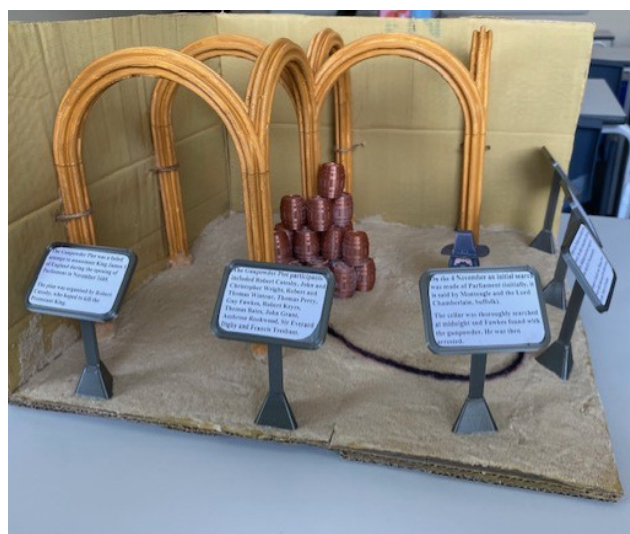




I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce our Care and Achievement Co-ordinators for Lower School: Miss Fox overseeing Year 7, Miss Harsley with Year 8 and Mrs Newsam with Year 9. Their role is to support pupils on a day-to-day basis, ensuring they not only have all the practical things needed for learning but that they also have the emotional support required to succeed. These colleagues are very experienced in working alongside pupils and ensuring that they get to know and understand everyone in their care. I know that they will ensure each child is cared for and helped to settle back into learning routines over the next few weeks. Miss Fox, Miss Harsley and Mrs Newsam are the first point of contact for parents and will respond to parental requests and queries as soon as they are able to; please be mindful of the large periods of time that they spend supporting and interacting directly with our children during the school day which means that phone calls cannot always immediately be made.



As always, pupils' work, progress and achievements will feature heavily in our Newsletter and I am proud to celebrate their successes. Featured here is Year 8 pupil Amelia's History project from last term when of course she was in Year 7. Mr Cassidy said: "It is a model of the gunpowder plot under the Houses of Parliament. Amelia has clearly demonstrated great enthusiasm for the task and a desire to produce work of the highest standard." Great Thought and Vision - well done Amelia!



Finally, I hope all of our children enjoy their journey this year! There are many sides to attending school, such as making new friendships, learning new skills and developing academically. Our young people achieved some fantastic results in the summer; we are ready to support your child to follow in their footsteps.

Mr Worthington
Head of Lower School



Mr Henderson writes:

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 11 pupils on their exam results! Everybody involved – pupils, parents and staff worked brilliantly together to enable so much success and I would not only like to publicly thank everyone but also wish every pupil the very best as they move forward with their chosen next steps. It has been fantastic to see many of our pupils enrol into The East Yorkshire Sixth Form here at the Longcroft campus and begin the next stage of their journey this week.

As Year 10 embark on their GCSE journey, it is important to reflect on all that supported the success of pupils in their exams over recent years. Our parent information events will be important early opportunities to ensure our young people are being supported to do the right things from the outset so please do review the dates provided later in this article and note them in to your diaries.

GCSEPod has again been a huge success in the last couple of years, and we will be building on the work completed during Year 10 in the coming months. I want to congratulate those that have used this resource to work over the summer. If you are not yet familiar with GCSEPod or have not revisited how to support your child with it for a while, I urge you to do so. Resources are fantastic and it is such an easy way to revisit and review topics and self-assess with immediate feedback. If your child is having any issues logging in, please do not hesitate to contact your Head of Year – Mr Thomson. We will be setting challenges in the next year for both Year 11 and our new Year 10.

Over the coming weeks I will inform parents and pupils of our plans for the term as we look to maximise all opportunities to develop progress for our Year 11 pupils. In the near future we will be inviting parents in to give advice on revision planning and strategies, wellbeing and subject specific guidance on how to achieve and exceed their target grade.



Year 10

This is an exciting time for Year 10 — the previous years of study have allowed them to choose their options and focus on areas and subjects that they have enjoyed and had success in. This is a crucial year and with hard work and dedication they can really set themselves up for a successful Year 11. Simply, the more pupils work now the easier next year becomes. We have a key information and support evening calendared shortly to welcome and inform parents and pupils of our plans to support Year 10 over the forthcoming two years. Please do check the date below and add to diaries.

Looking ahead

We look ahead with great positivity – there is so much to celebrate, and it is a fantastic time to be part of our school community. We look forward to working with and supporting both our pupils and their families.

To support your planning, I have listed here a number of events relevant to Upper School pupils and their families that will take place during the Autumn Term.

Wednesday 18th September

Start of "Form Interventions" during Form Time

Thursday 3rd October

Year 10 – Welcome to GCSE Evening

Thursday 10th October

Key Stage 4 Careers Fair

Thursday 24th October

Sixth Form Open Evening (6.00pm) and Taster Lessons during the day

Thursday 7th November

Walking Talking Mocks – Options subjects focus.

Friday 8th November

Year 11 Progress Update Issued

Wednesday 13th November

Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening 1 ON-SITE (3.30-6.30pm)

Wednesday 20th November

Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening 2 ON-SITE (3.30-6.30pm)

Mr Henderson

Head of Upper School





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SIXTH FORM

Summer of Success in the Sixth Form!

We were delighted to see so many of our students achieve great outcomes this summer across a wide range of A levels and Level 3 courses. A significant number of our subjects are now performing amongst the highest colleges in the country in terms of the progress students make from their GCSEs. This is a testament to the support, care and guidance that have been provided by our staff, within our student community and our parents and carers.

Eve said: "I really wasn't expecting to do as well as I have – I am actually shaking. I'm going to Sheffield University to study Landscape Architecture, which I am really excited about. I've chosen to study that as Geography is my favourite subject and it is closely linked. I'd like to thank all of my teachers for all of their hard work and particularly all of my Geography teachers over the years for helping me get an A*."

Ben will read Civil and Environmental Engineering with a year in industry. He said: "I am so pleased with the results I've achieved and excited to be heading to Cardiff as my first choice University. The city and region have a huge amount to offer me so I just can't wait to get started."

All of our students who wished to pursue University programmes have secured offers and are now busy making their way to the next step in their educational journey. Others opted to move in to a range of alternative pathways and we are excited to hear about their experiences and undoubted success moving forward.





Year 12 – New Arrivals!

It has been great this week to welcome our new Year 12 cohort with more students joining us each day. Students have had a day of induction and been familiarising themselves with their Sixth Form study spaces before beginning lessons which are now in full swing. It has been great to see so many of our children return following their success in the summer. There will be lots of welcome events, information and guidance for families over the coming weeks so please do look out for further details.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 12th September

Welcome to the Sixth Form Information Evening for parents of our new Year 12 students.

Thursday 19th September

UCAS Information Evening for parents of Year 13 students.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Mr Chapman

Head of Sixth Form





SAFEGUARDING



Mr Rogers writes:

Welcome back, after what I hope has been a good Summer.

Longcroft holds Safeguarding at the very heart of everything we do. We approach safeguarding by making sure that everyone provides a safe environment in which children can learn. This includes, having a curriculum to promote safety and ensuring the correct documents, policies, procedures and records are in place. Additionally, we believe that staff knowledge of the indicators of abuse and neglect is critical.

Without these elements, safeguarding will be ineffective, just as it will if we fail to act on early signs of abuse and neglect in a professional way, do not share information, or do not listen to what children tell us. Even if children, young people and adults say they feel safe, we are fully aware that we must keep asking ourselves whether they are safe. The truth is that we do not know, which is why we take every step to develop a culture that is as safe as possible.

We embed this culture by:

- » Recognising that anyone can become a perpetrator, regardless of faith, religion, background, or gender.
- » Being aware of school related issues and trends, along with knowledge of concerns in the wider community.
- » Being confident of reporting safeguarding (or potential safeguarding) concerns and respecting the importance of confidentiality.
- » Never turning away from a difficult, controversial, embarrassing topic or conversation at our school.
- » Discussing concerns sensibly, with maturity and consideration.
- » Speaking to the right people to seek advice and

support.

- » Acknowledging that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and working as a team to prevent, protect and take action.

Any concerns are passed through the members of staff who are trained as 'Designated Child Protection Officers' in school in compliance with the 'sharing of information' guidance.

If as a parent you have any concerns please contact your child's Care and Achievement Co-ordinator in the first instance. Their telephone numbers are published at the end of this Newsletter.

If your concern is about a child in immediate danger contact the police on 999. If you have a different concern relating to another adult or child you can contact the East Riding Safeguarding Partnership Hub:

<https://www.erscp.co.uk/>

My articles often focus on safeguarding and offer practical advice to parents regarding safeguarding issues such as 'keeping safe online' and 'relationships'.

We also cover a breadth of safeguarding issues with pupils within our curriculum through lessons, assemblies and tutor time.



Cricket Club on the Front Foot for Charity

Congratulations to over 70 members of Beverley Town Cricket Club, including many current and former Longcroft pupils and Sixth Form students, on raising a wonderful total towards their target of £15,000 through a sponsored walk.

Embrace is a highly specialist, round the clock transport service for critically ill infants and children who require care in another hospital in the region or further afield. Half the funds raised will go to Embrace with half contributing to the ongoing running of the club.



The group walked from Helmsley to Newton under Rosebury, which is part of the Cleveland Way walk, and in total they covered a fantastic 46 miles. This was not an easy walk on what was one of the hottest days of the year so far. Anika, Edward, Samuel and Benjamin, who took part in the walk, are pictured.

Mr Baker said: "Many current and former Longcroft pupils and staff have enjoyed representing this fantastic club. Beverley is a genuine community club and they deserve to hit their fundraising target after such a great team effort." Anyone who would like to contribute can do so via this link:

[GoFundMe Campaign Page](#)



Memory Lane

This week we take a trip back to the 1980's and feature two First Year, or Year 7, tutor groups. 1AW and 1AY are pictured their Form Tutors Miss Peck and Mr Ball.



AFC TICKTON COMETS GIRLS U14

RECRUITING PLAYERS FOR THE UPCOMING '24/25 SEASON:
(SCHOOL YEAR 8 & 9 IN SEPTEMBER 2024)

PLAYING IN THE EAST RIDING GIRLS LEAGUE (ERGL)
TRAINING: FRIDAYS / MATCH DAYS: SATURDAYS

TRAINING / MATCHES:
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Ms Carvill writes:

LIBRARY NEWS

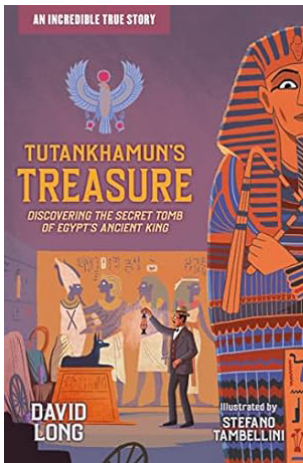
The Bookbuzz Books Are Here!

Every year, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Longcroft School, we participate in the Bookbuzz reading programme and welcome our new Year 7s with a free book to take home. Along with their library induction, Bookbuzz is a fabulous way of introducing pupils to the school library and encouraging them to read for pleasure from the onset of their new school life.

Bookbuzz was initiated by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity, and is designed to encourage pupils to value reading, learn more about authors, publishing, discuss titles, and to make independent choices. Pupils are treated to a film in which writers and publishers introduce their books. They also get to listen to extracts, discuss book blurbs, the value of covers, the power of a good opening, and examine all the books from the Bookbuzz display. It's fun and motivating.

Pupils have a choice of 16 titles to pick from. They range from non-fiction reads for inquisitive minds to thrilling fast-paced fiction and cater for a range of abilities and include dyslexia-friendly formats. There truly is the perfect book for everyone. Below you can read more about eight of the titles and next week we'll feature the remaining books.

We look forward to seeing all our Year 7s in the library very soon!



Tutankhamun's Treasure by David Long, illustrated by Stefano Tambellini

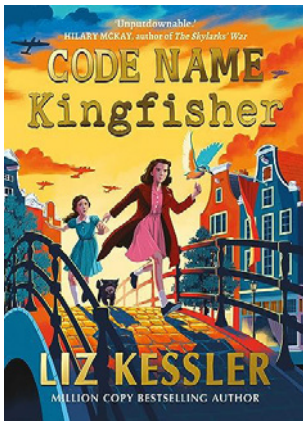
Are you fascinated by Ancient Egypt and pharaohs, the story of Tutankhamun and real-life treasure-hunting tales? This is a really accessible retelling of the discovery of the tomb and two of the people, Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon, who were determined to find it.

Written in an engaging narrative style in dyslexia-friendly format, it includes diagrams, illustrations, maps, and lots of fascinating facts. Great for reluctant readers.

Like a Charm by Elle McNicoll

A thrilling adventure with lots of twists and drama, infused with magical realism, and a wonderful protagonist. Ramya is fun, likeable, happens to be dyspraxic, and has a cousin who makes a great assistant. Super dynamics.

The novel is set in contemporary Edinburgh, a beautiful backdrop to this fabulous tale of Hidden Folk!



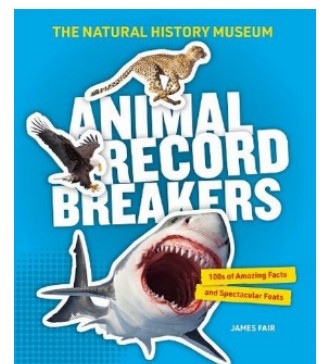
Code Name Kingfisher by Liz Kessler

It's 1942 and Amsterdam is occupied by Nazis. Two Jewish sisters are in hiding, one is working for the resistance. Fast forward to the present day. Liv's grandmother has never spoken about her difficult childhood, but something will prompt her.

Historical fiction at its finest matched with a contemporary tale about bullying. A superb novel about courage and sacrifice, inspirational and heart-breaking.

Animal Record Breakers by the National History Museum

This book is a real treat for animal lovers and those that delight in facts. It's packed with information and the bite-sized chunks of text make it very accessible and great for developing readers. Amazing coloured images. Bright, beautiful, educative and engaging.



**Murder at Snowfall by Fleur Hitchcock**

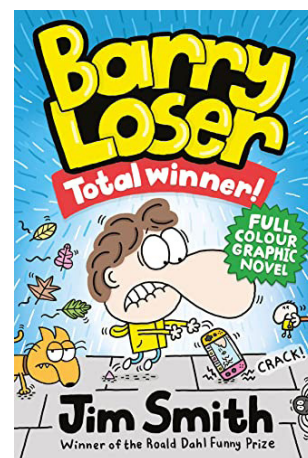
Can Ruby and Lucas solve the murder? Who is the culprit?

There's nothing like a tense murder mystery for readers to puzzle over and engage with. Set in the outskirts of wintery Bath, the landscape is as chilling as the chain of events this atmospheric novel describes. Superbly told and constructed, by a great storyteller. An intriguing page-turner that will delight crime-solvers.

Barry Loser: Total Winner by Jim Smith

This hilarious graphic novel is an excellent choice for those who enjoy madcap stories and a good laugh. There are five stand-alone tales, as well as illustrations, and 'how to draw' spreads at the back of the book. Great for budding illustrators!

Barry faces numerous challenges, but with the support of his friends he always pulls through. A light-hearted, fun read.

**21% Monster by P.J. Canning**

This gripping science-fiction adventure tale features astounding futuristic technology and incredible characters. Marek is logical and a genius, Darren is strong and has exceptional instincts. The two boys must work together to defeat the XSP agents who want to eliminate them.

A real page turner. Totally gripping.

Lost on Gibbon Island by Jess Butterworth, illustrated by Rob Biddulph

This classic adventure tale has an environmental mystery and conservation theme. When a dolphin-watching trip in Cambodia goes horribly wrong Lark finds herself shipwrecked and alone on a jungle island. Her only companion is a baby gibbon. How will she survive? How will she get off the island?

Empowering. A superb read.



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

—Walt Disney (American entrepreneur, animator, writer, voice actor and film producer.)



Care and Achievement Co-ordinators

Our Care and Achievement Co-ordinators work with specific year groups to ensure the welfare and progress of pupils and are the first point of contact for parents.

They support children to achieve academically by establishing a positive learning environment, visiting and working in lessons and supervising and supporting individuals and groups of pupils.

Our team, and their work mobile phone number which parents can use to contact them, are pictured below.



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