

LONGCROFT

SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS LETTER



The opportunity to spend a week in New York City is an incredibly rewarding experience. From the skyscrapers to the museums, New York City's sights are aweinspiring, poignant and unforgettable.

Last week, four Year 12 students crossed the Atlantic Ocean for the trip of a lifetime. Amelie, Heidi, Lydia and Max visited the Empire State Building, Brooklyn Bridge, Liberty Island, Times Square the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, and the Museum of Modern Art and saw 'The Great Gatsby' on Broadway! Amelie explained, "I would recommend going to New York City because there are so many famous, iconic places and sights to visit that we all see on TV and hear about - seeing them in person was surreal."

Read more about the students' amazing week in Mr Chapman's article on page 10.

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Headteacher's Welcome

In a week of transitions, it has been great to see our community come together to celebrate with Year 11 as well as welcome new arrivals to Year 7. These moments promote inevitable reflection and a chance to look back together on shared journeys, friendships forged, challenges overcome and successes enjoyed. For these groups of young people, school years have provided quite the extraordinary experience. We are again reminded of the resilience, courage and commitment they have demonstrated, characteristics that will serve them well as they negotiate the next steps in their lives.

As we moved beyond final examinations it was time for our eagerly anticipated Year 11 Prom, a stand out event in the school calendar. It was a truly fabulous evening and there will be lots of pictures to enjoy in next week's Newsletter, not least of the incredible outfits and range of transport on display!

Ever more pupils in Year 11 are now planning to return to Longcroft as part of the East Yorkshire Sixth Form, so it is exciting to consider how our journey in that regard is set to continue. The coming weeks will see our Year 12 summer induction days and an opportunity to get prepared for advanced level study. Our new cohort are really looking forward to all that our Sixth Form has to offer, with many already signing up for next year's New York trip. You can see what this year's students got up to in the 'Big Apple' just last week in our headline article.

A school full of families joined us on Thursday 26th June for our Year 6 Induction Evening. This was an opportunity for our new pupils to meet their tutors, hear from some of the key leaders and pastoral staff that will be working with them in September, and to get prepared for all of the exciting opportunities that will be available to them when they arrive at Longcroft. It was great to spend time listening to children talk about what they were most excited about, seeing broad smiles everywhere and understanding from families why they had chosen the school. There was overwhelming support throughout for what as a school we stand for, our culture of high expectations and an absolute focus on every child being known and valued. We can't wait to start the journey with each and every one of them next week at our Induction Day!

This is a busy time of year so do keep an eye on ClassCharts for updates affecting your child(ren). It is a privilege to publish our Newsletter each week with so many examples of our brilliant pupils and students embracing so many wonderful opportunities.

Enjoy and have a great week.

Mr D Perry Headteacher



Reward Totals

So far this term our pupils have been awarded the following rewards for acting with Great Heart, Thought and Vision:

ClassCharts

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s for acting with Great Heart, Thought and Vision:

HEART 119,377

THOUGHT 438,829

VISION 416,539

GRAND TOTAL:974,745







This week, we welcomed Year 6 children and their parents to gather information for the important next step, starting Year 7. Our Induction Evening is a key event in our school calendar - the next stage of the exciting journey into Year 7. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces as families gathered valuable information and met some of the people who will be supporting them in September and beyond. Mr Pearson, one of our Year 7 tutors in the next academic year, commented: "I understand how important the transition process is, and to meet members of my new tutor group on Thursday was great. They were all looking forward to the Induction Day next week!"

As part of the evening, we also offered a stationery stall, making sure all pupils had an opportunity to see which pieces of equipment are required as part of the school day. For all year groups, these are available from our librarian Ms Carvill throughout the school year.

As part of preparing for the new school year, I've had the pleasure of visiting some of our local primary schools, including Tickton, Molescroft and Parkstone. The excitement is definitely building for our Induction Day on **Tuesday 1st July**. All of the children will get to enjoy a variety of lessons including English, History, Science and Geography.

All pupils will need to arrive at school for 08:35 wearing their primary school PE kit, as they will be participating in a PE session during the day!

At Longcroft, we work hard to make sure every new pupil feels welcome and supported, whether they're joining us from one of our local feeder schools or from further afield. We understand that moving to secondary school is a big step, especially for those who may not know many other pupils. That's why we take the time to visit primary schools, introduce ourselves, answer questions, and help everyone feel part of our community before the new school year begins in September.

We're really looking forward to getting to know each of our new pupils and supporting them every step of the way. The journey into Year 7 is a special one and we're here to make sure it starts with confidence, friendship and plenty of smiles.

Mr Worthington
Head of Lower School



Congratulations to our Lower School pupils on the number of ClassCharts rewards they are receiving each week. The pupils who earned the most rewards last week are listed below.



Year 7

Isabella Da Silva

Sam Logan

Millie Frampton

Evie Pardoe

Amy Charge

Madison Key

Caleb Harrison

Leon Zielinski

Mia Walters

Charlotte Wray

Year 8

Harry Hugill

Olivia Radley

Elias Chapman

Emilia Hopkin

Charlie Innes

George Hogg

Amalie Wade

Rosie Fitton

Oscar Purchon

Jake Redmond

Year 9

Harry Dixon

Olivia Lax

Charlie Woolfitt

Holly Gray

Evie Sugdon

Bradley Elvidge

Brenton McKie

Devon Bryans

Zachary Denton

Neve Meagher

Jake Hara

Attendance Matters!

Each week we reflect on the importance of attendance at school by giving ClassCharts rewards for Great Vision to every pupil with 100% attendance the previous week. These pupils are then entered into a draw and the winner receives a £5 Amazon voucher.

Last week's winners were:

Year 7: Evie Cunningham

Year 8: Finley Staples

Year 9: Amy Thornton





Leavers' Assembly

On Friday we had our Leavers' Assembly for Year 11, the last time pupils would all be together before the Prom. Mr Thomson and Mrs Ellis brought together events and pictures from the last five years to celebrate all that these wonderful young people have achieved and experienced with us. Pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the signing of autograph books!

Work Experience Week – A Vital Step for Key Stage 4 Pupils

As we approach Work Experience Week, it's the perfect time to reflect on why this opportunity is such a vital part of our Key Stage 4 curriculum—and how our pupils can make the most of it.

Why Work Experience Matters

For many pupils, Work Experience is their first real insight into the world beyond school. It offers a unique opportunity to explore a profession of interest, gain practical skills, and understand the expectations and routines of a working environment.

This week isn't just about choosing a future career—it's about building confidence, communication, and resilience. Whether a pupil spends their week in a primary school classroom, a local business, a healthcare setting, or a creative studio, the experience will contribute to their personal and professional growth.

Engaging with adults outside the school setting and learning to work as part of a team provides valuable lessons that can't always be taught in the classroom. Employers increasingly value skills such as time management, initiative, and problem-solving—all of which can be developed through work experience.

Getting Ready: Tips for a Successful Week

To help pupils get the most out of Work Experience Week, preparation is key. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

1. Research the Placement

Before starting, pupils should research the organisation they'll be joining. Understanding what the company does, its values, and the role they'll be observing can help them feel more confident and prepared.

2. Plan the Practicalities

Punctuality is essential. Pupils should know how they're getting to and from their placement, what time they need to arrive, and what they're expected to wear. If unsure, it's always best to ask in advance.

3. Set Personal Goals

Encourage your child to set some goals for the week. These could be as simple as learning a new skill, speaking to someone about their career path, or completing a specific task. Having a focus can make the experience more meaningful.

4. Keep a Daily Journal

Recording daily reflections can help pupils track what they've learned and how they've grown. These notes will also be useful when updating CVs or applying for college or apprenticeship placements later on.

5. Be Proactive and Positive

First impressions count. A polite, enthusiastic attitude and willingness to get involved—even with small tasks—can leave a lasting impression.

Work Experience is not just about exploring potential future careers—it's about developing character.
We're excited to see our pupils rise to the challenge, take their first steps into the working world, and return with stories, skills, and ambitions that will stay with them long after the week is over.

Let's make it a week to remember!

Mr Henderson Head of Upper School





CAREER OF THE WEEK: Police Officer

What does a police officer do?

Police officers are responsible for upholding law and order, preventing and investigating crimes, and protecting the public. It is a challenging and fulfilling career, which demands a high level of personal integrity and involves working closely with the local community.



There are clearly defined ranks in the police service which you can move through with experience as well as taking additional examinations. There are opportunities to specialise in a particular type of policing, for example criminal investigation department (CID), anti-fraud, road traffic, drugs, firearms, counter terrorism, air support, underwater search, dog-handling or mounted policing. With experience, you may be able to apply for promotion to sergeant, inspector or chief inspector.

What can I expect to earn as a police officer?

In 2024/25 salaries for police constables start at £29,907, rising to £48,231. The salary for a Sergeant is £51,408 to £53,943, for an Inspector £61,197 to £66,201, for a Chief Inspector £67,509 to £70,200, for a Superintendent £80,784 to £95,025, and for a Chief Superintendent £99,612 to £111,117.

What subjects should I study to become a police officer?

The minimum education requirement for joining the police is a Level 3 Qualification. The government defines this as the equivalent of 2 A Levels or an advanced technical certificate or diploma.

How can I start my career as a police officer?

There are various entry route options into policing, these include the <u>Police Constable Degree</u> Apprenticeship, the <u>IPLDP</u> and <u>Police Constable Entry Programme</u>, the <u>Degree Holder Entry Programme</u>, the <u>Degree Holder Entry Programme</u>, the <u>Professional Policing Degree Holder</u>, and <u>Police Now Graduate Programmes</u>

To join the police force, in general you need to be over 18 (you can apply at 17 and start work when you turn 18), be a British citizen, an EC/EEA national or a Commonwealth citizen or foreign national with no restrictions on your stay in the United Kingdom, have lived in the UK for the last 3 years, be in good health, including fitness and eyesight, and have no criminal record, although some offences may be considered by individual forces when you apply.

You could get a taste of what it is like to work for the police by volunteering as a special constable, working as a police support volunteer or by joining the volunteer police cadets (if you're aged between 13 and 18).

To research local education and training opportunities that could lead to a career as a police officer, visit our partner website www.logonmoveon.co.uk

Useful websites to find out more about a career as a police officer:

Joining the Police https://www.joiningthepolice.co.uk/

College of Policing https://www.college.police.uk/career-learning/joining-police

Special Constable https://www.college.police.uk/career-learning/career-development/role-types/special-constable

Police Support Volunteer https://www.college.police.uk/career-learning/career-development/job-types/police-support-volunteer

Volunteer Police Cadet https://vpc.police.uk/be-a-cadet

Find your local police force https://www.police.uk/pu/find-a-police-force/

National Careers Service https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/police-officer







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Year 10

Annabelle Curtis

Charlie Moses

Poppy Cooper

Evie Woad

Scarlett Wells

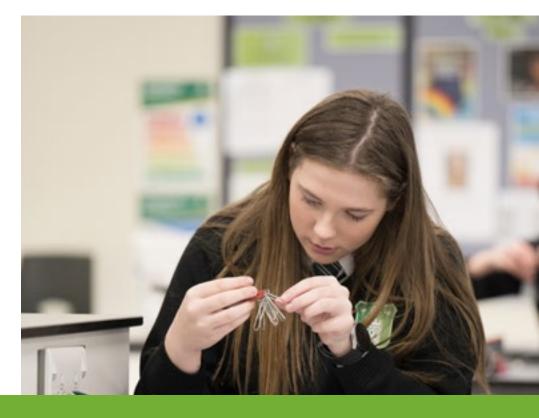
Thomas Wells

Gracie Pawson

Aden Olivier

Aiden Clayton

Ben Carlyle-Smith



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Last week's winner was:

Year 10: Cody Keenan







The New Yorkers Return

The students from the Sixth Form who attended the annual New York trip have safely returned, jet lagged but elated!

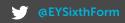
Their trip included a visit to the Empire State Building, Brooklyn Bridge and Liberty Island. They saw The Great Gatsby on Broadway, enjoyed the Museum of Modern Art and then hung around Times Square at midnight!

Amelie said: "It was a good opportunity that opened up to me. The highlight was 'The Great Gatsby' on Broadway - the talent, costumes, performance and quality was incredible." She added: "I really enjoyed going to the top of the Empire State Building because the view was amazing and can only be experienced from there."

Max explained: "It was a great opportunity to go to places my family have never been before. My highlight was the Empire State Building because it's such a famous landmark and had a great view. I also enjoyed the food - everything tastes different in New York!"











Both Amelie and Max were moved by the 911 Memorial and Museum. Amelie explained: "There were genuine artefacts and messages from the day that gave me a better insight into the incident."

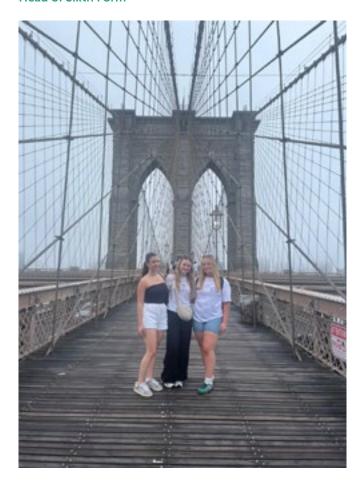
Both students would recommend going to New York. Max said: "I had a really good time and there are plenty of things to enjoy." Amelie concluded: "There are many famous and iconic places and sights to visit that we all see on TV and hear about, so seeing them in person was surreal."

Ms Smith, the party organiser from Woldgate School and Sixth Form College, told me: "The students who joined us on the NYC trip were fabulous - hopefully they aren't too tired today. They were great fun, got involved with other students and did everything we asked - you should be really proud of them."

Of course, I am really proud of them!

For students in Year 11 who are joining us in September, the visit is now open - please contact me for more information.









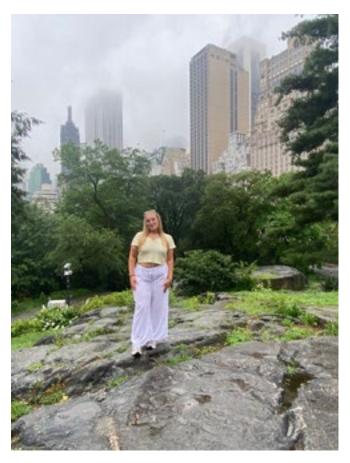


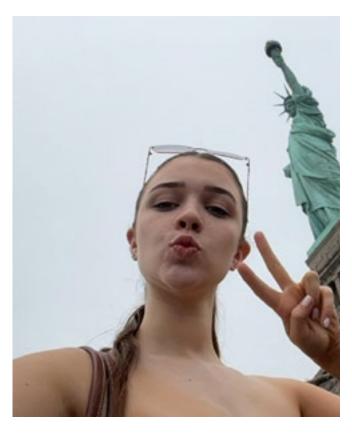






















We're the Highest Attending Secondary School in East Riding – Let's Keep Going!

We're proud of what we've achieved together—but we're not done yet! Here's what's coming up to help us finish the year strongly:

100-Day Attendance Streak: If you've been in every day, you're nearly there! The 100-day mark hits on 1st July. Keep going—you're amazing!

75-Day Challenge: Not quite at 100? No worries! Hit 75 days and you'll still be in for a reward.

Form Group Pizza Party: The best attending form in each year group over the next three weeks will win a pizza party. Bring your A-game!

Spin the Wheel Challenge: Coming soon—a 3-week challenge where 100% attenders get to spin the wheel for prizes!

Mr Rogers
Deputy Headteacher





Once again, a huge congratulations to our latest Golden Buzzer winners!

Ollie Bayes 9GTA Hailey Berango 9PDV Ann Mariya Binoy 8CMT Anabel Blyth 7GRU

Ava Bryce 10DPE Kiegan Burley 8ACR

Arnie Carr 8LWO

Babucarr Ceesay 7GRU

Amy Docherty 10JHL Jacob Eaton 7JPO

Jacob Fergusson 9SGE

Rosie Fitton 8LWO

Riley Guy 8EFX

Joshua Hall 8EFX

Lenny Harvey 7EDN

Emilia Hopkin 8CMT

Ava Johns 9RTO

Sam Logan 7JDY

Ethan McLoughlin 10JHL

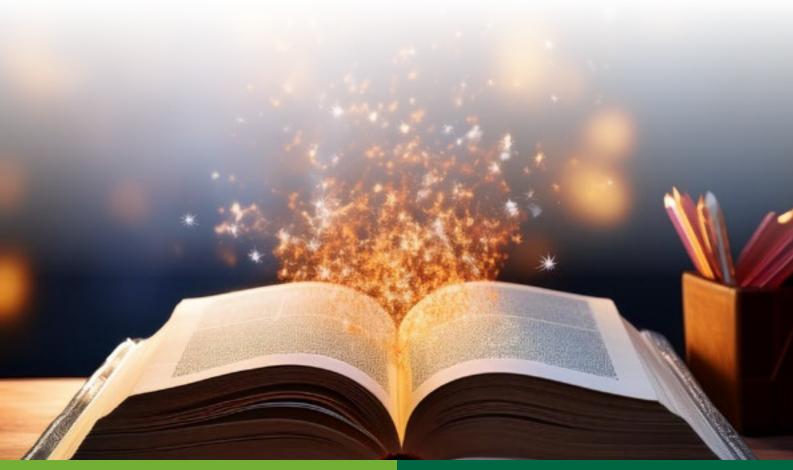
Jake Redmond 8ACR

Emma Spencer 7EDN

Luci Stewart 10DPE

Charlotte Sutcliffe 9PDV

Leon Zielinski 7ESH





Thrills Without Spills in Dalby Forest!

A group of twelve Lower School pupils enjoyed a day's cycling in North Yorkshire's beautiful Dalby Forest!

With over 8,500 acres of breath-taking views and endless walking trails, Dalby Forest is home to an abundance of internationally important wildlife species while offering a fantastic opportunity for natural cycling.

Supported by the East Riding Sustainable Transport Team's instructors as well as Mr Cassidy and Miss Judge, our pupils sought to get their adrenaline pumping as they took on some of the very best mountain biking trails!

Evelyn, who is in Year 7, had been to Dalby Forest before. She explained: "I really like cycling but don't do it that often. I have never done those jumps, so it was fun." She added: "The best part of the day was in the afternoon when we went down the Blue route – the end of it was amazing and I really enjoyed it! That was definitely my favourite bit!"

Fin, who is also in Year 7, said: "I wanted to go because I like going to Dalby and I thought it would be fun. The best part of the day was bombing around the berms and the downhills, and I also enjoyed the climbs and jumps!" He added: "I enjoy cycling because it's fun and I'm good at it."

Evelyn concluded: "Cycling is fun – you feel relaxed and I really like it. It was wonderful!"









Longcroft Under 13 Girls Impress in Regional Cricket Cup Run

The Longcroft Under 13 girls' cricket team delivered a fantastic performance in the East Yorkshire Softball Cricket Competition, reaching the semi-finals and narrowly missing out on a place in the Yorkshire finals at Ampleforth College.

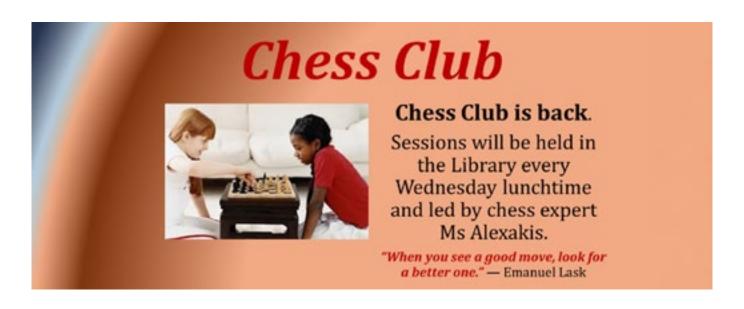


Throughout the competition, the team showed outstanding skill, teamwork, and determination, overcoming tough opposition and demonstrating their growing talent and passion for the game. With sharp bowling, confident batting, and excellent fielding, every player played a key role in the squad's success.

In the semi-final, the girls put up a strong fight in a closely contested match, creating opportunities with the bat and showing real grit in the field. Despite their best efforts, they just missed out on a spot in the final – but their performance stands as a highlight of the season.

Coaches and supporters praised the team not just for their results, but for their sportsmanship, team spirit, and commitment throughout the tournament. Reaching the semi-finals of such a competitive cup is a tremendous achievement, and the experience will be invaluable as they continue to develop.

The future of girls' cricket at Longcroft is looking very bright.





Longcroft Under 13 Boys Reach Semi-Finals in East Yorkshire Softball Cricket Competition

The Longcroft Under 13 boys' cricket team delivered an excellent performance in the East Yorkshire Softball Cricket Competition, reaching the semi-finals and narrowly missing out on a place in the Yorkshire finals at Ampleforth College.



Throughout the tournament, the team impressed with their teamwork, skill, and determination. Strong batting displays, accurate bowling, and sharp fielding were on show as the boys progressed confidently through the early rounds.

In a closely fought semi-final, Longcroft gave it their all, competing with great spirit and intensity. Despite a valiant effort, they were just edged out by a narrow margin, falling short of a spot in the Yorkshire finals.

The team's success is a testament to their hard work and commitment, and coaches praised the players not only for their on-field performances but also for their sportsmanship and positive attitude throughout the competition.

This strong cup run marks a proud achievement for Longcroft and sets a promising foundation for the future of boys' cricket at the school.











The Hundred!

'The Hundred' is an action-packed, unmissable, 100-ball cricket competition that keeps spectators on the edge of their seats.

It features world-class players and massive names from around the world. Eight city-based teams, created specifically for The Hundred, compete over five weeks every summer.

Each team has a men's and women's squad, with the two competitions running alongside each other. In 2024 London Spirit won the Women's Competition, while Oval Invincibles won the Men's Competition for a second year in a row.

Last week pupils and staff enjoyed the opportunity to be pictured alongside the spectacular trophy. Mr Perry said: "It was great to welcome the official 'The Hundred' trophy to Longcroft. The marquee UK cricket tournament in its 100 ball format kicks off at Lords on August 5th. A huge thank you to Yorkshire Cricket for giving our pupils this amazing opportunity."











Memory Lane

This week we return to 2013 and feature our athletes who competed in the Humber Schools' Games at Hull's Costello Stadium.



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Longcroft School and Sixth Form College





Longcroft Sport Extra-Curricular Programme Summer Term

	After School 15:15 – 16:10
Monday	
Tuesday	Cricket (3G) GTA
Wednesday	Year 7-9 Rugby (Field) JCS
Thursday	Rounders (Field) JHE Athletics (Track) JNC
Friday	Table Tennis (Sports Hall) EFX & MHE Badminton (Sports Hall) JCS







The Friends' Corner



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Charity Reg No. 515674

The FOLS have a busy couple of weeks ahead.

On Thursday we were present at the Year 6 'Meet the Tutor Evening' selling refreshments and spreading the word about the Friends of Longcroft School.

We will also be selling refreshments and holding a raffle at the summer production on Wednesday 2nd July. At this event

the FOLS have a licensed bar so we are selling wine, beer and Pimm's, alongside soft drinks, teas and coffees and snacks.

We can take cash or card so if you are attending the event please come along to our stall.

Please consider doing your on-line shopping via the Easy Fundraising App, especially before the end of June.

For every new person who downloads the Easy Fundraising App and uses it before the 30th June, the FOLS will receive £2. Easy money for the FOLS and very little effort for the

All you need to do is research your on-line shop on the Easy Fundraising App, make a purchase and Easy Fundraising will donate a percentage to the FOLS. It doesn't cost the user any extra.







Margaret McDonald becomes the youngest ever winner of the Carnegie Medal

"Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light."

—Vera Nazarian

The Carnegie Medal winners for 2025 were announced last Thursday in front of an audience of over 600 young people at a live-streamed ceremony at the Cambridge Theatre in London.

Twenty-seven-year-old Scottish author Margaret McDonald has won the Carnegie Medal for writing, the youngest ever winner, for her brilliant, emotionally absorbing novel **Glasgow Boys**. This is an incredible achievement. The Carnegie's are the UK's best loved and longest running book awards for children and young people and anyone who wins this prestigious prize is guaranteed rocketing book sales and an exciting career.

McDonald began writing **Glasgow Boys** when she was still a student. The novel draws the reader into the present and past lives of Finlay and Banjo, who meet when in care. Both teenage boys have had traumatic childhoods and are having to deal with the consequences. They're unused to tenderness or any form of touch and are incredibly vulnerable. Despite some heartbreaking moments this is ultimately a book about joy, a sweet homage to the wonders and uncertainty of first love, and a celebration of real friendship.

McDonald includes some of her own life experience of living with Crohn's Disease and medication dependency after surgery. Other themes include mental health, inequality and identity, and young masculinity. This is very much a rite



of passage read, but despite the seriousness of much of the subject matter there's lots of humour and laughter too. A wonderfully balanced novel by a fresh young talent!

There were so many terrific books on this year's Carnegie shortlist, including the Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Medal for Writing King of Nothing by Nathanael Lessore. However, as far as Mrs Clarke and I are concerned Glasgow Boys was our first choice for overall winner too. It's simply outstanding. I can't wait to hear some feedback when our pupils have read it. I honestly can't recommend it enough!

This year's Carnegie Medal for Illustration went to Olivia Lomenech for her non-fiction picture book Clever Crow. Illustrated in watercolours, charcoal, gouache and collage this book for younger readers presents a fresh look at this fascinating, if not always popular, bird. This year's Carnegie Shadowers choice was won by Theo Parish for Homebody, a YA graphic novel that is currently part of our Pride display and has been read by a number of pupils already.

Please encourage your children to explore all the Carnegie books 2025.

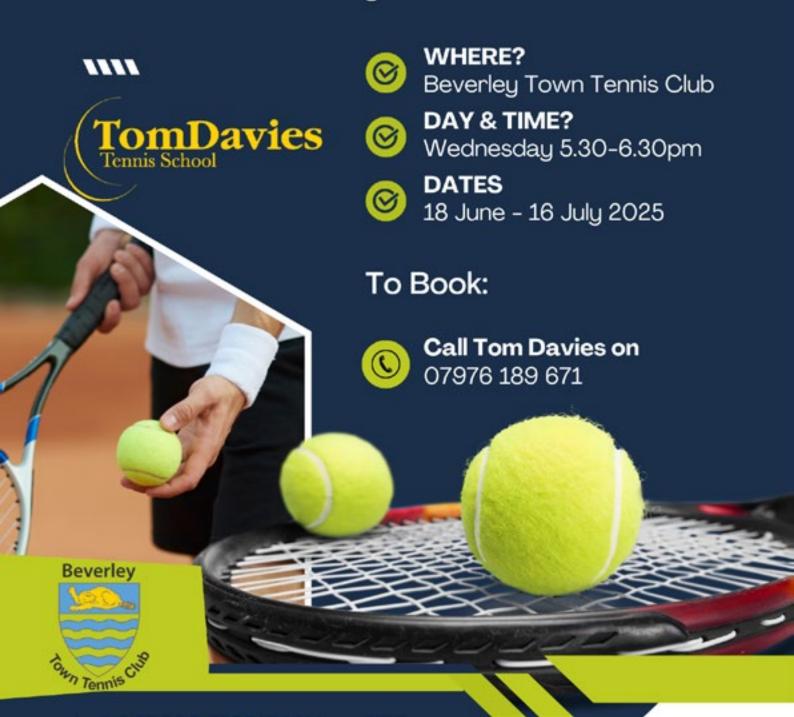


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Care and Achievement Co-ordinators

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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