

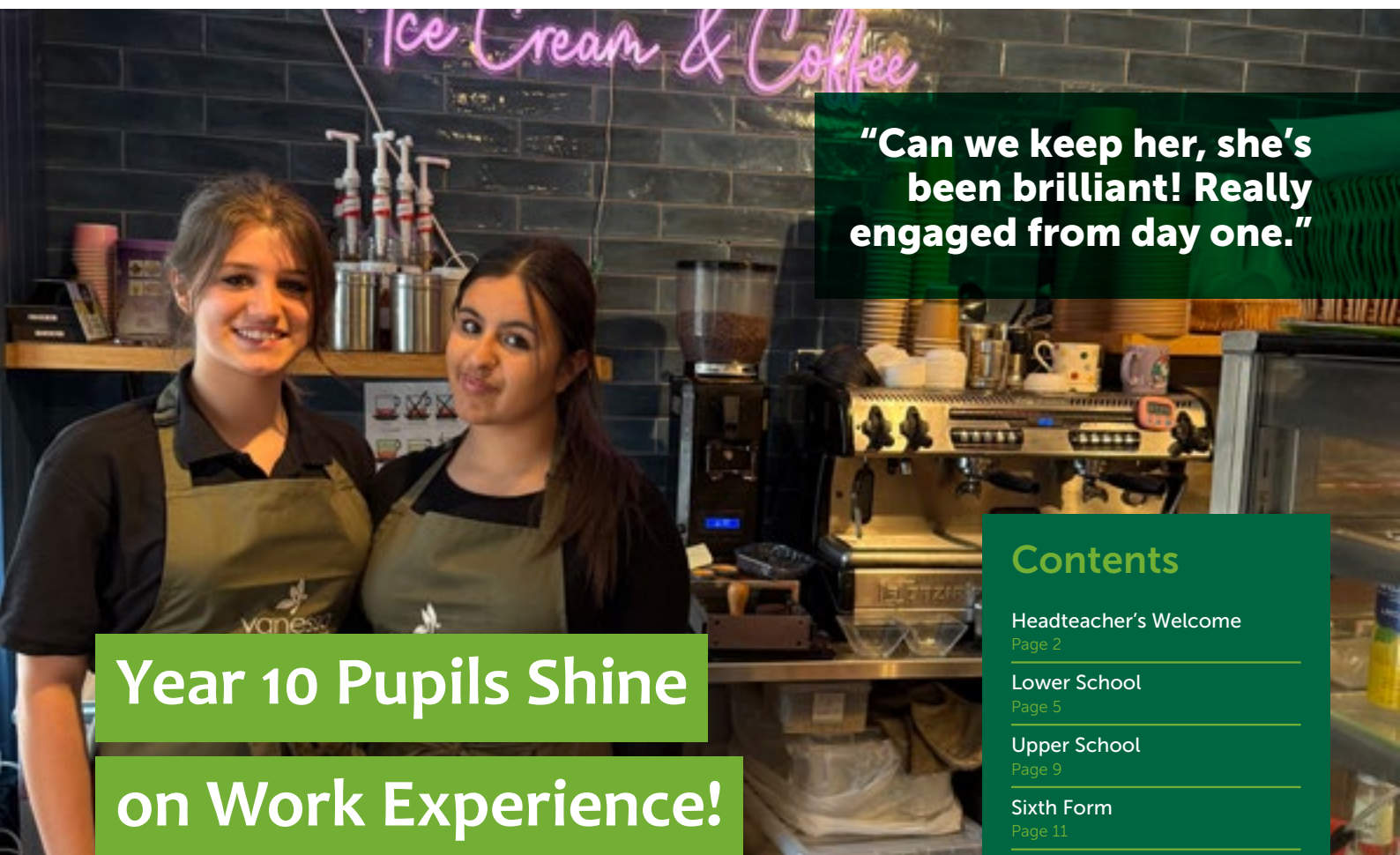


LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS

LETTER



Year 10 Pupils Shine on Work Experience!

Congratulations to our Year 10 pupils who enjoyed a taste of the world of work and made a great impression on local employers during their week of work experience!

Thank you to all the employers who supported the week – we are grateful to everyone who made our pupils welcome and afforded an invaluable opportunity to find out more about both potential careers and the expectations of an employee.

Read more about pupils' week in Mr Henderson's article on page 9..

"Can we keep her, she's been brilliant! Really engaged from day one."

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Headteacher's Welcome

As we move towards the summer break, Longcroft remains a hive of activity both in lessons and through the many visits, trips and events that our young people are enjoying.

Next week we have our School Games Day to look forward to as well as Flamingo Land, before celebrating the year together through assemblies, community events and with tutors on the last day of term. Our London Trip is set to depart on Monday with a packed schedule planned. You can follow their adventures on our social media and of course in the final Newsletter of the year next Friday.

You will have noted from our various communications that there will also be some changes to uniform expectations next week as we create opportunities for donations to our Longcroft Uniform Exchange programme. This is a sustainable and community-focused initiative designed to help families save money, reduce waste, and support one another.

We know that our children grow quickly, and many families will find themselves with uniforms that no longer fit but are still in excellent condition. Our Uniform Exchange Program enables families to donate clean, good-quality uniforms they no longer need and, in return, we welcome families to attend our collection events where you can pick up items in the correct sizes without the cost or waste. On **Thursday 14th August**, we will have our Uniform Exchange collection shop open from **10:00-14:00** so that you can be well prepared for return in September. We will also use donated uniform to ensure that we can respond to any emergency requirements throughout the school year, including short term loans.

To help summarise the changes to normal routines and expectations next week, you will find a break down on page 4 of this newsletter, which we will also be circulating via ClassCharts. This includes our non-uniform day on Friday which enables families to bag up any items that they

will no longer need and deposit them at the collection point as they arrive at school in the morning. There will also be an option for monetary donations to support struggling families with non-donated items for those who feel able to contribute.

It has been such a wonderful week of celebrations and it was an honour to host the East Riding of Yorkshire, School Sports Partnership Awards Event at Longcroft on Tuesday evening. We welcomed over 350 guests from schools and families across the region. There was a plethora of awards for our own young people, and it was a particularly proud evening for all of the staff who have been involved in working with the successful individuals over the last year, and who attended the event to represent the school. Before the event began, Longcroft was presented with our third Gold Award in a row by the School Sports Partnership, which means that if we achieve one more we will be the first secondary school to be recognised with the prestigious Platinum Quality mark for our work in promoting healthy and active lifestyles. This achievement is not to be underestimated and is a great credit to our fabulous staff and children.

The guest speaker was former world champion inline skater Jenna Downing. With incredible humility, Jenna shared the inspirational story of her own journey to sporting success and the many challenges within and beyond her sport that she has experienced along the way. So much of what Jenna shared resonated with our Longcroft values and the character traits that we seek to instill in our young people. It was further testament to our belief in 'ordinary people' and their ability with hard work, to achieve 'extraordinary things' – often achievements that they could never initially have contemplated or imagined.



Another highlight this week was our First Story Literary Recital and celebration event on Wednesday, which saw our now officially published authors reading their short stories and being presented with copies of our anthology 'It's Only My Mind', which is now available from the British Library. Our writer in residence, Maureen Lennon, spoke beautifully about our children and the exceptional work they have produced. We could not be more proud of each and every one of them; such an impressive achievement at such a young age!

It is often impossible to imagine what we are actually capable of, or where life may take us. At Longcroft we

want to ensure a culture and an educational experience that empowers our young people to constantly reimagine what is possible for both them and the world around them, to be confident and happy, committed and courageous, willing to take risks and accept failure as a path to success. As ever, this week's newsletter is full of inspiring examples, celebration and opportunity. Please encourage your children to get involved and try something new... every journey starts somewhere.

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:



Acts of Great

HEART

132,167

THOUGHT

449,315

VISION

430,627

GRAND

TOTAL:

1,012,109





Final Week of Term – Summary

Below is a summary of events taking place over the last week of term. Thank you in advance for supporting our children and school as we enjoy the many opportunities the week will afford to celebrate all that we have achieved together this academic year.

A reminder that blazers will not be part of our uniform expectations at all in the last week. This is because starting on Monday pupils can donate any blazers that they have outgrown or will not require in September for a chocolate bar. Our blazer swap will be available every morning at the school gate as they arrive.

This is part of our wider **Uniform Exchange Programme** with an opportunity to donate any other items of either main school or PE uniform (including shoes / boots etc) on Friday that will no longer be required for September (but remain in good condition). To facilitate this big donation event, we will have a **non-school uniform day on Friday** and pupils can drop their bags of donated uniforms in to cages as they arrive into school in exchange for a raffle ticket – with prizes including a full uniform in the correct size for September. They can also make a monetary donation if they wish which will go towards supporting struggling families with essential uniform items not involved in the exchange, including socks, tights etc.

Monday	<p>Normal school day.</p> <p>Blazer / Chocolate exchange begins.</p> <p>Uniform – Pupils do not need to wear their blazers.</p>
Tuesday	<p>School Games Day</p> <p>Blazer / Chocolate exchange continues.</p> <p>Uniform – Pupils must arrive in full school PE kit (strictly no hot pant style shorts).</p>
Wednesday	<p>Normal school day.</p> <p>Blazer / Chocolate exchange continues.</p> <p>Uniform – Pupils do not need to wear their blazers.</p>
Thursday	<p>Flamingo land Trip / In-School Events</p> <p>Blazer / Chocolate exchange continues.</p> <p>Uniform – Pupils on the trip to wear appropriate clothing to enjoy the day. Those remaining in school are should wear their PE kit so they can be ready to enjoy the full range of activities that will be available across the curriculum.</p>
Friday	<p>Rewards assemblies, tutor and celebration events.</p> <p>Our Big Uniform Exchange 'Donation Day'</p> <p>Pupils can donate any items of uniform no longer required at the school gate as they arrive. Please see additional messages on ClassCharts for more details. Final day of blazer / Chocolate exchange.</p> <p>Uniform – Non-school uniform day – appropriate attire to enjoy the day.</p> <p>School closes early at 1:15pm.</p>



LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

Our Year 7 pupils have been thoroughly enjoying their journey through the exciting Geography curriculum this academic year. One of the highlights has been their exploration of rivers, a topic that has truly brought learning to life in the classroom.

Through studying how rivers shape our landscapes, pupils have gained a deeper understanding of processes such as erosion, transportation, and deposition. To help visualise these concepts, the pupils recently took part in a creative and hands-on project: building models of watersheds using plasticine.





These colourful models have allowed pupils to see how water flows across land, how different drainage basins are formed, and how watersheds influence the surrounding environment. The activity sparked plenty of enthusiasm and teamwork, as pupils carefully moulded hills, valleys, and river channels, before conceptualising how rainfall travels through their mini landscapes.

Teachers have been impressed by the creativity and curiosity on display. Mr Henderson commented, "It's fantastic to see pupils so engaged and eager to learn. Making the models really helped them understand complex ideas in a fun and memorable way."

Well done to all of our budding geographers, we can't wait to see where their curiosity takes them next!

Also, this week, our Lower School pupils have been working hard to complete their GL assessments in English and Maths. Year 9 pupils have completed a Science assessment also.

These assessments help us gain a clear picture of each pupil's progress and highlight areas where they are excelling, as well as where they may need extra support. Staff have been impressed by the mature and focused attitude shown by pupils throughout the week.

Well done to all our Lower School pupils for their effort and resilience, we look forward to using the results to continue supporting their learning and development.



Living Eggs Project

Our Lower School children enjoyed learning about life cycles as we once again incubated and hatched some chickens, in partnership with an ethical programme led by Living Eggs.

Pupils' learning including monitoring a living organism, plotting and charting growth, observing male/female characteristics and monitoring effects of light and sound.

Pupils very much enjoyed carefully holding the chicks. Jesse said, "They were really fluffy - it was good to hold one." Mia added, "We had to be very gentle - I enjoyed learning about them."

Thank you to Miss Rushby who oversaw the project and ensured all the chicks were well cared for during their stay with us.

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

Lydia Dorsey
Nathan Pineda
Naomi Jack
Mia Walters
Faith Thompson
Oscar Jowsey
Riley Hearn
Evelyn Rumford
Caleb Harrison
Sebastian Tomlin

Year 8

Ruby Williams
Olivia Radley
Oscar Purchon
Olivia Chilcott
Dylan O'Connell
Max van den Ban
Henry Konieczko-Hansom
Ashley Griffin
Tymofii Merkulov
Imogen Trolle

Year 9

Scarlett Wood
Lily Thornton
Amy Thornton
Hailey Berango
Yevdokym Yershov
Luke Chadwick
Olivia Lax
Brenton McKie
Ollie Bayes
Isabelle Chant

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: Holly Artley Tolson

Year 8: Daniel Barrow

Year 9: Neve Meagher



UPPER SCHOOL



Mr Henderson writes:

Year 10 Pupils Shine on Work Experience

I was truly impressed to see our Year 10 pupils excelling during their recent work experience placements. From local businesses and schools to healthcare settings and creative industries, pupils embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and maturity.

Feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising our pupils' professionalism, confidence, and willingness to learn. It has been fantastic to hear how they represented the school so brilliantly and gained valuable insight into the world of work.

A huge well done to all involved — you should be very proud of yourselves!

Pupils described their experiences. Joel, who spent his week with the Army, said: "We did lots of fitness tests and also some very fun activities. On Tuesday we went to the Humber Country Park and ran through forests, slid down slopes, did circuits in the estuary, then climbed up a 6ft wall. We learnt how to do a paratrooper landing, then performed one blindfolded. We also did some stalking in the woods, learning how to get close to a target."





Keira enjoyed her week at Bleach Yard stables: "I mucked out a lot of horses and walked a Shetland that has laminitis, which means his joints go stiff. I got to ride, learned horses' names and which ones bite. I learned how to look after horses properly and bathed a horse called Willow."

Poppy described her week: "I stacked shelves and helped people in our community – making them feel welcomed. I learned how to deal with different people"

Ava reflected: "I learned lots about engineering as well as Human Resources, including the systems used in the job roles. I also attended a lot of meetings. I discovered I am interested in engineering and I am not a fan of office work"

Amelia, who spent the week at Little Einsteins Childcare Centre, said: "I learned new skills and how childcare can be challenging. I loved meeting new people"

Conner explained: "I learned how to change brakes and I loved the hands-on feeling. I also changed and fixed punctured tyres." Charlie described his week with Fores Electrical: "I enjoyed getting a feeling for what electrical work is like. I was drilling sockets and pulling cables through a roof while observing as well."

Liam spent his week working in joinery. He said: "I was taking out a kitchen and learning measurements and safety precautions." Libby enjoyed her week at Fir Trees Nursery School, explaining: "I enjoyed playing with the toddlers and reading them books. I was also baking cookies with them."

Employers were certainly impressed. Feedback included:

"She has fitted right into the team, she won't want to come back to school next week!"

"Can we keep her, she's been brilliant! Really engaged from day one."

"Presentable, on time and built her confidence throughout the week."

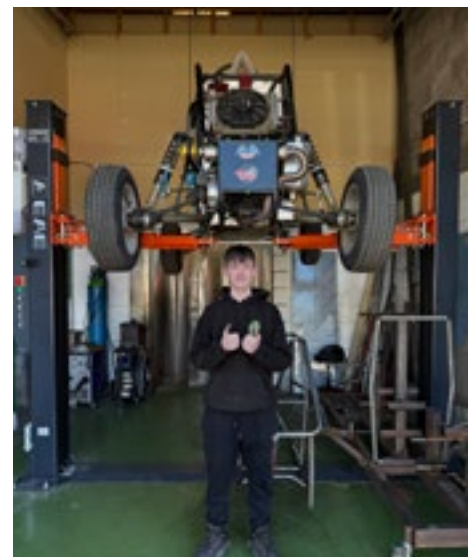
"They are conscientious, have good time management and are very helpful."

"They are brilliant, they could do my job!"

"What a pleasure Rebecca was, her work ethic for someone so young was extremely satisfying! Polite, courteous, and very interactive with the residents."

"Absolutely fantastic, very intuitive."

"He understands what's required of him quickly - he worked well."



Miss Sinclair, who made the week possible, explained: "The week was a tremendous success and I was very proud of the pupils. Two pupils at Vanessa's delicatessen have been offered jobs which start soon. Thank you to all the employers who not only made our pupils so welcome but afforded them such an invaluable opportunity to learn and develop skills and gain experience."

Mr Henderson | Head of Upper School



Mr Chapman writes:



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SIXTH FORM

On Friday we enjoyed a fabulous Year 13 Prom.

We held it at the function room in the Rose and Crown, which is situated in Beverley just outside the North Bar.

It was a super evening with fun, food and dancing and was attended by most of Year 13 and several of their teachers.

It was great to celebrate their achievements from the last seven years and we all had a really good time!

Well done to our amazing Year 13 class of 2025 – we're looking forward to seeing you in August on Results Day when the next stage in your life starts to take shape.

Mr Chapman
Head of Sixth Form







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

Mary Anderson 12JHR

Amy Charge 7ESH

Olivia Chilcott 8LWO

Phoebe Fisher 7ESH

Frankie Gray 8EFX

Robert Grimes 8NFO

Ava Hutchinson-Chan 7GRU

George Lancaster 7JPO

Olivia Lax 9PDV

Brenton McKie 9GTA

Lucas Melville 7GRU

Poppy Moxon 9GTA

Lily Nuttall 7JDY

Scarlett Pashley 7ESH

JJ Plant 9GTA

Evelyn Rumford 7JPO

Stanley Shaw 7GRU

Daisy Stokes 9PDV

Harry Wilson 9GTA

Jack Wisher 7JPO

Yevdokym Yershov 9GTA

Leon Zielinski 7ESH





IN FOCUS

ART

This week we are delighted to feature work from Year 11 pupils who studied GCSE Art.

Work pictured is from the portfolios of Toby Robertson, Amelia Dale, Libby Muralee, Pippa Fergusson, Rachel Harris, Amber Sempers and Rosalie Lorch. In September, once results have been published, we will be proud to feature pupils' examination pieces.





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Forest School Update!

Longcroft pupils from our Forest School programme welcomed Karyn Mumby from the Molescroft Wildlife Network. Together, they positioned hedgehog boxes donated by the network across our school estate. Thank you to Karyn and the amazing volunteers who constructed these brilliant hedgehog retreats!





Performing Arts Evening

Last Wednesday evening our performing artists treated us to a wonderful range of performances in our Theatre.



Pupils and Sixth Form students demonstrated their exceptional ability, performing a range of solo pieces while our choir and band also impressed. The choir performed renditions of Keane's 'Somewhere Only We Know' and Emeli Sande's 'Next To Me'. Our band Polaroid, who will be competing at Bridlington Spa on Friday evening in 'Battle of the Bands' against bands from nine other East Riding schools, performed two songs.

Thank you to our pupils, Sixth Form students and staff for another incredible evening!





Memory Lane

This week, as we look ahead with excitement to School Games Day, we return to 2019 and feature pictures from that year's event.





Our Languages Nuts!



We are delighted with the enthusiasm shown by pupils for our latest award — the Language Nutter of the Week.

Ms Shepherd said, "It's particularly great to see Year 7 pupils in this week's top ten!"

Congratulations to **Lyra**, this week's Language Nutter of the Week, and our top scoring Nutters!

Lyra Daniels (8LWO)

- 66,500 points

Nancy Dale (7GRU)

- 56,500 points

Max van den Ban (8EFX)

- 46,000 points

Oscar Purchon (8LWO)

- 45,600 points

Alanah Wardman (8LWO)

- 44,100 points

Ruby Reilly (7GRU)

- 36,200 points

Lily Smedley (8LWO)

- 36,100 points

Alissia Williams (7GRU)

- 34,800 points

Alina Shpak (7GRU)

- 34,200 points

Eliza Jameson (7GRU)

- 31,700 points





Super Scones!

Year 8 pupils were certainly up for Ms George's challenge to make Super Scones!

As well as demonstrating safe practice, pupils were expected to ensure beautiful presentation, as if their scones had been shop-bought, and they were challenged with making at least one adaptation to the recipe Ms George provided. Scones had to be well risen and of even size.

Ms George said, "I was delighted with the pupils' enthusiasm - their scones looked impressive and tasted wonderful."







The Friends' Corner



The FOLS had an enjoyable evening at the Summer Showcase last week.

fols@longcroft.eriding.net

We sold refreshments and held a raffle, which helped us raise about £100.

Charity Reg No. 515674

Thank you to everyone who bought something from us as every penny counts.

Our congratulations to the parents of Brenton McKie and the parents of Gracie Barber as they have won the FOLS cash draw in June and July. They'll be receiving a cheque for £15 before the end of term.

If you would like to enter the FOLS cash draw, and support the FOLS, all you need to do is buy an annual entry of £12 via ParentPay and the FOLS will sort the rest.

The £12 buys a monthly entry to the draw for a year, and each month you can win £15!!!



The FOLS are pleased to announce we will be selling refreshments at School Games Day. For £2, your child will be able to pick three items from our selection of sweets and snacks. This will be prepaid so the children don't need to carry cash on the day and it can be purchased via ParentPay.

Please place your order by 12pm on Monday 14th July via ParentPay.



LIBRARY NEWS



Ms Carvill writes:

Stanley Wins a Highly Commended Award in National Competition!

A huge well done to Year 7 pupil Stanley for receiving a Highly Commended award in First Story's first ever Tiny Poems Competition. Stanley's fabulous poem has been published online on the First Story website, and he'll receive a selection of poetry books and a certificate from First Story shortly. Stanley is delighted:

"I'm really happy to be highly commended in the competition. It's strange to have your work judged and published online. I didn't expect it. I was really surprised that my poem got through."

Stanley's poem was one of three in-house Longcroft winners forwarded to the national competition. It was a real favourite with the Library staff, who described it as evocative, reflective, and instantly memorable.

Well done Stanley. Everyone at Longcroft is incredibly proud of you!





Live 'n Loud returns to East Riding Libraries in 2025

Live n' Loud, Beverley's fabulous arts festival, is back and promises to be better than ever this year. The festival runs until Thursday 21st August and has an exciting programme of events including theatre performances, circus skills workshops, puppet shows, and author visits and talks.

The local author Chris Turnbull will be at Flemingate conducting a meet and greet with his dog Olly. There will be face painting, and festival hair and glitter. New for this year are the Solar System Planetarium shows with LabRascals and Pop-up Book Workshops with artist, Penny Barron.



A number of children's authors will also be visiting libraries across the county, including Giles Trigg, Terrie Chilvers and Steve Cole. The writers will talk about their newest book releases and sign copies of their books in the library. Fans of James Bond will be thrilled to meet Steve Cole, the creator of the action-packed Young Bond and Z Rex books, at Beverley Library on Saturday 26th July at 1.30. It promises to be wildly exciting.

S.J. Baker, who visited Longcroft Library a few months ago to talk about her debut novel CALM, will be giving a talk.

Handmaids and Hunger Games, about YA dystopian fiction on Tuesday 19th August 2025 at 6.30pm at Beverley Library. The author and English teacher will be exploring why dystopian fiction is so popular, and discussing a variety of dystopian stories, as well as her own experiences of writing and being published. The event is suitable for 12+, including adults, and is a real must for our current Year 9 pupils who have been studying dystopian fiction, and those in Year 8 who will do so next term.

Tickets for all events are on sale now and are either free, or £3 per child with one free accompanying adult. To get yours, visit: [Live 'n' Loud](#)

<https://www.eastridinglibraries.co.uk/whats-on/live-n-loud/>



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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