



# LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

## NEWS LETTER

**A celebration  
of our  
pupils' and  
Sixth Form  
students'  
achievements!**

**Thank you for  
your support  
during 2021.**

**With best wishes  
for Christmas and  
the New Year.**





# 2021 Term by Term

## Spring

We began 2021 by celebrating the work and achievements of former pupil and award-winning author and illustrator Andy Sanders. His was just one of many inspirational stories featured in Newsletters throughout the year.

Longcroft's enrichment programme has always been a strength of our school and despite the challenges of Lockdown and restrictions necessitated by Covid-19 pupils were able to enjoy opportunities such as our Wonder Live Lecture series. Experts from The Deep and the York Archaeological Trust provided a fascinating insight into Gentoo penguins and our area's Roman heritage while pupils were able to enjoy the Royal Shakespeare Company and Michael Morpurgo's retelling of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.



## 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**

**33,210**

**THOUGHT**

**144,167**

**VISION**

**131,192**

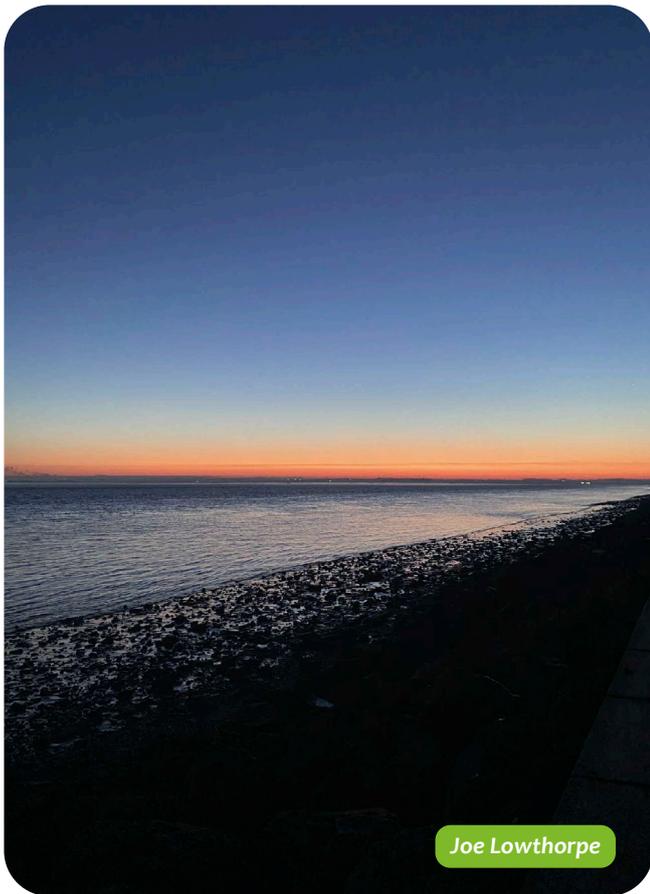
**GRAND**

**TOTAL:**

**308,569**



Pupils also took part in a range of competitions and challenges and Connor Richardson's outstanding entry won Mr Thomson's landscape photography competition. The Year 11 competition, organised by Mr Coupe and Mrs Brady, was won by Joe Lowthorpe.



Joe Lowthorpe



Connor Richardson

Mrs Barry organised a baking competition for Year 10 which was won by Leah Murphy, while Mr Thomson and Mrs Ellis couldn't separate two fabulous entries from Year 9 pupils Georgia Sutcliffe and Layla Robinson.



Layla Robinson

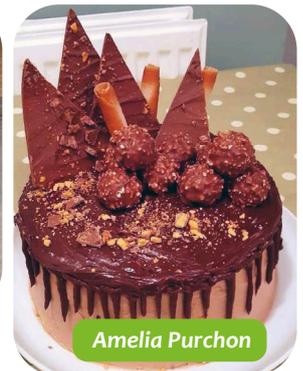


Georgia Sutcliffe

The Year 7 competition proved equally popular as pupils competed for the title of their year group's Star Baker. In the face of stiff competition, the title went to an outstanding effort from Amelia Purchon.



Leah Murphy



Amelia Purchon



During January we featured the careers of former Longcroft pupils Anna Herdsman and Brian Hancock. Anna is enjoying success in the performing arts, television appearances including playing Laurie Powers in the fantastic 2020 Netflix thriller 'The Stranger'. Brian, who attended Longcroft in the 1960's, captained Hull FC and featured in one of the city of Hull's most glorious sporting occasions in 1980 when rivals Hull FC and Hull Kingston Rovers went head to head at Wembley Stadium in front of a crowd of 95,000.

2021 saw our pupils and Sixth Form students maintain our reputation for excellence in literature, and in January we were proud to celebrate Year 11 pupil Tom Kelly's outstanding poetry. 'Studio of the Mind' won The Critical Fish's Young Person's Writing and Art Competition's Writing Prize. We were delighted to publish fabulous local actress Jessica Duffield's reading of Tom's winning poem on our Facebook and Twitter pages.



Universities of Cambridge and Warwick who now works as a Human Rights Lawyer in Washington, provided a fascinating insight into their lives beyond Longcroft.

February saw inspirational former students Lottie Dodd and Nathalie Greenfield interviewed for our Newsletter. Lottie, who read Oriental Studies at the University of Oxford's Balliol College, and Nathalie, a Graduate of Cornell Law School and the

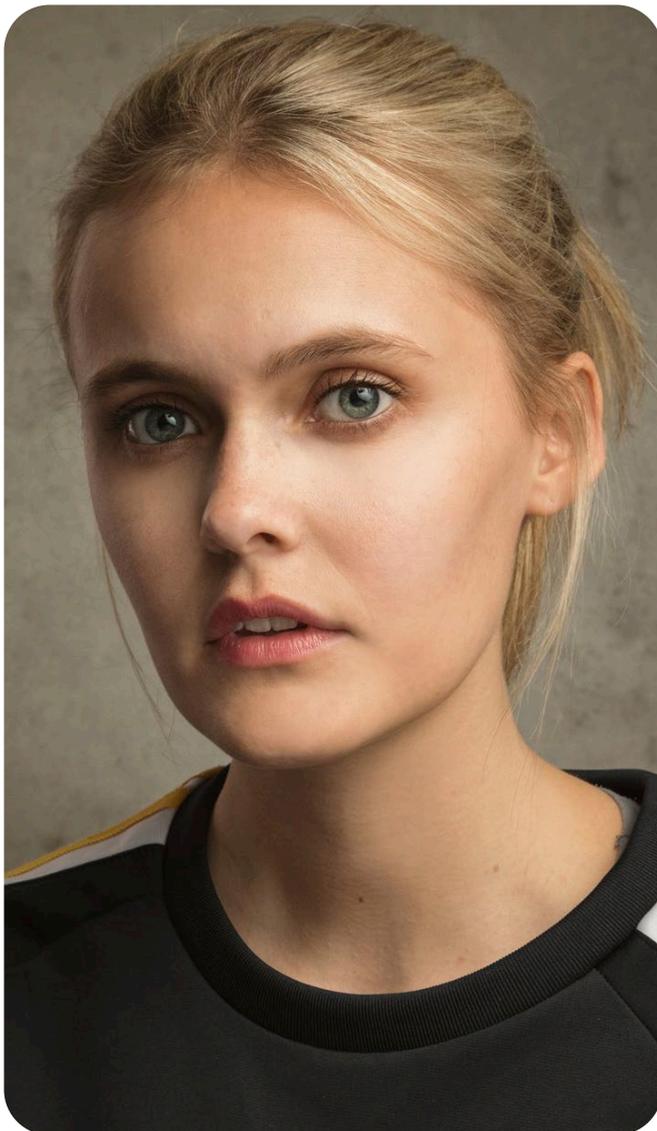




February also saw Sixth Form student Adam Kerrison's first novel published, while the month concluded with a virtual meeting between Mr Britton, Ms Grant and Graham Stuart, MP for Beverley and Holderness. Graham said, "In the face of coronavirus, it is great to see Longcroft seizing opportunities to go beyond the main curriculum to include archaeology and marine life – while keeping mainstream learning up to the mark."

Monday March 8th saw us welcome our pupils and Sixth Form students back to school after the Lockdown.

We continued to celebrate the varied paths taken by inspirational former students, featuring Laura Meredith who has enjoyed parts in 'Casualty' and Sky One's popular drama series 'Cobra' and Carys Marsh who combines her career as a Graduate Cost Consultant with playing in Super League for Wigan Warriors and internationally for Wales.





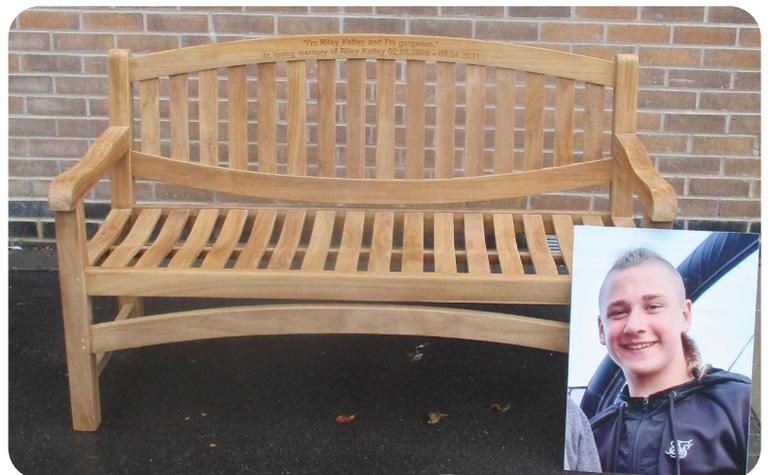
In a valuable enrichment opportunity led by Maths teacher Mr Ita, Year 10 pupils Macklan Brown and Bryony Young excelled in the UK Mathematical Trust's Challenge, earning Silver certificates.

Further enrichment, this time focusing on Year 8, saw First Story writer-in-residence Lee Harrison host the first of a series of creative writing workshops. In time these would result in our second published Anthology.



# Summer

The tragic loss of much loved and respected Year 11 pupil Riley Ketley gave the year's earlier challenges perspective, reminded us of the value of friends and family and allowed us to reflect on the way Riley lived his life – his sense of humour, his kindness and his consideration for others.



We were proud to reflect on the work of two former pupils - Rachel Thompson's work as a mental health nurse and Coldstream Guard Josh Drew's involvement in the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.



Thirty pupils in Years 7 and 8 tested their mathematical skills in the UK Mathematics Trust's Junior Challenge. Mr Ita was delighted with their achievements, which included Gold certificates for Alfie Adams, Olivia Langdon, Eloise McNamara and Harry Walker.

2021 has seen one of the most exciting Formula 1 seasons in history and we are proud that former pupil Ben Towse has been part of it through his role with Williams Racing.

We were delighted to celebrate what we are sure will be the start of a fantastic career as current pupil Jack Charles made his debut for Hull FC's Under 16 team. Jack is one of three players from his year group to represent our city's teams, with Hayden Todd and Tom Rae signing for Hull Kingston Rovers.



June also saw the first cup success of former student Rachael Woosey's incredible first season playing in Super League for St Helens. 2021 saw Rachael and her teammates win all three trophies on offer and ended with her international appearance for England in France.





In June, Sixth Form student Tegan Blake-Barnard won First Story's 100-word story competition, her moving 'A Melody Lost' impressing the panel of judges from Vintage Books.

Our performing artists have been particularly affected by the challenges of Covid, but June saw A Level students finally able to perform their wonderful production of 'The Danny Crow Show'.

June also saw pupils and Sixth Form students consider the meaning of 'diversity'.





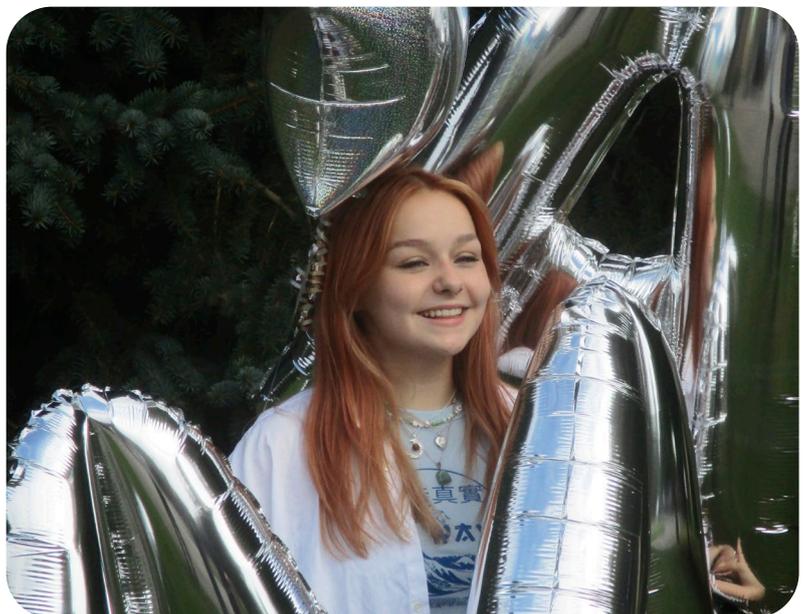
In July we were able to benefit from collaborative work. Through the Food Teachers' Centre our Food and Nutrition teacher Ms George arranged for a delivery of free fish from Grimsby company Ish Fish which allowed pupils to develop their culinary skills, while Mr Coupe secured a partnership with local company Bostonair as part of our Careers Education programme. This was particularly pleasing as former student Liam Wilson joined the company in 2016 after completing his A Levels. In addition, our First Story cohort and some of our most talented Year 8 artists enjoyed a virtual workshop with award-winning illustrator Julie Monks.

In more literary success, Year 13 student Jacob Hill saw his poetry used as part of a resource put together by First Story and part of National Poetry Day.



## Autumn

As we welcomed our new Year 7, we began the term with a celebration of our summer's results, reflecting with pride on the fantastic achievements of those pupils and Sixth Form students who overcame adversity to earn their grades in unprecedented circumstances. We shared in their delight as they progress to their chosen destinations.





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We were proud to celebrate the tremendous achievement of Year 10 pupil Freya Vidal who, after featuring in the summer's prestigious English Schools' Athletics Association Championships, was crowned National Champion in the 200 metres.

In October Year 9 Rocco Pulling's success in the England Boxing National Schools' Championships saw him become our second National Champion of 2021.



Tegan Blake-Barnard enjoyed more success as she earned a place on the prestigious Rathbones Folio Mentoring Scheme – one of only six candidates nationally to be selected. Year 7 pupil Emilia d'Andilly demonstrated initiative and creativity in winning our Hopes and Dreams Competition.

Jevon Mills has featured regularly in Newsletters during the final months of 2021. The inspirational former pupil, still only 18 years old, signed his first professional contract with Hull City, made his international debut for the Republic of Ireland and then enjoyed what we are sure will be the first of many appearances in Hull City's First Team in their victory at Cardiff City.





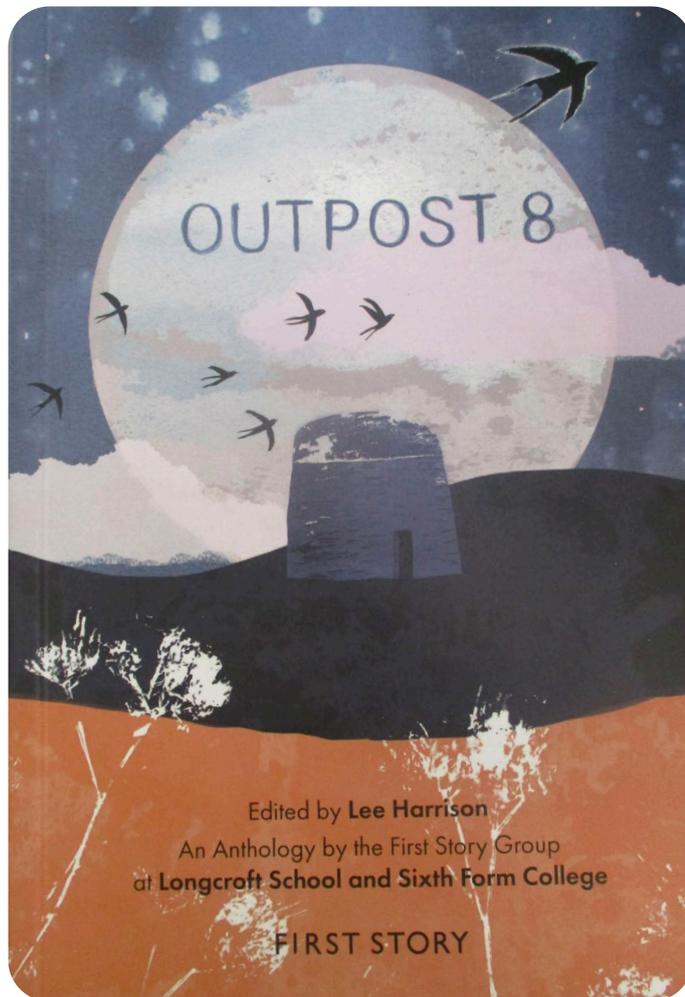
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We welcomed accomplished author Yvonne Battle-Felton to our Library where she met Sixth Form students and read from her novel, 'Remembered'. Radio Humberside's Breakfast Show presenter Kofi Smiles interviewed Yvonne in what was an unforgettable, thought-provoking afternoon for anyone fortunate to attend.

October also saw the publication of our second Anthology – 'Outpost 8'. First Story's flagship Young Writers Programme paired professional writer Lee Harrison with forty of our Year 8 pupils and the result was an incredible range of creative writing which everyone involved can be exceptionally proud of.



November began with our celebration of Longcroft's third National Champion as boxer Tallulah Pulling beat Kidderminster-based opponent Sandra Piekarska in the Class A Under 63kg division to take the title in Hereford.



Year 13 student Chloe Keenan's design was selected as the new logo for the Hull and East Riding Neurodiversity Service – chosen over a range of exceptional entries from across the county.





Led by Mr Dyson and Miss Wigglesworth, pupils contributed to a stunning Remembrance Day display at Yorcare Care Homes Beverley Parklands, while members of Beverley's Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade Band performed at the Arboretum in Staffordshire.

As part of our Careers Education programme, a group of Year 10 girls enjoyed the first of a number of planned sessions from Women into Manufacturing and Engineering – an initiative by Green Port Hull, Siemens Gamesa, Airco and Jobcentre Plus to encourage women to choose a career in these industries.





Entering December, we focused on Democracy and Pupil Voice as pupils were elected as Form Representatives for their Year and School Councils. Pupils again demonstrated their skills in Technology by producing decorations for our stunning Christmas tree which formed part of Beverley Minster's wonderful Christmas Tree Festival – a wonderful way to enter the festive season!



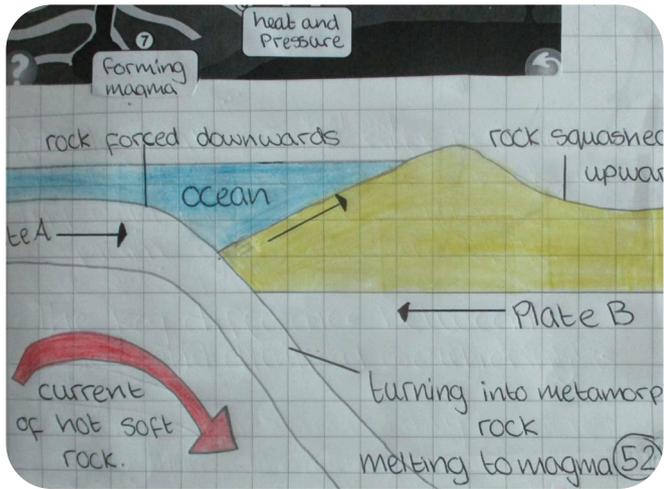


# A celebration of pupils' and Sixth Form students' Work

Throughout the year we have been proud to share and celebrate examples of our pupils' and Sixth Form students' impressive work from across the curriculum.





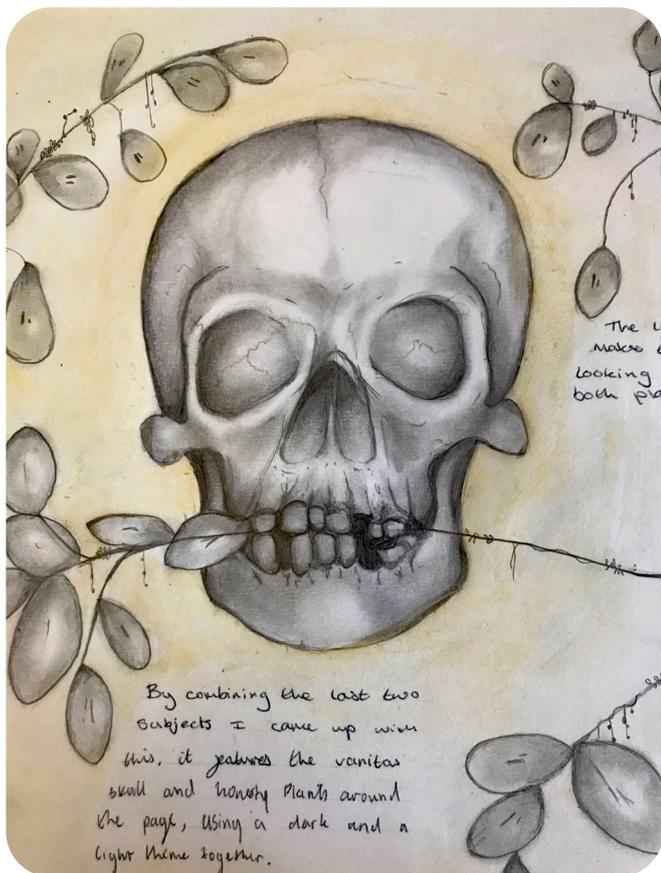
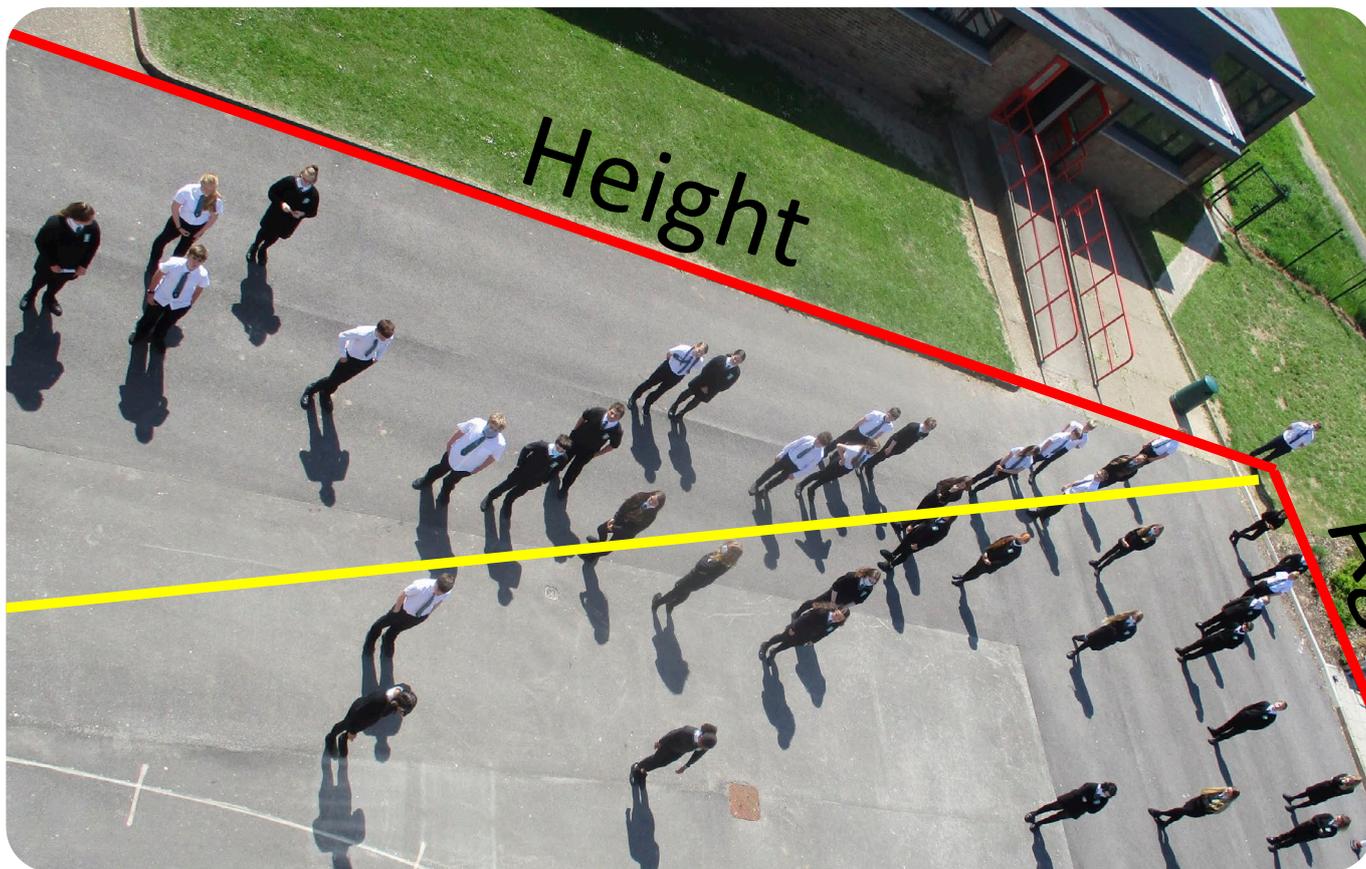


That evening I couldn't sleep, knowing someone could possibly be outside my bedroom door. I sent a shiver down my spine. I needed to get out of here as fast as I can. I tip-toed slowly and quietly down the spiral stairs. All I needed to do now was to open the ancient spruce door, as I yanked on the door handle, it was then I realised; I was locked in... I let out a blood-curdling scream and fell to the floor. "None please!" I cried.

The slightly lit candle in my shaky hand blew out, and someone grabbed me from behind. I tried to let out a scream but, whoever had grabbed me, had covered my mouth. I heard them pull out a sharp object and stabbed me from behind. I suddenly dropped to the floor with a loud BANG! the pain I was feeling was immense, my eyes slowly shut as I saw the killer walk to his next victim.

Wow! AOS Jeff W...  
 WWH! I'm happy with how the suspense built up for the big moment.  
 In! Tell Dave Amy! You have worked hard!







**Prove:**  
The WWW: The algebraic notation questions that I understood include  $\square \times 2 \square$  and the explain you answer ones because I put alot of description and evidence.

**EBI:** I need to practise going through all the numbers it gives me and not calculate one of them.

**Starter**  
1. 6.2 ✓  
2. 0.18 ✓  
3.  $\frac{5}{18}$  ✓

**Bingo!**  
 $\frac{6}{11}$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{5}{12}$   $\frac{1}{8}$   $\frac{2}{7}$   $\frac{1}{5}$   
 $\frac{4}{9}$   $\frac{5}{11}$   $\frac{1}{2}$

**Starter**  
1.  $\frac{3}{7} + 1 = \frac{10}{7} = 1\frac{3}{7}$  ✓  
2.  $\frac{5}{13} + 3 = \frac{39}{13} + \frac{5}{13} = \frac{44}{13} = 3\frac{5}{13}$  ✓  
3.  $\frac{11}{25} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{22}{50} + \frac{33}{75} = \frac{66}{75} = \frac{22}{25}$  ✓  
4.  $4 - \frac{12}{27} + 3 = 7 - \frac{4}{9} = 6\frac{8}{9}$  ✓

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
We will assess and reflect on our understanding of Algebraic Notation

Do: Try now  
Gold 1  
 $-3 \times 5 = -15$   
 $-15 - 12 = -27$   
 $x = -3$

## HAZARDOUS EARTH TEST 1

**Lithosphere:** the uppermost layer of the Earth. It's cool and brittle. It includes the very top of the mantle and the crust above.

**Convergent Boundary:** where two plates move towards each other.

- plates move towards each other, causing friction and pressure build-up
- Deep ocean trenches
- Volcanoes
- underwater mountain ranges

**Conservative Boundary:** where two plates slide past each other.

- plates create friction by travelling at different speeds and direction past each other.
- Earthquakes
- San Andreas Fault, Pacific/North America

**Divergent Boundary:** where two plates move apart.

- plates move apart due to convection currents
- Ridges
- undersea mountains/volcanoes
- Mid-Atlantic Ridge - North American

**Structure of the Earth:**

- Outer Core
- Inner Core
- Upper Mantle
- Lower Mantle
- Lithosphere
- Krust + Lithosphere

**Core:** Inner core is solid. Outer core is liquid. Made of iron and nickel. Dense. Becomes less dense further out.

**Mantle:** 6000°C. Upper and lower. Silicon based rocks. Lower mantle is quite rigid. Part molten 2900km.

**Crust:** 0-100km thick. Solid. Silicon based rocks. Continental / Oceanic. Divided into tectonic plates.



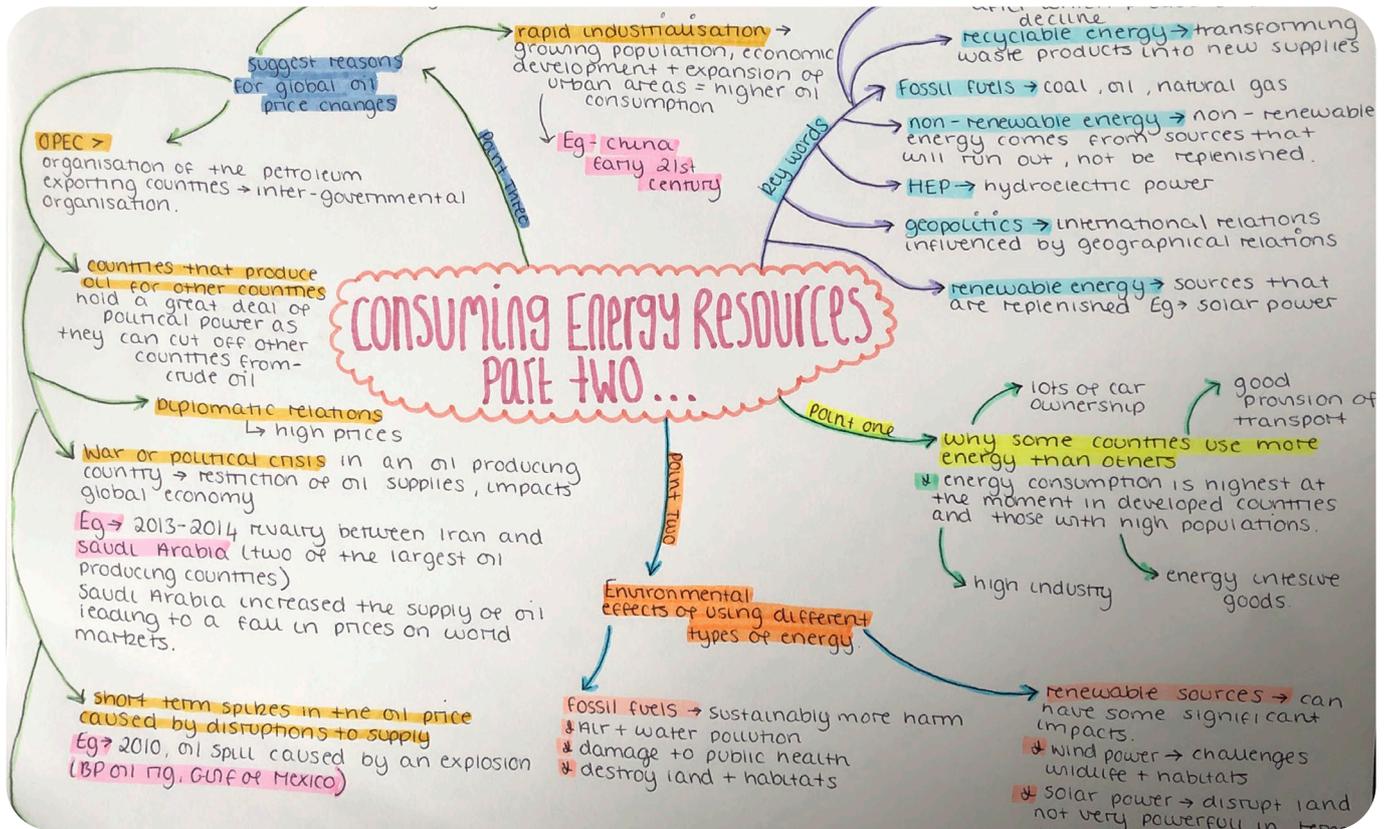
Jueves el 22 de abril 2021  
Ciudad y campo

**Starter:**

la ciudad	el campo
• una fábrica	• una granja
• ayuntamiento	• animales
• supermercado	• afueras
• polideportivos	• aire libre
• avenidas	• tranquilo
• teatros	• árboles
• restaurantes	• limpio
• hoteles	• chale
• ruidoso	• caballos
• tiendas	
• trafico	
• grande	
• prugoso	

**do:**

1. Renata. "al sur de la Ciudad de México." and "vivo en una"





## Sporting Success

**Following the challenges of 2020/21 it has been a pleasure to see our pupils enjoying their extra-curricular sport this term.**

Our fantastic PE team, supported by a number of colleagues who give up their time to add to the range of extra-curricular opportunities in sport, make sure pupils are able to enjoy developing their skills and competing both within school and in local and national competitions.

We have seen pupils such as Louise Dealtry-Todd and Edward Brock make strides in football by earning county selection – Louise as captain, while Owen Bruton and Ethan Daintith continue to excel in ice hockey.



Our Year 11 rugby team is currently competing in the Yorkshire Cup having progressed through the qualifying rounds, while teams from various age groups in a range of sports including football, netball, athletics and, cross country regularly represent Longcroft with pride and distinction.



A highlight of 2021 has undoubtedly been celebrating the improvement and successes of our three national champions – athlete Freya Vidal and boxers Rocco and Tallulah Pulling. To have three pupils performing at this level is exceptional and we are proud of all three, both for their sporting achievements but equally the way in which they conduct themselves as pupils and members of our community. All three are a credit to their

school but also their families and clubs.

Our former students continue to inspire. Footballers Jevon Mills and Sophie Haywood, with Hull City and Aston Villa respectively, and Super League players Scott Taylor of Hull FC, St Helens' Rachael Woosey, Wigan's Carys Marsh and York's Alex Stimpson are all outstanding role models for current pupils to learn from.



***We are sure 2022 will be another exceptional year for Longcroft sport and look forward to reporting on pupils' participation and successes.***



## LIBRARY NEWS

Throughout the year our fabulous Librarian and Literacy Manager Ms Carvill has kept us informed of many wonderful opportunities afforded to our pupils and Sixth Form students.

This week we are delighted to celebrate the results of our 6-Word Story Competition, run in conjunction with First Story and to promote another wonderful opportunity – the Hive Young Writers' Competition.

### *The 6-word story Competition Results.*

Well done to all those pupils who entered the 6-Word Story Competition. As usual we were inundated with entries. It's always a joy to read your stories and see how inventive you are. Writing a story in just six words may seem like an easy task, but in reality it's very difficult. Stories must be original, memorable, and impact on the reader. Thank you to Mrs Foster and Mr Murray in the English Department for judging the competition. The winners are listed below with a selection of those shortlisted. Prizes and ClassCharts will be awarded this week.

**First Prize:** *Um Dad, why isn't Mum moving?* – Finn Bridgeman – Year 8

**Second Prize:** *Bang. Blood. Blue Lights. Broken souls.* – Natasha Sharpe- Year 9

**Third Prize:** *Dear Santa. Been naughty. Not sorry.* – Casie Clegg Year 8

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*Finding Nemo. Finding nothing. Finding plastic.* – Amelia Irvine Year 10

*Father like son, son like ghost.* – Chantel Levey Year 9

*They said time heals. They lied.* – Casey Clarkson Year 9

*Homework! Dumbledore? Your wand is needed.* – Amelia Irvine Year 10

*Call from the plane. I love....* – Alanah Wood Year 11

*First date. Leads to wedding day.* – Isobelle Horner Year 9

*One push. That's all it takes.* – Olivia Mason Year 11

*They had already killed my mother.* – Savannah Turner Year 7

*Bombs going off. I can't sleep.* – Ruby Hutchinson Year 9

## Hive Young Writers' Competition 2021/2022

A writing competition for 14 to 30s from or based in Yorkshire & the nearby north

Poetry | Flash Fiction | Stories

**Age Categories:** 14 – 16 | 17 – 19 | 20 – 30

**Deadline:** Midnight 30th December 2021

You can enter up to 2 pieces of work at any time before midnight 30th December 2021.

A number of our students have been successful previously. If you are interested please speak to Ms Carvill in the library or email your entry to her before the deadline date at [sonia.carvill@longcroft.eriding.net](mailto:sonia.carvill@longcroft.eriding.net) or visit <http://www.hivesouthyorkshire.com/competition>

There's no set theme, the competition is completely open.

### PRIZES

**First prizes:** Kindle Fire HDs, professional feedback on work & print publication

**All 2nd & 3rd place winners:** writer goodies, professional feedback & print publication

All winners in each category will have their work published in Hive's 2022 young writers' anthology.

**Highly commended:** Book vouchers and invited to submit to the Hive 2022 anthology

**Commended:** Invited to submit to the Hive 2022 anthology.



# Ready for Christmas!

*We hope you have enjoyed looking back at some of the many highlights of 2021 – a year during which we worked together to meet and overcome unique challenges.*

*We would like to thank everyone involved with our community for their contribution to a year that we can reflect on with pride.*

*We wish you all a safe, happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to a wonderful 2022!*