

Crawshaw Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is a lively, welcoming and well-resourced school library giving students a positive experience of books, computers and other media. The LRC shares the ethos and values of the whole school, and is a centre for learning and literacy development. Information Technology is an integral part of this learning environment, supporting students with their information retrieval and creating independent learners.

The role of the LRC is to help create confident, enthusiastic readers and engage children in life-long learning. To foster a love of reading the LRC, stocks a fantastic selection of fascinating and varied titles for reading, exploring facts and learning. We use the Accelerated Reader scheme at KS3 to promote a love of reading in our students. We also run the Leeds Book Awards annually, www.leedsbookawards.co.uk.

The LRC is a whole school resource which aims to support all staff and students by:

- Supporting the curriculum
- Encouraging independent learning
- Assisting in the development of life-long learning skills
- Encouraging an enjoyment of books, reading and libraries
- Developing the reading habit
- Providing resources, guidance and accommodation for homework, study and revision tasks
- Supporting students' leisure interest

Research, Information Literacy and Reading

All students receive a thorough induction to the library which can be developed and reinforced through lessons which are timetabled by teaching staff. All year 7, 8 and 9 students have fortnightly library lessons where they are encouraged to read different genres and try new authors. They are also taught research skills enabling them to become independent learners with the ability to use different media with confidence.

Homework Club

Students can use all library facilities, including the ICT facilities to read or complete homework, daily from 8:00 a.m. - 8:25 a.m., during break and lunchtime and after school from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. where they will have support from the librarian.