



Parent Briefing: Friday 24th September

A PROUD MOMENT

Last night was our Open Evening. It necessarily had to be an adjusted affair with numbers capped and with a bare minimum of staff and students on site.

We were still able to take the opportunity to showcase the vision, values and ethos of Crawshaw and our school community. What was wonderful was that our students took centre stage; they performed, presented to the audiences, and led the tours of parents and year 6 students around the school. They were, simply, outstanding demonstrating everything that we expect from a student at this school – true Ambassadors. It was overwhelming to hear so many positive comments about the students and they deserved every single one.

Musical performances:

Danielle Ribeiro Year 12
Amilia Garside Year 13
Abbie Wilkinson Year 13

Presentations in the Theatre to parents and Year 6 students:

Ana-Maria Pinto Year 8
Abhijot Nadania Year 8
Macy Nowell Year 10 (House Captain: Earth)
Darcy Whymark Year 11 (Deputy Head Student)

Tour leaders:

Lily Rugg, Eloise Kite, Tia Guy, Hollie Fowler, Maddie Johnson, Lucy Horsfield, Abbie Morris, Madison Rose, Lois Brown, Maddison Staveley, Isobel Grayson

We continue our events next week with our Open Mornings for those who were unable to attend the Open Evening. Full details are on our website.

YEAR 7 AUTHOR VISIT

On Monday morning (September 20th) we had the children's author Phil Earle in school to talk to Year 7 about his latest book as part of our whole school reading for pleasure focus. It was a great event and many of our students took the opportunity to pre-order a signed copy of Phil's book.



ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING

As mentioned in last week's Briefing, we are developing the system of reporting EIL over the coming term. You will have received the first version of this last week via email and on the Arbor Parent Portal / App. As with any new system, we will work to tweak and develop this and so we thank you for your support in this. The purpose of introducing this more frequent feedback is to provide an indication of whether your child is meeting our expectations. A reminder that we are expecting students to be demonstrating an Engagement in Learning grade of a 3 or 4, whilst a 2 is simply Compliant.

Engagement in Learning	EXPECTATIONS
4 - PROACTIVE Homework is completed.	Persistent and determined in driving their own learning. Reflective and aware of strengths and weaknesses. Asks considered questions. Displays a love of learning and enjoys a challenge.
3 - COMMITTED Homework is completed.	Hardworking and fully engaged. Takes responsibility for their work and can work independently. Reflects on their work and responds to feedback.
2 - COMPLIANT Homework may have been completed	Does what is asked and to an appropriate standard. Happy to do enough but lacks the confidence to push themselves and tackle new or challenging tasks.
1 - HESITANT Homework may have been completed	Disengaged and sometimes avoids work. Regularly needs reminders to be on task. May opt out when work is challenging. Over reliant on adults for support.

TOP OF THE DRIVE / TRAFFIC

We have been concerned about the actions of some parents when they are dropping off and picking up students at the top of the drive. It is requested that students access the school site by foot. Should there be no alternative but to drop students off by car outside the school gate, we ask that parents do so using the Kent Road entrance to reduce the impact of congestion around the main school gate. Our Safer Schools Police Officer has already intervened on occasion. We are mindful that we are part of the local community and do not wish there to be a negative impact from inconsiderate driving and parking, not only on the safety of our students and staff, but also on the residents, especially on Raven's Mount. Many thanks to all those parents who are helping us to keep our school site and surrounding environment safe by supporting us in our requests.

A reminder that no cars or parents are allowed onto school site (except for those that have had a pass issued).



EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are several PE activities that are now live on Arbor for parents to indicate consent for the attendance of their child(ren). Please login to Arbor and look for the Clubs section.

COVID-19

Please continue to ensure that you child(ren) continue to test twice weekly, record the result on Arbor and the NHS App and contact us if your child has tested positive on a Lateral Flow Device test. They should then self-isolate and should have a follow up PCR test within 24 hours. You must also tell us the result of any PCR tests, including the date that the NHS have indicated that your child can come out of isolation and return to school.

A reminder that we will request that PCR tests are undertaken should a child begin to display symptoms in school, or it is reported to us that they are displaying the typical symptoms which include, but are not limited to, a persistent cough and a high temperature.

Contact tracing for positive cases will be handled by NHS Test and Trace. We have in place an Outbreak Management Plan if the published government thresholds are met with reported positive cases in school.

Kind regards

Robin Ghosal
Associate Principal

COVID-19: LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING: Home Testing for Students:

The LFD tests done at home have proved to be an effective screen for students that do not have any symptoms.

Below are some of the key points to remember about the LFD testing:

- LFD testing is **ONLY** for individuals who have no symptoms. **If your child has symptoms, then you must book a PCR test.**
- students should test twice weekly on a Sunday night / Monday morning and Wednesday night / Thursday morning.



- a student should continue to undertake their LFD tests **even if they are self-isolating as a close contact**.
- a child should **not** do an LFD test if it is within 90 days of a positive PCR test or date of first infection.
- If you do get a positive result from a home LFD test you will then need to get a full PCR test to confirm this (and if the PCR test is negative students can return to school unless they are already self-isolating as a close contact).
- We must have a record of the result of each test that a student does. Please add this via the Arbor Parent Portal <https://crawshaw-academy.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index> or the Arbor App.
- Each test must be logged with the NHS following the instructions in the leaflet / email.