



## Parent Briefing: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### YEAR 7 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

It was great to see so many Year 7 Parents/Carers in school for our **Year 7 Parents/Carers Information Evenings earlier** this week. The sessions focussed on a presentation providing support for learning in Year 7 and which included input from the Heads of English, Maths and Science. This helped identify some of the online tools that are used for homework, alongside tips for parents/carers to support their child through their learning.

Afterwards Parents/Carers had the opportunity to talk through the core curriculum with those subject leaders. They could also meet a member of SOCA (see later), Mr O'Brien our Business and operations Manager who was on hand to provide any support, for example, related to Arbor, and our Acting SENCO Mr Thomas.

Form Tutors have had 1:1 settling in meetings with Parents/Carers throughout the week in addition to this, providing a check in following the first month of Year 7 at Secondary school.

### YEAR 11 – TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

Year 11 students will receive their Trial examination timetables early next week. These will also be shared with Parents/Carers along with a guide to Year 11 which will include support strategies to aid effective revision. **The Trial examinations will run in the fortnight beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** (immediately after the half term holiday).

### CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

50 students from Year 8 had a visit in school from the Army this week with a focus on STEM. The groups worked collectively to build and test out model rocket cars. The results were fantastic with the winning team's aerodynamic rocket car achieving a top speed of 62 mph! Well done to all students involved in what was an extremely positive and purposeful session combining our key values of **Work Ready**, along with **Adventurous** and **Supportive**, working impactfully as a team.



### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Word Vomit is a creative writing club that welcomes writers of all abilities and genres. The club aims to provide a warm and supportive environment for writers to share their work, receive feedback and improve their craft. The club will involve workshops, competitions, games and the opportunity to work on typewriters! **Word Vomit meets every Wednesday at 3pm in EN3.**

Whether you are an aspiring novelist, a budding poet or just want to have fun with words, Word Vomit is the place for you!



To join the club, sign up on Arbor and for any other information email Miss Thomson at: [hodgson-thomsone1@ca.rklt.co.uk](mailto:hodgson-thomsone1@ca.rklt.co.uk)

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance to school is arguably the single most important factor in a child's educational achievement. This summer's Year 11 results have once again highlighted that where student's attendance is high, they achieve exceptionally well and show higher levels of progress than that of their peers.

So, while the relationship between attendance and performance is clear, the reasons may be less obvious.

Where students have higher levels of absence they might find:

- They have missed crucial knowledge or skills that have been taught
- The next part of the curriculum makes less sense, or they find it harder to learn
- They have less opportunity to practise what has been taught.

Alongside the demonstrable learning gains, attendance to school is also an important factor in the safeguarding and wellbeing of students.

Persistent absenteeism is defined as any student with attendance below 90% and as a result we would look to intervene with any student who is either below 90% or at risk of falling below 90%. This can be conversations in school, target setting, trackers, parental meetings or Local Authority involvement.

You can check and track your child's attendance on Arbor. For students that are absent for school, for example for multiple days in a row and perhaps with no good reason provided, this year we plan to increase the number of home visits we undertake. As part of these visits, we will look to support the child in returning to school. As always, we would



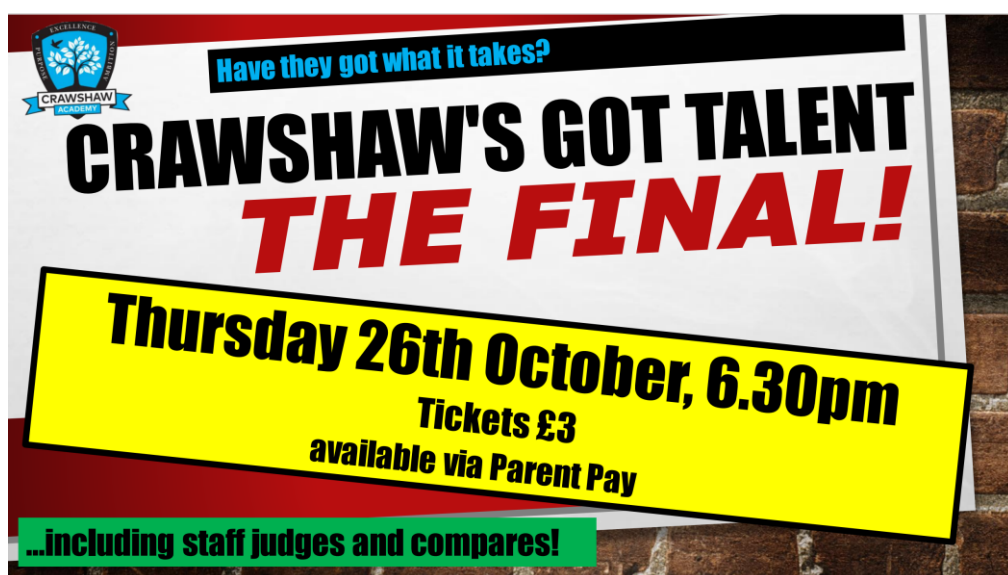
ask Parents/Carers to let us know when their child will not be in school, and the reason why.

Finally, we do understand that children can struggle for different reasons at different times. If you do want to discuss any concerns you may have, or you have any further questions, please contact your child's pastoral team in the first instance and we will work together to ensure exceptional attendance and achievement.

## CRAWSHAW'S GOT TALENT: THE FINAL!

This brilliant event is taking place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, at 6.30 pm**. Auditions have been occurring throughout this half term and the finalists are now getting ready to show off their talents and compete to be the winner.

We always have a packed house for this event, and so please do get your tickets early. They are now available for £3 via ParentPay.



## SUPPORTERS OF CRAWSHAW ACADEMY (SOCA)

Since our last Parent Briefing we are very pleased that some Parents/Carers have come forward to help and support the group. This is very important in ensuring that the good work of SOCA continues to make a difference to all students of the school. If you have yet to make contact, but would be able to spare a small amount of time to add to their work please email: [soca@ca.rklt.co.uk](mailto:soca@ca.rklt.co.uk)

For further information, please visit their page on the school website for more information:







<https://www.crawshawacademy.org.uk/for-parentscarers/supporters-of-crawshaw-academy-soca/>

## FLU VACCINATION

A reminder that Parents/Carers have received an email about the yearly flu vaccination that is taking place at Crawshaw on **Tuesday 14th November**, run by the School Aged Immunisation Service. The email contained an online consent form. Please fill it in as soon as you can to ensure your child gets vaccinated. Even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, please complete the form to let the School Immunisation Team know. Call the team on 0113 8433101 if you have any problems or questions.

## KITCHEN @ CRAWSHAW

Please find below the menu for the next week.

MENU WK1 W/C	 <b>Kitchen@Crawshaw</b> 				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN ONE</b> £2.20	<b>JOLLOF RICE</b> Chef Sandra's signature rice dish, roasted red bell peppers blended together with a rich tomato sauce, herbs and spices, rice then added to chicken breast pieces and finished with a dash of cream. (h)(sd)(mst)(ce)	<b>ITALIAN BUFFET</b> <b>CHICKEN CARBONARA</b> <b>LASAGNE</b> <b>VEGETABLE LASAGNE</b> (mst)(mk)(ce)(sd)(gl)	<b>CHICKEN STIR FRY</b> Chef Sandra's classic chicken stir fry, finely sliced crunchy peppers, onions and vegetables combine with soy sauce and seasoning tossed through egg noodles. (h)(eg)(soy)	<b>COTTAGE PIE</b> Traditional minced beef in a rich gravy with vegetables and topped with mashed potato, served with seasonal vegetables. (sd)(mk)	<b>POPCORN CHICKEN</b> A Crawshaw favourite! – breaded chicken chunks served with chips, sweetcorn and a helping of curry sauce or BBQ sauce. (mst)(gl)(h)(soy)
<b>MAIN TWO</b> £2.20	<b>CRAWSHAW AUTUMN WARMER</b> A hearty beef stew, slow cooked beef strips in a rich gravy with root vegetables. Served with creamy mashed potato and seasonal vegetables. (sd)	Cheesy Garlic Bread (gl)(mk) <b>Antipasto salad</b> <b>Caponata (mk)</b>	<b>CHILLI CON CARNE</b> Minced beef mixed with homemade tomato sauce & spices slow cooked, served with nachos, steamed rice & sour cream. (mk)(gl)	<b>CHICKEN ZINGER BURGER</b> Spicy, breaded zinger chicken fillet, served in a seeded bun with lettuce, cool mayo – finished with a hash brown, house potatoes and a side salad. (gl)(mk)(mst)(eg)(h)(ses)	<b>HAM AND CHEESE QUESADILLA</b> Traditional Mexican dish, a tortilla wrap filled with ham and cheese, toasted and served warm with chips and sweetcorn. (gl)(sd)(mk)
<b>MAIN THREE</b> £2.20	<b>ARRABIATA PASTA</b> Our Chefs rich house tomato sauce, with a hint of spice. Tossed with pasta shapes, finished with cheese and served with a garlic bread. (gl)(mk)(ve)	<b>ADD A TUB OF GELATO</b> <b>STRAWBERRY OR CHOCOLATE</b> <b>TO MAKE A MEAL DEAL FOR ONLY £2.60</b> (mk)	<b>MEATLESS FARM STIR FRY</b> Chick n Less fillet, tossed with crunchy sliced vegetables, soy sauce and noodles combine to make our vegan stir fry. (soy)(sd)	<b>FALAFEL BURGER</b> Homemade falafel, served in a seeded bun with lettuce, cool mayo & a hash brown, house potatoes and a side salad. (gl)(ses)(h)	<b>CHILLI AND CHIPS</b> Meatless Farm vegan mince blended with spices. Served with chunky chips and sweetcorn. (ve)
<b>DAILY</b> £1.10 £1.60/£2.05	Sandwiches, salads. Jacket potatoes and pasta pots	Sandwiches, salads. Jacket potatoes and pasta pots	Sandwiches, salads. Jacket potatoes and pasta pots	Sandwiches, salads. Jacket potatoes and pasta pots	Sandwiches, salads. Jacket potatoes and pasta pots

A reminder that our catering website – [www.cateringatcrawshaw.com](http://www.cateringatcrawshaw.com) - has everything to do with Catering at Crawshaw, including a **Pre Order Portal for students to use** to jump the queue. You can preorder:

- Cold Sandwiches, Baguettes or salads, to include our meal deal offer of a drink and homebaked treat **for £2.60**

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- b) The option for a premium preorder which includes a wrap, pasta or salad with 2 toppings and 2 sides for **£3.00**.

Once ordered their lunch can be collected from a designated collection point in the canteen, thereby jumping the queues.

**Kind regards**

**Robin Ghosal**  
**Associate Principal**