



Parent Briefing: Friday 12th January



CULTURE FOR LEARNING EXPECTATIONS – UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Returning for the new term, we have been focussing on a reminder of our expectations to support a positive and impactful learning environment.

There has been an adjustment to the sanctions process in school, beginning this week. Senior Leadership detention has been reintroduced, which will now run on a Monday afternoon from 3.00 – 5.00 pm. Students who miss a 1 hour after school detention will do an SLT DT on the following Monday. This will be held in the STR7 and 8 computer rooms. Should a student miss a second 1 hour in the same week, they will still do the SLT DT but will also complete a day in ReStart.

We have a current focus on ensuring that standards of uniform are high. A reminder of our uniform policy can be found here: <https://www.crawshawacademy.org.uk/for-parentscarers/uniform-and-equipment/>. Please can Parents / Carers pay particular attention to the issue of leggings and trainers, neither of which are school uniform nor, therefore, acceptable.

If I can take this opportunity to remind you of the rules around mobile phones. Since introducing the **no visible phones on the school site** policy, the climate surrounding mobile phones on school site has improved and this is helping to promote a safe environment, supporting our messaging over the impacts of inappropriate mobile phone / social media use.

It is important that Parents/Carers are reminded that a mobile phone will only be confiscated should a student make the decision not to follow the clear and simple policy. It would then need to be collected by Parents/Carers (between 3.00 and 4.00 pm (2.30 and 3.30pm on a Friday)). Students must have their device switched off and out of sight from the moment they enter the school grounds. If students do this, there is no reason for there to be any concerns over confiscation and the implications related to it.



YEAR 11 - INFORMATION

The Year 11 Parents' Evening was held last night, in person. Thank you to all Parents/Carers who attended. Trial examination grades were given out as part of the evening with children completing a reflection sheet with parents on what receiving those results in August would mean for next steps. It also allowed successes in the Trial examinations to be celebrated and an opportunity to consider on the effectiveness of revision strategies used.

The next key date for Year 11 Parents is the **Parent and Child Revision Evening** which will be held on **Tuesday 6th February**. This evening will focus on the lead up to the examination season and include practical revision strategies, modelled by using content from the Core subject areas. This evening has been well received by Parents in the past and we are looking to run two sessions on the night to support attendance. Further details will be shared by Mrs Dyson, Key Stage 4 Phase Leader, in the coming weeks but please put the date in your diary.

There will be a further set of Trial examinations that will run at the end of February / beginning of March. These will be the final opportunity for students to apply their learning in examination conditions and prioritise their plans for the final few weeks before external written examinations beginning in May.

A full overview of the Year 11 external examinations in the Summer were given out at the Parents' Evening, but a copy can also now be found on the school website here: [Crawshaw Academy - Red Kite Learning Trust - Exams Information](#). Once the final exam entries are submitted to the exam boards in February, we will be able to publish individual timetables for students. Their exams will also show on their Arbor calendars in due course.

Finally, a reminder that the Student Portal has a range of revision strategies alongside subject specific hubs which include materials to support revision. For example, the Geography Hub site includes revision booklets that focus specifically on the content and case studies studied at Crawshaw. The student portal can be accessed by students using their Microsoft Office 365 login.

YEAR 9 INTO 10 OPTIONS EVENING

Parents/Carers of Year 9 students should note that we will be holding our **Year 9 into 10 Option Choices Evening** on **Thursday 25th January**. This event will be **in-person**. This is a change from the last couple of years, following the pandemic, where the process was held virtually. A letter outlining the evening will be sent to Parents/Carers next week, but please place this date in your diary. It is very important for at least one Parent/Carer to



attend along with your Year 9 child to understand the process, hear from subject areas about the qualifications available, and know the next steps and key dates.

FIRST AID

We are taking the start of the new term to clarify with Parents the situation with First Aid in school. First Aid is not open during AM form time or Period 1 unless there is an emergency. This is because you, as a Parent/Carer, have made the decision to send your child to school. It is very rarely the case that a child will begin to feel much worse in the first hour than they were when it was decided they were well enough for school.

Should a child begin to feel unwell during the school day, First Aid can be accessed during break and lunch time.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

This coming **Thursday evening (18th January)** at 7.00 pm is the **Red Kite Battle of the Bands 2024**. The competition is being held at The Wardrobe, Saint Peter's Square, Leeds.

12 bands from schools within the Red Kite Alliance are coming together to battle it out for the top spot. Our school band is called **Purple Iris** and features Year 10 students Tilly, Brogan, Maiya and Angel performing a piece they have composed themselves. Industry expert judges includes a member of the Kaiser Chiefs.

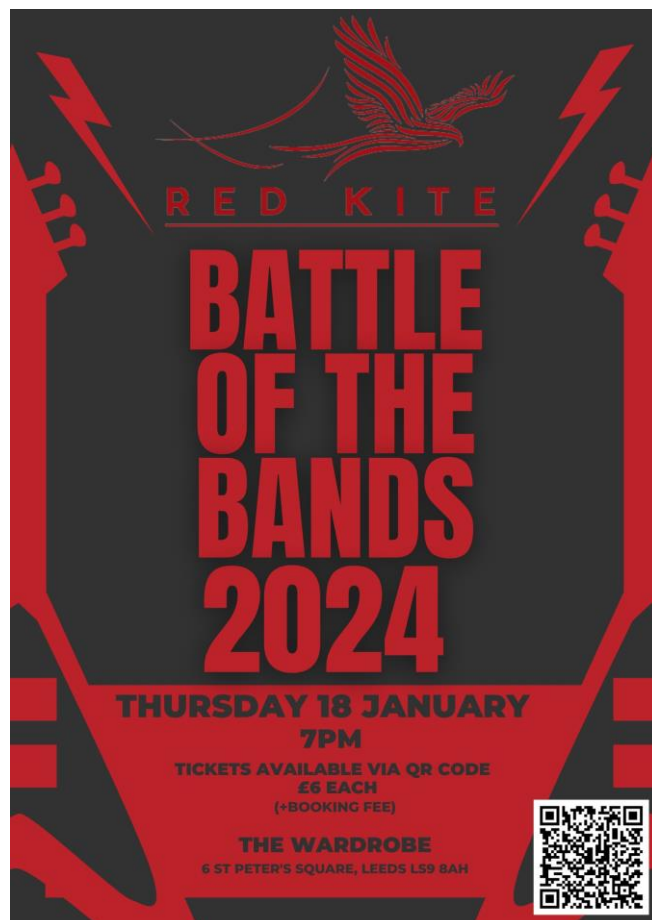
If you'd like to come and support our band as they take the stage please click on the link below, or scan the QR code on the poster for tickets. Tickets do need to be purchased in advance and are £6 + booking fee.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/red-kite-battle-of-the-bands-2024-tickets-772063772527>

We wish Purple Iris all the very best in the event!

SCHOOL PRODUCTION REVEAL

Just before Christmas, it was revealed that this year's School Production is going to be **The Addams Family!** The production will be held in



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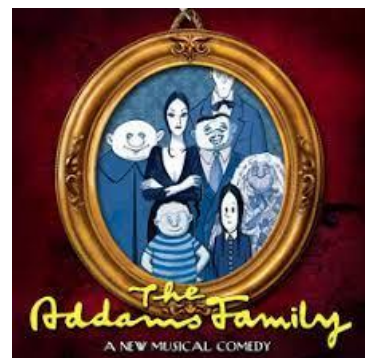




July, but the Performance Faculty are now looking for our students to fill the roles and contribute to the production.

Auditions are currently being advertised for lead roles and the ensemble cast. However, our school productions champion all students and we need students to help with the Design team, contributing to make up, costumes, set design and props and with no performing required. Please encourage your child to get involved.

Audition packs for lead roles will be available in DR2 or MU2 from today (Friday). If your child is interested in being in the ensemble then they should sign up with the Music department, and for the Design team, with the Drama department.



RED KITE LEARNING TRUST GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Members of our Local Governing Bodies have a crucial part to play in making our schools happy, safe and successful places for every child. Our Governors get to know the children and staff at the school and provide appropriate, informed challenge and support for the leaders. The Trustees at Red Kite take responsibility for the very formal legal and financial aspects of running our schools, allowing the local governing body to focus on the children, culture, curriculum and community- the heart of any school. You do not need to be an expert on education, finance or the law you just need to have a passion for schools and serving the young people and families in our communities. Come and help us achieve our shared mission to, 'Nurture ambition, deliver excellence and enrich children's lives'.

You will meet formally five times a year but will have many other opportunities to get to know the school through more informal visits and getting involved in life in our schools. Being a governor can be a richly rewarding experience and by serving our communities in this way you will be making a real difference to children and families.

Please do get in touch with the school office if this is something you are interested in; we would love to hear from you!

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION

Gillian Keegan, the Secretary of State for Education, has written to schools to ask us to publicise the following consultations the Department for Education has launched in recent weeks and to invite you to share your views about them. The following is an extract from her message with hyperlinks to the consultations:

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- [Introducing minimum service levels in education](#) – help us design a policy to protect children and young people's education whilst balancing an individual's right to strike. **This consultation is open until 30 January.**
- [Gender questioning guidance](#) – share your views on the draft guidance for schools and colleges on how best to support pupils questioning their gender in schools and colleges. **The consultation is open until 12 March.**
- [Advanced British Standard](#) – we are seeking views on the design and implementation of the landmark qualification framework, as well as how it will be assessed and awarded. **The consultation is open until 20 March.**

EXAM CERTIFICATES


A reminder from a previous Parents' Briefing for those of you who are parents of former Year 11 and Year 13 students. We have the formal exam certificates for the previous 10 exam seasons for GCSE and A Level, including last summer's (2023) examination series. Please can you organise these to be collected from **Reception**. They will need to be signed for when collected by the student or, if they cannot attend, a letter from the student will need to be produced indicating who they have authorised to collect them on their behalf.

We do not keep certificates on a permanent basis and will be confidentially disposing of certificates that are not collected. If you or your child have not picked up certificates from during this time, then please can you organise for this to happen in the coming weeks.

KITCHEN @ CRAWSHAW

Please see below for our menu for next week:



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Main 1 £2.20	ALL DAY BREAKFAST Locally sourced sausage and bacon, scrambled eggs, tomato. Mushrooms, baked beans and a hash brown combine to make our Crawshaw All Day Breakfast. (sd)(eg)	JERK CHICKEN Chicken breast fillets marinated in jerk spices served with rice and peas steamed with spices in coconut milk. (h)(sd)	LASAGNE Minced beef cooked in our homemade tomato sauce layered between lasagne sheets and bechamel sauce. Served with oven baked seasoned potato wedges and our house salad. (gl)(mk)(mst)(sd)	CRAWSHAW FILLED YORKSHIRE One of our giant Yorkshire Puddings filled with your choice of roasted meat, vegetables, mashed potato and gravy. (eg)(mk)(sd)(gl)	POPCORN CHICKEN A Crawshaw favourite – breaded chicken chunks served with chips, sweetcorn and a helping of curry sauce. (mst)(gl)(h)(soy)
Main 2 £2.20	ALL DAY BREAKFAST Locally sourced sausage and bacon, scrambled eggs, tomato. Mushrooms, baked beans and a hash brown combine to make our Crawshaw All Day Breakfast. (sd)(eg)	BUILD YOUR OWN SUB Take a soft sub roll, breaded chicken chunks and an array of sides and toppings and build your own sub! Choose from cheese, BBQ sauce, ketchup and salad. Served with house potato wedges. (gl)(mk)(sd)(h)	CRAWSHAW CHEESEBURGER A soft burger bun filled with a beef patty, mayonnaise, lettuce and a slice of cheese. Served with seasoned oven baked potato wedges. (gl)(sd)(mk)	BBQ CHICKEN PANINI A soft panini roll filled with chicken chunks and BBQ sauce, served with potato wedges and a house salad. (gl)(h)(sd)	MAC N CHEESE Chef Sandra's famous mac and cheese! Pasta shapes combined with a creamy cheese sauce, oven baked and served with a side salad and chips if you wish. (mk)(gl)
Main 3 £2.20	ALL DAY VEGETARIAN BREAKFAST Vegetarian sausage, scrambled eggs, tomato, mushrooms, baked beans and a hash brown combine to make our Crashaw Vegetarian All Day Breakfast. (eg)(v) VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE	MUSHROOM STROGANOFF Garlic mushrooms mixed through a creamy sauce with pasta and served with a slice of garlic bread. (gl)(mk)(ve)	VEGETARIAN LASAGNE Sliced vegetables layered in the traditional lasagne style between pasta sheets, our homemade tomato and bechamel sauce. Served with seasoned oven baked potato wedges and a house salad. (gl)(v)(sd) VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE	MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE TAGINE A medley of Mediterranean vegetables combines with traditional tagine spices and cous cous to form Chef Sandra's tagine. (gl)(ve)(soy)(mst)(sd)	VEGAN CHILLI AND CHIPS Meatless farm mince in a spicy tomato sauce and served with a side salad and a portion of chips. (sd)
Available Daily	Sandwiches & pasta salad	Sandwiches & pasta salads	Sandwiches & pasta salads	Sandwiches & pasta salads	Sandwiches & pasta salads

A reminder that our catering website – 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**
- 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

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