



Parent Briefing: Friday 26th January

YEAR 11 - INFORMATION

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. The 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, including how to book on, will be shared by Mrs Dyson, Key Stage 4 Phase Leader at the start of this coming week. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

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 begin 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.

SUPPORTERS OF CRAWSHAW ACADEMY (SOCA)

The next meeting of SOCA, our school Parent Teacher Association, is at **6pm this Tuesday 30th January**. It will be held in school. Please come to main reception for the meeting.

SOCA would welcome further volunteers to help support the fantastic work that they do in raising funds for our students for things that government funding does not provide for.



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

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

YEAR 9 INTO 10 OPTIONS EVENING

It was excellent to see so many Parents/Carers of Year 9 students at our **Year 9 into 10 Option Choices Evening** last **Thursday**. The event was held in-person and subject reps were there to outline the courses available and answer any questions. The MS Form for submitting preferences is now live and should be submitted by **Monday 5th February**.

Full details of the choices, including subject information, access to the MS form link and details if you were unable to attend the evening, can be found here:

<https://www.crawshawacademy.org.uk/for-students/ks4-options/>

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

In the last Parent Briefing, we told you of the **Red Kite Battle of the Bands 2024** which was held at The Wardrobe in Leeds. We are very happy to tell you that our band, **Purple Iris**, were placed third in the audience choice category against some tough (and mostly Post 16!) competition. Well done to Year 10 students Tilly, Brogan, Maiya and Angel. A reminder that they were also performing a piece they have composed themselves, rather than a cover of another song. What a great achievement!

ATTENDANCE

Your child attending school every day is extremely important. Below is an article that was written for Red Kite Learning Trust schools by our Trust's Director of Secondary Education.

We've all been there. Your fourteen year-old announces they feel ill and they don't want to go to school. You have ten minutes before you need to leave the house and get to work. It's all too easy to agree and let them stay home. You don't have time for this battle today.

It's totally understandable, but not necessarily good for your child in the long run. Children need to be with their friends. It helps them develop close relationships and social skills. It prevents them from feeling isolated and helps their sense of well-being. Lessons build on what pupils already know. Every time a child is absent, it creates a gap in their knowledge which could make tomorrow's lesson, when they go back to school, much harder.



Research has shown that children who are regular attenders do much better in their exams than children who are not. 84% of regular attenders get a pass grade or better in GCSE English and maths, compared to 36% of regularly absent children.

What can you do:

Consider if your child is really too ill for school.

We are much more concerned about the transfer of illness since the pandemic. But the Chief Medical Officer's guidance says that it's normal to have a minor cough, a runny nose or a sore throat and this should not stop children going to school. As a guide, you should not send your child to school if they have a temperature above 38 degrees.

Seek help from your child's school if you need it.

Since the pandemic, more children are displaying signs of anxiety and we know it can be difficult to know how best to deal with this. Let us know about your concerns. All Red Kite schools are happy to work with you to help your child overcoming barriers to full attendance.

SAFEGUARDING: Keeping children safe online

Crawshaw Academy takes its responsibility for online safety seriously. We filter and monitor students' internet searches and the safeguarding team picks up any concerning trends directly with students and parents. We want to work in partnership with you to keep your children safe. The vast majority of their internet usage will be done at home on the device you provide for them.

Are you confident that you know what they are looking at?

Please click on the links below for resources you could use to help your child stay safe are here:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[Staying safe online | Childline](#)

[Your online safety - BBC Bitesize](#)

SAFEGUARDING: Supporting Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – NHS CHAT HEALTH

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The 0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service (0-19 PHINS) would like to encourage young people to make use of their confidential text messaging service called **Chat Health**.

Chat Health, gives young people aged 11-19 years, direct access to expert healthcare advice from a 0-19 Specialist Public Health Nurse (School Nurse).

Chat Health offers support on a range of issues such as sexual health, emotional health and wellbeing such as exam anxiety or self-harming, family dynamics such as parental separation, bullying, healthy eating and general health.

This is a universal service provided by Leeds Community Healthcare NHS trust, available to all. Available Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm, excluding bank holidays.

The Chat Health number is 07520619750. *(Messages are responded to within one working day within working hours. Outside these hours, anyone sending a message to the service will receive an automated reply with advice on where to get help if their enquiry is urgent).*

Leeds Community Healthcare NHS trust have created alongside Chat Health a useful video explaining Chat Health to young people. This video is less than two minutes long: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erKCqyd_9O8


You can find out more information surrounding Chat Health here: <https://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services-a-z/0-19-health-andwellbeing/chathealth/>

KITCHEN @ CRAWSHAW

Please see below for our menu for next week:



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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main 1 £2.20	PERI PERI CHICKEN Chicken breast fillets marinated in Chef's Peri Peri spices, oven cooked and served with spicy rice and a generous helping of coleslaw. (h)(sd)(mst)(ce)	CHICKEN TIKKA A traditional chicken tikka curry, chicken breast fillets marinated in tikka spices served with steamed rice and a naan bread. (h)(sd)(gl)(mk)	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE Chef Sandra's signature Bolognese sauce tossed through spaghetti and served with a slice of garlic bread. (gl)(sd)	MAC N CHEESE Macaroni pasta combined with a cheesy sauce, oven baked and finished with melted cheese and served with a fresh side salad. (mk)(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	ARRABIATA PASTA 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)(v)(sd)	MEATFEAST PASTA Pasta shapes tossed in our house tomato sauce, combined with chicken chunks, meatballs and pepperoni topped with cheese and served with a slice of garlic bread (gl)(sd)(mk)	CHICKEN STROGANOFF Chicken breast pieces tossed through a garlic and creamy sauce combined with mushrooms and pasta shapes, served with a slice of garlic bread. (h)(mk)(gl)	HAM & CHEESE PANINI A firm favourite with the students of Crawshaw – a soft panini filled with ham & cheese, served with oven baked seasoned wedges and a house salad. (gl)(mk)	POPCORN CHICKEN WRAP Back by popular demand! Breaded popcorn chicken chunks wrapped in a soft flour tortilla with salad and mayonnaise. Served with chips and a helping of curry sauce. (mst)(gl)(h)(soy)	
Main 3 £2.20	MEATLESS FARM PERI PERI NUGGETS Meatless farm nuggets marinated in Chef's Peri Peri spices, served with spicy rice and a generous helping of coleslaw. (sd)(ve)(gl)	VEGETABLE CURRY Chef's homemade vegetable curry made with seasonal vegetables and served with steamed rice and a naan bread. (sd)(gl)(ve)	MUSHROOM STROGANOFF Mushrooms tossed through a garlic and creamy sauce combined with pasta shapes and served with a slice of garlic bread. (gl)(mk) VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE	CHEESE AND TOMATO PANINI A soft panini filled with cheddar cheese and fresh tomatoes, topped with herbs and oven cooked. Served with our house potato wedges and a salad. (gl)(mk)(v) VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE	PARMIAGIANA Sliced Aubergine cooked in a rich tomato sauce with vegetables and topped with melted cheese, served with chips. (sd)(mk)(v) VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE	
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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