



Parent Briefing: Friday 9th February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: CONTACTING SCHOOL

Reception, and therefore our phones, will not be staffed for large parts of the half term holidays. If you do have a query, please still call and leave a voicemail or email the school email address, and we will respond at the earliest opportunity. **School re-opens for all students at the usual time on Monday 19th February.**

RED KITE LEARNING TRUST: YOUTH BOARD UPDATE

On Monday 15 January, we held our sixth Youth Board meeting, welcoming pupil representatives from each of our 14 schools. On the agenda this term was potential rewilding projects for our school grounds, our Trust-wide sustainability progress and how we can improve attendance. You can read all about it here [Youth Board Update \(rkl.co.uk\)](https://rkl.co.uk). The ideas and views of our young people are shared with the Trustees and Leaders in our Trust, influencing what we do and how we work together as a community.



YEAR 11 - INFORMATION

It was great to have such a strong turn out across our two **Parent and Child Revision Evening** presentations last week. As emphasised during the evening, our Year 11 students' success in the summer will be hugely determined by the quality and quantity of revision done outside of school, at home, in the coming weeks to support the work done in school. The evening provided some practical examples of strategies delivered by the Leads of English, Maths and Science and highlighted some key points for Parents/Carers to support their child undertake impactful revision.

The next set of Trial examinations start during the w/c 26th February. Parents / Carers have received a copy of the Trial examination timetable to help their child plan and prioritise their revision.

A reminder that the Student Portal, accessed via your child's Microsoft 365 login, has the Subject Hubs for a number of areas which include specific revision materials and guides. There is also a page devoted to revision techniques.

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POETRY SLAM

On Monday 29th January, we welcomed visitors from Poetry Slam to work with around 40 students from Years 7 and 8, curating and presenting content designed to support and enhance their curriculum work in English. The feedback from our visitors was extremely positive and well done to all the students who participated in what was a really fulfilling day.

SKI TRIP

This afternoon saw the departure of this year's Ski Trip to Oberlungau, Austria. 51 students from a range of year groups are heading to the slopes for what is set to be a brilliant visit running through the half term holiday. The snow that we had here on Thursday hopefully helped to get them into the mood!

ATTENDANCE

Your child attending school every day is extremely important and is arguably the single most important factor in a child's educational achievement. Below is a summary of what your child's percentage attendance means in terms of learning and success, but also next steps and interventions. Remember, that you can check and track your child's attendance on Arbor.

The meaning of Attendance Levels

	100%	97 - 99%	96%	91 - 95%	90% and below
Attendance Level	Outstanding	Excellent	Compliant (at school target)	Below Expectations	Unsatisfactory
What does this mean?	Your child has the best possible chance of succeeding at school	Good chance of achieving target grades. Small gaps in learning will be evident.	Although at school target your child will have some gaps in learning due to missed lessons.	Your child will have significant gaps in learning, affecting their achievement, progress and friendships.	Your child is "persistently absent". Persistently absent children statistically do not do as well academically and are more likely to be involved in or a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour.
What will happen as a result?	Your child will be recognised in school assemblies with certificates / prize draws	Your child will be recognised in school assemblies with certificates / prize draws	Your child's attendance will be monitored as this is the minimum attendance level that we expect for all students.	Your child's attendance will be monitored closely and absence will not be authorised without medical appointment cards. A Fast Track may be initiated.	You may be visited at home by the Attendance Improvement Officer. A Fast Track will be initiated and you will be invited into school for a School Attendance Panel. A fine may be requested or Legal Action started.
What do I need to do?	Keep up the good work	Only book medical appointments outside of school hours where possible.	All appointments out of school hours. No term-time holidays. Do not keep your child off unnecessarily, we will contact you if your child needs to come home.	All appointments out of school hours. No term-time holidays. Do not keep your child off unnecessarily, we will contact you if your child needs to go home. Bring in appointment cards for all medical appointments that cannot be moved. Request a meeting if you are concerned with your child's attendance.	Attend a meeting at school to discuss attendance. Contact school for support and advice. Work with the Attendance Improvement Officer to improve your child's attendance. Engage in any support offered.



UNIFORM

A reminder that, if required, Parents/Carers should take the half term holiday as an opportunity to refresh any items of uniform that are required. It is an expectation that your child returns after the holidays with complete uniform that matches our uniform policy.

[Crawshaw Academy - Red Kite Learning Trust - Uniform and Equipment](#)

CARS – SAFETY ON AND AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

Students who live close enough to walk or ride a bike into school should do so.

To support student safety, students who will be driven to school should, ideally, be dropped off and picked up at the Kent Road gate.

The area at the top of the main school gates (off Robin Lane) gets extremely congested with students – please can parents refrain from using this area to drop students off to reduce the risk of accident and injury and to support our relationship with local residents.

Parents are not allowed to drop students off via car inside the school grounds. The only exceptions to this are where there is a prearranged pass that has been provided by school. There have been examples of a small number of parents driving down the drive, onto the school site, simply for their child to avoid walking the short distance down the pedestrian path. This is not allowed, and parents must refrain from doing so. Thank you for your support in this matter.

ARBOR APP / PARENT PORTAL: CHECK AND UPDATE DETAILS

It is vitally important that we have up to date contact details and consents for all students at all times, as we may use these on any given day and, having correct information, avoids unnecessary delays or potential issues.

Consents - If you have never responded to consents, please log in to ARBOR on a web browser, go to student profile, scroll down to the consents section and complete now. If you have completed them previously, but now wish to change them, please contact school stating which one(s) you want to change.

Contact details and priority order - Our ideal is we have 4 contacts for each student. On a web browser, please go to student profile, scroll down to family, guardian and contact section and, if needed, click add and then input the requested details.

If you wish to update existing contacts, please contact school stating which one(s) you want to change.



LEEDS APPRENTICESHIP RECRUITMENT FAIR

On Monday a group of Year 11 students visited the Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair at the First Direct Arena. The annual event, which gets bigger each year, is a flagship to help young people understand the opportunities that Apprenticeships provide, but also support them in knowing what is required of them to gain one. The fair provided the chance to interact directly with companies that offer Apprenticeships. It was a very worthwhile afternoon for all involved.

THE GRAND IFTAR

Today a group of students and staff have participated in the Grand Iftar. This Ramadan inspired event celebrates the diversity of our school community. Staff and students undertook a fast through the day, beginning at sunrise (07:39am) and culminated with a breaking the fast meal, called an Iftar, at the end of the day.



CHESS CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Tom in Year 8 on his achievement at the 6th Ilkley Grammar School RP Minor Section chess tournament a couple of weeks ago.

Tom was awarded a medal for the player who had achieved the highest ELO rating from 0, as this was his first ever tournament. Congratulations Tom and keep it up!



PUDSEY PARISH CHURCH - BICENTENARY CEILIDH

We have been asked by Pudsey Parish Church if we could circulate the information below to our Parents / Carers. It is their first Bicentenary Event at church and open to all the community. Pudsey Parish Church support us as being the location for our well received Annual Awards Evening in the Summer term.

Please follow the details on the poster on the next page for more information or to book tickets.



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](#)

PUDSEY PARISH CHURCH

BICENTENARY CEILIDH CELEBRATION!

Get ready to dance, laugh and celebrate as you join us for an unforgettable night of traditional dancing!

SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 6.30PM

WITH BANDIERA ROSSA

£12 PER PERSON, UNDER 16'S £6, UNDER 5'S FREE

FOOD INCLUDED

Pudsey Parish Church, Church Lane, Pudsey

Book now by following this link: pudsey2024.co.uk/ceilidh
contact the church office on 0113 2577843 or see facebook.com/pudseyparish

Kind regards

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