



## Parent Briefing: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

### END AND START OF HALF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

School closes for the half term holiday at the end of the day on Friday (24<sup>th</sup> May). It **reopens for students on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** at the usual time.

**Advanced notice:** Please note that **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** is a **Training day** and school will be closed to all students.

### CONTACT WITH SCHOOL OVER THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will be open however reception will not be staffed. Emails and voicemails will be monitored throughout the week and responded to when needed.

### DENIM FOR DEMENTIA: CHARITY DAY

Well done to all who supported our Denim for Dementia day last Friday, which fits in with our **Caring** value. It was a non-uniform day with a focus on wearing as much denim as possible to raise funds and awareness of this important campaign. **Miruna in Year 7** wore an impressive 6 items of denim which we think was the most in school on the day!

### YEAR 11 – EXAMINATIONS AND REVISION

The examination season is now in full swing, with Year 11 sitting Science, Maths, English Literature, History and Geography exams this week to name just a few. We have been impressed with the effort and conduct throughout these important days. A reminder that Parents can view all the examinations via your child's Arbor calendar. AM examinations begin with a Booster at 8.30 whilst PM examinations start with a Booster at 1.00 pm. A reminder that **PM examinations will**, in most cases, **extend beyond the usual school day** and plans should be made for this.

### YEAR 10 – TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

Year 10 will undertake a fortnight of Trial examinations during the weeks commencing **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June**. The examination timetable has been circulated to Year 10 Students, Parents/Carers along with details of revision support and an explanation of the requirements of examinations in terms of expectations of conduct. 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.



GCSE Pod is now also available for Year 10 students to access. It is aimed to complement other revision strategies and is accessible through phones so can support revision on the go! Students can create digital flashcards and also create custom playlists of 'Pods'. Students just need to sign in to GCSEPod for the first time with their school Office 365 login. <https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

## CRAWSHAW AT PUDSEY CARNIVAL

We always enjoy being out in the community and after last year's successful representation at Pudsey Carnival, our Kitchen@Crawshaw staff will once again be there on Saturday.

The team will be serving up the same food that is served in our own canteen, to our students, so please do come along and try out the delicious food on offer.

In addition, SOCA, our Parent Teacher Association SOCA are holding a sweet and chocolate tombola stall too to raise funds to provide the things that school budgets don't ordinarily cover.

It starts at 11.00 at Queens Park. Here's hoping for good weather! Please do come along and say hello to our staff and representatives.



## UNIFORM

We will not be reducing our expectations on uniform as we move into the final part of the school year. To ensure that our students are looking smart and correctly dressed for school we have been undertaking routine uniform checks. As part of our policy there are sanctions in place for students that are not correctly dressed. Please support your child by ensuring that they have all the correct items, including shoes, available to them. Our website has the full information on this: <https://www.crawshawacademy.org.uk/for-parentscarers/uniform-and-equipment/>

Please let us know if you require support with any items of uniform. As usual, please can we request that parents use the upcoming school holiday to check and refresh any



items of school uniform so that your child is correctly dressed through to the end of school year.

## ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Improvement Officer, Mr Tahir, who some of you may have had contact with over the year has left us this week for a new opportunity closer to home. We wish him all the very best and thank him for his work. Whilst we are recruiting for his replacement, our attendance activities are being covered internally. You should still report all absences, as usual, by contacting school as early as possible on each day of absence. Please be aware, however, that colleagues are currently covering the attendance activities internally and your understanding during this time is appreciated.

It does not change, however, our high expectations on school attendance. Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development.

The Department for Education have updated their 'Working together to improve school attendance' guidance. It reiterates our approach that good school attendance requires a partnership approach between school and families. Below are some key points of information **from the DfE, on Parents' responsibilities** related to attendance in the form of some Q and A:

### **What are my responsibilities for my child's attendance?**

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable fulltime education, usually from the age of 5 to 16. For most parents, this will mean making sure your child is in school every day except when:

- Your child is too ill to go to school.
- You have permission for a leave of absence from your child's school for them not to attend. You should only ask for this in exceptional circumstances.
- Your religious body has a day especially for religious observance.

Whilst some absence is unavoidable, it is important that your child is in school every day they can be for their learning, wellbeing and development.

### **If my child needs to be absent from school, what do I need to do?**

You should contact their school as early as possible on the first day of absence to explain why. If you do not, your child's school will contact you on the first morning of their absence to find out why your child is not in school.



All parents can request a 'leave of absence' for their child which gives them permission to be absent from school. Your child's school has the final say over whether to approve the request and for how long your child can be absent.

### **My child has a short term illness. Do they have to go to school, and will I be penalised if they don't?**

If your child is ill, read the [NHS advice](#) to help you decide whether they can go to school. If they are too ill to attend, you are not breaking the law and will not be penalised. You should let the school know as soon as possible on the first day of absence and schools must record such absences as authorised. If the absence due to illness is ongoing or frequent you should speak to child's school to see what support can be put in place.

### **Do I need to provide medical evidence to support my child's illness related absence?**

If your child is too ill to attend school, schools must record these absences as authorised. In the majority of cases medical evidence is not needed, but schools may ask you for evidence where:

- Your child is regularly absent because of illness, to assess how they can help your child by putting the right reasonable adjustments in place.
- In a small number of cases where they have reason to believe your child was not too ill to attend and a conversation cannot resolve the issue.

If you are asked to provide evidence this does not need to be a letter from your doctor or consultant, and doctors will not usually provide such letters. It can, instead, be appointment cards, prescriptions, or notes of previous consultations (including from the NHS App).

A lack of written evidence must not prevent the right support being put in place or the absence being authorised if you can demonstrate your child was, or is, unable to attend, or is awaiting treatment. If you are asked for evidence you cannot provide, a conversation between the school, child and parent can help to resolve the issue.

### **What should I do if my child needs a dental or medical appointment in school time?**

To avoid disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible. When they are, you should ask the school in advance for a leave of absence and collect them as close to the time of the appointment as possible and return them to school for the rest of the school day afterwards.

## **ENRICHMENT AND EMPLOYABILITY: University of Leeds Chemistry visit**

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A group of Year 10 students participated in the Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry discovery day at the University of Leeds last week as part of our **Work Ready** value. The day was designed to inspire students about the potential of chemistry, motivate students to pursue the subject to an advanced level, and encourage learners to see themselves working in and with science in the future. The students undertook practical work in a university lab, understanding the potential career opportunities and heard from researchers working in the race to cure HIV. It was a very interesting and insightful day!

### REQUEST FROM SWINNOW COMMUNITY CENTRE

We have been contacted by Swinnow Community Centre which, after nearly closing last month, is relaunching the centre with an increased leadership team.

They are starting to gather the voice of local people via our community survey and have asked if we can send this survey link out to reach local families.

Each respondent is placed into a prize draw of a £50 Amazon voucher and the survey link is here:

<https://forms.gle/9mdoBJMDc7DEytnJ8>

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Students are working hard rehearsing for this year's school production, the Addams Family. Tickets go on sale in the week after half term, so please use ParentPay to secure them early!

### KITCHEN @ CRAWSHAW

Please see below for our menu for next week:

Crawshaw Academy presents


*The Addams Family*  
SCHOOL EDITION

2nd, 3rd & 4th July 2024, 7pm

Tickets £5  
Available via Parent Pay  
from June 5th



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|  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
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| <b>Main 1</b><br><b>£2.20</b>   | <b>CHILLI CON CARNE</b><br><br>Minced beef mixed with homemade tomato sauce & spices slow cooked, served with nachos, steamed rice & sour <u>cream</u><br><br>(mk)(gl)(sd)  | <b>CHICKEN TIKKA</b><br><br>Chicken breast pieces marinated in tikka spices and tomato sauce served with steamed rice and a naan bread.<br><br>(h)(gl)(sd)                             | <b>BANGERS AND MASH</b><br><br>Oven roasted sausages served on a bed of creamy mashed potato with seasonal vegetables and lashings of gravy.<br><br>(sd)(gl)                                 | <b>HOT DOGS</b><br><br>Jumbo hot dog served in a soft bun with your choice of toppings – ketchup, onions, bacon bits served with potato wedges.<br><br>(sd)(gl)                                    | <b>POPCORN CHICKEN</b><br><br>A Crawshaw favourite – breaded chicken chunks served with chips, <u>sweetcorn</u> and a helping of curry sauce.<br><br>(mst)(gl)(h)(soy) |
| <b>Main 2</b><br><b>£2.20</b>   | <b>PASTA CARBONARA</b><br><br>Pasta spirals tossed in a creamy garlic sauce with diced chicken breast and bacon served with a slice of garlic bread.<br><br>(h)(sd)(mk)(gl) | <b>SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE</b><br><br>Chef Sandra's signature Bolognese sauce tossed through spaghetti and served with a slice of garlic bread.<br><br>(gl)(sd)                            | <b>PASTA ARRABIATA</b><br><br>Our Chefs rich house tomato sauce, with a hint of spice. Tossed with pasta shapes, finished with cheese and served with a garlic bread.<br><br>(gl)(mk)(v)(sd) | <b>CHICKEN AND ROASTED VEGETABLE PASTA</b><br><br>Chicken breast pieces tossed in our house roasted vegetable sauce and pasta spirals, served with a slice of garlic bread.<br><br>(gl)(sd)(h)     | <b>SAUSAGE AND CHIPS</b><br><br>Oven roasted pork sausage served with chips, mushy <u>peas</u> and a helping of curry sauce.<br><br>(sd)(gl)                           |
| <b>Main 3</b><br><b>£2.20</b>   | <b>VEGETARIAN CHILLI</b><br><br>Meatless farm mince in a spicy tomato sauce and served with nachos, steamed rice and sour cream.<br><br>(sd)(v)(mk)                         | <b>VEGETARIAN SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE</b><br><br>Meatless Farm mince tossed in Chef Sandra's signature Bolognese sauce, spaghetti and served with a slice of garlic bread.<br><br>(gl)(sd) | <b>MEATLESS BANGERS AND MASH</b><br><br>Meatless sausages served on a bed of creamy mashed potato with seasonal vegetables and lashings of gravy.<br><br>(sd)(v)(gl)                         | <b>MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE TAGINE</b><br><br>A medley of Mediterranean vegetables combine with traditional tagine spices and cous cous to form Chef Sandra's tagine.<br><br>(gl)(ve)(soy)(mst)(sd) | <b>VEGAN SAUSAGE AND CHIPS</b><br><br>A Meatless Farm sausage served with chips, mushy <u>peas</u> and a helping of curry sauce.<br><br>(ve)(gl)                       |
| <b>Available Daily</b>  | Sandwiches & pasta salad  | Sandwiches & pasta salads  | Sandwiches & pasta salads  | Sandwiches & pasta salads  | Sandwiches & pasta salads  |

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**
- 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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