



## Parent Briefing: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

This week's special Parent Briefing is split into four main sections:

- 1) Senior Leadership Team changes and Vision and Values feedback
- 2) Matters relating to the final fortnight
- 3) Information and actions over the summer holidays
- 4) Start of Academic Year procedures in September

There have been many brilliant activities in school that have occurred in the past fortnight or are planned for next week. These include the Year 11 Prom, The Addams Family production, Geography field visits, Sports Day, Employability experiences and Rewards afternoons. We shall celebrate those in next week's Parent Briefing, the last one of the academic year.

### 1) SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM CHANGES AND VISION AND VALUES Senior Leadership Team changes from September 2024: Hellos and Goodbyes

This year sees the departure of two long standing Crawshaw staff and members of the leadership team, both to promoted posts.

Mr Ghosal will leave his position of Associate Head at the end of term after 20 years to take on a well-deserved headship at Parkside School.

Mrs Wearing has secured the position of Vice Principal at Harrogate High School after 13 years at Crawshaw.

We wish them the very best of luck for the exciting challenges ahead of them and thank them for their service to Crawshaw and the children we serve.



In September we will be joined by Ms Kayleigh Cuddy as Vice-Principal for Student Experience and James Wilkinson assuming the role of Assistant Principal: Teaching and Learning. We are excited by both of these appointments to the school and the leadership they will bring.

### Vision and Values and Academy priorities for next academic year

Since February we have been taking a detailed look at our vision and values, particularly in the reality of a post-Covid world. You may have contributed to a survey on our values earlier this year. Our students and staff had the same opportunity and we finished with a student workshop in which representatives from every form group had the opportunity to



discuss and determine what should be the key drivers for the school. They were excellent and the discussions were thoughtful and powerful – as they should be, it's their school after all!

Below is a summary of the outcomes. This statement and the associated values will drive all future decisions and plans to support our students to achieve their personal best.



## Respect • Integrity • Determination

At Crawshaw Academy, we are determined to create an **aspirational** educational community, with **Respect, Integrity and Determination** at our core. We aim to **inspire** every student to be **ambitious** for themselves and for others and to demonstrate an unwavering **determination**, both within and beyond our school.

We commit ourselves to nurturing a culture where **respect** is paramount – respect for oneself, for others, and for the diverse world we live in. This ethos of respect permeates every aspect of our school life, encouraging students to engage positively with each other and their learning experiences.

Our goal is to empower our students with the **skills, knowledge, and confidence** necessary to reach their full potential. We emphasize the importance of **consistent attendance, active engagement, and positive behaviour**, recognizing these as key to academic success and personal development.

In our inclusive environment, **individual backgrounds, barriers to learning and unique talents** are acknowledged, supported and celebrated. We endeavour to provide opportunities for **all** our students to excel and flourish.

Beyond academic excellence, we strive to instil values of **empathy, cooperation, and leadership**. We pledge to offer a, **safe but challenging learning environment** where students are **inspired to dream ambitiously, work diligently, and persevere through challenges**. With a strong foundation in respect and responsibility, our students are set to make a meaningful and positive impact in the world."

### Improvement Priorities 24-25

Next year, as we focus on delivering this vision, we have one primary focus; **Attendance** – Students who attend well achieve well.

Good attendance is an outcome of students wanting to come to school, day in, day out. This means:

- They feel valued and part of a supportive environment.
- They feel they are making progress – feeling success which they will enjoy and want more of.
- Their barriers to learning, whatever they may be are identified and addressed.
- There are exciting opportunities to get involved in activities beyond the academic curriculum.
- Their gaps in understanding are quickly identified and addressed.

Poor attendance is therefore both a symptom and a cause. If they don't attend school none of the above can happen. Therefore, as with all things, we need your help and support.

Please find below an overview of the Senior Leadership Team roles and responsibilities from September:



## Senior Leadership Team 2024-25

<b>Adam Daly</b> - Principal	<b>Pali Dhesi</b> – Vice Principal	<b>Kayleigh Cuddy</b> – Vice Principal
Strategic Direction and Performance.	<b>Quality of Provision: Curriculum</b> Curriculum/Learning and Teaching Development	<b>Quality of Provision: Student Experience</b> Behaviour/Attitudes
<b>James Wilkinson</b> – Assistant Principal		<b>Dawn Nicholson</b> – Assistant Principal
<b>Teaching and Learning</b>		<b>Attendance and Personal Development</b>
<b>Kirsty Clarke</b> - Associate Assistant Principal & Head of Science	<b>Andrew Searle</b> - Associate Assistant Principal & Head of Mathematics	<b>Calvin Hand</b> - Associate Assistant Principal & Head of Geography and RE
<b>Quality of Provision: Curriculum Development</b>	<b>Quality of Provision: Curriculum Development</b>	<b>Quality of Provision: Curriculum Development</b>

## 2) END OF YEAR ACADEMIC YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

### Friday 19th July

As usual, there will be an **early closure** next Friday. Students will follow their normal timetable **until the end of lesson 3 (12.30 pm)** at which point they will be dismissed for the start of the Summer holidays.

Please note, we have contacted the bus company that runs the Tyersal bus to request an earlier pick up. At the time of writing we have not yet heard back confirmation from them. We will update you when we are able to.

Students who have access to free school meals can pick up their pre-ordered food (please use the website link below to do this) at 12.30 from the canteen.

### Lost property

All lost property is in the pastoral office for students to view and collect. **We will open access to parents in the last week of term** - Monday to Thursday from 3pm to 4pm in STR1 (the classroom at the front of school). Any items not collected by Friday 19th July will be given to local charities.

## 3) INFORMATION AND ACTIONS OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

### Contact with school over the Summer holiday

School will be open however reception will not be staffed. Please do not visit in person during this time without a prearranged appointment. Emails and voicemails will be monitored periodically throughout the holidays and responded to when needed and where it is possible to do so given staff holidays.



## Year 11 Results Day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Results Day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Year 11 Parents/Carers have received an MS Form that asks for confirmation that your child is coming in to school to collect their results and, if not, what option they are choosing to receive their results. Thank you in advance for helping us plan for the morning.

## Passes for Reasonable adjustments including Toilet passes – Applications for 2024-2025

We are increasingly finding that some students with, for example, toilet passes are using them frequently, and therefore missing out on valuable learning time. For our teachers, this has implications for disrupting their lessons, for when students leave and return.

While we don't close all the toilets during lessons, we do ask staff to minimise the number of students out of lessons, specifically straight after, or just before a breaktime. Students are reminded regularly to use the toilets before/after school and during breaks and lunchtimes.

While accessing the toilet may seem like such a simple request, in a school with over 1100 students, there are practical and logistical implications to supervising facilities, and ensuring that children are safeguarded when outside of their scheduled lessons.

Toilet passes are for the small minority of students who have a medical condition and require them to have more regular and immediate access. We want to support students who rightly need this type of access but currently have too many who are misusing the system and where the above definition does not fit.

As such, we shall be contacting the Parents/Carers of students who currently have a toilet pass or a pass for other reasonable adjustments to review and confirm the evidence or the need for this prior to next year. Please look out in the coming days for this communication if this applies to your child.

## Uniform

Please can you ensure that you use the summer holiday to replace and refresh uniform so that your child returns in September fully compliant with the uniform policy.

Please pay note to the style of trousers and footwear that are acceptable.

<https://www.crawshawacademy.org.uk/for-parentscarers/uniform-and-equipment/>

A reminder of our rule about piercings, one plain stud per ear with no additional piercings. Facial piercings, therefore, must be removed. If your child is considering a piercing, it is suggested that the summer holidays is the best time to do this so that piercings that do not meet our published uniform expectations can be removed [retainers are not allowed].



We will again open our **pre loved uniform shop** in the summer. This will be run on a pay as you feel basis. The shop will be open from 11am to 1pm on RESULTS DAY, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, and also in the first week of term in September from 3pm to 4pm.

#### 4) START OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Please find below and overview of the arrangements for the start of the new Academic Year in September.

#### First week of term

**Monday 2nd September: Training Day** – school **closed** to all students.

<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Year 7 Induction Day</b>	
<b>Year 7</b>	Welcome to Year 7 (day 1) <b>(in school for the full day - 8.30 am- 2.55 pm)</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	Not in school
<b>Year 9</b>	Not in school
<b>Year 10</b>	Not in school
<b>Year 11</b>	Not in school

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Years 7-11 Induction days (Years 8-11: part day in school)</b>	
<b>Year 7</b>	Welcome to Year 7 (day 2) <b>(in school for the full day - 8.30 am - 2.55 pm)</b>
<b>Year 8 *</b>	<p>Welcome back: meet the form tutor, go through expectations and procedures <b>(in school for part of the day): 10.05 am – 12.25 pm (in school for a break service, but NO lunch service).</b></p> <p>Remote learning for the rest of the day will be set via Century.</p> <p><b>Students should go straight to the Theatre on arrival to school for Assembly at 10.05 am.</b></p> <p>*These students should only arrive shortly before their start time. Students will ONLY be able to access school via main school entrance before their staggered start time and after the end of their session. The Kent Road pedestrian gate will NOT be open.</p>
<b>Year 9 *</b>	<p>Welcome back: meet the form tutor, go through expectations and procedures <b>(in school for part of the day): 11.30 am – 2.00 pm (to include a lunch service).</b></p> <p>Remote learning for the rest of the day will be set via Century.</p>



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<p><b>Year 10 **</b></p>	<p>Welcome back: meet the form tutor, go through expectations and procedures and Key Stage 4 transition activities <b>(in school for part of the day):</b>  <b>8.30 am – 11.05 am (will NOT include a break service nor lunch service).</b></p> <p>Remote learning for the rest of the day will be set via Century.</p> <p><b>Students should go straight to the Theatre on arrival to school for Assembly at 8.30 am.</b></p> <p>** Students will be able to access school via main school entrance and Kent Road before their start time. They will only be able to leave school site via the main school entrance (Robin Lane). Kent Road gate will NOT be open during the day.</p>
<p><b>Year 11 ***</b></p>	<p>Welcome back: meet the form tutor, go through expectations and procedures and preparation for Year 11 activities <b>(in school for part of the day):</b>  <b>1.00 pm – 2.55 pm will NOT include a break service nor lunch service).</b></p> <p>Remote learning for the rest of the day will be set via Century.</p> <p><b>Students should go straight to the Theatre on arrival to school for Assembly at 1.00 pm.</b></p> <p>***These students should only arrive shortly before their start time. Students will ONLY be able to access school via main school entrance before their staggered start time. They WILL be able to leave via the Kent Road pedestrian gate at the end of school.</p>

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Normal school opening** for all year groups.

## MOBILE PHONES

This time last year we informed you about the introduction of our updated mobile phone policy. We would like to thank you for your support on this throughout the whole of this



year. The feedback from parents/carers has been overwhelmingly positive and this has meant that our school has been a site that feels significantly different. Students have risen to meet our expectations. Break times and lunchtimes now see students conversing with each other, rather than huddled over a screen. We have been able to educate students as to the safeguarding concerns over the misuse of mobile phones, explaining why we do not allow them in school.

Where students have chosen to not follow the rules, we have been pleased with the support of parents who recognise that what we are asking of students is simple and reasonable to follow. It has made a huge difference to the school.

## KITCHEN @ CRAWSHAW

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:

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

**Adam Daly**  
Principal

**Robin Ghosal**  
Associate Principal