



IN TOUCH

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WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY EDITION OF IN TOUCH, OUR NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS AT CROFTON ACADEMY

CROFTON ACADEMY OPEN EVENING

Last week we had our annual open evening, where prospective parents/carers have the opportunity to visit the school. We had hundreds of pupils back helping departments in many ways. Some were singing or acting or taking part with PE, others were helping in the other departments or being guides to help show the parents/carers around the school. There was a lot of positive comments made by the parents/carers especially how the pupils conducted themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to our pupils them for their hard work and enthusiasm; they were a credit to the school. I would also like to thank Elysia Pennington, Beth Demers, Grace Forrest and Oscar Wilson all of whom stood up in a packed hall and gave speeches about their experiences here at Crofton Academy. As you can imagine that can be a daunting task, but they delivered with confidence and pride.

Once again a big thank you to everyone involved.

“Together we will achieve”

CROFTON ACADEMY ‘CORE VALUES’
Co-operation – Collaboration – Communication
Respect – Resilience – Responsibility



Free, safe and anonymous
online support for young people

Dates for upcoming Kooth Forums:

Monday 15 October

What is ADHD?

Wednesday 17 October

Black History month

Friday 19 October

Kooth Explorers: China

Log onto the Kooth website www.kooth.com to view the forums



POWERED BY



Our Year 11's have the amazing opportunity to take part in the National Citizen Service Challenge. An assembly was held on 8 October explaining what the challenge would entail with application forms given to every year 11 student. If students sign up before 26 October, there is a special price of £30.00 after that it will back to the normal price of £50.00.

NCS will be back in school on the evening of the Year 11 Parents' Evening to answer any questions that parents/carers may have. They will also come in again on 7 November to hold a workshop at breaktime, answering any questions our students might have.

Further details can be found below:



As part of their #WakeUpWednesday campaign, National Online Safety have created a free updated TikTok (formerly Musical.ly) guide for parents & carers and asked us to distribute via our Newsletter.

TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. This free guide for parents & carers covers what you need to know about the platform to help safeguard children from potential online risks including; *dangerous trends & challenges, oversharing, online payments, inappropriate content and more.*

The TikTok (formerly Musical.ly) guide for parents & carers can be found on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1049971808852697089>



You may be aware of pupil premium funding which is a government scheme to help support pupils in schools. There is, however, additional funding of £2300 per year for pupils who have left Local Authority Care as a result of:

- Adoption
- A Special Guardianship Order (SGO)
- A Child Arrangement Order (CAO)

May we ask that, for any pupil where these circumstances are relevant - adoption, SGO or CAO, you provide school with the appropriate supporting evidence. In turn we will be able to record this information on our school census, this is required by 17th January 2019, and therefore can subsequently utilise the additional funding to support your child's learning.

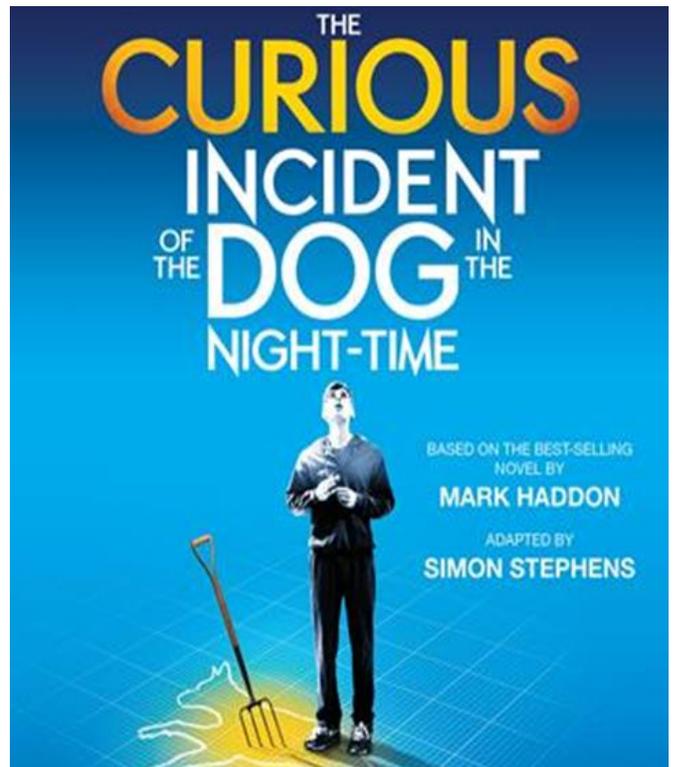
If you require any further clarification, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Next week, **Wednesday, 17 October**, we will be hosting the National Theatre's amazing production of, ' **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time**'. This fantastic company produces the most original, innovative work, which is performed in London and tours across the world.

We are exceptionally lucky to have the company visit our school to perform to students in years 9-11. All those who have opted for Drama GCSE, are guaranteed a place, but there are still seats available. The show is completely free of charge but a signed permission slip is needed because the event takes place between 3.15-5.15pm, in the main hall. ***You can still get a letter from Miss Allsop on Monday (she is on duty by the hall at break and registers in room 15 in the morning), but slips must be returned by Tuesday, so we can confirm exact numbers to the company.***

The show will provide a fantastic opportunity to see a professional play, using an 'in-the-round' stage. Being on all 4 sides of the stage, will give the audience a really 3D experience which immerses them into the world of the main character, teenager, Christopher Boone. The style is highly energetic and physical, quite unlike most shows students might have experienced before. You can easily watch video trailers of the show on you tube. The video link for the school tour can be found at-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfKrh7kJnh0&feature=youtu.be>



CROFTON ACADEMY CAREERS EVENT FOR YEARS 9, 10 & 11

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2018, 4pm – 7pm

Don't forget to log onto parentmail and confirm your attendance at the above event

FRIDAY 5 CLUB

Staff have been nominating students from across school who have produced outstanding pieces of work. Mr Walker, Headteacher has been meeting the students' period 5 on Friday's to talk about their work and to celebrate their achievements

Ben Davies 9(DBu)

For a consistently excellent approach to work and producing very impressive writing in English.

Nominated by Mr M Wiles

Mia Wagstaff 9(VJa) & Dara Bradley 9(VJa)

For being brilliant in Health & Social, actively engaged throughout the lesson and consistently working to the best of their ability.

Nominated by Miss S Rowe

Shauna Ganley 11(SIs)

For being conscientious and working hard every lesson independently.

Nominated by Miss S Rowe

Marcus Heppenstall 10(SWd)

For working hard on surds and asking excellent questions in order to further his understanding.

Nominated by Mr D Bullock



We try to plan events well in advance, however, on occasion event dates have to be changed. Please check the school website for up to date information ABOUT EVENTS. Below are events taking place this Autumn term:

Tuesday 16 October	Restart a Heart Day (Year 11)
Thursday 18 October	Yr 7 Group Tutor Evening
Monday 22 October	Yr 7 Talk the Talk Oracy day
Tuesday 23 October	Yr 11 Askham Bryan assembly
	Yr 9 – 11 CEIAG event
	School photos (Year 7 & 11)
Thursday 25 October	Yr 11 Parents Evening
Tuesday 6 November	Shakespeare Festival (Theatre Royal)
Friday 9 November	Yr 7 Road Safety Day
Tuesday 13 November	World Kindness Day
Thursday 15 November	Class of 2018 Awards Evening
Friday 16 November	Children In Need
Monday 26 November	Yr 10 drama students visit to STaB
Friday 21 December	Non Uniform Day (Provisional)

School Contact Details

Please ensure the school has up to date contact information (when mobile numbers change etc) and change of circumstances information. This helps us contact the right person quickly.

Contacting the school – Updated Information

Telephone 01924 862985

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Due to Tempest's mix up the re-scheduled school photographs for Year 7 and Year 11 will take place on Tuesday 23 October 2018 .

