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

### Message from Mr Walker – Headteacher

It seems a very short time ago we were wishing everyone Happy New Year and yet we now have the joys of the Easter Egg trail! The last 12 weeks has been very busy, but brilliant.

Year 11 have completed their second set of mock exams and are working very hard with their teachers as we approach their GCSEs. Along with their normal lessons they have had after school revision classes, additional support at February half term and again in the Easter holidays. It is a very busy and difficult time for them but they are doing extremely well and we are all very proud of their efforts.

Year 10 are busy completing their coursework and their BTEC external examinations. They have had presentations from local Post 16 colleges providing information about the college taster days which will take place in the summer term. Year 10 have also had the opportunity to look and study with Manchester Actors for "An Inspector Calls" and "Jekyll and Hyde", both texts they are studying as part of their English course. Along with Year 9 they will all be sitting end of year examinations to help them prepare for their final examinations and how to use revision techniques that supports their learning styles.

Year 8 have just completed the options process and interviews are taking place with members of the Senior Leadership Team to make sure their choices are suitable to their interests and careers aspirations.

Year 7 are now established within the school and have been busy raising money as part of the Readathon challenge.

There have been many sporting activities taking place after school such as football and rugby, with particular successes in Year 7, 8 and 9. In addition, our future actors have been attending drama clubs which runs every Thursday lunchtime for Year 7 and after school for Year 8 and 9.

Last week we held a fabulous music event in school. The event started two years ago with an enthusiastic but small audience, but has grown in strength with this time almost 300 students and parents attending. The quality of music was amazing and once again showcasing the talent here at Crofton. All their hard work and dedication to perform at his level certainly has paid off. Well done everyone!

Pupils recently have had the opportunity to go to Val Di Fiemme for the ski trip, both staff and pupils had a fantastic time with many photos showing the beautiful scenery and skiing skills. Finally, we waved goodbye yesterday to students in Year 8 and 9 who set off to Germany for a short educational visit.

As always, this has been a very busy term, with lots of activities going on both in and out of the school day. Next term will be similar, leading Year 11 student towards their final examinations in the summer.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a happy Easter.



**Blimey, it's been a busy 6 weeks at Crofton Academy (February half term – Easter). Here is a snap shot of what has been going on:**

- Various staff collaboration meetings with Primary School colleagues
- French and Spanish speaking exams
- Year 8 Geography Zoolab (animals in the rainforest)
- Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Progress Checks
- Year 8 Option subject choices
- Year 11 Mock Exams
- National Careers Week
- Drama GCSE exam and performance
- Technology competition (Crofton Academy were the winners!)
- Year 10 History trip
- Year 10 English Literature mock exam
- Year 11 GCSE practical exam – Food Technology & Graphics
- Year 9 Immunisations
- Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Post-16 colleges presenting to Year 10 and Year 11 in assembly
- Dance workshop running after school by Wakefield College
- Controlled Assessments in a variety of subjects for Year 10 & 11 classes
- Year 10 Manchester Actors performance to Year 10 (An Inspector Calls and Mr Jekyll & Mr Hyde)
- Year 11 support evening (revision and wellbeing)
- Year 9 visit - Give construction a try
- Maths Challenge – Engaging Education Wakefield competition
- MFL Germany trip to Cologne

**May half term is going to be just as hectic. Here's a snapshot of what to expect:**





- Mental Health Awareness Week 13 – 17 May (further details to follow)
- Year 11 students GCSE exams begin 13 May
- Year 10 Exams (internal)
- Year 7, 8 & 9 exams

- The University of Sheffield Awards event
- Barnsley College in school to present to Year 10
- Movie themed events for each year groups
- Yewtree Theatre in school to work with Year 8 & 9 drama students
- Summer Mystery event (Reward)
- Prison Me No Way for Year 9
- Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening
- Year 8 option choices will be sent home to parents/carers
- Year 8 HPV 2 Immunisations
- 'Brilliant Club' graduation at Sheffield University
- Year 10 Operation Theatre Live (Science)



## Mathematician of the Week

Grace Barrett 7KKE

Alex McGrath 8DDE

Daisy Armitage 9CGR

Bryony Taylor 10SPA

Joelie Huskins 11ACY

# GCSE Revision

As we head into the Easter break, many of our students will be revising in preparation for the final GCSE examinations, beginning 13 May. Here are some websites that offer some advice for students who are feeling anxious and under pressure. There is also advice for parents/carers in terms of supporting their child at this time:

Advice for students;

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/exam-stress/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/exam-self-care/>

Advice for parents;

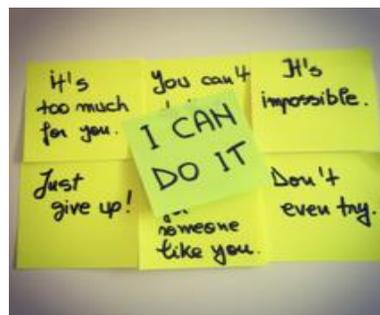
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>



## Revision Tips

- Check that your son/daughter knows what they need to do for each exam.
- Monitor the revision to see if they have any concerns or topics they are uncertain of.
- Encourage them to ask their teacher questions to cover any gaps in knowledge or concerns they might have.





## Congratulations Ella Willmott 8(PBe)

For taking part in the WTKA European Championships. Ella won a silver medal in musical open hand – mixed boys and girls 13-17 years and silver in musical weapons – mixed boys and girls 13 – 17 years. She was the only girl in both categories and she was the youngest in both.

Ella has qualified for the World Championships in Italy in October.

What an amazing achievement! We are super proud of you!



An **EGGS-TRA** special announcement about the **EGGS-TRAORDINARY** achievements of our students in our Easter Attendance Challenge. We are **EGGS-TREMELY** delighted and **EGGS-CITED** that **563** students achieved 100% attendance over the 4 week Easter Attendance Challenge. We were **EGGS-TATIC** to present all 100% attendees with a Crème Egg and put their names forward for the year group draw to win one of the larger egg. We would like to **EGGS-PRESS** our thanks to all students for participating in the challenge.

The winners of the larger eggs for each year group are:

***Yr 7 – Riley Barron & Hannah Garland***

***Yr 8 – Alastair Heppenstall & Chelsea Beddow***

***Yr 9 – Archie Barber and Ellie Glover***

***Yr 10 - Adam Holdsworth and Abbie-Mae Fauch***

***Yr 11 – Harry Willmott and Shelby Tams-Hedges***







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

Summer half term:

Wednesday 24 April	University of Sheffield Awards event
Thursday 25 April	First Give – Yr 8 launch assembly
Monday 29 April	Yr 10 Barnsley College Assembly
	Yr 8 Themed Movie event
Tuesday 30 April	Yr 9 Themed Movie event
	Yewtree production
Wednesday 1 May	Yr 10 Themed Movie event
Tuesday 7 May	Summer Mystery event
Thursday 9 May	Yr 7 Parents Evening
Friday 10 May	Yr 8 option choices sent to parents
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 14 May	Parent Forum
Thursday 16 May	Yr 8 girls HPV 2 Immunisations
Thursday 23 May	Brilliant Club graduation Sheffield
Friday 24 May	Yr 10 Operation Theatre Live

We would like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents/carers and members of the school community for the support they have shown the school during the Spring term. Best wishes over the Easter break.



*Have a cracking  
Easter*





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