



IN TOUCH

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



Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is happening from Monday 12th – Friday 16th November and has the theme ‘Choose Respect’. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

The aims of the campaign are to support schools and other settings to help children and young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online

Throughout the week we will be working with students around the theme of bullying and the impact it has on individuals.

In addition and as a way of starting Anti-Bullying week off, we will be holding our odd socks day on Monday 12 November. Please see the information below:

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



Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for students to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure on the Student to wear the latest fashion or for parents/carers to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

Odd Socks Day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, Monday 12th November 2018 to help raise awareness around anti-bullying. We would like to invite participating students to make a £1 donation to support the Anti-bullying Alliance.

Thank you for your support.

Children's Christmas Card Competition

Promote Cyber Safety this Christmas - Help Block the Web Monsters!



Budding young artists are being offered the opportunity to see their festive artwork used as the official West Yorkshire Police Christmas card.

The competition is open to children aged 16 and under, to design a cyber safety theme for the Force's corporate Christmas card.

All entries must be hand-drawn and must be received by the **closing date of Friday November 30, 2018** (any entries received after the closing date will not be counted).

As well as seeing their design as the Force Christmas card cover, there are also other fantastic prizes being offered (see further down this page for the prizes on offer!).

This year's theme will be encouraging parents and teachers to ensure kids are using trusted, safe and secure, online platforms, and being aware of the dangers of using illicit platforms which can risk inappropriate content and virus attacks etc.

Children are asked to design a hand drawn Christmas card on one of the following themes:

- Safe streaming (ensuring they are using legal film and music sites etc)
- Safe social media
- Safe internet browsing
- Strong passwords
- Cyber bullying
- Online shopping

Entries can be submitted by post only, and must be sent to the following address:

West Yorkshire Police
Corporate Communications - Christmas Card Competition
PO Box 9
Wakefield
WF1 3QP

We also need the following details written on the back of the entry:

- Full name of entrant
- Date of birth
- Home address (including postcode)
- Home phone number
- Email address
- Name of parent/guardian who gives permission
- Name of school
- Address of school (including postcode)

Failure to include any of the above details will mean the entry is not valid. By submitting an entry, applicants are confirming that permission has been given by a parent or guardian to the terms and conditions of the competition.

We will be posting updates on the competition on our social media sites, using #WYPChristmasComp
Competition officially opens on Monday October 29, 2018, and the final day for entries to be received is Friday November 30, 2018.



As part of the **#WakeUpWednesday** campaign, National Online Safety have created a free 'conversation starter' poster for schools to share with their parents & carers about online safety.

The guide includes 7 questions to get 'the conversation' going in relation to a child's internet usage. Engaging in regular, two-way communication with children about online activities is a really important way of building trust and highlighting the dangers they are exposed to every day.

The guide can be found at the end of this weeks newsletter.

As part of the **#WakeUpWednesday** campaign, National Online Safety have created a **free guide** for parents & carers to help them stay vigilant when their children are using the App Store.

The App Store is used by most Apple device owners and, with millions of apps to choose from and download onto their devices, it's important that parents/carers know how to help their children use the App Store safely. This free guide covers what they need to know regarding the associated risks of the store including; *look-alike apps, in-app purchases, inappropriate material and more.*

The free App Store guide for parents & carers can be found here:

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1055071945958531072>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1907851202854394/?type=3&theater>

Fortnite Song for Parents/carers - STAY SWITCHED ON!

Have you heard the National Online Safety Fortnite song yet? Over 1 million people have been reached with the song in just 1 week! If you haven't already, please take a look:

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/555060058287627/>

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j150BqInjnY&t=2s>



Year 11 students have been provided with their logon details for UCAS progress. This allows them to apply for all their post 16 choices in one place. The website can be accessed from home as well as school via www.ucasprogress.com. Personal statements are being completed during Values lessons at school, however the sections that can be completed at home are:

- Profile: this includes personal information, qualifications, work history
- Applications: this includes the colleges/post 16 opportunities and courses.
- There is also a search tool to allow you to look at what is available to study at all providers.

Please be aware that applications for Pontefract New College must be completed by Christmas. Should your son/daughter be struggling with what to apply for, we have our own careers advisor, Tracey Chapman, in school every Tuesday and Thursday. Appointments can be booked directly with her and she will offer impartial careers advice and guidance.



Students in year 9, 10 & 11 have been working with Mrs Wort this week to develop an understanding of the symbolic nature of the red poppy and how remembrance is part of our modern British life, culture and heritage.

In Art, students worked with wire to create poppy sculptures, in Graphics students worked in paper to create pinwheel poppers and in Textiles students worked in fabric to create button & embroidered poppies. The task was for the GCSE textile students to produce a collaborative bespoke dress which would make the whole school stop and remember.

All year 10 textile students contributed to the mixed media dress, which is proudly on display in our display cabinet.

Thank you to all students involved in creating an iconic design.

Never Forget...Always Remember...

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

Alfie Bulmer 10(SWd), Charley Davison 10(SWd) & Luke Wicks 10(RWi)

For outstanding performance in construction

Nominated by Mr Lumb

Seweryn Maskowiak 7(COb)

For consistently positive attitude and always contributing in English Lessons

Nominated by Miss Noor

Owen Holmes 8(CBo)

For achieving 100% in his Maths assessment – it was the best result in the year group.

Nominated by Mr Cook

Charlie Jennings 7(COb)

For his continuous positive attitude to learning in Maths and brilliant explanation skills and assisting peers that need support.

Nominated by Mr Cook

EVERYday counts attendance matters

We often highlight the link between good attendance and progress. Here is an example of how attendance really does matter.

The table below shows the Class of 2018 15 most improved students (achievement between Year 6 SATs and Year 11 external examinations) and also the students with the highest grades:

Attendance 2013/14	Attendance 2014/15	Attendance 2015/16	Attendance 2016/17	Attendance 2017/18	
97.00%	98.00%	99.00%	99.00%	100.00%	8,8,8,8,7,7,A,B,5
99.00%	100.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	8,8,8,8,8,8,8,Distinction*, A,7
99.47%	100.00%	98.92%	99.47%	100.00%	8,8,8,8,A,7,7,7,7,
99.00%	98.00%	97.00%	100.00%	99.00%	9,9,8,8,7,6,6,6,6,
99.00%	100.00%	97.00%	99.00%	100.00%	9,9,9,8,8,8,8,A,7
99.00%	99.00%	97.00%	100.00%	98.00%	9,9,9,9,9,8,8,8,8,7
97.00%	100.00%	97.00%	99.00%	100.00%	9,9,9,9,9,9,9,8,8,A*
100.00%	98.93%	99.46%	100.00%	100.00%	Most academic progress since joining Crofton
98.40%	97.00%	95.00%	99.00%	97.00%	Most academic progress since joining Crofton
100.00%	98.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Most academic progress since joining Crofton
95.00%	97.00%	97.00%	95.00%	96.00%	Most academic progress since joining Crofton
98.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Most academic progress since joining Crofton
100.00%	99.00%	100.00%	96.00%	98.00%	Most academic progress since joining Crofton
100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%	99.00%	Most academic progress since joining Crofton
97.00%	99.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Most academic progress since joining Crofton

As you can see, there is a link between good and outstanding attendance and outcomes. Good attendance at school really does matter – lost learning time can never be regained.

Holiday in term time...

Our drive to improve attendance and to support neighbouring schools and primary feeder schools will mean that there is a change in how we will respond to term time holidays. From Monday 3 September 2018, term time holidays are no longer authorised and a penalty notice may be issued by Wakefield Council for any incidences of 10 or more unauthorised absence (½ day is one absence). This will bring us in line with government guidance. If you have already booked a term time holiday prior to 6 July 2018, you will not be issued with a penalty notice. If you believe you may be in this position, please bring evidence of your holiday, which shows the date on which you booked the holiday so that the school can record this and ensure you are treated fairly.

Our reasons for promoting this policy are based solely on the evidence that good attendance, good progress and improved life opportunities are irrefutably linked. We do not receive any financial benefit from this policy. Penalties are processed by Wakefield Council through the courts and any monies paid are retained by the council.

Thank you for your support.

Reporting absence from school

Any absence from school is detrimental to a child's education; it disrupts learning routines and progress and should be avoided wherever possible.

Responsibilities

When a child is not going to be attending school, parents/carers have to:

- Inform school before **9.00 am** by telephone that their child will not be attending, stating the reason for the absence and when they are expected to return.
- **Repeat this** each day the child is absent from school.

When the child returns to school, parents/carers are required to:

- Provide written confirmation of the absence showing dates and the reason for non-attendance. These letters will be retained with the school register and may be requested by the Education Welfare Officer.



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:

Friday 9 November	Yr 7 Road Safety Day
Monday 12 November	Odd Socks 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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