



NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to thank you for your support during this half term which has been a huge success and very busy for everyone. I have summarised below some of the brilliant academic achievements that have taken place across the school. In addition to all the achievements, 500 places each week are taken up by pupils accessing the comprehensive and wide choice of extra-curricular clubs that take place after school. In addition, we have had the two fantastic school productions of The Cinderella's, opportunities for pupils to see "A Christmas Carol" and "Macbeth" from a theatre production company held in school, and further opportunities to see "Small Island" at Leeds Playhouse and "Mamma Mia!" in Manchester. We continue with the superb Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and have had international visits to Italy as part of the ski trip and our Paris trip departs at the start of the Easter holidays. As part of our rewards system many Year 11 pupils will be visiting Alton Towers and of course this week have had Crofton's Masked Singer!

Year 11—Year 11 have completed their mock examinations, and we are very proud of their conduct throughout this period. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year including classwork, homework and have fantastic attendance to Period 6 lessons. We have an extensive support package for all pupils and during the Easter holidays there are workshops booked in for some pupils to attend. It is an absolute joy and privilege to see their work across all subjects areas and we are all very proud of what they have achieved so far. We will all be working with the pupils and their families during these final few weeks to ensure Year 11 are well prepared and ready to achieve the very best grades when the public examinations begin in May.

Year 10—Pupils in Year 10 are working towards gaining 8 qualifications when they leave school. These include GCSEs in English Language, English Literature, maths as well as two GCSEs in science plus their option choices. Some BTEC pupils have now completed their first section of coursework which is worth 30% of their final grade. Upon return in April, we will start to look at the end of year assessments that will help pupils revise and gain experience of the types of exams they will face in Year 11.

Year 7/8/9—During this term Year 9 have completed their options process, where they have decided on the three option choices they will study in greater depth in Years 10 and 11. Pupils and their families have been given information to help them decide on the subjects to choose including assemblies, presentations from staff and a parents' evening. We will write to parents/carers again in the future about the confirmed option choices.

All three year groups have completed their first assessment cycle of the year. Parents/carers have been invited to a Parent Information Evening where we explained the rationale and the process of assessment, pupils also had assemblies and were supported with revision strategies. It was fantastic to see how well pupils engaged with their learning and following the assessments they have been reflecting on their work and, with support from their teachers, identifying the next steps.

I wish you a very Happy Easter.

Mr P Walker
Headteacher

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CURRICULUM

Pupils have been working hard in school on a wide range of academic endeavours. During terms 1 and 2, we have seen pupils undertake their first assessment cycle in Years 7, 8 and 9. It has been especially pleasing to see pupils using their Mastery Sheets at breaks and lunches to rehearse their learning and get themselves ready for these assessments. Pupils have supported each other through quizzing and sharing their revision strategies.

Pupils have also undertaken four of their Big Write activities. Each half-term, pupils are given the opportunity to write at length in a series of lessons leading to them producing a high quality piece of creative writing. Each form then selects a winner who receives a prize. The pupils have responded incredibly positively and are often seen during the Big Write day sharing their stories with each other and championing their efforts.

This is in addition to the day to day hard work and academic resilience we see pupils exhibiting. For example, in Music, pupils are able to practise their instruments for sustained periods over multiple weeks as well as learning musical theory. In English, pupils have been writing to suit different styles, genres and audiences to master the craft of writing. In Maths, pupils have been extending their thinking through applied questions that require them to decide on which mathematical tools and processes are needed. In Art, pupils study a wide range of artists and seek to unpick their style in order to mirror and utilise their approaches.

Pupils have a rich and varied diet of academic opportunities and consistently show excellent behaviours and attitudes towards their learning. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child engages admirably with their work in school.

Mr P McTigue
Deputy Headteacher

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

All pupils continue to take part in our Personal Development Programme, which covers key elements of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education; Careers and Progression Guidance; Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education; and Fundamental British Values. These themes are delivered through personal development days as well as through lessons across the curriculum.

This term, pupils across a range of year groups have explored important topics including aspiration, respectful relationships and hurtful behaviour, budgeting and finance, and first aid. Pupils also took part in the Youth Parliament elections, observed Holocaust Memorial Day, and engaged in activities during National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week.

Year 8 and 9 pupils are currently working with Haribo as part of an exciting careers project, while pupils across all year groups continue to work with the University of Hull to help break down barriers to accessing higher education. Particular focus has also been given to ensuring that Year 11 pupils are fully prepared for the next steps they will take after leaving us this summer.

Crofton Academy offers a substantial programme of enrichment activities that take place after school. I am very grateful to the staff who give their time to provide these opportunities, and I am delighted by the number of pupils who participate. Information about next term's enrichment programme has been shared today via Arbor.

Music and drama continue to be a fantastic success at Crofton, and last half term we enjoyed the wonderful production of "The Cinderellas". This term, pupils have also had the opportunity to work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award, while others have visited theatres to see a range of plays and musicals, including *Mamma Mia!* and *Small Island*.

Today, 140 pupils are visiting Alton Towers as part of the Year 11 rewards programme, and on Saturday 44 Year 8 and 9 pupils will travel to Paris as part of the Modern Foreign Languages trip.

Mrs Rostron
Associate Senior Leader



Spring Term Round-up - take a look at everything that's been going off across the Academy

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

- Year 11 Mock Results Day
- Year 10 Mock Exams
- Big Write 3
- Haribo Workshop Sessions – Year 8 & Year 9
- Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Year 10 Public Speaking Workshops
- Year 7 Personal Development – Wider
- World Day
- Year Group Council Meetings
- Quantum Theatre production of 'A Christmas Carol' to Year 11
- Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
- Violence Against Women & Girls Drama
- Production to Year 9
- Academy Panto Production – 'Cinderellas' (yes, we had two of them!)
- KS3 Inter Academy Spelling Bee
- Book Fair
- Year 8 Personal Development – Wider World Day
- Smashed Live Tour Production to Year 8
- Year 11 Oxbridge event at NEW College, Pontefract
- SEN Parent/Carer Forums
- Introduction of Unifrog Careers Platform Year 7 - 11
- Future Friday Careers
- National Apprenticeship Week events, including guest speakers
- WellBeing Wednesdays
- Duke of Edinburgh launch events
- Safer Internet Day
- Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Random Acts of Kindness Day
- Ski Trip 2026 to Italy

FEBRUARY-MARCH

- Readathon launched
- Year 11 Mock Exams – Part 2
- Quantum Theatre production of 'MacBeth' to Year 10
- Year 7 Chinese Lion Dancing Workshop
- World Book Day Big Write 4
- Future Friday Careers
- International Woman's Day
- Student Leadership Council Meetings
- WellBeing Wednesdays
- Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Launch
- Haribo Workshop Sessions – Year 8 & Year 9
- SEN Parent/Carer Forums
- Mamma Mia Theatre Trip to Manchester
- Year 8 Give Construction A Try at Castleford College
- Careers Week across the academy – assemblies and subject focus
- Safeguarding assemblies Year 7 - 11
- Year 9 Leeds Playhouse Trip
- DofE Preparation Walk
- Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Cross Curricular Day Year 7 – 10
- Year 11 Alton Towers Trip
- Year 10 Science STEM Activity Day
- MFL Trip 2026 to Paris (departing 28 March 2026)



Congratulations on gaining a place at Crofton Academy!

210 Year 7 places on offer... and 210 offered! Once again, our Year 7 intake (for Sept 2026) is full, and we can't wait to welcome our new cohort of Year 7 pupils and their families to the Crofton family.

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STAY CONNECTED

Stay Connected with Crofton Academy on X! We are always proud to share the wonderful things happening every day at Crofton Academy, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Our official X (formerly Twitter) account, **@CroftonAcademy**, is regularly updated with snapshots of school life, achievements, events, and the amazing things our pupils are getting up to. It's a great way to stay connected, celebrate our pupils' successes, and get a closer look at the life of our school community. If you have time, please take a look back at what we've posted since September.

We encourage you to: **Follow us** at **@CroftonAcademy** and **like** and **repost** our posts. By doing so, you help share the fantastic work of our pupils and staff with a wider audience, showcasing everything that makes Crofton Academy such a special place. You will also notice that we use the hashtag **#WeAreCrofton** on our posts. Don't forget to follow us and turn on your notifications!

CALENDAR DATES

MONDAY 13 APRIL

School re-opens for ALL pupils at 8:45am

THURSDAY 30 APRIL

Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening

MONDAY 4 MAY

Bank Holiday—School Closed to all Pupils

TUESDAY 5 MAY

Year 11 Exams begin

FRIDAY 22 MAY

Last Day of Term for Half Term

MONDAY 25 MAY – FRIDAY 29 MAY

Half Term

MONDAY 1 JUNE

School re-opens for ALL pupils at 8:45am

TUESDAY 30 JUNE

Year 6 Transition Day for pupils

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

Year 6 Transition Evening

FRIDAY 17 JULY

Last Day of Term for Summer break