

Welcome to our weekly edition of "IN TOUCH" our newsletter for parents and carers of pupils at Crofton Academy

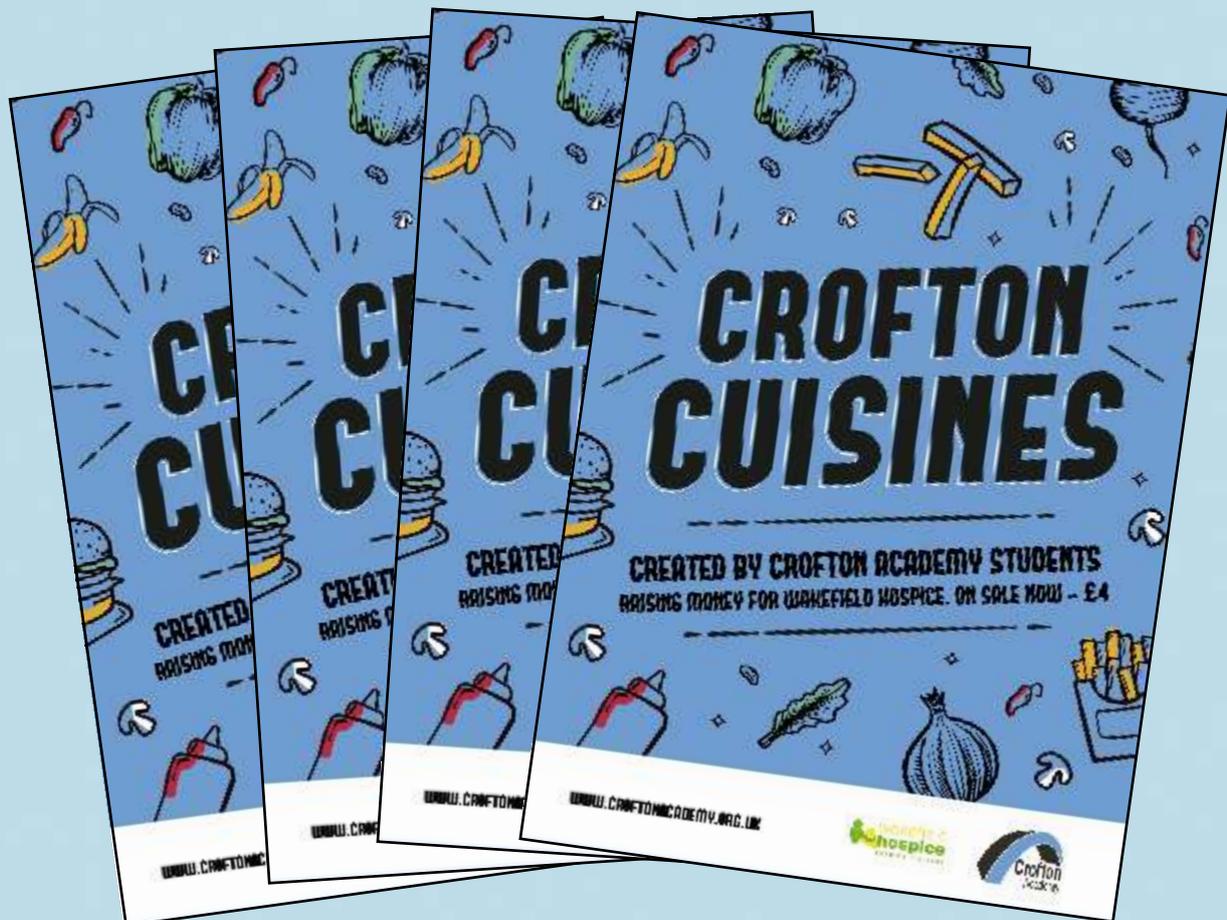
## LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLER - OR A PRESENT TO BUY WITH YOUR POCKET MONEY?

**LOOK NO FURTHER**

Coming soon a "pupil-driven" cook book with profits going to Wakefield Hospice - a unique recipe book created by pupils.

*A professionally put together and published book for just £4.*

More details to follow over the coming week.



# SPORTS

## ROUND UP



It's been a tough week for Year 9 boys this week, but both teams put in a great performance:

**Year 9** Rugby lost 30-18 in their first Rugby League Yorkshire Cup Tie against Longcroft School (Beverley)

**Year 9** Football team conceded a last minute goal to lose 3-2 to Minsthorpe

Our Year 7 girls took place in their first netball game against Cathedral Academy. Team A won 3-1 and Team B lost 2-0; a great effort for their first outing.



### HEALTH ADVICE

In order to help parents/carers with issues that may affect children in school, this new section will hopefully provide hints and tips for keeping your child well. It will also cover issues affecting wellbeing and today it covers head lice - all you need to know for keeping the critters at bay and dealing quickly and effectively with them when they strike!

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

#### You can treat headlice without seeing a GP

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

**Remove** lice and nits by wet combing. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Pharmacists may recommend medicated lotions and sprays which can be used to kill lice.

It's important to remember that you cannot prevent head lice. You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Head lice are a common problem in childhood and unless you meticulously comb your child's hair to rid them it can feel like you are fighting a losing battle. But persevere, be patient and follow the instructions closely on products you use and advice from a pharmacist.

As a school we do not issue regular notices when we have head lice in school, as you can imagine this would be too frequent for it to be of any value. Instead we ask that parents/carers, and pupils themselves who are old enough, stay vigilant.

Information courtesy of [www.nhs.co.uk](http://www.nhs.co.uk)

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**We're holding**  
**ODD SOCKS DAY**  
for Anti-Bullying Week  
again this year

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
To 8LAL who correctly counted **300** odd socks scattered around school in a competition and received a box of chocolates during tutor time

For more information about bullying and how to find help and support visit:  
<https://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information>

## FRIDAY 5 CLUB

Last week's Friday 5 awards went to the following pupils who are anti-bullying ambassadors and who have been raising awareness of anti-bullying across Year 7 to Year 10 assemblies:

**JESSICA GRAHAM (8KKE)**  
**MARTHA LANGDALE (8KKE)**  
**BEN GOLDING (9APO)**  
**LIAM FLETCHER (10ACK)**

# ICT ACCEPTABLE USE

The Academy's expectations in respect of ICT are quite clear. We accept that ICT and the related technologies such as email, the internet and hand-held mobile devices are an expected part of daily school life. The ICT Acceptable Use Agreement issued to ALL parents when their child joins Crofton Academy is in place to help ensure that all pupils are aware of their responsibilities when using any form of ICT in order to keep safe. To remind everyone below is the general wording contained within the Agreement:

ICT and the related technologies such as email, the internet and hand-held mobile devices are an expected part of daily school life. This Agreement is to help ensure that all pupils are aware of their responsibilities when using any form of ICT in order to keep safe. Pupils signed and agreed that:

- They will only use ICT systems in school, including the internet, email, digital video or mobile technologies for school purposes;
- They will not download or install software on school equipment unless they have permission from a member of staff;
- They will only log on to the school network with their own user name and password;
- They will not leave their computer logged on with their password and username whilst they are away from a PC/laptop and they will not reveal their password to anyone;
- They will ask for their password to be reset if they forget it or suspect someone else knows it;
- They will not open an attachment or download a file unless they have permission to do so, or they know and trust the person who has created it;
- They will make sure that all ICT communications with other pupils, teachers and any other person is appropriate and sensible. Pupils will not invite staff/teachers to be a member of their social networking site and understand that they are unable to accept any invitation, even if they know them outside of school;
- They will be responsible for their behaviour when using the internet. This includes resources being accessed and the language they use;
- They will not deliberately browse, download, upload or forward material that could be considered offensive or illegal or which they know could hurt other people's feelings;
- They will report incidents immediately to a member of staff if they accidentally come across inappropriate material on the internet so it can be recorded as an accidental incident;
- They will not give out any personal information such as name, phone number or address whilst using the internet/email;
- They will not arrange to meet someone via the internet or email unless it is part of a school project approved by their teacher;
- Images of pupils and/or staff will only be taken, stored and used for school purposes in line with school procedures on the use of photographs. Photographs will not be distributed or shared without permission and pupils will ask a teacher whether the school holds parental/carer permission to publish photos of their fellow pupils;
- They will ensure that their online activity, both in school and outside school, will not cause Crofton Academy, their staff, pupils or others, upset or bring the school into disrepute;
- They will respect the privacy and ownership of other's work online at all times. They will not pass off someone else's work as their own and will ensure they acknowledge the source of research in their work where appropriate to do so;
- They will not attempt to bypass the internet filtering system through the use of proxy websites or any other means;
- They will not attempt to break in or hack into the school network under any circumstances;
- Pupils understand that all their use of the internet and other related technologies will be monitored and logged and will be made available to teachers in school;
- Pupils understand that this agreement is designed to keep them safe and that if it is not followed, school sanctions will be applied, in line with the Behaviour for Learning Policy, and parents/carers will be contacted.

**The taking, distributing and storing of inappropriate images of friends and fellow pupils will result in the police being contacted and made aware, in respect of safeguarding procedures.**



# CALENDAR

WEEK COMMENCING  
25 NOVEMBER  
... IS **WEEK 2** ON THE

## MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Y11 Mock Exams: Combined Science / Biology (am)

## TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Y11 Mock Exams: English Language (am) History (pm)

## WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Y11 Mock Exams: Maths (am) French / Spanish / Graphics /  
Textiles (pm)

## THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Y11 Mock Exams: Combined Science / Chemistry (am) Art  
(pm)

## FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Y11 Mock Exams: Computer Science / Drama / Art (am) RE /  
Food / History (pm)



## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Only 33 sleeps to go!

# CROFTON CUISINES COOK BOOK

Inspired by the work of Wakefield Hospice, in particular the support and care shown to pupils during very difficult times when they are losing loved ones. All recipes in the book have been provided by form groups and are collated into a seasonal collection of favourites. Books will soon be on sale in the foyer at school at lunchtime/break for pupils to purchase at the price of **£4**. Payment can also be made via ParentMail (books sold this way will handed to pupils at the desk in the foyer at lunchtimes/break)

All profits will go to Wakefield Hospice



**"kind people are our kind of people"**

## BTEC EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS- JANUARY ONWARDS

The following will take place in the New Year 2020:

YEAR GROUP	UNIT	WHAT	DATE
10 & 11	Unit 1 The Music Industry	Timetabled Exam: 1 hr	9 January (am)
10	Unit 1 The UK Travel & Tourism Sector	Timetabled Exam: 1 hr	10 January (am)
11	Component 3: Promotion & Finance for Enterprise	Timetabled Exam: 1 hr	3 February (am)
10	Component 3: Health & Wellbeing	Task (1): 2 hr	7 February (am)
10 & 11	Component 3: Responding to Engineering Brief	Task (2) Part 1: 2 hr	3 February - 6 February (am)
		Task (2) Part 2: 2 hr	7 February (am)

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# MEETING REMINDERS

## SKI TRIP MEETING

There will be a ski trip meeting for all those going to Italy in February 2020. This will take place on **THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER** at 6pm.

## NEW YORK APRIL 2020

There is a meeting for all parents/carers of those pupils going to New York in April 2020 on **WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER** at 6pm.

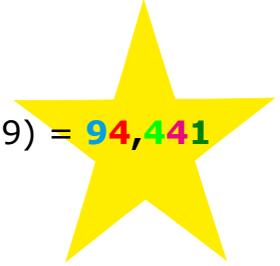
This meeting is **NOT OPTIONAL** and every pupil must attend with at least one parent/carer.



Wow! What a start we have had on Class Charts...

The information you need to know: Class Charts in numbers:

Total points awarded so far this term (September to w/c 18 Nov 2019)	=	<b>94,441</b>
Average points per student	=	<b>91.69</b>
Highest Individual point score	=	<b>225</b>
Number of students in the 100 Club	=	<b>454</b>
Number of students in the 200 Club	=	<b>8</b>
Number of parents/carers logged into Class Charts and actively engaged with the system	=	<b>821</b>



Once again if you are not signed up to Class Charts or you are having difficulty accessing your account please contact school reception. Pupils have their own access to Class Charts (issued to them in school). Please encourage your child to log in and monitor their achievements.

As always, thank you for your support.

# zero tolerance

staff should be able to come to work without fear of violence, abuse or harassment - or threat of any kind



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## KEEP US INFORMED IF YOUR DETAILS CHANGE

Please don't forget to let us know if you change mobile number, email address or home address. Help us keep in touch with you!

You can send information into Reception with your child and we will ensure your details are updated on our School Information Management System.

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