

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Guardian,

By the time you read this, the GCSE exams will be coming to an end. The Year 11s have approached them with a great deal of resilience and positivity. I know how hard parents work to ensure their children have the right environment and support to prepare, and also how much thought and planning is put in by the teaching staff to make sure they are ready to do their very best. But in the end it is the students who have to sit the exams, and I am hugely impressed with their response and am sure it will be rewarded in the results. We will be very sad to see them leave us as a year group; they have brought so much to the school in the last 5 years, and we wish them well both for the summer results and their future endeavours.

Student Leadership

As our Year 11s move on, it is also time to say goodbye to our current Student Leadership Team: Robert P (Head Boy), Alana M (Head Girl), Ben L (Deputy Head Boy) and Karizma L (Deputy Head Girl). They are truly exceptional students who fully embody our school ethos of Kindness, Ambition and Diligence and have done an excellent job representing the student body and the school in general. Their energy, enthusiasm and creativity will be greatly missed. However, I am delighted to inform you that, following a very competitive selection process, we have now elected their replacements from our current Year 10. They are Ellena C (Head Girl), Emily P (Deputy Head Girl), Tom B (Head Boy) and Olliver H (Deputy Head Boy). I am very much looking forward to working with them in the coming year and am sure they will make a huge contribution to the school.

New Website

I hope by now you have had a chance to view our new school website. If you have not visited it yet, you can find it at www.croftonschool.co.uk. We have designed it to be more user friendly and hope it will enable you to more quickly find the information you need, as well as acting as a showcase for the school. This is part of our response to requests from parents in our January Parent Survey for clearer communications from the school and we aim to introduce other initiatives on this in the near future.

Building Project 2017-18

Finally I am pleased to report our extensive building work is finally complete. Our Operations Director, Mr Hickey has prepared the following report to update you on what has changed.



“The long discussed and planned building project finally started at Crofton School at Easter 2017. In the beginning, the initial plan was just to re-clad the main three-storey building at the front of the site. However, over a number of meetings with Hampshire County Council, this project developed into a 3 Phase plan which included changing the use of our Gym into 6 modern classrooms and a fitness suite, re-cladding and decorating our main hall and then re-cladding the 3 storey building, whilst updating all the classrooms affected by the work. We are now pleased to report that all the works have been completed within the agreed timescales.



This first phase involved a lot of ground work as the original Gym was converted into 6 classrooms and a fitness suite. A mezzanine floor was installed which involved a large amount of structural work. The main challenge at this point was to allow the contractors to work with minimal disruption to the students' lessons. At this point, a lot of heavy plant machinery was involved to create the footings to hold the steel structure which would hold the mezzanine floor. As you can see from the photographs, we believe the new cladding and extensive work inside really paid off allowing us to provide six new classrooms and also a new fitness suite.



Phases two and three involved the re-cladding of 'H' Block. The new cladding to the buildings, which meets the highest safety standards, not only gives them a thoroughly modern look but also has made them more efficient in keeping heat in during the winter and keeping them cool in the summer. In addition, we took this opportunity to fully refurbish

the classrooms in 'H' Block. All the areas affected were also fitted with new LED lighting so we should see a reduction in electricity consumption and bills over the coming years. We are planning to hold an opening ceremony towards the end of term and will soon be communicating details of this."



We really appreciate the patience shown by everyone in the school community whilst this work was going on, and hope you all agree that it was very much worth the wait!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Harrison'.

Simon Harrison
Headteacher

Message from Governors

One of the areas that governors are involved with is Health, Safety and Premises. The recent building project has been a major undertaking, and I would like to thank all of the staff and contractors who have been involved in making these fantastic improvements to our facilities. The project was delivered on time and in budget, with some additional benefits being delivered along the way. Thank you also to students and parents for bearing with us while this work was carried out.

The Health, Safety and Premises Committee has an important job in ensuring that the school is safe and secure. They undertake routine site walks, and liaise with the relevant authorities regarding road safety. Our longstanding chair of the committee is shortly standing down, and we would very much like to recruit a replacement from the local community. If you have a few hours a month to offer, or know somebody with experience in this field who might like to get involved, please would you email me at governors@croftonschool.co.uk.



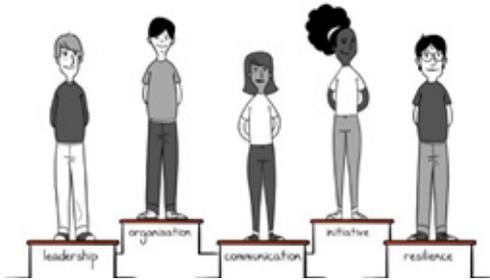
Please also get in touch if you have any feedback on the school premises or other comments on health and safety.

Colin Thorpe
Chair of Governors



PDL Update:

In recent weeks the students have been considering various matters that are important to their development as young adults. Our younger students have been considering how they may respond to changes around them in their private lives and how to what challenges young adulthood can bring. Year 9 students have been focussing on what makes for a person of “good character” culminating in an inspirational talk from Will Swift who went on to achieve incredible things having gone through a traumatic life-changing motorcycle accident. Our upper school students have been preparing for, experiencing and reflecting on the world of work (Work Experience) and considering matters related to mental health as this stressful time of year.



In the remainder of this Summer Term the students will be covering the topics below. In addition we are looking forward to launching PIXL EDGE with our younger students. More

information about this will be forthcoming but it is, in essence, an exciting online tool that celebrates individual achievement within and beyond the classroom linked to key transferable skills that are much valued in the work place. In assemblies we will be covering issues such as the Environment, Fake News, the Korean peninsula and our ongoing link with Ghana.

This term we will have presentations from Stonewall (British Values) and a Drugs Education provider. We very much value outside speakers because of their enriching potential to the young peoples' experiences and reflections. If you are aware of anybody or organisation that you believe the young people would benefit from listening to in a future PDL lesson, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will proactively chase the lead you provide.



Finally, with the belonging and connecting theme (see below) in mind, I would invite you to mention/discuss with your child what are we really celebrating and proud of when we cheer (or not!) the England World Cup Football Team? What aspect of our national life does it celebrate? It could open up some interesting thoughts and reflections at a time when our national identity is arguably changing.



Year Group	Summer 2	
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New 8	Smoking	
New 9	British Values	
New 10	Diversity & Tolerance	
New 11	Personal Finance	Drugs Talk

Being and Feeling

Belonging and Connecting

Planning and Growing

Enterprising and Diligent

Yellow writing in Year 10/11 = Explicit and planned for RE, Ethical and Spiritual focus

Mr S Barnes
Director of Personal and Teacher Development

Art Exhibition

In the Art Department, we are very proud of the fabulous work produced by our wonderful students.

All year groups have been working really hard producing exciting and creative artwork based on a wide variety of themes and materials.

For the first time this year, we are putting on a major, whole school, exhibition called Bend the Rules to showcase the fantastic work the students have created.

Please come along to support their efforts and admire their creative skills.

Music will be led by GCSE music students and drinks will be available.

FRIDAY 6 JULY 6:00 - 8:00pm

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs Howard



BEND THE RULES

EXHIBITION BY CROFTON ART STUDENTS

Friday 6 July

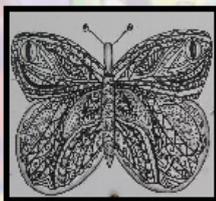
6:00-8:00pm






Showcasing a variety of works from all year groups.
Come to the main hall and feast your eyes on our interactive installation, Modroc master pieces, GCSE works, and music performed and led by the GCSE music students!

Drinks will be available


Year 8 Paris Trip - 14th–18th May 2018

From the very moment our coach pulled away from Crofton School, the mood of both students and even a staff member or two was a mixture of excitement and anxious anticipation; for some who had never been away from home alone before, the prospect of a week in a foreign country was rather daunting, but these worries were quickly washed away as the coach bustled with chatter, laughter and the occasional snore of those not accustomed to such an early start.



On our first day we travelled from Dover to Calais via ferry. Once on French soil we continued our journey to the Hotel and upon arrival we all had time to check into our rooms before enjoying a delicious evening meal at a local French restaurant.

Bright and early Tuesday morning, following a continental breakfast at the hotel, we set out for our first day in Paris. The eventful day commenced with a visit to Notre Dame. As a group we ventured inside the Cathedral, experiencing the buildings tremendous beauty and taking an Instagram picture or two. Next we visited Montparnasse Tower, the second tallest building in France. At the top we could see all of Paris, a tremendous view for all to enjoy. Following the city's height, we then travelled by water with a cruise down the River Seine. On-board we experienced some of the most famous buildings in France and flooded our Snapchat stories with stunning shots. Lastly, for the day, we travelled to Montmartre, where we all enjoyed an ice cream and relaxed in the shade of the Sacre-Coeur.



Wednesday brought even more excitement as we started with a tour of the Stade de France. The group were treated to a guided tour around the stadium, going into the changing rooms where the likes of Henry, Zidane and Madonna have been, and we finished with running down the tunnel on to the pitch of the 80,000 seater stadium. After this, we had our lunch at the Arc de Triomphe and walked down the Champs Elysees to the Place de la Concorde. Our day finished at the Louvre where we took a great group photo in front of the famous glass pyramids and even had time to go to the underground Louvre shopping centre to buy some gifts and for some a 'needed' McDonalds.



On Thursday came the pièce de résistance, Disneyland Paris. The majority of the day was spent in the wonderland, students and the staff were free to enjoy the many rides and even rollercoasters for the more adventurous! We experienced another day with glorious sunshine, shopping in the numerous gift shops and all singing along to the 'Princess' vs Pirates parade' - by the third showing we all knew the words off by heart, and both Mrs Harvey & Mrs Lanham wowed us with their spectacular dance renditions, multiple times. Finally we watched the 'Stars of Disney Parade' in the evening and enjoyed a fantastic meal at the Planet Hollywood restaurant.



Friday was spent travelling back to the ferry at Calais and then back to Crofton. I think it's fair to say we all had an amazing time! All greatly enjoyed the experience of a week in France!

Mrs C Lanham

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS



We need your help!

During your child's life at Crofton School, we may wish to take photographs of activities that involve your child. The photographs may be used for displays, publications (such as our School Prospectus, videos of the school productions, events, our website, VLE, plasma screen displays and by the Local Education Authority or by local newspapers. Due to the new General Data Protection Regulations we now require your permission. You have received an email on 17 May 2018, detailing how Crofton use specific data with a permission form attached.

Photography or filming will only take place with the permission of the Headteacher and under appropriate supervision. When filming or photography is carried out by the news media, children will only be named if there is a particular reason to do so (eg they have won a prize), and home addresses will never be given out. Images that might cause embarrassment or distress will not be used, nor will images be associated with material on issues that are sensitive.

Please ensure that your completed Photo Permission forms are returned by Friday 20 July 2018 at the latest.



If you require further information, please contact us.

Summer Concerts 2018

This year's Summer Concerts will take place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July in the school hall at 7:00pm. Tickets will be £2.00 each and will be available from the Finance Office the week before the concerts.



Crofton School concerts are always a success and this year's will be no different! There will be fantastic items ranging from pop music to the full orchestra and styles to suit all tastes.

I would like to remind all performers of the Crofton School concert uniform. The code of dress for anyone performing in the Summer Concerts is a smart, plain black outfit with plain black shoes. Boys should wear a plain tie of a single colour (of each student's choice). Girls should wear smart trousers, a skirt or a sleeved dress that reaches below the knee when in a seated position. If possible, please try to avoid striped clothing and casual looking clothing such as flared trousers for example.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mr Oliver and the Music Department

WORK EXPERIENCE – May 2018

A big welcome back to all the Year 10 students.

During May 2018, all Year 10 Crofton students spent two weeks away from school completing their work experience placements. Some students completed a two week placement and others students completed 2 separate one week placements.

The students arranged placements with a variety of employers who were ready to welcome the students into their work places. The majority of the employers were local, but some were further afield. Although a few students were a little anxious, not knowing quite what to expect, all of them were eager to take on the challenge of carrying out their long awaited work experience and in doing so gain a wider understanding of the world of work.

As part of the work experience programme members of staff from Crofton School visited the students during their placements. Many of the Crofton staff remarked that the employers were impressed with the students' positive attitude, their time-keeping and dress sense and the fact that they were polite, courteous and happy. Employers also remarked on the fact that when the students were given instructions about the tasks they were required to complete they followed them without complaining and asked for further instructions if they were unsure on any aspect.

Upon the students return to school, having completed their placements and a well-deserved half-term break, they attended a reflection session where they could talk about their experiences. Many remarked that they really enjoyed their work experience placements and mentioned how positive the whole process had been. Most students thought their employers were very friendly and welcoming.

Over the work experience period many students discovered that they needed to use many skills such as communication, working in a team, working safely, patience with children and adults and dealing with different social situations. Students also commented that they needed to improve their time keeping, organisation and problem-solving skills, and how to work as part of a team especially with adults.

Students and employers comments will be published in the Crofton School Newsletter in September 2018.

Our thanks go to all employers that supported Crofton School students with work experience placements during the May 2018 and we look forward to another successful programme in 2019.

Emma Frost
WEX Co-ordinator
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If your organisation would like to support Crofton School with future career events, please contact Crofton School to discuss this further, school@croftonschool.co.uk



*Thank
you* 

5K for 50 days - Crofton gets Active

Mr Williams (SENCO) and Mr Anderson (Head of Year 11) undertook a challenge to run 5K every day for 50 days. To support their 50th run on Monday 11 June, 20 staff came out to join them on their final 5K, including Mr Harrison, our Headteacher and Mrs Badesha, our Deputy Head.

Despite the blue sky and blazing sun on this scorching afternoon, everyone came back alive and many said they would like to do this again, so maybe it will happen and we can encourage more to join in next time.

Mr T Anderson



Important Dates for your Diary

June

14 June	German Exchange Trip
15 June	German Farewell Party
18 June	Barcelona Evening (6:00pm)
19 & 20 June	Year 6 Information Evenings
22 & 25 June	Year 6 Induction Days
25 June	School Prom
27 June	Year 10 English Mock Exam
	Year 10 Science Mock Exam
28 June	'We Will Rock You' Drama Trip

July

3 & 4 July	Summer Concerts
5 July	Year 7 History Trip
6 July	Art Exhibition
10 July	Art Trip
10, 11 & 12 July	School Production
13 July	Sports Day (16 July - Reserve Sports Day)
18 July	Year 10 Choreography Mock Exam
20-23 July	Berlin Trip
20 July	Early closure for sdtudents
23 July	INSET DAY



Please remember that Monday 3 September 2018 will be an Inset Day. Students will therefore return to school on Tuesday 4 September 2018, which will be a WEEK A.

Dates for Your Diary



Term Dates

Summer Term

16 April - 23 July 2018

INSET Days for Staff Training

23 July 2018

3 September 2019

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