

WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Welcome

Friday 10th October

Dear Parent/Carer,

This time last year the Year 11 students were going this weekend to revise for their mock exams the following Monday. This year we have moved the mock exams until after the half term break. This gives the students two more weeks in class and two weeks to prepare during half term. We understand that all children need a rest and time with friends and family, but we are encouraging students to get the balance right with revision this year. We want all Year 11 to start early and revise little and often. We want our students to feel confident and prepared. The Year 11 have had revision workshops and we have shared the resources and techniques along with a revision planner. We also have revision sessions offered after school every night, except Wednesdays, as this is the night our staff have training. We do this training most Wednesday's afterschool to limit the number of INSET days where children are not in school. This half term we are also offering revision sessions on the Monday and Tuesday in the second week. We thought this would be better as other schools are mostly back that week, so it reduces clashes with family holidays! We hope to see as many Year 11 as possible at the sessions. There will be a takeaway pizza lunch for the students who attend.

One of the reasons for completing mock exams in the hall is to get students ready for the summer exams. The regulations around exams are set by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), and they must be followed. Students are not allowed to take any additional items into their exams, even if they are away in their pockets. These items include mobile phones, smart watches, anything with written text, including drinks bottles. Similarly, there must be complete silence and no attempt at communicating with other candidates. Any infringement of these rules is not only jeopardising their results, but also the results of others. Please remind your child of this when sitting their mock exams. This makes sure that students know what to expect in the summer and there are no nasty surprises!

Our sports teams are continuing their winning ways in football and netball this week. Our Year 9 netball team had an emphatic win over Pendle Vale 19-1, while our Year 7 football team triumphed in a tight contest against Park High. Our Year 10s need to show their resilience and determination to keep going, as despite some good performances, the results aren't quite going their way, but it can all change so quickly and they are playing excellent football, so the win will come! Well done to everyone involved!

Our students were spellbound in the library this week, which celebrated Harry Potter Book Day. It was an event with wands and sorting hats, but most of all a celebration of this wonderful series of books that are fantastic for children to read. I encourage all parents to conjure up a copy of these books and read them with their children!

Over the next few weeks we will be asking for nominations and prizes for our rewards week, where many students will receive awards for their positive contribution to school life, 100% attendance this half term, and celebrating the individual and collective successes so far this year. We also have our Star Awards events on 18th November at Colne Municipal Hall, so look out for your child's invite.

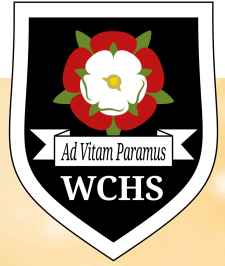
Thank you for your continued support



Mr Bates, Principal



STARS OF THE WEEK



Isabelle 7.AOP
Jayden 7.MFO
Maryam 7.YGR



Henry 8.KSN
Emily 8.NHU
Emily 8.RSW

Zoya 9.HWH
Eva 9.JBR
Max 9.LWI
Ella 9.WDA

Saman10.ABA
Amalie 10.CMC
Ayesha 10.DWI
Elise 10.JPE
Ethan 10.RGR



Thalia 11.API
Daisy 11.DRA
Sonny 11.ECU
Evie 11.JHA
Nathan 11.MBA
Aaron 11.MMO
Miya-Elize 11.MTU
Philip 11.STA

Congratulations to this week's top students from each form group.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Football Success Across the Year Groups!

Our football teams have been showing fantastic skill, teamwork, and determination as the season continues!

The Year 7 boys' football team extended their unbeaten start to the season with an exciting 3–2 victory over Park High School. It was a thrilling match from start to finish, with every player giving their all. The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship—qualities that have been key to their early-season success. Well done, boys, on another outstanding performance!

Meanwhile, the Year 10 team put in a spirited display away at Park High. Despite their hard work and commitment, they were narrowly defeated 3–1. The score line doesn't reflect the team's effort and determination throughout the game, and they can take great pride in how they represented the school. With performances like this, a win is surely just around the corner!

A huge well done to all the players and coaching staff for their continued enthusiasm and dedication. We're excited to see how the rest of the season unfolds!

Year 9 Netball Team Extend Their Winning Streak

The Year 9 Netball team continued their fantastic run of form with an impressive 19–1 victory over Pendle Vale High School.

The girls showed an excellent understanding of each other's play, moving the ball smoothly up the court to create multiple scoring opportunities. These were confidently converted into goals by Emma Cox and Grace Uttley.

Bobbie-Jane Rigby and Mara Gill were chosen as Opposition Players of the Match, while Miss Bateman selected Meghaan Uttley as her Star Player for her outstanding performance.

A special mention goes to Evie Pickles, who stepped in for an absent teammate and made a brilliant contribution to the team's success.

Fantastic effort, girls — keep up the great work! Next up, the team faces Park High School.



Mr Wilson
Head of PE



PASTORAL UPDATES

Year 7 Stars – A Wonderful Open Evening!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well.

I wanted to share how incredibly proud we are of our Year 7 students following our recent Open Evening.

From the very beginning, their eagerness to be involved was truly amazing. So many volunteered to help – offering to assist in classrooms, and speak confidently about their experiences so far. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and their willingness to give up their time to support the event speaks volumes about their character and commitment.

Visitors were full of praise for how polite, articulate, and helpful our Year 7s were. They brought such energy and positivity to the evening, and it was a joy to see them take on responsibilities with such pride and maturity.

Thank you for your continued support – it's clear that the encouragement and values instilled at home play a huge part in helping our students flourish.

We're excited to see how they continue to grow and contribute throughout the year.

Mrs Harper



Mrs Harper
Year 7 Pastoral Lead

CURRICULUM UPDATE HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Practical Exam Success

This week, all Year 11 Hospitality and Catering pupils completed their practical examination – a key part of their final WJEC qualification.

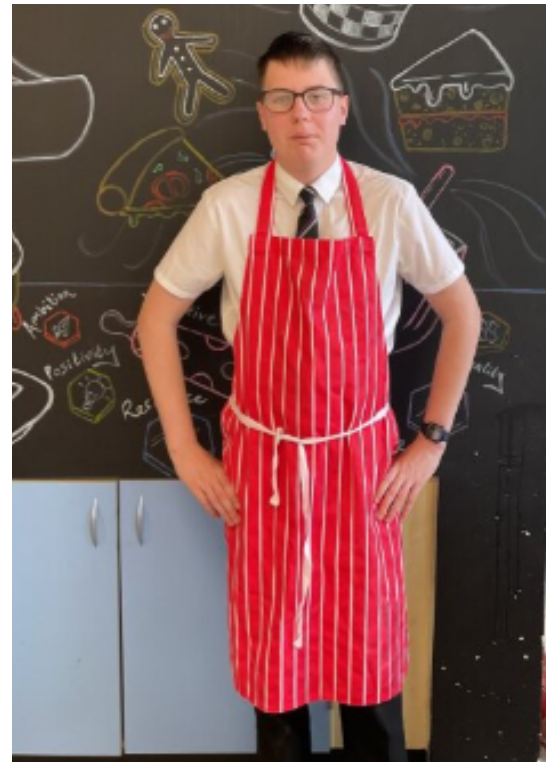
Working in exam conditions in G12, the food room, pupils were challenged to prepare two dishes based on a design brief set by the exam board. They demonstrated excellent organisation, ensuring their workspaces were hygienic, safe, and efficiently managed throughout.

Each pupil showcased a wide range of practical skills, from precise ingredient preparation to creative presentation, following the detailed plans they had developed in advance. Our students worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of their efforts and professionalism during this demanding assessment.

Here is Kenzie, who completed his exam on Thursday!



Mrs Parkinson
Assistant Principal
Teaching and Learning



YEAR 11 REVISION INFORMATION

We are working hard as a school to ensure that all of our Year 11 students are fully supported in the run-up to their mock exams and GCSEs. Every Year 11 student will shortly receive a new revision planner and a revision strategies guide to help them organise their independent study effectively at home.

We will also be sharing the below revision timetable which sets out the after-school Period 6 sessions available for each subject. These sessions will give students valuable opportunities to consolidate their learning and access tailored support from their teachers after school.

In addition, Year 11 students will have the opportunity to take part in revision sessions during the second week of the October half-term, please see the next page for more details.

Thank you for continuing to support your child during this important stage of their education.



YEAR 11 PERIOD 6 REVISION TIMETABLE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science Foundation Trilogy with Mrs Robertson Room G4	Business Studies Room G11		Maths Room G14-17	Hospitality & Catering Room M12
Science Higher Trilogy with Mr Brook Room G5	English Room T3	Spanish Invite only Lunchtime	History Room M6	DT Room G7
Triple Science with Miss Grant Room M1				Photography Room M10

NEW!





YEAR 11 HALF TERM REVISION

West Craven High School



ENGLISH - MONDAY 3RD NOV
9:30am - 12pm - Room T3



SCIENCE - MONDAY 3RD NOV
12:30pm - 2:30pm - Room M8



MATHS - TUESDAY 4TH NOV
9:30am - 11:30am - Room G14



HISTORY - TUESDAY 4TH NOV
12:30pm - 2:30pm - Room M6

Takeaway
pizza
lunch
provided



ATTENDANCE

Supporting Attendance and Wellbeing

Over the past few weeks, we've seen higher levels of illness across our school community, and we're delighted to welcome back many students who have recently been unwell. We understand that returning to school after a period of absence can sometimes be challenging, and we want to reassure families that support is available.

If your child has been absent for several days and you have any concerns about their return, please don't hesitate to contact our Attendance Team or your child's Head of Year or Form Tutor. We are here to help make the transition back to school as smooth as possible.

To report an absence, please contact school on a daily basis. This can be done by calling **01282 812292 (Option 1)** or by emailing **attendance@westcraven.co.uk**.

Daily contact is essential to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students. We also recognise that some students may have ongoing medical or other circumstances that impact attendance. Our team is here to offer guidance and support – please reach out if you need any assistance or would like to discuss your child's individual situation.

Together, we can help every student feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		



NEW ATTENDANCE POSTCARDS

Positive Attendance Postcards

We're really pleased to introduce our brand-new Positive Attendance Achievement Postcards! 🌟

These will be sent home each week to students who have shown real effort in improving their attendance and punctuality. Whether they've worked hard to be in school every day, made progress with their attendance, or are making sure they arrive on time to lessons – we want to recognise and celebrate their commitment.

It's all about rewarding those positive steps and encouraging every student to keep going and do their best!



Mrs J Toner
Attendance
Officer



HARRY POTTER BOOK DAY

Harry Potter Book Day 2025: Friends and Foes

On Thursday our school library was filled with magic as we celebrated Harry Potter Book Day 2025! This year's theme, Friends and Foes, inspired students to explore the magical friendships and rivalries that make the world of Hogwarts so unforgettable.



Students enjoyed reading their favourite Harry Potter books and took part in a variety of fun, interactive activities in the library. From quizzes and games to magical challenges, everyone had a chance to dive into the enchanting world of Harry, Hermione, Ron, and their unforgettable friends—and foes!

It was wonderful to see so many students engaged, laughing, and sharing their love for the Harry Potter series. Harry Potter Book Day reminded us all that whether in books or in life, friendship and even a little rivalry can bring a touch of magic to our days.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Thank You for Taking 10 to Read! ❤️

This Friday, West Craven High joined the National Literacy Trust's #Take10ToRead campaign to mark World Mental Health Day.

A huge thank you to all our students and staff who took ten minutes out of their day to enjoy a book, magazine, or article. Your participation helped show the power of reading to support mental health and wellbeing.

We loved seeing so many reading moments across the school – from quiet classroom corners to shared reading in tutor time.

Let's keep the spirit going – even just ten minutes of reading a day can make a big difference. 🌟



SEND NEWSLETTER

Attention Parents of Children with SEND!

Don't miss out on the latest tips, resources, and support available for your family. The Lancashire SEND Newsletter is packed with helpful information to guide and support you every step of the way.

Check it out and stay informed! **[SEND Newsletter – Lancashire County Council](#)**

SEND

Welcome to the Autumn issue of the SEND Newsletter, 2025.

As autumn settles across our beautiful county, we're pleased to bring you the latest updates, resources, and stories from our SEND community in Lancashire.

With the new school term now well underway, it's a time for fresh starts, renewed connections, and continued collaboration.

We have a brilliant article written by one of our parent carers in Lancashire to increase awareness of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). She writes about her and her daughter's own experience. We're certain you will find the article as informative and powerful as we do.

In this edition, we have lots of updates to give you – an overview of our 4th SEND Partnership Development day, how we are delivering the SEND Priority Action Plan and a little about the SEND Capital Plan.

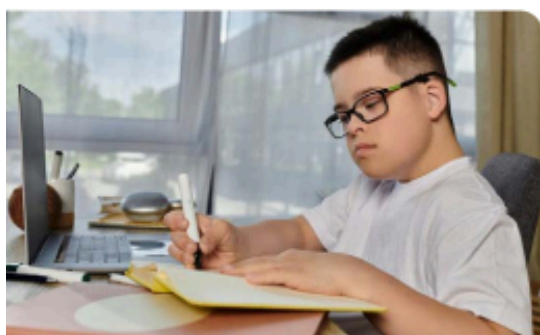
We also have the results of the recent Local Offer website survey – this includes what you told us and the next steps we will be taking to make the website even more useful for those who use it.

We have some exciting news about upcoming "Let's Talk" events which will give parent carers and children and young people the opportunity to attend online sessions delivered by practitioners about specific topics. We have listened to your feedback and sessions will be planned for mornings, afternoons and evenings.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and you may even be inspired to share your own story as a parent carer. This can be to raise awareness of something specific or to share information which may be useful to others – if so, please email us at: find@lancashire.gov.uk.

Anna Burkinshaw
Policy, Commissioning and Children's Health

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Try to learn something about everything and everything about something.

Thomas Huxley



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17. Introducing the Designated Social Care Officer Certificate in Inclusive Practice
19. National Inclusion Week 2025
21. Mural at Preston Station
- 22-23. Parent Carer support groups
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26. Lancashire SEND Roadshow
27. LCC contact details
What makes me feel Included?

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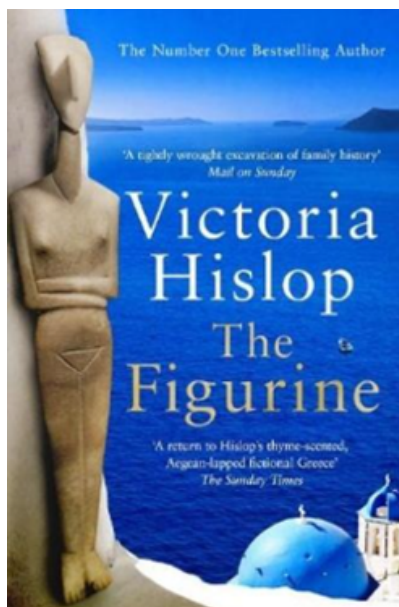
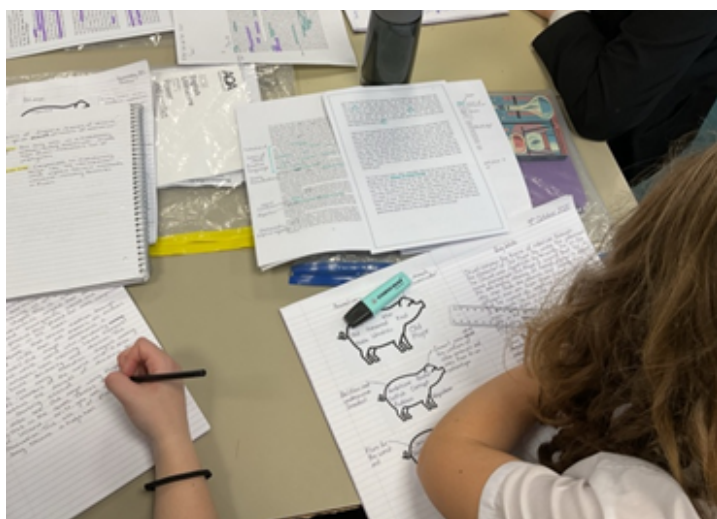
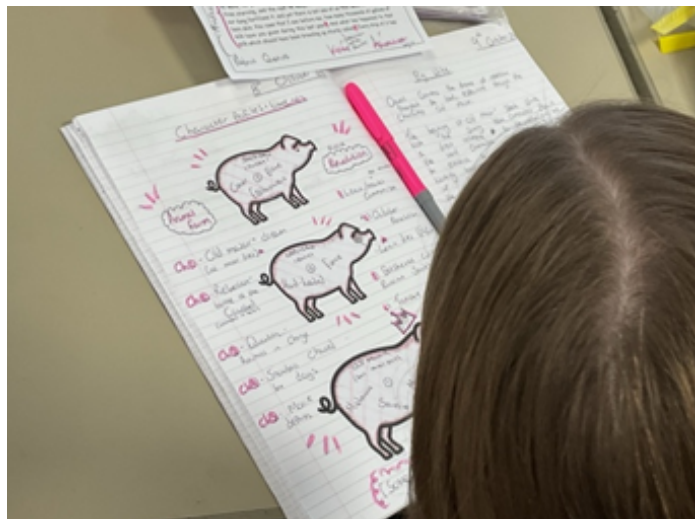
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WE ARE A READING ACADEMY

Year 11 are preparing for their mock exams after the half term holiday, currently designing revision resources which use visuals for Orwell's Animal Farm. Images, and dual coding, are an excellent tool for revision.



The librarian loves

The Figurine by Victoria Hislop. This book is about the theft of cultural treasures and the falsification of provenance. It is a well-researched and thought-provoking book.

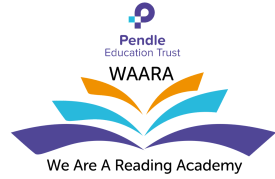
It is Banned Books Week. This week celebrates the right to read and highlights the value of free and open access to information. Books are banned because stories are powerful. Readers with information and knowledge can challenge the status quo. The right to read belongs to everyone and no individual or group should attempt to remove this right. The library is taking part in the week by displaying books that have been challenged and encouraging pupils to borrow them.



WE ARE A READING ACADEMY



For **dyslexia awareness week**, the library is showcasing its range of Barrington Stoke dyslexia friendly books. The books are printed using a special font and the pages are cream, instead of white and feature unpatronizing content matched to the age of the reader, not their reading level. These books help build confidence, fluency and a love of stories. For resources to help support a child with dyslexia, please have a look at Barrington Stoke's website Support for dyslexia – Collins



October 10th is **World Mental Health Day**. The library has a permanent display of books to help support pupils who may be struggling with their mental health. These books are located in a quiet corner of the library, near the sofa.

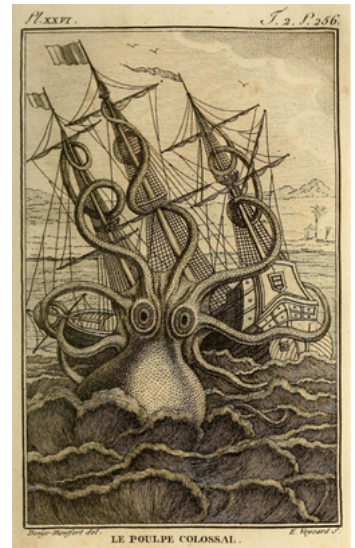


Recommended Read

The 11th October is Kraken Day. A kraken is a legendary, enormous cephalopod like sea monster from Scandinavian folklore that could destroy ships and drag sailors to their deaths. The myth was likely inspired by sightings of real large squid and octopuses, with sailors mistaking the size and appearances of these real creatures for the mythical beast. The kraken has been a recurring motif in literature, appearing in works by authors such as Alfred Tennyson and Jules Verne.

The Kraken
by Alfred Tennyson:

*Below the thunders of the upper deep,
Far, far beneath in the abysmal sea,
His ancient, dreamless, uninvaded sleep
The Kraken sleepeth: faintest sunlights flee
About his shadowy sides; above him swell
Huge sponges of millennial growth and height;
And far away into the sickly light,
From many a wondrous grot and secret cell
Unnumbered and enormous polypi
Winnow with giant arms the slumbering green.
There hath he lain for ages, and will lie
Battening upon huge sea worms in his sleep,
Until the latter fire shall heat the deep;
Then once by man and angels to be seen,
In roaring he shall rise and on the surface die.*



Mrs Haynes-Cooper
Director of English and
Whole School Literacy

EXTRA CURRICULAR OFFER

West Craven High School

After School Clubs



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Badminton PE 	Rugby YR 7&8 3G Pitch 		Netball Yr 9 & 10 	Art Room M10 (Starting after half term) 
Teambuilding Once Per month Starting after half (term) Room M3	Netball Year 7&8 		Football Yr 7, 8 & 9 	
French Club Room G3 Year 10s	Basketball All pupils Sports Hall 		Dodgeball Yr 7 & 8	
Library Homework club	Library Homework club	Library Homework club	Library Homework club	
Youth Enterprise / Fundraising Room G11 	Band club Main Hall 		DT Revision Yr 11 Room G7 Starting after half term	
History Year 7,8,9 Room M7	Stage Door Drama Club 3:30pm - 4:45pm Room T1/2 		SEN Homework Club Room M8	
			Imogen's dance School 3:30pm-4:30pm Gym 	
			Science Club Room M2 	









EXTRA CURRICULAR OFFER

West Craven High School

Lunchtime Clubs



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Library Years 10 & 11	 Library Years 7,8, & 9	Library Years 7,8, & 9	Library Years 7,8, & 9	Library Years 10 & 11
Games Club Room M1 	Choir Lunch time Room G8 	Computing All Years Room G11	Touch Typing Club All years Room G12 	
		 Creative Writing Room T8 Year 7 only	Karaoke Club Room T7 	



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Out-of-School Achievement Spotlight: Thomas Signs with Blackpool FC!

We are absolutely delighted to share some truly exciting news from our school community!

Thomas's journey of hard work, perseverance, and unwavering dedication has led to a remarkable milestone—he has officially signed a two-year contract with Blackpool FC! From early morning training sessions to balancing his studies with the demands of competitive football, Thomas has shown what it truly means to stay committed to a dream.

His passion for the sport, coupled with his grit and determination, has earned him this well-deserved opportunity to take his game to the next level.

This achievement is not just a personal victory for Thomas—it's an inspiration to all of us. It reminds our students that success comes through consistent effort, resilience, and a positive attitude, both on and off the field.

We could not be prouder of Thomas and his accomplishments. The entire school community will be cheering him on as he embarks on this exciting new chapter with Blackpool FC. We can't wait to see where his incredible talent and determination will take him next!

Congratulations, Thomas—your school is behind you all the way! 🏆🎉



If you would like to share your child's out of school achievements, please contact jevetts@pendleeducationtrust.co.uk



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Out of School Achievement!

We're thrilled to share an incredible achievement from Ava!

Ava has been riding ponies competitively since she was just three years old, and this year, all her hard work and dedication have paid off – she has qualified for the world-famous Horse of the Year Show!

Even more impressively, Ava qualified on her very first attempt with her pony, Jimmy, and will be competing at the NEC in Birmingham on Sunday 12th October.

This is an outstanding accomplishment – the Horse of the Year Show is one of the most prestigious events in the equestrian world. We couldn't be prouder of Ava and wish her the best of luck as she represents herself and our school on this incredible stage!

(Ava also features in this month's edition of Northern Horse Magazine – what a star!)

Ava Shaw and Settvalley The Watchman



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Lancashire Sexual Health Team - 13th October

Year 10 Careers Meetings 13th October

Year 10 Barclay's Life Skills - 23rd October

DWP - Workplace Skills - 24th October

Friday 24th October - school closes for half term

10th November - school reopens for staff and students

Remembrance Day 11th November

West Craven Book Fair - 13th November

Year 10 Careers Meeting 17th November

Star Awards - Colne Muni - 18th November

Year 11 Mock Interview Day - 27th November



OUR COMMUNITY

West Craven High School Pumpkin Carving Competition

It's officially spooky season, and West Craven High School is inviting all young people from the Barnoldswick community to take part in our annual Pumpkin Carving Competition!

We're looking for the most creative, spooky, or funny pumpkin designs – so grab your carving tools and get imaginative! Once your masterpiece is ready, simply head over to the West Craven High School Facebook page and post a photo of your pumpkin in the comments section of the competition post.

The pumpkin with the most likes will win a special prize from West Craven High School!

Key Dates:

🎃 Competition closes: **9am, Friday 1st November 2025**

👤 Winner announced: **Saturday 2nd November 2025**

Entries must be original and created during the competition period.

We can't wait to see the spooky, silly and spectacular designs our local young people come up with – good luck and happy carving!



WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
PUMPKIN
CARVING COMPETITION

Post your pumpkin carving creations on our Facebook page.
The pumpkin with the most likes wins a prize!

facebook **West Craven High School** FOLLOW US

Competition closes at 9am on 01/11/2025. Winner announced 02/11/2025
Entries must be own and created at the time of the competition

OUR COMMUNITY

Community Advertisements

In this section of our newsletter, we share posters for local events, activities, and charities.

If you would like us to advertise a community event or club, please email jvetts@pendleeducationtrust.co.uk.

Please note that West Craven High School is not affiliated with these organisations and cannot endorse the events, promotions, or clubs. We will only feature events that we consider appropriate for our school community.

We are
Community

Stay connected, follow us on Facebook and Instagram

A very warm welcome to all our new Year 7 families! We are thrilled to have you join the West Craven High School community. To stay updated on school news, student achievements, important events, and reminders, we encourage all parents and carers to follow our official Facebook and Instagram pages.



West Craven High School



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OCTOBER DAY OF DANCE!

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF DANCE AND AUTUMN CRAFTS! WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER- 9AM-3:30PM WITH AN EARLY DROP OFF AND PICK UP AVAILABLE. £25 FOR THE FULL DAY.

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LIMITED PLACES- MESSAGE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!

STREET, ACRO AND MUSICAL THEATRE!

