

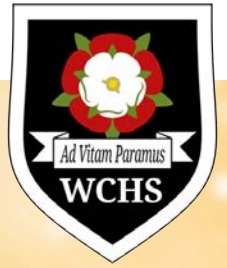
WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026



STARS OF THE WEEK



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Ellie
Oscar
Noah
Amelia



8

Connie
Annie
Emily
Grace

9

Madiyyah
Eva
James
Frankie
Izzy

10

Kaiden
Faye
Millie
Shelby
Easa

11

Grace
Summer
Alfie
Chloe
Arkadiusz
Jamal

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



CYBER SKILLS DAY

Cyber Education Week Visit – A Fantastic Day for Our Students

On Tuesday 3rd February, we were delighted to take 22 of our students to Nelson and Colne College as part of Lancashire's Cyber Education Week 2026. The day brought together schools from across the county to explore the exciting world of cyber technology, digital skills, and future career opportunities.

Our students took part in a full programme of hands-on workshops and interactive sessions, giving them the chance to try out a range of tech-based activities. From problem-solving challenges to demonstrations in STEM, languages, psychology, and maths, the day offered something to spark curiosity in everyone. They also had the opportunity to hear from industry specialists and learn more about the growing range of cyber-related careers now available in Lancashire.

Throughout the day, our students represented the school brilliantly. They showed enthusiasm, teamwork, and a real willingness to step outside their comfort zones. Staff at the college were full of praise for their engagement and attitude.

Events like this are an important part of helping young people understand the future skills they may need and the exciting possibilities ahead of them. We are proud of how well all 22 students embraced the experience and hope the visit has inspired them to think big about their next steps.

A huge thank-you to Nelson and Colne College and the Lancashire Cyber Partnership for hosting such a valuable and enjoyable day.



SPORTS UPDATE

West Craven Runners Shine at Lancashire Schools Cross Country

Four talented West Craven students proudly represented Pendle at the Lancashire Schools Cross Country event held on Saturday morning at Witton Park, Blackburn. The runners – Izabella, Max, Callum, and Lola competed against an exceptionally strong field of athletes from across the Lancashire region.

All four demonstrated outstanding resilience, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event, showcasing the spirit and dedication of West Craven students.

A special congratulations goes to Max (bib 340), who delivered an exceptional performance, finishing 4th in his race. His impressive result has earned him a coveted place representing Lancashire at the English Schools Championships this coming March – a fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work.

Well done to all our runners for making the school and Pendle proud!



Mr Wilson
Head of PE

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS NEEDED

We are currently seeking local employers and organisations who can support our Year 10 students by offering a two-week work experience placement this academic year.

Work experience is a vital opportunity for young people to develop confidence, workplace skills and a clearer understanding of future career pathways. By opening your doors to a student, you can help inspire the next generation while sharing your expertise and insight into your industry.

Placement dates:

 **Monday 16 March – Friday 27 March**

Placements are voluntary and can be tailored to suit your organisation. Whether you are a small business, large employer, or public sector organisation, your involvement can make a real difference.

If you are interested in offering a placement or would like more information, please get in touch:

 **Jevetts@pendleeducationtrust.co.uk**

Employers will be fully supported throughout the placement by our staff, who will act as a point of contact before and during the work experience period.

Thank you for supporting our students and helping to shape their futures.



West Craven High School

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

We are looking for employers that can offer a two week volunteer placement for a Year 10 student

Contact us now to find out how you can share your expertise with our students.

Date: 16th – 27th March 2026

EMAIL

jevetts@pendleeducationtrust.co.uk



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PASTORAL UPDATES

Year 9 Update

It was a privilege to welcome so many parents and carers who attended the Year 9 Parents evening last week, to discuss their child's progress with subject teachers. As Year 9 Pastoral Lead, I was delighted to meet families I had not yet had the opportunity to speak with, and I deeply appreciate the commitment shown to supporting our students' development.

This week, 22 Year 9 students proudly represented the year group at the Technology Festival hosted by Nelson and Colne College. They engaged in an impressive range of activities designed to ignite interest in technology-focused careers. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and exemplary conduct were a credit to the school, and it was inspiring to see them exploring possibilities for their future pathways within a real college environment.

With Lancashire's recent investment in a Cyber Security Headquarters, the landscape of future career opportunities for our young people is expanding in exciting ways.

Later this month, all Year 9 students will take part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) event at Nelson and Colne College. This experience will offer valuable insight into emerging fields and support students in making confident, informed decisions as they approach their GCSE options.



T Waddington
Year 9 Pastoral Lead

Year 10 Communication Skills Workshop

Today, our Year 10 students took part in an engaging and interactive workshop with Lee from Barclays LifeSkills and Talent Foundry, focusing on communication, speaking and listening skills.

Throughout the day, students worked through a range of practical activities designed to build confidence, improve how they express themselves, and strengthen their listening and teamwork skills. The sessions encouraged pupils to take part in discussions, practise clear communication and develop the skills needed for both school and future employment.

It was a valuable opportunity for students to learn in a hands-on way, and they showed great enthusiasm and maturity during the activities. We would like to thank Lee for delivering such an inspiring and informative session for our Year 10 cohort.



JOSEPH STAGE SHOW

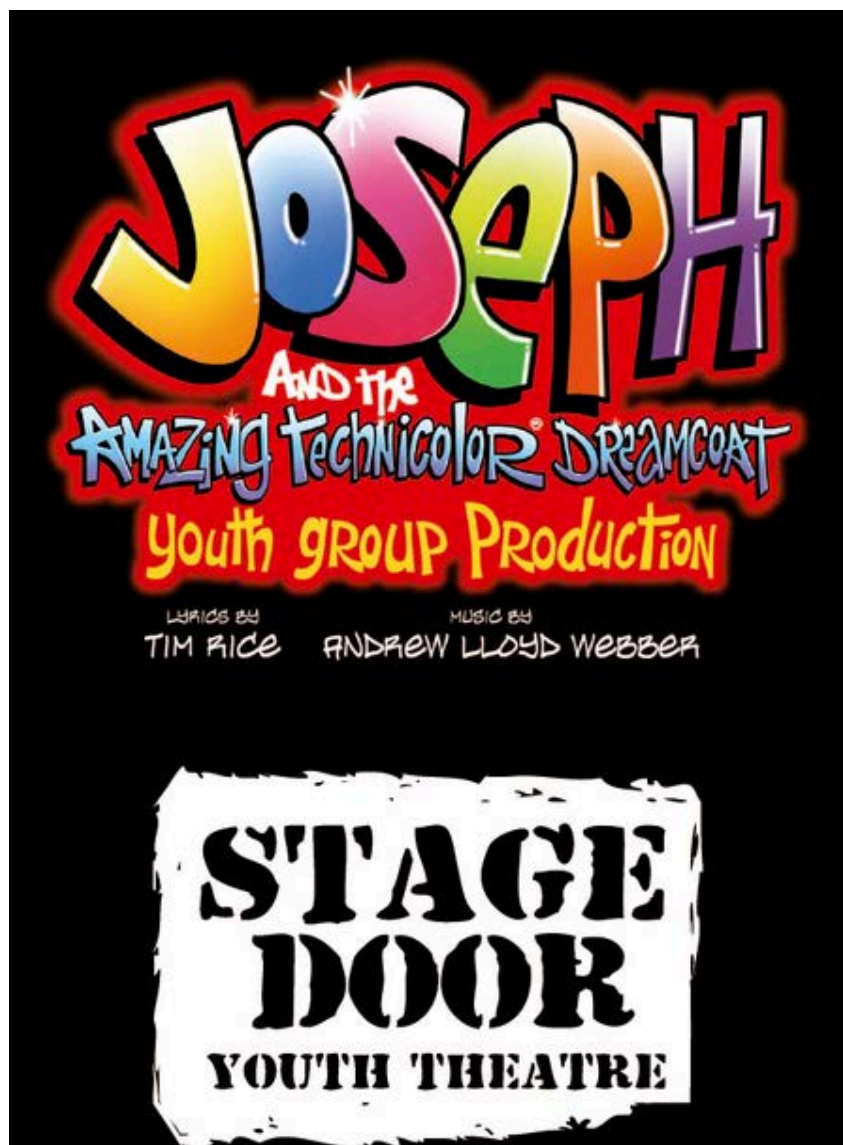
Our Students Take to the Stage at Colne Muni!

We are incredibly proud to announce that four of our talented students will be performing in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Colne Municipal Hall next week.

The students have been selected to take part in this exciting production and have been working extremely hard in rehearsals to bring this much-loved musical to life. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their singing, acting and performance skills on a professional stage, and we could not be prouder of their dedication and commitment.

Performances will take place from Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th February at the Colne Muni, and we wish our students the very best of luck as they step into the spotlight.

Well done to everyone involved – we know you'll be amazing and represent the school brilliantly!



Eva, Harry, Emma
Year 9
Walter
Year 8



AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

💚💜 AUDITIONS NOW OPEN! 💜💚

We're thrilled to announce that this summer's school production will be The Addams Family Musical! ❤️❤️❤️

Students are invited to audition Tuesday after school,

🕒 3:30 – 4:45pm

📍 Room T2

Auditions and after-school drama sessions will be run by the brilliant Stagedoor Youth Theatre, so it's a fantastic opportunity to develop performance skills and get involved in an exciting production.

🌟 Want to be part of the cast?

Simply attend the Tuesday extracurricular after-school club and audition!

🎵 Creepy, kooky, mysterious and spooky... don't miss out!



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College Open Events

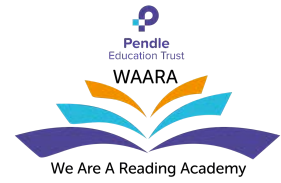
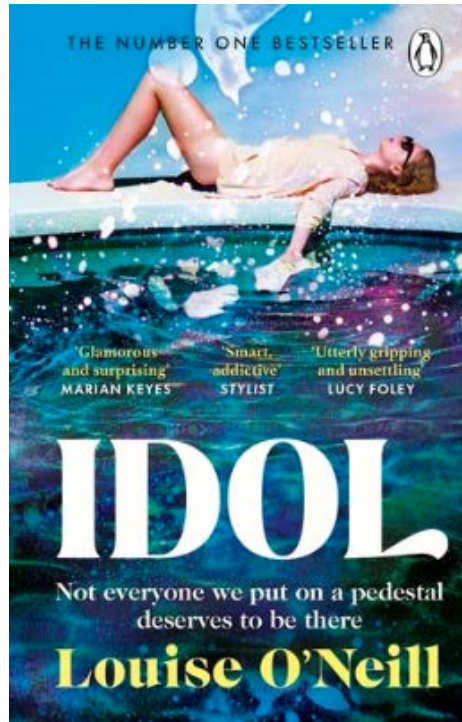
College Name	What do they offer?	When?
Nelson and Colne College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	<i>Thursday 5th February 2026 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Careers open event)</i> <i>Thursday 23rd April 2026 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 event)</i> <i>Thursday 25th June 2026 – All day (New student day)</i> <i>Thursday 20th August 2026 – All day (GCSE results day)</i>
Accrington and Rossendale College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	<i>Tuesday 3rd February 2026 – 5.30 to 7.30pm</i> <i>Tuesday 28th April 2026 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Careers open Event)</i> <i>Tuesday 28th April 2026 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 event)</i> <i>Friday 26th June 2026 – All day (New student day)</i> <i>Thursday 20th August 2026 – All day (GCSE results day)</i>
Burnley College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	<i>Wednesday 21st January 2026 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Themis careers event)</i> <i>Tuesday 10th February 2026 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm</i> <i>Wednesday 6th May 2026 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 event)</i>
Craven College	Vocational T-Level Apprenticeship	<i>Wednesday 11th February 2026 – 3.00pm to 6.30pm (Apprenticeship and careers fair at Craven College)</i>
Myerscough College	Vocational T-Levels Apprenticeship	<i>Saturday 7th February 2026 - course advice morning</i> <i>Saturday 18th April 2026 - course advice morning</i>
North Lancs Training Group	Apprenticeship	<i>Wednesday 18th March – 1pm to 6pm (Accrington)</i> <i>Thursday 26th March – 1pm to 6pm (March)</i>
Training 2000	Apprenticeship	<i>Wednesday 28th January – 4.30pm to 7.30pm</i> <i>Thursday 29th January – 4.30pm to 7.30pm</i>



WE ARE A READING ACADEMY

The librarian loves

Idol by Louise O'Neill. It is about an Instagram star who may not be all she seems. In this current climate, it is the ideal read.



We have now reached the final number in the Dewey Decimal System, number 900, which is where you will find History and Geography books. This intriguing book on Treasure can be found in this section.



WE ARE A READING ACADEMY

Word of the week: Decorum

Decorum is a noun and it is a behaviour that people consider to be polite and respectful. In Darren Shan's book *The Vampire Prince* Mr. Crepsley states that "he will conduct himself with all due decorum".

The library has been gifted a wonderful donation of a number of teenage fiction books. These are two of the books we have received. We are always very grateful for donations of books.



Holocaust Memorial Day was marked on the 26th January. The library has a display of books about the Holocaust and an information board.

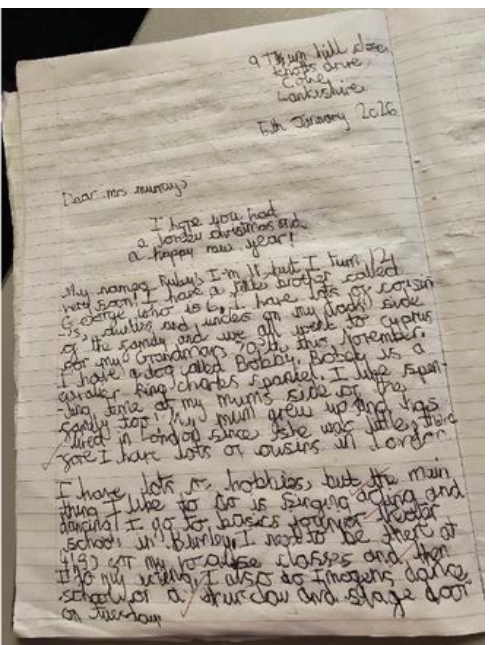
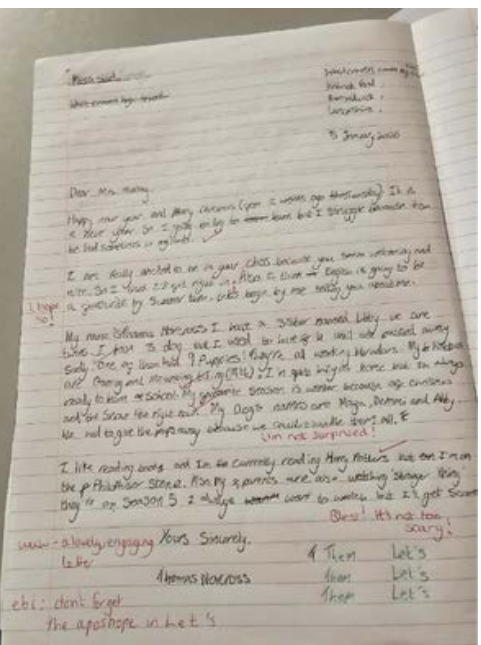
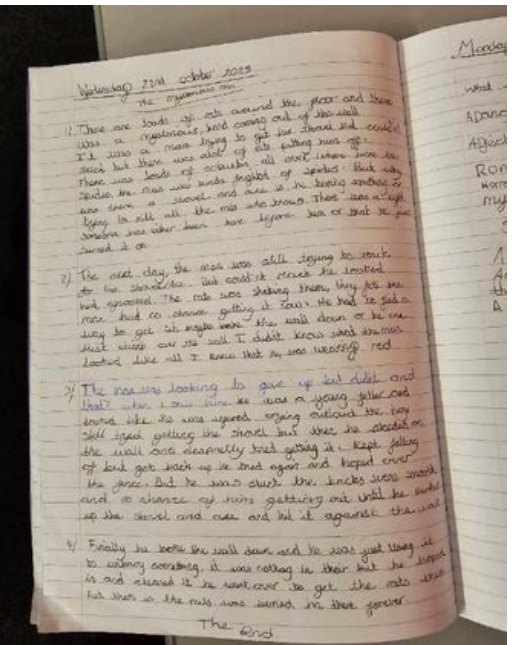
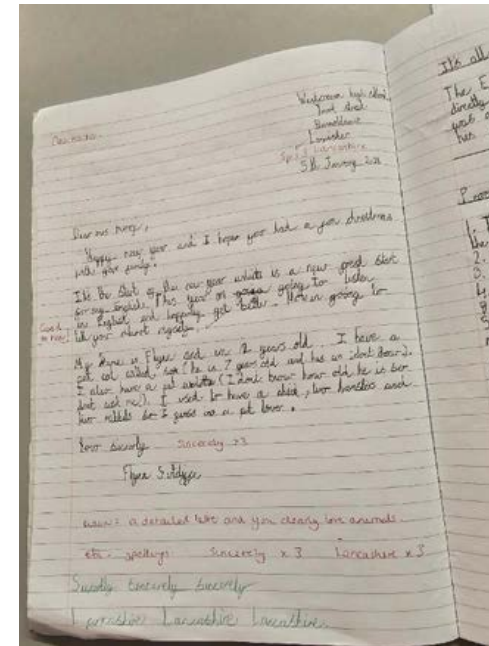
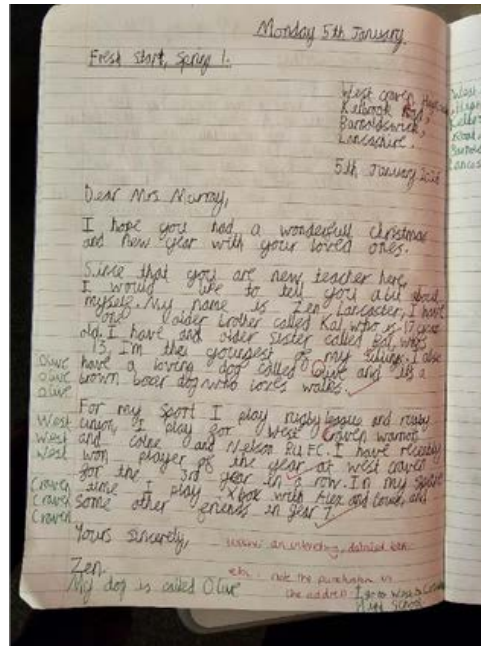
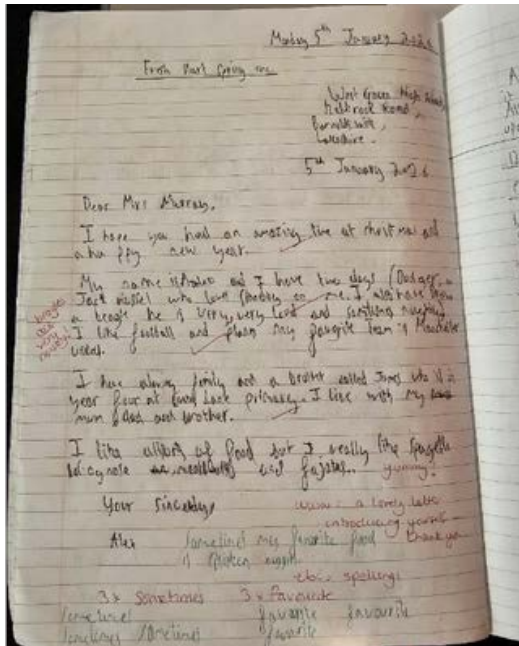
Virginia Woolf was born on the 25th January 1882 in London. She spent her summers in St. Ives and the house she stayed in had a view of the Godrevy Lighthouse, which inspired her writing. She died in 1941. A quote from her novel *Orlando* is reproduced below:

"The weather itself, the heat and cold of summer and winter, was, we may believe, of another temper altogether. The brilliant amorous day was divided as sheerly from the night as land from water. Sunsets were redder and more intense; dawns were whiter and more auroral. Of our crepuscular half-lights and lingering twilights they knew nothing. The rain fell vehemently, or not at all. The sun blazed or there was darkness. Translating this to the spiritual regions as their wont is, the poets sang beautifully how roses fade and petals fall."



WE ARE A READING ACADEMY

Year seven have produced some wonderful work in recent weeks. Please see below some fantastic photographs from their books:













AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING TERM 1

West Craven High School (Spring Term 1)

After School Clubs



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Netball (All Years) 		Football (All Years) 	Art Room M10 
French Club Room G3 Year 10s 			Science Club Room M2 	
Library Homework club	Library Homework club	Library Homework club	Library Homework club	
	Band club Main Hall 		SEN Homework Club Room G6	
History Year 7,8,9 Room M7 	Stage Door Drama Club 3:30pm - 4:45pm Room T1/2 		Imogen's dance School 3:30pm-4:30pm Gym 	

Spring Term 1 Extracurricular Programme

We are pleased to share details of our Spring Term 1 extracurricular programme, which offers a wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs designed to enrich students' learning and personal development. Opportunities available this half term include Homework Support Club, Stage Door Drama Group, Imogen's Dance School, Band Club and Science Club, alongside many other activities.





We encourage all students to review the full programme and take advantage of the clubs and support available.

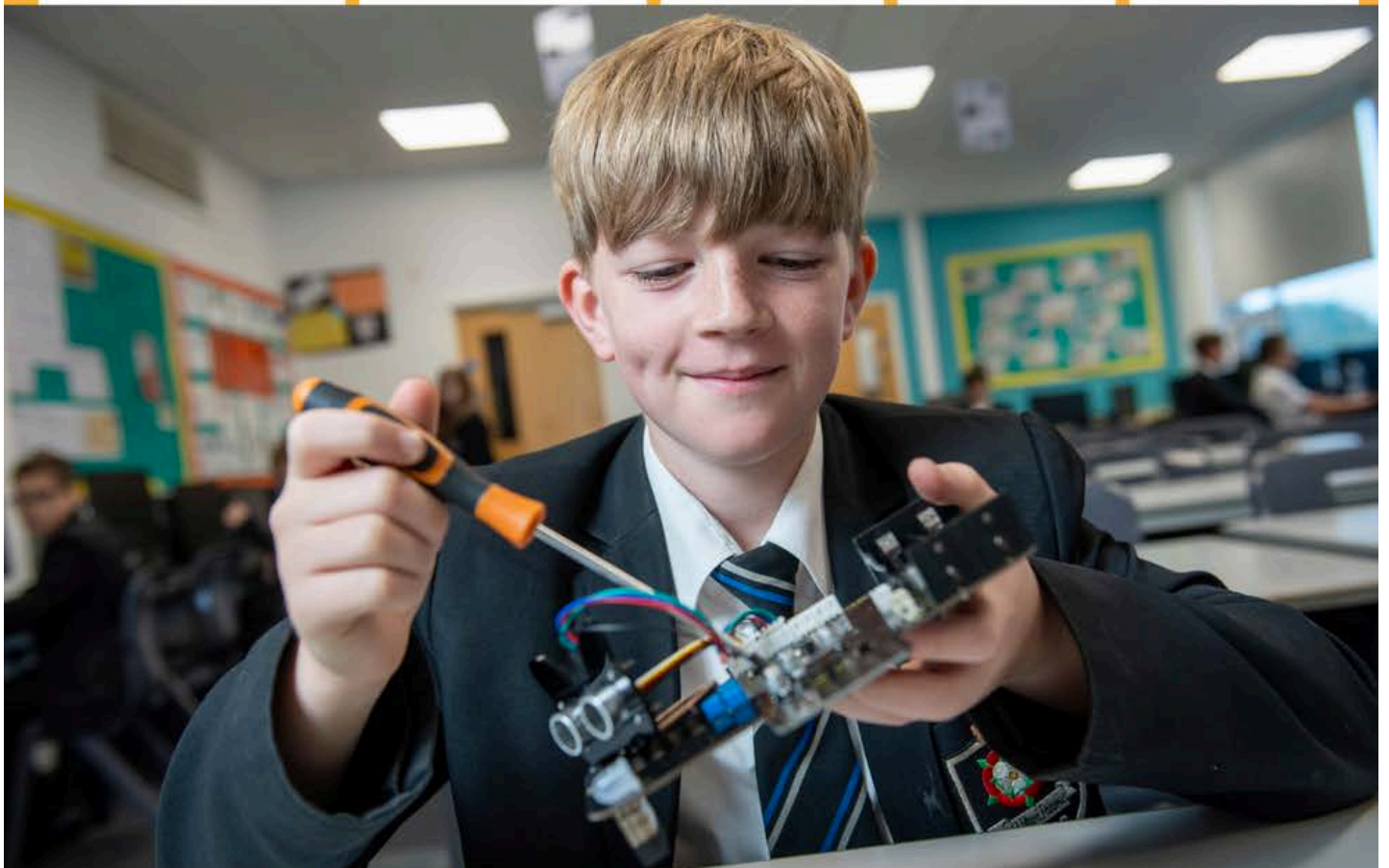
LUNCHTIME CLUBS – SPRING TERM 1

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
	Choir Lunch time Room G8	Computing All Years Room G11	Karaoke Club Room T7 	
	Youth Enterprise / Fundraising Room G11 	Creative Writing Room T8 Year 7 only 		




AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

🌟 Imogen Gibson School of Dance – After School Club 🌟

Love to dance or want to try something new?
Join the Imogen Gibson School of Dance at West Craven High School – everyone is welcome!

 Every Thursday

 3:30 – 4:30pm

 The Gym

Sessions run weekly and are a great way to build confidence, fitness and dance skills in a fun, supportive environment.

👉 Sign up today!

If you'd like to come along, simply turn up on the day and introduce yourself to the teacher, Imogen.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor! ✨



IMOGEN GIBSON
school of
DANCE



 **LEARN TO DANCE AT** 
WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
EVERY THURSDAY 3:30PM - 4:30PM

SIGN UP TODAY **FREE**

 **email: office@westcraven.co.uk**
Places are limited, open to all year groups



MEET US AT A TOWN SHOW

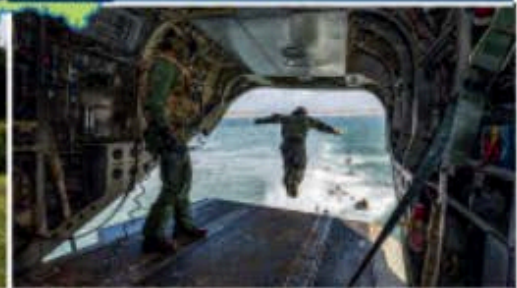
FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

Last year, the RAF touched down at 15 locations across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Visitors got hands-on with live displays, met RAF personnel and took on challenges designed to push their limits.

With locations planned for 2026, we could be landing near you next! We kick off in Newcastle on 27 February followed by Stratford, London on 6 March.

Free event showcasing RAF Careers, Apprenticeships and Reservist opportunities.



Scan the QR code to see where else we're heading this year.

Check our events page, **SCAN OUR QR CODE**



PENDLE EDUCATION TRUST CAREERS DAY

Pendle Education Trust Careers Day

On Thursday 12 March, students from West Craven will be attending the Pendle Education Trust Careers Day, hosted at Colne Primet Academy.

This exciting event gives students the opportunity to meet a wide range of employers from the local community, representing a variety of sectors. It is an excellent way for young people to hear first-hand about what local companies have to offer and to explore the many different career pathways available to them.

During the day, students will be able to speak directly with employers to gain a better understanding of:

- **What different jobs involve**
- **The range of roles available within different industries**
- **The skills and qualities needed to be successful in today's economy**

In addition, students will meet representatives from a selection of universities, as well as Nelson and Colne College, who will be attending with subject specialists. These teams will be running interactive activities and talking to students about their future options and next steps.

This Careers Day is a valuable opportunity to inspire our students, broaden their horizons and support them in making informed decisions about their future education and career pathways.

Pendle Education Trust
Inspire
THE NEXT GENERATION
JOIN US FOR OUR CAREERS DAY 2026

We are currently looking for employers to come and talk to our children at our next careers day on **Thursday 12th March 2026**

The event will engage over one thousand children from all our 5 schools aged 7 to 16 years old

We are keen for our students to meet local employers from all sectors

Careers days are an excellent way for children to hear what local companies have to offer. Children can meet different employers, gain an understanding of what their jobs entail or the different roles available, and the skills that are needed to be successful in today's economy.

Colne Primet Academy
Dent Street
Colne, BB8 8JF

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For more information or to request an exhibitor booking form please email JEvetts@pendleeducationtrust.co.uk



If you know of any local businesses interested in exhibiting for free at this event, please get in touch at jvetts@pendleeducationtrust.co.uk.



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL?

The world of work is changing fast. Join our series of free workshops to explore what the future of work could look like and how you can start to prepare for it.

3rd Feb 6pm Uk Time

Will AI Take My Dream Job?

- How AI is impacting jobs now and in the future
- The opportunities and challenges that AI could bring you
- How AI affects subject choices, university decisions and career planning
- Live Q&A

10th Feb 6pm Uk Time

How to Futureproof Your Career (interactive workshop)

- Learn how to prepare for changing career paths
- Identify what matters most to you
- Practise building key transferable skills
- Explore how work experience supports career planning

Receive a certificate of completion

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Online Safety Newsletter

Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day (SID) is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 10th February 2026, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'

UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

What is AI and is it safe?

Internet Matters has a wealth of information on their website about AI, including is it safe for children to use, privacy and data considerations, examples of popular tools and the risks that you should be aware of. You can access this information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/>

AI Chatbots

Parent Zone have published an article highlighting what you need to know about chatbots, and the growing role of artificial companions. The article discusses what an AI friend is, the minimum age rating for using a chatbot, the appeal and the risks of AI friends as well as what you can do if your child is using them. You can access it here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/ai-chatbots>

AI Tips from the NSPCC

This article from the NSPCC introduces AI tools and discusses what AI generated content is. It also includes tips on how to support your child to use AI safely. Read the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

Parenting in the AI age

UNICEF have published an article discussing how to approach AI with your child. It discusses how AI can help promote learning as well as some of the dangers. You can find the article here:

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/digital-parenting/how-approach-ai-children>

Resources for Parents and Carers from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have several resources on their website in support of SID, including a video about what children are being exposed to online with generative AI tools. You can find the resources here:

<https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/safer-internet-day>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



9th February - National Apprenticeship Week

10th February Safer Internet Day

13th February - Nelson and Colne College Apprenticeship Assembly - Year 11's

13th February - End of term - school closes

23rd February - School re-opens

27th February Year 9 STEAM Festival at Nelson and Colne College

5th March World Book Day

5th March Year 9 Options Evening

12th March Pendle Education Trust Careers Day

12th March Year 7 parents evening

14th March Maths PI Day

16th March Year 10 Work Experience Week 1

17th March - DWP Year 8 session - Routes to Employment

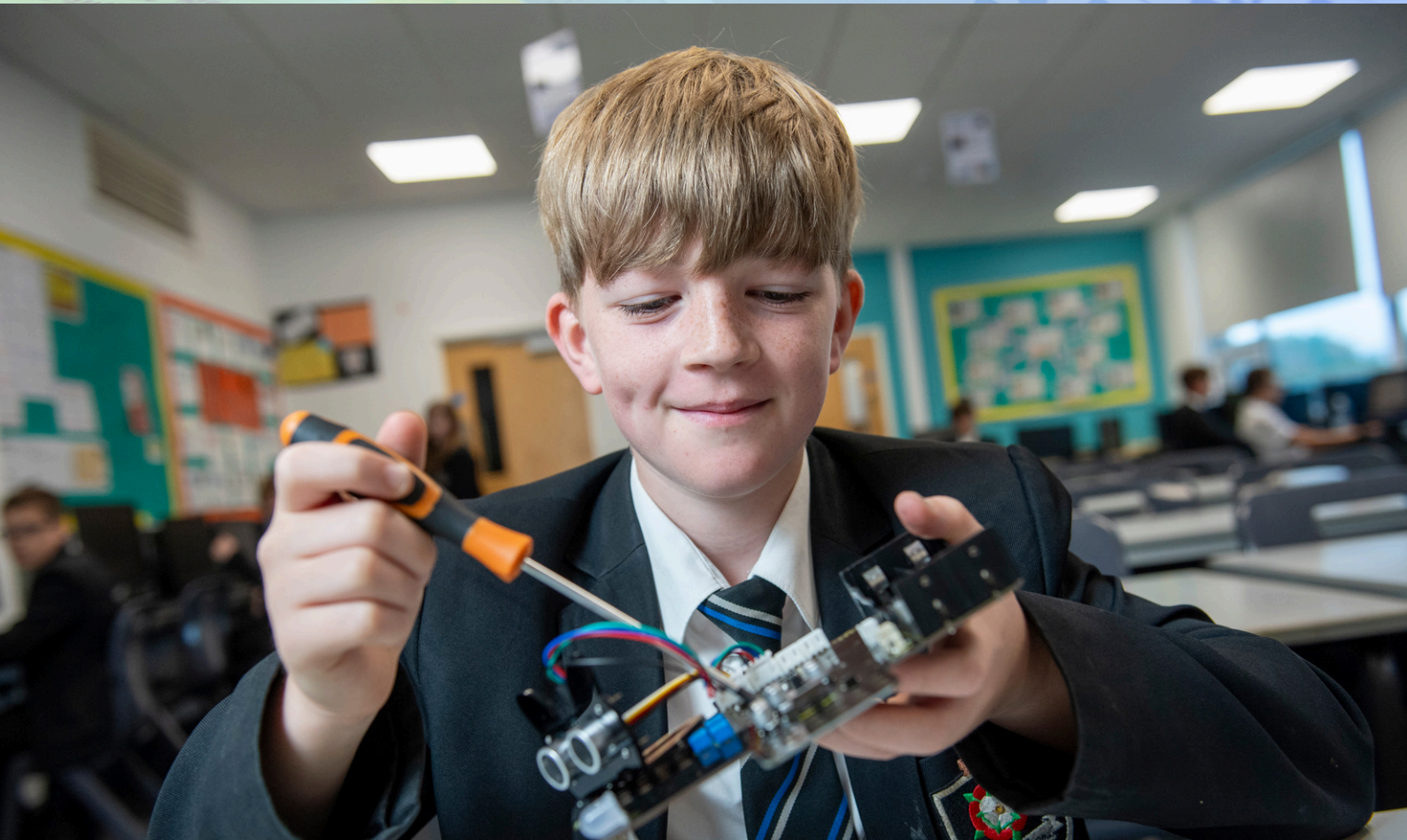
18th March Year 9 Vaccinations

23rd March Year 10 Work Experience Week 2

26th March - Year 11 Intervention Evening

27th March End of Term - school closes

13th April - school re-opens.



JUNIOR CRICKET IS GROWING AT BARNOLDSWICK CC!

After a huge success last season, we're expanding our junior cricket programme!




WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- ★ **UNDER 13 PLAYERS**
- ★ **GIRLS OF ANY AGE**
- ★ **BRAND NEW GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM**

No experience needed – just enthusiasm!



PRE-SEASON WINTER NETS NOW UNDERWAY

Come and give cricket a try in a fun, friendly environment 

➔ **NEW PLAYERS WELCOME – COME AND TRY CRICKET WITH US!**





**Lancashire
Parent Carer Forum**

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or disabilities?

Join us at one of our

Pendle Family Hub Drop ins

Share your concerns & get answers from:
Lancashire County Council, NHS providers & others.
Also stay updated on what's happening with services

**Don't miss out, come along to
make your voice heard!**

4th Friday of the Month

**@ Nelson Family Hub, Leeds Road,
Nelson, BB9 8EL**

For more information follow LPCF Facebook page



Wild Explorers: Into The Wild

A 2-day experience for young people aged 10 - 16. Into The Wild provides an opportunity for young people to unplug from technology and benefit from all that nature has to offer.

Into The Wild is a 2-day experience that will give young people (10-16 years) increased responsibility and challenge.

You will have the opportunity to set up your own shelter, make your own campfire, plan the menu and cook the food on the fire along with other activities on the day.

The 2 days will be centred around building confidence, leadership, teamwork and resilience.



Price

£95 per child for 2 days inc food
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

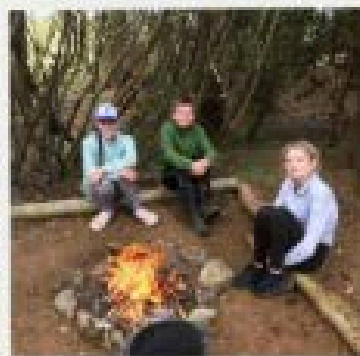
10 - 16 years

Must be in year 5 or above

Upcoming Dates

16th & 17th February 2026

Please note: this is a 2 day experience.

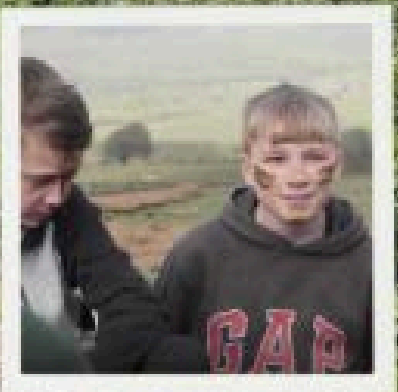


Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



hello@wildexplorers.org.uk



www.wildexplorers.org.uk

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

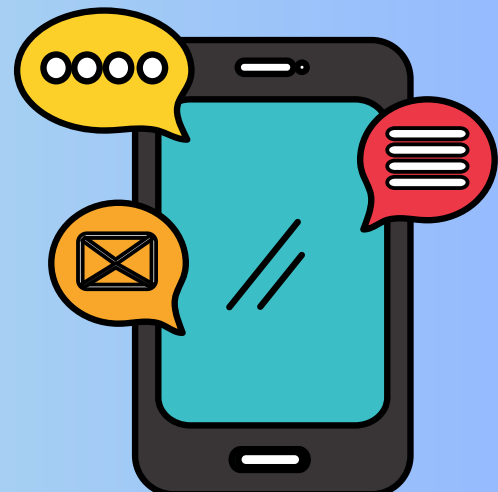
A very warm welcome to all our new Year 7 families! We are thrilled to have you join the West Craven High School community. To stay updated on school news, student achievements, important events, and reminders, we encourage all parents and carers to follow our official Facebook and Instagram pages.



West Craven High School



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS & DATING APPS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Dating apps are used to help people find new relationships – whether casual or more long term – matching users based on age, interests, gender and more. Some may consider dating apps harmless to under-18s because they aren't able to use them, but effective age verification measures are quite scarce, and it's been known for young people to end up on apps of this type.

EASE OF ACCESS

The relatively lax age verification process of many dating apps makes them incredibly accessible to children who really shouldn't be using them. This carries the obvious risk of exposing under-18s to a dating scene populated by adults – who may not even be aware of the young person's true age. This is concerning when we consider the 'hook-up culture' common on these apps – with many people using them to arrange casual sexual encounters.

CONTACT AND CONDUCT RISKS

Once someone is active on a dating app, their social media profiles can be linked to the app and might be accessed by others. This can lead to random users 'sliding into their DM's' (sending a direct message) without consent. Complete strangers could start bombarding a young person's inbox with pictures, messages and sexual comments.

SCAMS AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Some young people may feel they've formed a real bond with someone through online dating, but there's always a risk that it's not genuine. Scammers on these apps often build romantic connections with their victims – then once they feel they have their victim's trust, they begin asking for money under false pretences (such as suggesting they meet in person and requesting a 'loan' to cover a train ticket).

UNVERIFIED ACCOUNTS

As with all online interactions, you may not be talking to whom you think you are. Without paying a subscription, users of dating apps can often only view a certain number of profiles at a time. A TikTok trend has advised young people to set their age limit to 80 years and over – putting them in a sparse and more 'exclusive' category to bypass the usual restrictions. Unfortunately, this can lead to matches with someone much older.

PEER PRESSURE

The pressure to be in a relationship can be huge, and many young people use online dating apps as a cost-effective way to meet others. Some users find it difficult to meet people organically due to their lifestyle, and may not have the time or money to go out and socialise. It's also common for young people to set up accounts for their single friends in the hope of finding a match for someone they know.

SKEWED PERSPECTIVES

Dating apps can promote an unrealistic view of what makes someone attractive. With such vast options, some users can become both picky and extremely harsh about others' appearance. Ultimately, all you see on these apps are pictures (with no insight into someone's personality), and some young people struggle with the fear of being judged. Even when someone does start dating, there's a persistent paranoia that their partner is only one swipe away from a potentially better match.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT DATING APPS

Let young people know that they can talk to you about anything, even something as private as their dating life. At school, the relationships, sex and health curriculum can assist with conversations around healthy relationships, consent and online safety. Emphasise the message that you want to help them make healthy, safe and informed choices. If they feel embarrassed talking to you, make sure they have a trusted adult who can help them.

ENCOURAGE DATA PROTECTION

Empower young people to protect their data and personal information. Explain why including things like their school, age and surname in their profile could potentially be dangerous. Make sure they know never to give out personal details, and that there's no reason for other users to ask for them. If they feel uneasy about a situation online, they need to speak to someone that they can trust.

VERIFICATION STAMPS

Explain that someone using a dating app should only communicate with those who have gone through a verification process. Online dating apps use a variety of methods to ascertain a user's identity, including scanning valid documents (such as a driver's licence or passport). Verification can also involve users taking a selfie to ensure that the photos on their profile match it.

REPORT AND BLOCK

Remind young people that they can always report or block (or both) anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable on any platform. Ask if they know how to do this and offer to help them figure it out if they're unsure. Every app should have advice on how to report or block another user, so be sure young people are familiar with the settings.

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