

WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Welcome

Friday 19th June

Dear Parents / Carers

This week saw us say farewell to Year 11 as we celebrated with a Leavers' Assembly on Thursday. It was a wonderful event sharing stories and memories of their 5 years with us. The Year 11s that have just left were in Year 8 when I arrived, and I can't believe how quickly the time has flown. I wanted to remind them all that this key moment marks the start of another journey, and that they should hold on to their ambitions and dreams as they embark on this next stage. In the meantime, I am sure that our Year 11s will make the most of their long 9 week summer – they thoroughly deserve it! The year 11s have been amazing during the exams and we are looking forward to celebrating further with those attending the prom next Thursday.

Our students represented us superbly at the Pendle Schools Athletics competition this week. There were some amazing individual performances, but what came across most was the team ethic and pride in representing the school in their discipline. Well done to all involved!

I would like to thank all parents for supporting us with uniform. The students look fantastic in their uniform and are ambassadors for the school when out in the community. Many external visitors and members of the community have passed on to me how polite, pleasant and well-mannered our students are and how smart they look. I am very proud of our school and our young people and I love to hear feedback like this. As the weather becomes warmer, there has been an increasing issue with some of the girls' skirt length. We will be discussing this with the girls in school to make sure that this is appropriate. It is advisable for some of our students to wear tights/leggings under their skirt, and we will be suggesting that in some cases. Please support this in conversation with your children.

As we signed shirts and waved goodbye to the class of 2026, the site team were busy emptying the balloons and party packs from the hall and returning it to an exam space for the class 2027. Our Year 10 students have been sitting their mock exams this week, and they have approached them maturely and positively. I have seen many Year 10s around school revising in quiet spaces and attending revision sessions, as they now prepare for their final year at West Craven High School.

With the Year 11 leaving, we have also been busy recruiting our prefect team for 2025-26. These are a massively important team and they are important role models and ambassadors for the school. It is excellent leadership experience for these students, and I look forward to working with them in Year 11.

It has been quite an extreme mix of weather this week. We seem to go from torrential rain to 18 degrees in the same day. Next week is forecast to start with some warm weather. We don't have a 'summer' uniform. However, we are sensible and reasonable in our approach. The school building is cool, and we encourage students to re-fill their water bottles and stay out of the sun. When the days are particularly hot, we relax our rules around blazers. A shirt and trousers/skirt keeps students perfectly cool on this warm, sunny Friday in June. I only hope it continues into the weekend!



Mr Bates, Principal



STARS OF THE WEEK



7

Ruby 7AOP
Theo 7MFO
Maham 7OCA
Muhammed 7YGR
Isabelle PYL

8

Jordan 8 EAJ
Eva 8KSN
Rita 8NHU
Tasha 8 RSW
Harry PYL

9

Ellie 9 HWH
Daniel 9 AYO
Mya 9 LWI
Lucas 9 WDA
Lottie PYL

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Lewis 10ABA
Willow 10 KMC
Millie 10 DWI
Amber 10 JPE
Fraser 10 ASC
Layton PYL

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



CURRICULUM UPDATE MATHS

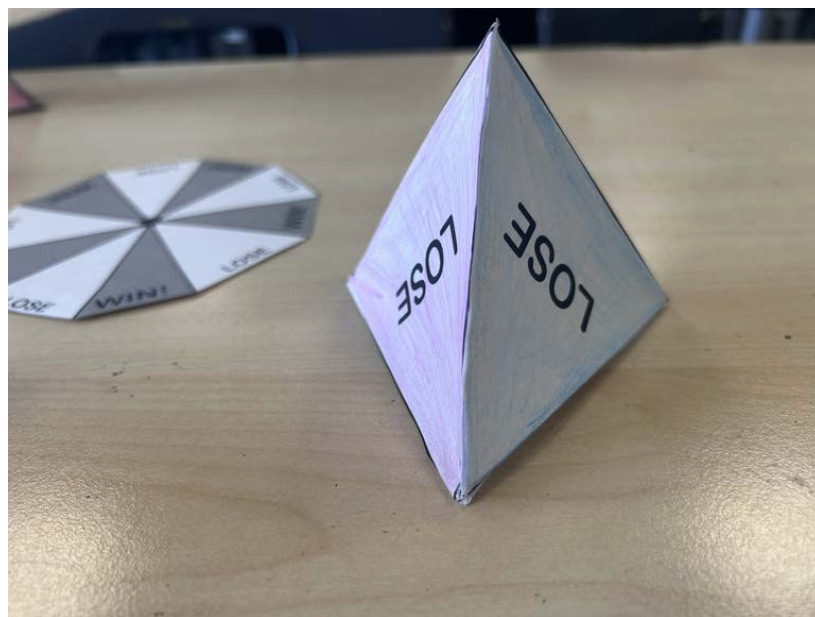
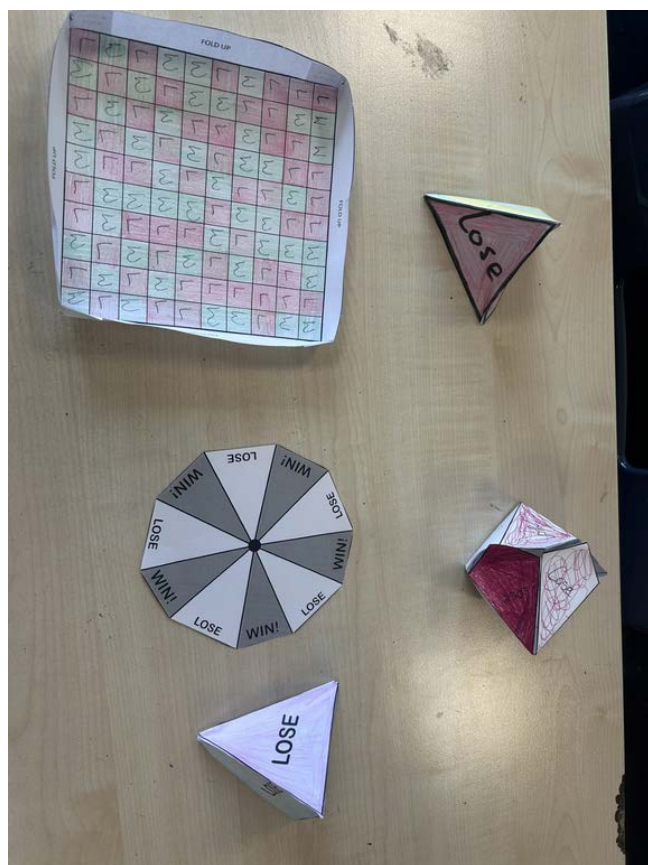
As we approach the end of the term, Year 10 students are currently completing their mock examinations and using lesson time to revise key topics in preparation. This is an important stage in their learning, as they consolidate knowledge and identify areas for further development ahead of the next phase of their courses.

Across Key Stage 3, assessments for Years 7, 8, and 9 have now been completed. Students have worked hard to demonstrate their understanding, and teachers will be using this information to inform future planning and targeted support.

In a recent Year 9 lesson, students explored probability through a highly engaging and practical activity. They were tasked with designing and creating their own probability-based games, applying their knowledge of both theoretical and experimental probability.

The outcomes were fantastic, with students demonstrating excellent creativity and strong mathematical thinking. They carefully considered factors such as fairness, likelihood, and possible outcomes within their games. Students also tested and refined their designs, leading to thoughtful discussions around expected outcomes compared to actual results.

It was particularly encouraging to see such high levels of engagement, with the activity providing a meaningful context for students to apply key probability concepts in a hands-on and collaborative way.



Mr M Balal
Assistant Principal
Whole School Data
& Director of Maths

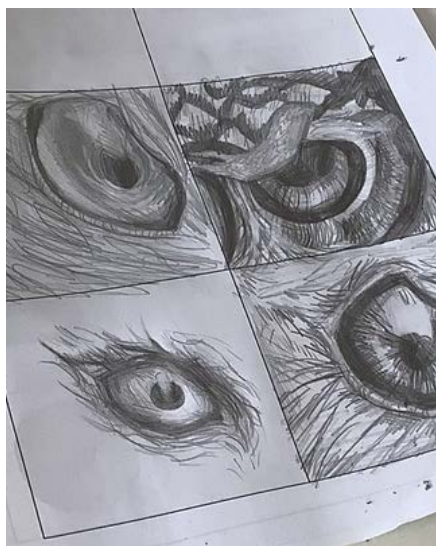
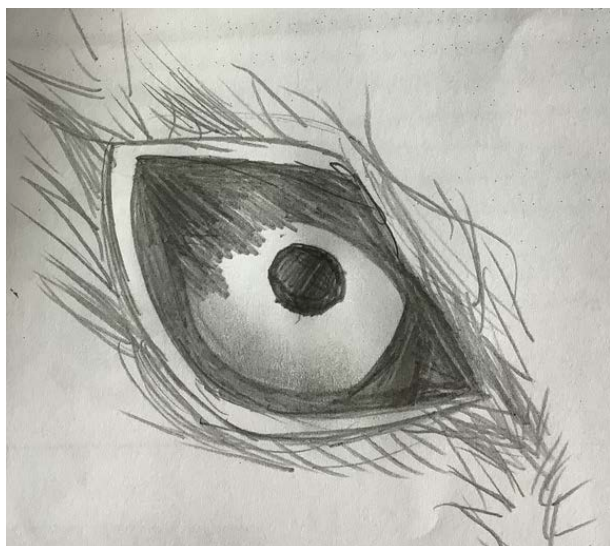
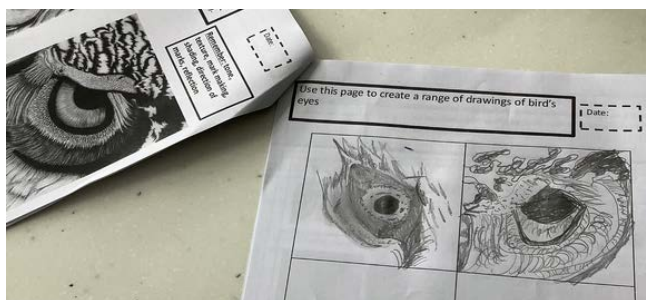


CREATIVE LEARNING IN FOOD & ART

It's been a busy and creative week in the classroom!

Year 7 students have been enjoying getting hands-on in the kitchen, baking delicious chocolate chip cookies as part of their learning. This practical experience is helping them prepare for an exciting mini project, where they will design and plan a menu for a child's birthday party—combining creativity with important life skills.

Meanwhile, Year 9 students have been exploring their artistic talents through their Birds project. They have been focusing on detailed close-up studies of eyes, developing their observational drawing skills and learning how to capture texture, tone, and intricate detail. Well done to all students for their fantastic effort and creativity!



Mrss Whittle
Head of Art and CVOC



SPORTS UPDATE

Pendle Schools Athletics Competition 2026

West Craven High School Shines at Seedhill

West Craven High School's athletics team delivered an outstanding performance at the Pendle Schools Athletics Competition 2026, held at Seedhill Athletics Club. Competing with determination, pride, and enthusiasm, our pupils showcased not only their sporting talent but also the ASPIRE values that define our school community.

From start to finish, the team demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and a fantastic attitude, making it a memorable day for all involved. Their commitment to representing the school at the highest standard was evident in every event.

🌟 Standout Performances

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of our athletes:

Izzy – Second place, Junior Girls 800m

Connie – First place, Junior Girls Shot Put

Ashton – Third place, Junior Boys Discus

Lola – Second place, Junior Girls 1500m

Max – Fourth place, Inter Boys 800m

Martyna – Third place, Inter Girls Long Jump

Noah – Third place, Inter Boys 200m

Izzy – Fourth place, 200m

Ella – 🥈 Second place, Inter Girls Long Jump

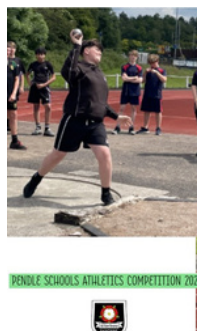
💙 A Team to Be Proud Of

Every competitor represented West Craven High School with confidence, sportsmanship, and positivity. Whether standing on the podium or pushing through personal challenges, each athlete contributed to the team's success and spirit.

Events like these highlight the importance of participation, perseverance, and pride in representing our school. Staff and supporters were delighted to see our pupils encouraging each other and celebrating successes together.

👏 Well Done, Team!

A huge congratulations to all who took part, you did West Craven proud! We look forward to building on this success and continuing to support our talented athletes in future competitions. Go West Craven! 🟡🟦



PENDLE SCHOOLS ATHLETICS COMPETITION 2026



WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM 2026



Mrs Bateman
Teacher of PE



CORE VALUES

Living Our Core Values Every Day

At West Craven High School, our core values are at the heart of everything we do. They help shape our school culture, guide decision-making, and encourage students to become confident, responsible, and successful young people.

Our six core values are:

- **Ambition**
- **Supportive**
- **Positivity**
- **Independence**
- **Resilience**
- **Equality**



This week, updated Core Values posters have been displayed throughout the school, including in classrooms and learning spaces. These posters now include clear descriptions of what each value looks like in practice, helping students to better understand how they can demonstrate these qualities both in and out of the classroom.

We actively celebrate students who embody our values through our rewards system. Staff award positive points on Class Charts when students demonstrate behaviours that reflect our core values, whether that is showing determination when faced with a challenge, supporting a classmate, taking responsibility for their learning, or consistently demonstrating a positive attitude.

We encourage parents and carers to discuss these values at home and recognise when their child demonstrates them in everyday life. By working together, we can help our young people develop the skills, attitudes, and character needed to thrive both during their time at West Craven High School and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support.



FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 11 CLASS OF 2026

On Thursday, we said a fond farewell to our Year 11 students as they completed their journey at West Craven High School.

The morning began with a special leavers' assembly, celebrating the many memories, achievements and milestones of the Class of 2026. Students enjoyed looking back at photographs from their first days with us in Year 7 and reflecting on how much they have grown and developed over the past five years. The assembly also highlighted the resilience, determination and commitment they have shown throughout their GCSE examinations.

Awards were presented to both students and staff, recognising achievements, contributions and the positive impact they have made during their time at West Craven. It was a heartfelt and emotional occasion, filled with pride, laughter and reflection as students and staff celebrated the end of an important chapter.

Following the assembly, students spent time together sharing memories, taking photographs and signing each other's school shirts – a long-standing tradition and a fitting way to mark the end of their secondary school journey.

We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 11 students have achieved during their time at West Craven High School. As they move on to the next stage of their education, training or employment, we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

We now look forward to celebrating with them once more at their Prom next Thursday and giving them the send-off they truly deserve.

Good luck, Class of 2026 – your West Craven journey may be ending, but your future is only just beginning.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS 2026

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and all they have achieved during their time at West Craven High School.

As they prepare to take their next steps, we caught up with some of our Class of 2026 students to hear about their future ambitions, plans for the future, and some of their favourite memories from their time at school.

From aspirations in further education, apprenticeships and future careers, to memorable moments with friends, teachers and school events, their reflections showcase the journey they have taken and the bright futures that lie ahead.

We wish every one of our Year 11 students the very best for the future and look forward to seeing all they go on to achieve. Once a WCHS student, always a WCHS student. 💙🎓



YEAR 11 LEAVERS 2026

Miley

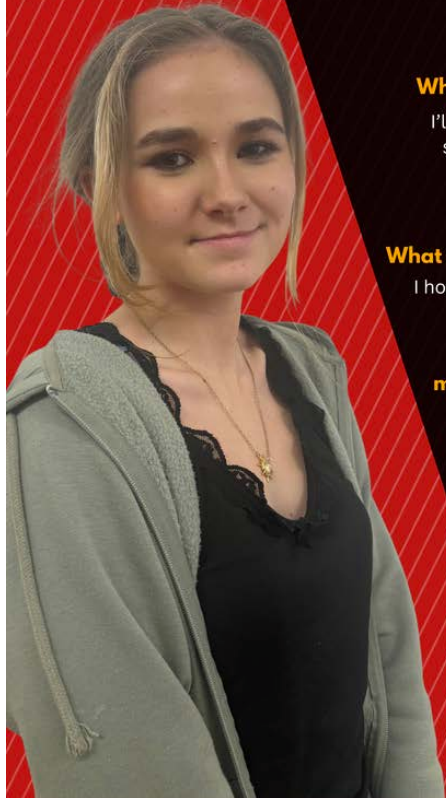
Where are you moving on to?
I'll be going to Craven College to study a BTEC in Special Effects Makeup.

What are your future ambitions?
I hope to work in the film industry.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?
I had the best time with my friends on the Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS 2026

Faye

Where are you moving on to?
I'll be going to Burnley College to study A-levels in History, English Literature, and Law.

What are your future ambitions?
I hope to become a Teacher of English and History.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?
I loved spending my lunchtimes with friends.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS 2026



YEAR 11 LEAVERS

2026

Bella

Where are you moving on to?

I'll be going to Burnley College to study A-levels in Biology, Maths and Psychology.

What are your future ambitions?

To progress to university to study a Degree in Biology.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?

I really enjoyed taking part in the Pendle Schools Athletics Tournament.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS

2026

Robert

Where are you moving on to?

I'll be attending Burnley College to study an engineering apprenticeship.

What are your future ambitions?

I hope to become an Engineer.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?

I really enjoyed playing football with my friends at lunchtime.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS

2026

Nixie

Where are you moving on to?

I'll be going to Burnley College to study a BTEC in Media.

What are your future ambitions?

I hope to become a Film Director or Producer.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?

My trip to London with my friends was unforgettable. We had an amazing time, and it was my first night away from home.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS

2026

Izobel

Where are you moving on to?

I'll be going to Burnley College to study A-level Maths, Further Maths, Art and Geology.

What are your future ambitions?

I hope to become an Engineer.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?

I really enjoyed studying D-Day during our visit to Bletchley Park.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS 2026



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Maisey



Where are you moving on to?
I'll be going to Burnley College to study A-level Biology, Chemistry and Psychology.

What are your future ambitions?
I hope to work in Science Research.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?
I really enjoyed our trip to London as I became even closer to my friends.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS 2026

Zakariya



Where are you moving on to?
I'll be going to Nelson and Colne College to study A-level Biology, Chemistry and Maths.

What are your future ambitions?
My goal is to go to university and study for a degree in Medicine.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?
Year 11 Maths lessons with Mr Balal.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS 2026

Jacob



Where are you moving on to?
I'll be attending Nelson and Colne College to study A-level Geography, History, and English Language.

What are your future ambitions?
I hope to become an English Teacher.

What is your favourite memory from West Craven?
I really enjoyed Blackpool Pleasure Beach with my friends.



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Good Luck
YOU GOT
THIS!



PASTORAL UPDATE YEAR 10

It is hard to believe that this time next year, our Year 10 students will be preparing to sit their GCSE examinations. As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, I would like to take a moment to recognise the commitment and effort this cohort has demonstrated so far. I have been particularly impressed with the high standard of work produced throughout the year. It has been encouraging to see so many students taking ownership of their learning, whether that is revising independently during break and lunchtime or attending after-school revision sessions. This level of dedication reflects a strong desire to succeed and is an excellent foundation as they move closer to their final examinations.

As well as focusing on their studies, students have some exciting opportunities to look forward to in the coming weeks. The upcoming trip to Blackpool, College Taster Day, and Sports Day all provide valuable experiences that complement their academic journey and allow them to build lasting memories with their peers.

As we continue through this important stage, I would like to remind all families of the importance of attendance and punctuality. Please continue to encourage your child to attend all lessons and arrive on time, ensuring they can make the most of every learning opportunity. Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your involvement plays a vital role in maintaining the positive culture we are proud of at West Craven High School, one that promotes academic success, kindness, and the well-being of every student.

Thank you.



Mrs H Janjua
Pasoral Year Lead



THE ADDAMS FAMILY EXPERIENCE



The Addams Family Experience – Summer Show 2026

We are delighted to invite families and members of our local community to our much-anticipated summer production of The Addams Family Experience! Our talented students have been working incredibly hard alongside Stage Door Youth Theatre to bring this exciting and entertaining musical to life, and we cannot wait to share it with you.

The performance will take place on **Tuesday 14th July 2026 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm** at West Craven High School.

This is a free event, and everyone is warmly welcome to attend. To help us manage numbers, we kindly ask that tickets are booked in advance via our Eventbrite page.

[Click here to book tickets](#)

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the fantastic achievements of our students in what promises to be a brilliant evening of entertainment.



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BARCLAYS LIFE SKILLS

Year 10 Students Take Steps Towards Their Future Careers

This week, we were delighted to welcome Lee from The Talent Foundry, who delivered the "Journey to Your Career" workshop to all Year 10 students as part of the Barclays LifeSkills programme. The session encouraged students to start thinking early about their future pathways, highlighting how planning now can support long-term success.

Students explored the key stages of moving into employment and learned that every career journey is unique. Through interactive activities, students:

- Identified important decisions they will face
- Explored different career routes, including further education, apprenticeships and T-Levels
- Considered the people and resources that can support them

A highlight was the "Let's Talk Careers" quick-fire activity, where students discussed the skills and experiences needed for different roles, building confidence in talking about their ambitions.

We would like to thank Lee, The Talent Foundry, and Barclays LifeSkills for delivering an engaging and inspiring workshop that has helped our students take their first steps towards planning their future careers.

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YEAR 5 SWIMMING GALA

Year 5 Swimming Gala Makes a Splash!

What a fantastic afternoon we enjoyed at the West Craven High School Year 5 Swimming Gala, held at West Craven Sports Centre and proudly supported by Pendle Leisure.

The event brought together pupils from our local primary schools for an afternoon of exciting competition, teamwork and sportsmanship. The children gave their all in every race, demonstrating incredible determination, enthusiasm and effort throughout the gala. It was wonderful to see so many young swimmers challenging themselves, cheering on their teammates and enjoying the experience.

After a series of closely contested races, the overall results were:

- 🥇 1st Place – Salterforth Primary School
- 🥈 2nd Place – Coates Lane Primary School
- 🥉 3rd Place – Gisburn Road Primary School
- 🏅 4th Place – Barnoldswick Church of England Primary School

Congratulations to all of the pupils who took part. Every swimmer should be incredibly proud of their achievements and the positive attitude they showed throughout the afternoon.

A huge thank you to Pendle Leisure, West Craven Sports Centre, the participating schools, staff and supporters who helped make the event such a success. We are already looking forward to next year's gala! 🏊‍♂️🏊‍♀️🎉



LONDON TRIP

An Unforgettable London Adventure

Students recently enjoyed an amazing trip to London, packed with culture, history, entertainment and unforgettable experiences.

The visit included inspiring trips to the National Gallery and the Natural History Museum, where students had the opportunity to explore world-famous collections and exhibits. They also experienced the magic of London's West End, watching the spectacular productions of Hercules and Wicked, which were enjoyed by all.

As part of their visit, students took in some of the capital's most iconic landmarks during a sightseeing tour, including Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Covent Garden. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, learn more about the UK's rich history and culture, and create lasting memories with their friends.

Mrs Whittle would like to extend her sincere thanks to Mrs Swinscoe, Mr Wilson, Mr Fryer and Mrs Harper for their support throughout the trip, as well as to all of the wonderful students whose excellent behaviour and enthusiasm made the experience so enjoyable.

We are sure the memories made during this fantastic London adventure will last a lifetime.



NEW STUDENT DAY AT NELSON AND COLNE COLLEGE

We're delighted to invite your Year 11 pupils who have applied for either NCC or ARC to our upcoming New Student Day – an exciting opportunity exclusively for applicants to experience college life first-hand.

Event details:

- **Nelson & Colne College (NCC): Thursday 25 June, 9:30am – 2:30pm**
- **Accrington & Rossendale College (ARC): Friday 26 June, 9:30am – 2:30pm**

This is a key milestone for applicants and a fantastic chance to help them feel confident and prepared for September.

On the day, pupils can look forward to:

- Free breakfast snacks and lunch
- A variety of engaging activities
- Meeting our friendly staff and exploring classrooms and facilities
- Getting to know future classmates

Further information:

NCC – <https://ncc.eastlancslearning.ac.uk/event/new-student-day/>

ARC – <https://arc.eastlancslearning.ac.uk/event/new-student-day/>

A promotional poster for 'New Student Day' at Nelson & Colne College. The background is dark blue with a blurred image of three students looking at a laptop. On the left, the text 'YOU'RE INVITED!' is in a blue box, followed by 'NEW STUDENT DAY' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'AT NELSON & COLNE COLLEGE'. On the right, there's a red circular badge with '#1 COLLEGE IN THE COUNTRY!! MARCH 2026' and a QR code. At the bottom right, a red box says 'THURSDAY 25th JUNE'.

YOU'RE INVITED!

NEW STUDENT DAY

AT NELSON & COLNE COLLEGE

THURSDAY 25th JUNE

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MARCH 2026



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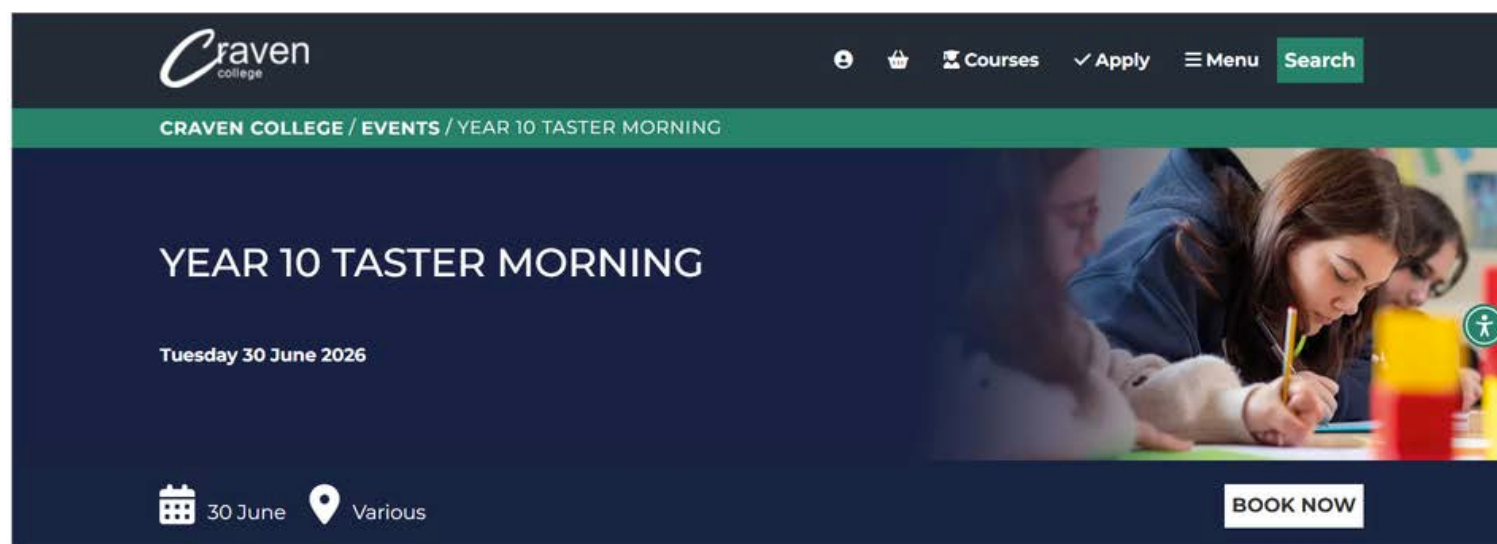
CRAVEN COLLEGE TASTER DAY

The Year 10 Taster Morning (Tuesday 30 June 2026, 9:30 am – 11:30 am) will be taking place 2 weeks today!

Are you in Year 10 and thinking about studying at Craven College from September 2027? Join us for an exciting, interactive Taster Morning on Tuesday, 30 June to explore courses and careers in a subject of your choice. Please note, you can only register for ONE workshop for this event.

Each workshop will include demonstrations, hands-on practical activities and insights into the careers you can progress on to.

Check out the options, select your favourite and get booking. We look forward to meeting you. REGISTER HERE: [Year 10 Taster Morning – Craven College](#)



The screenshot shows the Craven College website. The header includes the Craven College logo, navigation links for Courses, Apply, Menu, and a Search bar. Below the header, a green banner reads 'CRAVEN COLLEGE / EVENTS / YEAR 10 TASTER MORNING'. The main content area features a large image of students working, with the text 'YEAR 10 TASTER MORNING' and 'Tuesday 30 June 2026'. At the bottom, there are icons for a calendar and location, with the text '30 June' and 'Various'. A 'BOOK NOW' button is also visible.



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YEAR 11 PROM UPDATE

Year 11 Prom Update

We are pleased to confirm that our pre-order has now been submitted to Crow Wood Hotel, including all students' meal choices and dietary requirements.

We will also have a professional photographer attending the evening to capture our Year 11 students as they arrive dressed to impress and enjoy their special celebration.

Photographs can be pre-ordered at a cost of £7.50 for one photograph or £15 for three photographs. If you would like to place an order, please include the school name and your child's name when making payment. Further information on how to order can be found below.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to celebrating with our Year 11 students.

PROM PHOTO PRE-ORDER

(ON THE NIGHT PRICE £10 EACH)

PLEASE SEND £7.50 FOR ONE PHOTO OR £15 FOR THREE TO THE ACCOUNT BELOW. PLEASE STATE THE SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD'S NAME WHEN PAYING SO I CAN ENSURE THEY GET THEIR PHOTOS ON THE NIGHT. THANK YOU
A/C KERRY HARGREAVES 01-01-35 23744456



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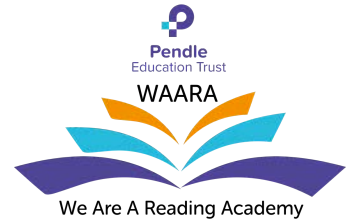
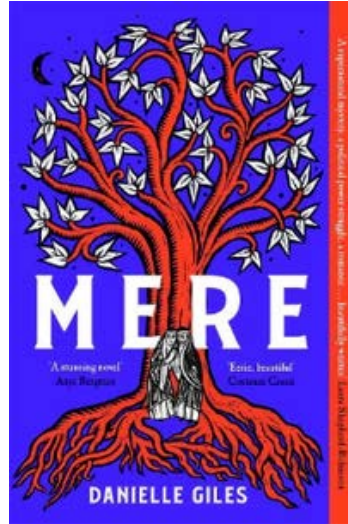


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WE ARE A READING ACADEMY

The librarian loves

Mere by Danielle Giles. This book is set in the Dark Ages and features an order of holy sisters who are cut off from the outside world. The marsh provides an atmospheric backdrop to this intriguing mystery.



Bradford Literature Festival starts on the 3rd July. Bradford has a rich and diverse culture. It is the birthplace of David Hockney, J.B. Priestley and the Brontes. This festival showcases Bradford's Victorian heritage and introduces new authors. There is something for everyone to see, no matter what you are into. The programme is attached.

What's On | Bradford Literature Festival



Andy Weir was born on the 16th June 1972. He is the author of Project Hail Mary and The Martian.



Sarah MacDonald
Librarian

Word of the Week

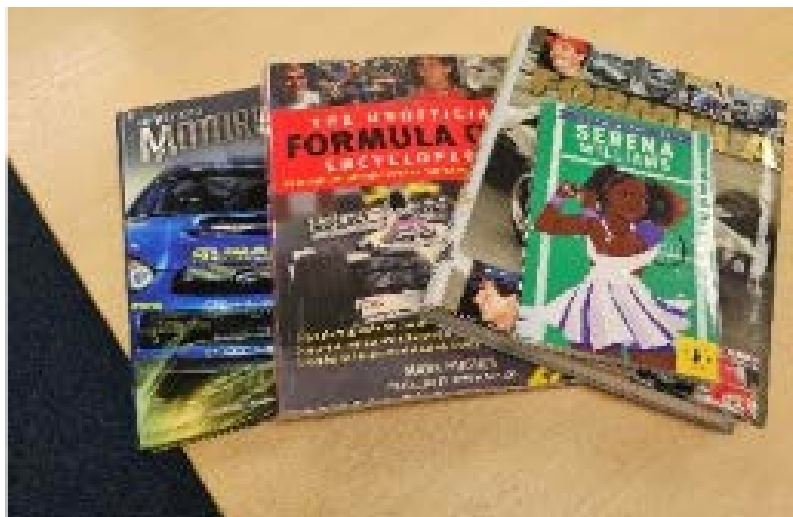
An effervescent liquid is one that contains or releases bubbles of gas. If you describe someone as effervescent, you mean that they are exciting and lively.



WE ARE A READING ACADEMY



It is Refugee Week, a celebration of the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees. There is a display in the library to mark this week.



2026 is the National Year of Reading and its theme is to encourage everyone to read books on topics they love. Your child might be currently enjoying Formula One or looking forward to Wimbledon next week. Whatever sport they are into, the library has a book for them.



EXTRA CURRICULAR – SUMMER TERM 2

We are pleased to share details of our Summer Term 2 extracurricular programme, which offers a wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs designed to enrich students' learning and support their personal development.

This half-term, students can take part in a variety of activities including Homework Support Club, Stage Door Drama Group, Cricket, Rounders, Imogen's Dance School, Band Club, and many more. These opportunities give students the chance to develop new skills, explore their interests, and build confidence outside the classroom.

All students who attend extracurricular activities will receive positive points on ClassCharts, recognising their commitment and participation. In addition, students who regularly attend clubs throughout the term will be awarded a certificate at the end of the term to celebrate their involvement.

We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of the fantastic opportunities available.

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			
	Youth Enterprise / Fundraising Room G11	Creative Writing Room T8 Year 7 only			
					



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SUMMER TERM 2

West Craven High School (Summer term 2)

After School Clubs



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Cricket (Year 7 & 8) 	Rounders Year 9 & 10 		Cricket (Year 9 & 10) 	Art Room M10 
French Club Room G3 Year 10s 			Science Club Room G4 	
Library Homework club	Library Homework club	Library Homework club	Library Homework club	
Rounders Yr 7 & 8 	Band club Main Hall 		SEN Homework Club Room G6	
	Stage Door Drama Club 3:30pm – 4:45pm Room T1/2 		Imogen's dance School 3:30pm–4:30pm Gym 	



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Out of School Achievement

A big well done to Imogen for her fantastic efforts over the weekend! Imogen volunteered with the Burnley and Pendleside Rotary Club alongside her dad, supporting a pub walk event that raised thousands of pounds for Pendleside Hospice.

During the event, Imogen walked part of the route, warmly greeted participants, and helped to keep the countryside clean. We are incredibly proud of her positive attitude and commitment to supporting such an important local cause, well done, Imogen! 🌟



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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



22nd June - Year 10 One to One Careers Sessions

22nd June - NCC PSHE Visit Year 7

25th June - Year 11 Prom - Crow Wood

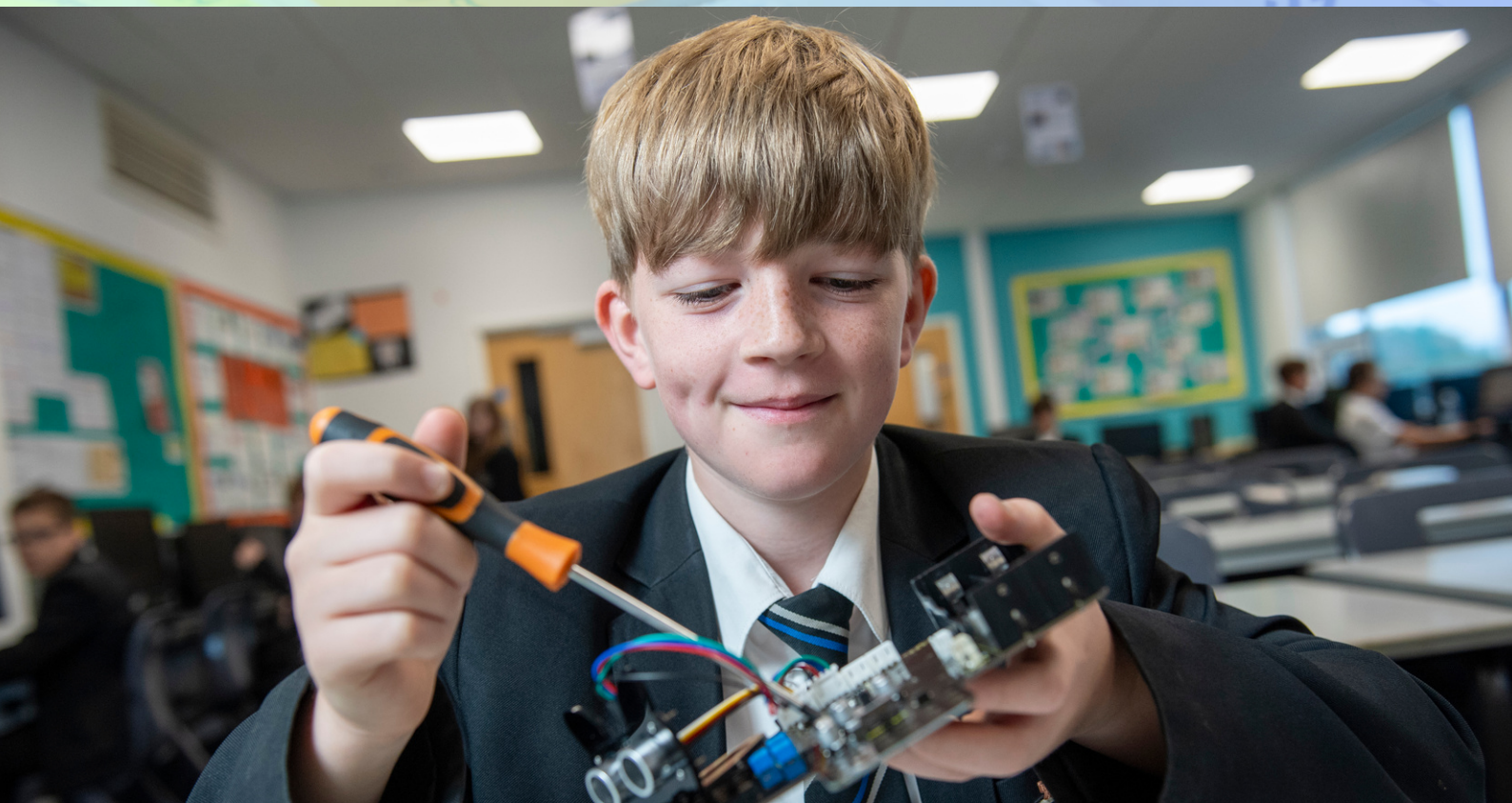
2nd July - Year 6 - Transition Day / Evening

3rd July - Year 10 taster session at NCC

7th July - Summer concert and GCSE Art exhibition

14th July - Adams Family Experience 6-7pm

22nd July - End of term - student dismissed at 1pm



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.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RATING
13+

Servers and channels marked as 'NSFW' require users to be 18 or older to join.

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content: a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert

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National Online Safety

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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 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 6 or above

Upcoming Dates

21st & 22nd July

3rd & 4th August

1st & 2nd September

Please note: this is a 2 day experience.



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



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