

# CROFTON NEWS

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ISSUE 2

## A message from the Headteacher >>>

Welcome to Issue 2 of our new look Newsletter. I hope you are finding the new format useful. This is such a busy time for families and schools, it's often hard to find the time to get everything done and still remember to actually enjoy the festive season!

I was both impressed and very grateful to all the employers who came into our school last Friday for our Year 10 mock interview day. They spent all day with us, interviewing Year 10 students about their CVs and applications, giving them feedback and advice that will help make the students more employable in the future. The students responded really well, and also looked incredibly smart in their interview clothes. I would particularly like to pass on my thanks to all those employers who gave up their time to work with our students. It was a great learning experience for the students, and I really appreciate the support from so many local businesses at such a busy time of the year.

I do hope you and your family enjoy Christmas and find the time to have an enjoyable and restful time with your family.

Best wishes  
*Mr S Harrison*  
Headteacher



## DIARY DATES

Monday 16 December

Year 11 History Trip

Thursday 19 December 2019

Year 7 Pantomime

Friday 20 December 2019

End of Term

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Monday 6 January 2020

Start of Term

Wednesday 8 January 2020

Year 8X Parents' Evening

Wednesday 15 January 2020

Year 8Y Parents' Evening



## Safeguarding Tips for Parents >>

Christmas should be a time of celebration and happy family occasions.

Unfortunately this is not always the case for some students and their families. The pressure of Christmas, the lack of familiar routines can sometimes be too much for some. If you need help and support there is help at hand.

*Miss A Knight  
Designated Safeguard Lead*

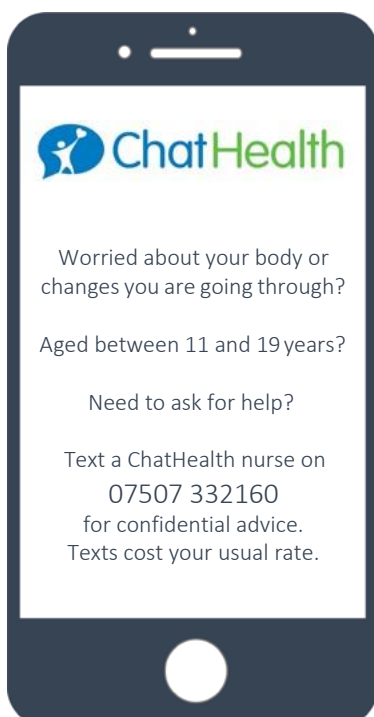
ChatHealth text service is an easy way for young people aged 11-19 to confidentially ask for help with a range of issues. The service is manned by qualified school nurses who have a wealth of experience of working with young people.

ChatHealth allows young people in Hampshire to text messages to a dedicated number **07507 332160**; the messages are then delivered to a secure website. Once received, the school nurse will respond to the text within one working day.

ChatHealth is available Monday to Friday from 9:00am-4.30pm (excluding bank holidays).

Any young person who texts the service outside of these hours will receive an automated message with advice of where to get help if their question is urgent.

The School Nursing Team are able to support young people with questions relating to a wide range of health and wellbeing issues including self-harm, relationships, bullying, weight, anxiety, drugs, smoking, stress, body worries, alcohol and sexual health. As well as giving advice, the team can signpost to appropriate services and other support.



## Student News >>>

### Student Leadership Sign Up Now!

Last week a group of nine Year 10 students attended assemblies informing each year group about an opportunity to become part of our Student Leadership groups.

Being part of a Student Leadership group will enable student voices to be heard regarding various types of issues throughout the school. So far, there has been a lot of positive feedback from different students across all year groups which is very encouraging.

The different groups include:

**Sports >** This group is for our budding sports superstars and those that want to offer support to our link schools through workshops and help at sports days.

**Digital and Media >** Enabling students to become journalists and promote good use of social media.

**Health and Wellbeing>** Offering opportunities to students to influence what we do around this important area.

**Environment >** This is such a big issue in our community, it is important to let students influence our world.

**Trips and Opportunities >** Allows students to organise bigger trips as well as local opportunities.

**Education >** In this group, students might work alongside our governors as part of a focused feedback group or offer suggestions about our PDL offer.

If any students would like to be involved in this project, they should talk to their tutor about holding an election in tutor time. Each tutor is asked to organise a vote so that two students join one of the different Student Leadership groups. Any year group can get involved and it is a good way to contribute to different aspects of school life.

*Trinity G & Macey-Rose P  
Student Leadership Team*