

CROFTON NEWS

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 12 February 2020

Year 9 Preference Evening – 6pm

Monday 17 – Friday 21 February 2020

Half Term

Tuesday 25 February 2020

Year 11 Revision Evening - 6pm

Friday 28 February 2020

Year 10 Science Live

Monday 24 February – Friday

6 March 2020

Year 10 Mock Exams

Wednesday 4 March 2020

ACWY Injections Year 9

Thursday 5 March 2020

World Book Day

Monday 9 March 2020

ACWY Injections Year 9



Crofton Site Update >>>

If you have visited Crofton recently, you may have noticed a number of things that have changed or work that is taking place. Here is a summary of the work completed so far...

Classrooms

New interactive screens have been well received in both English and Maths. Several training sessions have been delivered to ensure the new technology is being optimised.

Common Areas

Feedback from the students on the canteen refurbishment has been very positive. The new bench seating and tables create a more sociable environment both at break and lunchtimes. We hope you like it too!

Ongoing Work

Maths and the LRC are currently under scaffolding as Hampshire County Council replace one of our many flat roofs. This is programmed work delivered by the Local Authority and we anticipate this continuing for another six weeks (weather permitting!).

Finally, tree surgeons have removed dead trees in our copse area and the great news is that these logs will be recycled to create an outdoor classroom once the weather improves. We look forward to sharing some pictures of the new learning area.

Mr J Hickey
Operations Director





Student Viewpoint >>>

Deforestation Destroys Habitats in the Amazon

The once beautiful and exotic jungle, the Amazon, is being slowly destroyed by deforestation.

Although a few trees may seem ok to most people, others would arguably say every tree makes a difference to many different species of animals.

These trees are part of a habitat home to many organisms; from insects to jaguars. Some of us don't really care about cutting down some trees, but to the animals that live there it means a whole lot more.

These actions may even force them to move to another section of the jungle. This can affect the animal, as it may not have access to the essentials it needs to survive and finding another safe habitat that is suitable and has food, water and no predators could take time. Cutting down trees also reduces oxygen; this means we are destroying the lungs of the earth.

However, people of some countries such as Brazil rely on logging for their income. Despite this, they could find an alternative source of work, such as tourism or other industries that don't harm the planet, the environment, and the animals that live there.

Arthur, age 11, was asked what he felt on the situation, "I feel disappointed and sad because there are so many other resources we could use to make things, yet we use trees and cutting down trees affects the wellbeing of the animals that live there."

The advice Arthur would give to people who are logging would be, "why log when there are lots of other jobs on offer".

Stopping deforestation would not just help the jungle and its animals thrive, it would also stop the sea level rising which would also prevent flooding.

Will you help to stop logging and instead find a solution that will benefit both the jungle and us as humans?

By Amelie L

Safeguarding Tips for Parents >>>

Mental Health Week

3 - 9 February 2020 (Place2be)

Children's Mental Health Week is now in its sixth year. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Find your Brave'. Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices.

Life often throws us challenges. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

Place2be have created a range of top tips for students and parents. The free resources will help children and young people explore what it means to be brave.

More information and resources can be found here: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools>

More resources can be found on the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families website here: <https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/schools-in-mind/resources-for-schools/>

*Miss A Knight
Designated Safeguarding Lead*

FIND YOUR BRAVE



#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek