

# STAY IN TOUCH

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## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As we approach February half-term, I am delighted to share with you the news from the past month at Crompton House. Our students have not only been working hard on their studies, but also getting involved with a variety of events and extra-curricular enrichment activities. I hope you enjoy reading about their successes.

MR KARL NEWELL



## AUTHOR VISIT IGNITES LOVE OF LITERACY

Crompton House came alive with excitement on Wednesday 2nd February as Year 7 students welcomed award-winning children's author Tom Palmer to school.

A popular name in the world of children's fiction, Tom has written of over 50 acclaimed books, with both sporting and historical themes. Yet students were surprised to learn of Tom's reluctance to read when he was at school, until his mum bought him a comic book about a topic he really loved - football. During his visit, Tom encouraged the youngsters to scour the library shelves for books on topics that appealed to them, to kick start their interest in literacy.

Some of his books centre around the events of the world wars, and are based on real life stories, with 'After The War' featuring the topic of the Holocaust - a theme students covered in school during recent commemorations for Holocaust Memorial Day.

As Tom spoke, a sea of hands spanned the room with students wanting to know the answers to questions such as; how long does it take Tom to write a book, which of his titles would he like made into a movie and how much do authors earn. **More on page 2...**



Tom signed books for the children after each session



# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



Following a week of special assemblies for Holocaust Memorial Day, the Crompton House family took to Twitter to join the #LightTheDarkness campaign on Thursday 27th January.

Lighting candles at 8pm, we stood in solidarity with others across the country to remember those who were murdered in the Holocaust for who they were, and to stand against prejudice and hatred today.

Using the hashtag **#CHSRemembers** we were able to link our moving tributes together with the national campaign of remembrance. Thank you to all who took part.

All year groups participated in special assemblies prepared by the History Department, ahead of Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme to *Schindler's List*, was played by the Music Department as students entered the hall. Well done to Alex Brierley, Izaak Beck, Molly Mooney and Anita Okunde who spoke so well on such an emotional occasion. Together we remembered those who died and prayed for love to prevail over hate.



## Tom Palmer visit continued...

Jessica from the Student Book Council, was delighted to take part in the visit. She said:

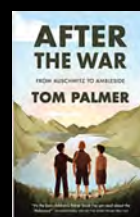
*"Tom was really nice and I like the fact that he writes about subjects he cares about. It was interesting to hear him tell us how he researched the characters and spent time with real Holocaust survivors to understand more about their lives."*

Mrs Cullen, Learning Zone Manager, who organised the event said:

*"It is hugely inspirational for our learners to meet an author like Tom in real life – it was such an exciting day. Tom's visit is one of a number of literacy projects we have running at Crompton House, including our 'Drop Everything and Read' initiative where staff and students across the whole school take 10 minutes in the day to immerse themselves in a book."*

Following the visit, Tom commented:

*"It's clear to see the level of commitment and care the staff at Crompton House provide, which in turn encourages young people to develop a love of reading for pleasure. It was a great afternoon."*



A selection of Tom's books are available in the Learning Zone and on Sora



# CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

**MRS HOLLIN**  
MFL DEPARTMENT

**February is National LGBTQ+ History Month and our new Diversity Ambassadors have stepped into the spotlight to raise awareness across the school community.**

The group's mission is to celebrate diversity, ensuring that people of every race, religion, sexuality and personality feel respected and positively represented within the CHS school family.



The group prepared a presentation to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues and shared their brilliant work with the whole school by visiting each year group's assembly to speak about the topic.

Miss Duthie from the History Department helped the students learn about the experiences of the LGBTQ+ community in the past and how society's attitudes have become more accepting over time. This month, the History department will also include work on a number of historical LGBTQ+ figures, such as Alan Turing, allowing students the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the theme.

Phoebe in Year 7 is enjoying being a CHS Diversity Ambassador. Phoebe says: "As soon as I heard about the group I wanted to join. I like it because it gives me a safe space to talk with friends and we can let others know how important it is to respect people for who they really are."

## FEBRUARY READS ON...



RECOMMENDED BY MRS CULLEN IN THE LEARNING ZONE!

### LGBTQ+ History Month

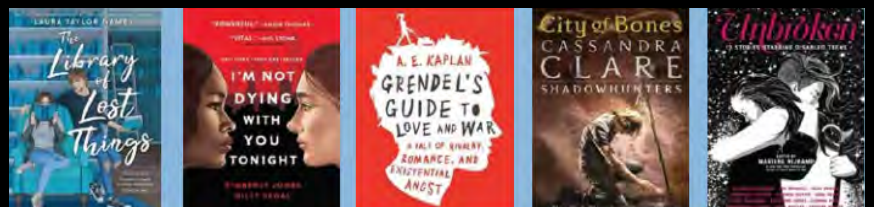
Check out the *Read With Pride* collection on our fantastic student reading app, Sora:

<https://bit.ly/ReadwPride>



### Valentines/Palentine's

Here are some great romance, friendship and diversity books to read this month...



# GOING FOR GOLD!



**OLIVER PARRY** has been picked to swim for the English Schools North West Division. Since the start of the year he has won 4 gold medals, a silver and bronze in the 14 year age group of the Lancs County Championships. Oliver is currently on the Swim England National Talent Pathway and is hoping to qualify for the British Championships in July.



**OONAGAH MCMANUS** recently represented CHS in the North Region Schools Biathlon Championships at Edge Hill University. In the U13 Girls, she had the fastest run time and fastest swim time! Winning overall, she has qualified for the National School Championships in Bath during March. Good luck!



## *Double comedy award nomination for Harry*

**When Harry Morgan in Year 9 came back to school after the Christmas holidays, little did he know that the month ahead would bring some exciting show-biz news!**

After starring as the goody-two-shoes character, Flynn last year in the CBBC sketch show *Class Dismissed*, he was delighted to learn that the show has been nominated for not one, but two prestigious Comedy.co.uk Awards, run by the British Comedy Guide.

Harry and the cast of *Class Dismissed* now go head-to-head with other popular shows including *Horrible Histories*, *The Emily Attack Show*, *Have I Got News for You* and *Spitting Image* in the categories of Best Comedy Sketch Show and Comedy of The Year at this year's awards, as voted for by the public.

Filming the show on location through the summer holidays in 2021, Harry features in every episode of the hilarious six-part series, that aired last November. The comedy centres around the lives of pupils at the fictional Quayside Academy, as they grapple with everyday life at an extraordinary school full of even more extraordinary teachers.

Harry says: "*Quayside Academy is quite like Crompton House, but the teachers are not at all like the ones in the show! Filming was exciting and I really enjoyed the experience. For us to be put forward for two national awards is like the icing on the cake.*"

*Class Dismissed* (Series 6) is on BBC iPlayer now  
**<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/class-dismissed>**



# A GREAT DEBATE!

**MR PEARSON**  
ENGLISH & MEDIA

**On Monday 17th January the CHS Debating Society took part in the second round of the Virtual ESU Debating Competition.**

Our team of three Year 11s; Hannah, Eve and Tom, made up the only comprehensive school team entry of the competition and were pitted against Withington Girls School, who used the upper age limit to enter three Year 13s.

The topic of the debate was "MP's shouldn't be allowed to hold second jobs" - CHS's argument was strong, well-structured and they left nothing in the tank. I am so proud of how they battled and the tenacity they showed, throughout this and the previous debate.

The camaraderie between the team was exemplary and I am bursting with pride at the effort, on the night and in preparation for the event.

Only two teams out of five progressed this time - Withington Girls School and Manchester Grammar, who were both exceptional on the night. That being said, we held our own and the judge made a point of saying that given the high standard, there were no obvious winners.

Our team were gracious in defeat, immediately congratulating the opposition and showing immense maturity.

Student Niamh said:

*"When the host announced we had won the first round of the competition, the atmosphere was sensational. Spirits were high, but we knew we had to take on board feedback and prepare for the second round. In the next debate, the competition was tough, but we held a strong argument and offered and accepted many POIs (points of information). We are proud of ourselves for making it this far with our first formal debate, and for having competed against such talented teams."*

**Students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 are welcome to join the society and can contact Mr Pearson for more information.**



**DREAM TEAM: Hannah, Eve and Tom with the other members of the CHS Debating Society - Owen, Robyn, Maddie and Niamh who provided super moral support on the day.**

## SIXTH FORMERS LAUNCH YEAR 11 MENTORING SCHEME

Year 13 student Molly Mooney, a member of the Student Management Team, has worked with Mr Raynerd to co-ordinate a mentoring programme between Sixth Formers and Year 11 students, taking place after school on Mondays.

Departments across the school nominated Year 11 students to take part in the scheme, to receive help 1:1 or in small groups, with our Sixth Form subject specialists.

Click here to read more about the mentoring scheme: <https://bit.ly/sixthformmentoring>





# FUTURES IN FOCUS

It's been a busy month for our Year 9 and 11 students, as they got the chance to think big about their futures at a variety of different events.

## YEAR 9 OPTIONS & CAREERS FAYRE AND SUBJECT TASTER SESSIONS

On Wednesday 26th January, the Year 9 Options and Careers Fayre took place in the hall with lots of information on offer about the various subjects at school.

Year 9s and their parents/carers were also able to meet a variety of external visitors who were on hand to discuss different career pathways, and talk about the types of college and university courses they might like to consider in the future.

The students also got the chance to take part in Business and Sociology subject taster sessions during the school day, to spark interest and give them an insight into the topics they would cover, should they choose these subjects at GCSE.



## YEAR 11 SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

On Thursday 27th January, the Year 11s took part in a taster day to find out more about life as a student at Crompton House Sixth Form.

They had the chance to try an array of practical sessions and also attend interactive workshops with Hopwood Hall College, Greater Manchester Police, The Army and Edge Hill University.



Thanks to all who made these events happen and for the positive feedback from students, parents & carers



# ARTWORK

## of the week



Jessica (Y9)



Eliese (Y10)



Bethany (Y11)



Danica (Y11)

## EVENSONG AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Chapel Choir travelled to Manchester Cathedral on Friday 14th January, to rehearse in it's amazing acoustics and sing Evensong for the regular attendees, cathedral visitors and CHS families.

The Choir had rehearsed very hard since the start of term in preparation for the performance, learning Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, as well as Pitoni's Cantate Domino.

Choir rehearsals take place on Fridays after school and all are welcome. Please speak to Mrs Nixon for more details.

Listen to the choir sing live here: <https://bit.ly/34lIdU>



Left to right: Jake, Hannah, James and Abby

## MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

Year 12 and 13 students played beautifully at their lunchtime recital, accompanied by Mrs Nixon on piano - performing pieces by Bach, Hayden and Debussy. Congratulations to Hannah, who has recently accepted a scholarship at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama to study flute. Bravo!



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# JANUARY'S MATHS SUPERSTARS!



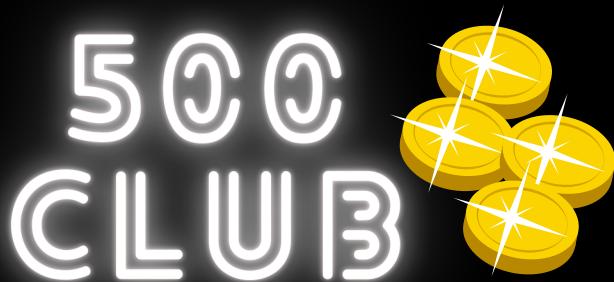
## Y7 Man Utd Oldham Tournament

Not only are the Y7B team on a winning streak in the England Schools Cup, they also had a fantastic day out at The Cliff Training Ground on Wednesday 26th January, to take part in the Year 7 Manchester United Oldham Tournament. The boys had a brilliant time and each received a certificate of participation. Well done to the team!



## COMING UP IN MARCH...

*#WriteaSmile Postcard Project - Dress to Express Day- DofE student success - Tree planting for the Platinum Jubilee - Artwork of the Week - PTFA News and much more!*



**PLAY OUR MONTHLY DRAW &  
SUPPORT CROMPTON HOUSE PTFA!**

**PAY £12 FOR THE YEAR TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF  
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**1st Prize - £60**

**2nd Prize - £30**

**3rd Prize - £20**

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