## STAY IN TOUCH

Crompton House C of E School Newsletter



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### WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Six teams bring home the silverware after Oldham Schools League Cup Finals

Teams from every year group qualified for the Oldham Schools League Cup Finals 2022, taking place at Boundary Park from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th May.

All the teams played exceptionally well, and a grand total of six trophies returned with them to school. Y9A Boys and Sixth Form A Boys were each crowned league champions and CHS girls won in every category – Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10/11. They also made history as the first female teams to play 11 v 11 at the venue. Following the tournament, Y10/11 Girls went on to win the final of the Greater Manchester Cup! Well done to everyone – you have done our school proud.





# VISIT FROM OLYMPIC MEDALIST INSPIRES NEXT GENERATION

It was an honour to welcome former CHS student and Olympic cyclist Matt Walls back to school on 2nd May to meet our Y7s. Matt brought along his gold and silver medals from the Tokyo 2020 Olympics to show to the students, giving the group an opportunity to hold them and pose for photographs. Mr Deane, Head of PE said:

"We were so pleased that Matt came in to visit us. It was hugely inspirational for our students to meet him and find out more about his Olympic success."

### #WRITEASMILE SPREADS JOY TO

### PATIENTS & FAMILIES





CHS students have been busy spreading positivity across the local community with their #WriteaSmile postcard project - as well as starring in their own video to promote the initiative for Mental Health Awareness Week (9th - 15th May).

Students Kaya and Izzy visited the Royal Oldham Hospital on Wednesday 18th May to deliver cards written during the Awareness week, to families and children on the Paediatric ward. More cards were shared with F11 Haematology ward and handed to patients receiving blood transfusions and chemotherapy treatment.

So far CHS students have hand-written over 500 postcards filled with inspirational quotes, thoughts, poems and cheeky jokes – sending them to Beal Vale Primary, local care homes and sharing with each other in school – and they aren't stopping there! Cards are available in the Library for anyone that wishes to write one to brighten someone's day.

To encourage others to take part, students had lots of fun starring in their own video, which premiered for Mental Health Awareness Week on YouTube and was beamed to every class in the school. Watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPf05hGTBxQ



Above: Kaya and Izzy are welcomed to the Paediatric ward by Lead Nurse Lucy Lees



Above: Students are the stars of the #WriteaSmile promo video



### Poppy hopes to do Her Majesty proud in Dance World Cup Finals

Y8 student Poppy Richardson will soon be swapping her school shoes for dancing shoes as she jets off to Spain to represent England on the international stage in the Dance World Cup finals in June. Having received a letter from Sandringham House conveying the Queen's best wishes, the talented young dancer hopes to do Her Majesty proud as she competes as part of Team England during the summer of Platinum Jubilee year, at the event being held in San Sebastian. Good luck to Poppy and Team England!

# GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2022!



#### We said farewell to our Y13 students on their final day of Sixth Form on Friday 13th May.

Following their Valedictory celebration in the hall, which included award presentations and musical performances, the student walked out of the gates to cheers and applause. Earlier in the week, in keeping with tradition, they enjoyed wearing their original school uniforms for one last time!

Mr Smith, Head of Sixth Form said: "The Valedictory is one of my favourite events of the year. It is an opportunity for students to show off their many talents and achievements, to recognise outstanding successes, to share special memories and also thank those people that have helped along the way. This year group are a real credit to themselves, for persevering in the face of adversity, whilst also blossoming into the independent, self motivated, young adults they have become. I wish them all the best for their exams and look forward to celebrating with them at prom in June".



See all the Valedictory photos on the CHS website, Facebook & Twitter!

GOOD LUCK TO OUR Y11 & Y13 STUDENTS IN THEIR GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMS



# SWEET TREATS AT EASTER BAKES CLUB

The end of last term was an exciting one for our Food students! They participated in the CHS Easter Bakes Club and created a range of delicious chocolatey delights.

After school, Mrs Bloor and students from Y7 and 8 made chocolate brownies decorated with crème eggs and learnt the 'rubbing in' method to produce some shortbread biscuits. They used Easter shaped cutters to create their biscuits and decorated with icing and mini eggs. Students then took their finished products home to enjoy with family, carers and friends.

# WELCOME EVENINGS



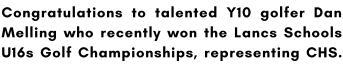


It was fantastic to meet the parents and carers of our 2022 Y7 intake at the Welcome Evenings held in the Hall on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th May.

Visitors enjoyed cheese and wine, and heard from staff and students about what their children can expect on the next stage of their educational journey at Crompton House in September. Students from the Music department performed a selection of tunes as visitors took their seats and Miss Hollingworth and Mr Ashworth (pictured above) introduced themselves as the new Heads of Year. PE and DofE students took to the stage to talk about their school experience and the CHS Lions impressed with a dynamic cheerleading routine. The Y7 Drama group also performed a wonderful rendition of *Revolting Children* from *Matilda the Musical*. As always, our students were a credit to us and gave the new parents a real flavour of school life.

# SPORTING STARS ON THE RISE





Former Crompton House teacher Mr Eric Wilson, presented Dan with his trophy; an extra special moment on the day of Eric's retirement, having organised the competitions for over 20 years.



Well done to Y12 Sixth Form student Zachary Woodward who became the National U18 Sabre Champion at the British Fencing 2022 British Youth Championships this month. The sky's the limit for Zack as he enters the upper age category next season. What an awesome achievement - congratulations!

# In the swing for Spring

The Crompton House Brass Band, Junior Orchestra, Training Band, Swing Band and Senior Orchestra performed a wonderful selection of music, to a hall full of guests at the Spring Concert on Tuesday 5th April. Well done to all the students and staff who rehearsed so hard on the run up to the concert to wow the crowd on the evening.







#### Y9 BRONZE WALK **UP 'POTS & PANS'**

The Y9 Bronze DofE groups pulled on their hiking boots and completed their 10.5 mile walks up to 'Pots and Pans' and around **Dovestones** Reservoir on 7th and 21st May.

The route included quite a few steep ups and downs, and is a difficult walk by Bronze standards - however the students were up for the challenge and really enjoyed the scenes from the Monument at the top, where they stopped to enjoy their lunch.

Thanks to all the staff and parent/carer volunteers who accompanied the groups over the two dates.







### MENTAL HEALTH BEADS ON Sora



#### RECOMMENDED BY MRS CULLEN IN THE LIBRARY!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and reading for just 10 minutes every day is proven to help with our mental health and wellbeing. It helps us to develop empathy, improves our concentration and sleep patterns and of course takes up on journeys to magical places. Sora have a great collection of E and audio booked based on this theme. Here are a few recommendations to enjoy why not log onto Sora and check them out... https://soraapp.com/welcome



CELEBRATING THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Commemorate 70 years of her Majesty's reign and learn more about her extraordinary life with these titles, available now on Sora...















### Helping the Hospice

Congratulations to Evie in Y7 who won a giant Easter egg in the raffle organised by Miss Clotuche and 7CO1 in aid of Dr Kershaw's Hospice. The raffle raised £107 and was matched by school. Luck seemed to be on Evie's side, as she also bought the winning ticket for the Sixth Form hamper!





#### Did someone say cake?

Mrs Atkins has been baking different cakes each week to raise money for the upcoming Sixth Form trip to Morocco. Here she is with a freshly baked batch of her famous lemon drizzle cake - we can't wait to see what's on offer in the coming weeks!

#### GIFTED & TALENTED TRIP

Y10 students had a great time on their recent trip to University Campus Oldham with Mrs Smith, to take part in two workshops on marginal gains and fast tracking to success, delivered by Sander from Made Education.



# Y8 BRUSH UP ON DENTAL HEALTH

Well done to Ibrahim and Grace in Y12, who delivered an interesting assembly on the importance of dental health and hygiene to Y8 on Thursday 28th April.

They shared leaflets with some 'top tips' for keeping our teeth clean and explained why good oral hygiene is so important for our overall health.

Students were surprised to find out that poor oral health can be a contributory factor in conditions such as cardiovascular disease, arthritis and dementia, as well as respiratory infections. These issues can occur when bad bacteria from the mouth pass into the blood stream and cause inflammation in the body.

Thank you to the students for preparing such an informative session.



#### Next month ...

All the news and photos from our Platinum

Jubilee celebrations!



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