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Crompton House C of E School Newsletter

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)



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We Celebrated The King's Coronation



On the 6th of May we celebrated the King's Coronation. The outside of school was decorated to commemorate this special occasion and our catering team also offered a lovely menu to students in the canteen.

Our fantastic food department got creative when they were asked to come up with an afternoon tea that could be sold to staff to raise profits for the PTFA.

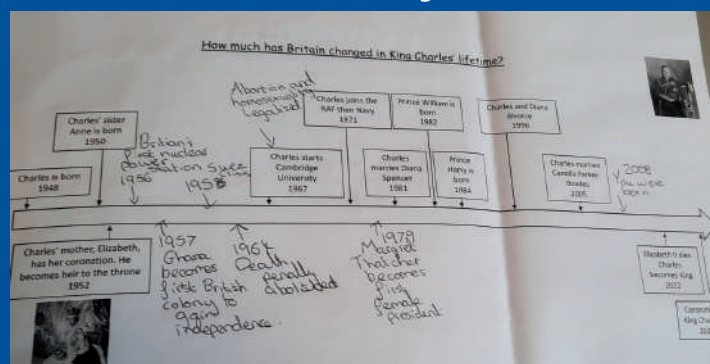
Mrs Marsh's two year 10 food classes chose a delicious menu consisting of Coronation chicken sandwiches, sausage rolls or cheese puffs, quiche, Eaton Mess and a brownie.

Volunteers from each class spent Thursday afternoon and Friday morning making, prepping and delivering the food. The afternoon teas were a great success and not only helped make money for the school but showed students the complexities of catering on a large scale.

Over £150 was raised which will help towards our goal of acquiring a new mini bus.



Coronation History Lessons



Our students also enjoyed celebrating the coronation in their history lessons by examining key events in British history since King Charles III's birth in 1948. Lessons focused on analysing significant milestones, including the legalisation of gay marriage and decimalisation, to determine their significance.

Through this exploration, students gained a deeper understanding of societal and cultural transformations within the United Kingdom. This engaging lesson fostered critical thinking and historical analysis, empowering students to reflect on the most significant event during Charles III's lifetime.

Predictions also took place in the History lessons on what significant changes would happen in the next 50 years, with student Harrison Houghton saying: "In the future I believe AR and VR will become staples of the world".

Carmela Coggin also said, "Nobody will write anything or school or work, as everything will be digital so we will just type".

Other predictions included: self-charging electric cars, online exams & robots replacing everyone.

Their exploration of British history exemplifies their dedication to understanding and appreciating the past in order to understand the future.

Our First Year 10 Health Fair



In April we were excited to hold our first ever Crompton House Health Fair for Year 10. Students were given the opportunity to walk around some health-themed stalls and explore topics such as Drugs, Teen Pregnancy, Oral Health and CPR.

We were extremely grateful to have hosted a variety of professionals from health teams (such as CAHMS and the Oldham School Nursing Team), as well as volunteers from Maggie's Cancer Care and OCLL.

Professionals and volunteers created some wonderfully informative and interactive stalls, giving our Year 10 students the opportunity to ask questions, find out more about topical health issues and even take home a free toothbrush and toothpaste sample.

A big thank you also to the Year 10s who gave their enthusiasm to the event and showed such respect to the external visitors and sixth form volunteers.



Olivia Attends The Mayor's Ball

At the end of last year we shared exciting news on young politician Olivia Everett who had been attending meetings at Oldham Civic Centre. In December, she proposed in front of 60 councillors and members of the public to make Holiday Activities and Food Sessions (HAF) available to families on income support.

Since we last met Olivia, she has been continuing to attend council meetings at Oldham Civic Centre. Olivia has attended a Mayor's Ball residential trip where her and other council members celebrated the election of the new mayor of Oldham, and Olivia has also more recently been on a trip to Castleshaw to build important connections and leadership skills. Fantastic work Olivia! Keep up the good work.





Our Spring Concert



On Wednesday the 26th April the Music Department presented our annual Spring Concert, featuring all our instrumental ensembles, along with Chapel Choir and a number of Year 12 & 13 soloists.

It was brilliant to hear a variety of music from all of our students, from the beginners in training band up to our more senior ensembles and soloists; Daniel Kelly (piano), Jacob Moorhouse (French horn) and Evan Kelly (trumpet) gave exceptional solo performances, their last at Crompton House as they leave us in the summer.

A highlight of the evening was the new harp ensemble, featuring 4 harpists led by our music teacher Mrs Boyle. The students have only been learning the harp for a few months and gave a brilliant performance of 'I see the Light' from Tangled.

Thanks to the staff of the Oldham Music Service for their support and well done to all of the students involved.



Teaching Assistants Nominated for Award 🏆

The POINT 'Passion for Parents Award' offers parents and carers to nominate individuals who have made a positive difference to their lives. Two of our teaching assistants, Ben and Tyler, were nominated in April for their hard work and determination as support staff and have just received a certificate and badge. This is a remarkable achievement and we are all incredibly proud of them both. A huge well done to both Ben and Tyler!



Year 7 "Good News for Everyone"

On 19th April we were delighted that Diane Hardwick from 'Good News for Everyone' came into school to present our Year 7 pupils with a personal copy of the Psalms and New Testament. In the talk, she showed a modern day version of the story of the Prodigal Son and talked about the power of forgiveness and a fresh start. She also played a game of one student leading another blindfolded student to a prize of chocolate bars using the power of words only. Diane used this game to explain how listening to wise words are important in guiding us through life, and the

Psalms and New Testaments are full of wise words students can read and learn from.

Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"

If your child was absent that day and did not receive their copy of the New Testament, please ask them to speak with Mr Holt who has extra copies in his office.



Maths Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the half term maths award. Students were chosen by their class teacher for recognition of their hard work and achievements.

YEAR 7

Alisha Clegg
Nicholas Toms
Billy Oleshnitzky
Scarlett Lawford
Amelia Alderson

YEAR 8

Kiera Davies
Esme Maguire
Konny Django
Demi-Leigh Whitehouse
Annie Jakeman
Lewis Anderson

YEAR 9

Evelyn Sheridan
Lainey Dyson
Layla Metcalf
Zainab Ali
Olivia Mayers
Maisie Wilkinson
Lauren Howe
Delbi Mbumbu

YEAR 10

Ruby Wilson
Lewis Bommer
Tialer Handley
Ash Livesey
Jocelyn Spindley
Olivia Pilling
Blake Naylor
Abigail Evans
Katie Barnett
Neve Smethurst

YEAR 11

Michael Smith
Oliver Flynn
Max Potaman
Benjamin Wilson
Evelyn
Baxendale
Kaan Hubenov
Jack Duffy
Lucas Burton

Virtual Work Experience

This month, Year 12 student Emi-Leigh Burke took part in an online virtual work experience with organisations including Freeths, Fragomen, The University of Law, and Charles Russel Speechlys.

Emi-Leigh spoke with professionals within the Legal industry and completed some activities like guessing what area of law areas there are based off of pictures. A spokesperson from each of the law firms spoke about what their jobs consist of and what their day-to-day schedule may look like. At the end of the work experience Emi-Leigh received a certificate.

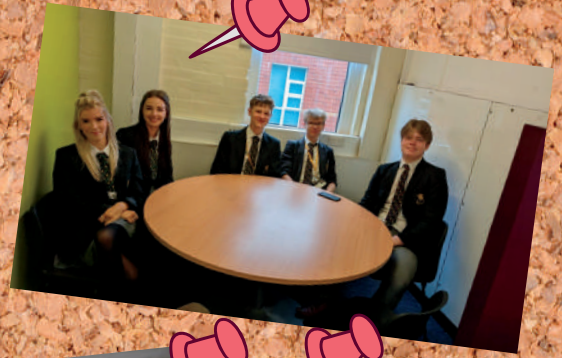




Old School Uniform Day.



It was nice to see our Year 13s step back in time this month when they dressed up in their old Crompton House uniforms.



Our Year 13s Took On Teachers at Football



A tremendous match between the departing Year 13s and the school staff team. The signs before the game were ominous, especially after the Sixth Formers' fantastic performance at Boundary Park the week before! However, the staff started well, controlling the game and were much more careful in possession, than the Sixth Formers, who were trying to force the issue. A goal for Louis Barlow, against the run of play, was followed by two tremendous goals from Mr Aubrey. Another goal for the staff looked to have cemented victory, with the Sixth Former's looking down and in a bit of disarray. A forced substitution for the staff at centre back and up stepped Oscar Adamson with two late solo goals. With the bell ringing, the game went to penalties, an appropriate draw in the end.





It was a fantastic month for our football teams, especially the Year 11s when on Wednesday the 19th of April they travelled to Boundary park to face Saddleworth. We caught up with Mr Pearson, Head of Media, who travelled to Boundary Park with our Year 11s.

In the dressing room prior, probably because of the lack of sleep due to my wonderful little joy, Eden and her 3 AM wakeup call, I became emotional, close to tears as I tried to bark last-minute orders to rouse my troops. The message was clear: do not come off the pitch feeling like we did last year. Leave nothing in the tank and enjoy it.

As we kicked off, I could feel the tension on and off the pitch; our devoted parents had been here before and felt the heartache of last year. The tension was elevated as a good start was rewarded with the first goal from talisman, Shay Johnson; a wicked half volley from a tight angle, following an excellent Alex Henshaw pass. However, this only seemed to spur our opposition on and with 15 minutes on the clock we were 2-1 down after a couple of errors at the back. The boys kept plugging away only to be hit on the counter with a sucker punch in the gut, making it 3-1 to Saddleworth. This is how it remained until half time.

Gathering the boys in at half term, there were some forlorn faces and a sense of dejection ominously washed over us, as the failures of yesteryear echoed loudly. To keep it fresh, I made 3 substitutions, bringing on Kai Scoltock, Max Cardus and Izaak Beck. We were down but after some calming words, some deep breaths and the unnerving, overwhelming sense of déjà vu, we stoically took the field for the battle ahead. What followed was 15 minutes of complete domination in the mid-morning sun. Our boys battled, hustled and harried the opposition, fuelled by passion and desire, knowing the next goal was key. It came with 22 minutes left on the clock: a superb Jenson Connell corner attacked aggressively by midfield dynamo, Alex Henshaw.

It was 3-2.

I could see that they began to believe. In the spirit of rotation, I withdrew Alex almost immediately, after a monumental personal effort, for Harry Newton, so often a calming influence on our team. Within two minutes, we were level. An almost pinpoint ball from Kai was headed out for a throw in, allowing Jenson to wind up the catapult, launching the ball into the danger zone for our next assault on the Saddleworth goal. This time, our go-to man, Shay Johnson, controlled sublimely and slotted passed the despairing keeper.

It was 3-3. We were level. The opposition were teetering on the brink of collapse and our boys smelled blood. With 5 minutes to go, we earned ourselves another corner. Jenson hurled the ball into the box, only to be half cleared to the mercurial Kai Scoltock, poised for his moment. The moment. For those very few staff who do not know Kai, he can be a divisive figure, but this was his time, our time, and I couldn't have been prouder of him and the rest of our boys. He jinked past one defender, shuffled the ball to his right foot and curled a wicked shot into the top corner to send our dedicated parents, and full squad into raptures. Euphoria ensued for 2 wonderous minutes as nothing seemed to matter except this moment. We had to survive a huge scare with 30 seconds to go, as the opposition crashed the ball against our crossbar but, in truth, this would have been a travesty, based on how the game went.

We had done it. We had ascended the summit and thrust our flag down to claim our first title, the first title in the footballing career of some of our boys, perhaps the only title they will win.

As I write this, I am overcome with emotion and bursting with pride. I am a believer that sport can be a source of elation and a springboard to bring success in other aspects of school life and am equally as proud to be part of Crompton House's long tradition of winning. I have had this group since Year 8 and know how much they have worked and how much they deserved some success and know, if they remember nothing else, they will remember today, something I am extremely proud to be a part of.

On Wednesday the 3rd of May we then travelled to Boundary Park to face Newman College. After controlling the first 10 minutes, we conceded the first goal to their first attack, which brought gasps from our bench and the onlooking band of faithful parents. Oddly, I still felt quietly confident as I knew that our strength wasn't in pretty football or complex phases of play, it was in the way we are able to dig out results and grind teams down, when the chips are down. Following a 10 minute lull in the game, we equalised through Mr Reliability, our captain, Elliott Fielding, who saved his first CHS goal in nearly 5 years for his last game. I could not have been happier for him. We were visibly lifted and, at half time, the lads were pumped and ready to go, except for a few changes in personnel and a slight tactical tweak. Enter our secret weapon, Kai Scoltock, who quickly imposed himself on Newman, a team he made his CHS debut against. This was despite going down to 10 men after a conversation with the referee led to an innocuous sin-binning for 10 minutes. 2 minutes after going down to 10 men, Kai did it again, pinging a sensational ball to talisman, and top scorer, Shay Johnson, who lashed it home confidently, following a quiet first half. We quickly seized on this advantage to rip control of the match away from the opposition as Kai's brilliant ball was plucked majestically out of the air by Oscar Fletcher, who was then unceremoniously upended by the Newman CB.

Penalty.

After a brief conversation with Kai, Shay took the ball and stroked it into the bottom corner. We could taste it. As the temperature increased, so did our control of the game as we ground them into submission, hitting a 4th goal, Shay's 3rd, to seal victory. Every single one of the 16 players today were brilliant. No one let me or themselves down. From Seb, who was in top form in net, to every player who was involved. I was able to ensure everyone played at least a half of football and everyone was subbed off, such was my faith in the lads and the control we had afforded ourselves. Truth be told, it could have been a lot more but we will settle for a comprehensive 4-1 victory.

Nowhere near the tension and drama of our cup win but an impressive, supremely confident victory nonetheless to win a historic double. For context, we lost 1 game this season, in the county cup, and only conceded defeat in the GM cup due to transport issues. Even more remarkable when you consider we lost in the cup and league final last year. The jubilant team celebrated in the morning rays as parents poured onto the pitch for pictures of their victorious sons. I stood and marvelled at my boys and pride flowed through me to see the young men they are becoming. Not perfect and in for a difficult, exam-strewn summer but today, was our day... again. I could not be happier for the lads and could not have wished for a better ending to our relationship. I left them celebrating together before they return to lessons this afternoon. Please congratulate them when you see them, as this is a magnificent achievement and probably the only silverware some will win in their footballing careers. It's only sport but we love it and, once again, it has demonstrated the ability to unite lads for different backgrounds for a common cause and each has now tasted the fruits of their labour, hopefully a lesson learned in life. Put in the work and the rewards will come.

Thank you to everyone who has supported these lads, allowed them out of your lessons, especially this time of year, and everyone for their well wishes.

A special thanks to Mr Deane, who makes this happen, for every school in Oldham, making the dreams of young lads into a reality, and, also, to Karen Watkin, for supporting Kai through thick and thin and enabling the platform to perform so well for CHS.

I will never get this time back with the lads so, for now, I will celebrate with them and sing their praises from the rooftops until they walk out of CHS forever. This will be something we will always remember and, when the dust settles, the revision is over and the last exam has been taken, I'm hoping the lads are able to relax and reflect on a terrific season, and a wonderful time at our school.

Also
celebrating
being Oldham
Champions is:

Y11 boys
Y11 girls
Y8 girls



Y11 Boys Beat Saddleworth



Y11 Boys Beat Newman College



Y7 Girls Trophy Winners Beating Newman College

Lewis Represents GB

Top Northern ILCA/LASER Sailor Lewis Bacon is proud to be selected to represent GBR in the World Championships in July 2023. The world Championships takes place in Volos, Greece at the end of July and Lewis will be up against tough opposition with entries world-wide. Fourteen boys from the UK were selected.

Committed to succeed Lewis has spent hours on training and fitness programmes in preparation for the world and national championships. Lewis's coaches include Olympic medallist Ali Young. Lewis also met up with ex Crompton House Student and Olympic Medallist Stuart Bithell at an event in Weymouth recently. As part of Lewis's training he also trains at Draycote Academy in the Midlands with coach Steve Irish as well as training at the National Sailing Academy in Weymouth.

In recognition of Lewis as an elite athlete, for his progress in the sport and ability Lewis has been awarded a scholarship by the Andrew Simpson Centre called PASS standing for Performance Academy Sailing Scholarship with Lewis being one of the four recipients for 2023. If you would like to follow Lewis's journey you can follow him on Instagram at Lewis Sailing.

If any local business would like to sponsor Lewis towards the world event and national events please contact Roger1Bacon@googlemail.com



Brass Band Visits Shaw Cenotaph

On 29th April the Brass Band led by Mr Leedale from the Oldham Music Service were supporting the local branch of the Royal British Legion at a ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Shaw Cenotaph. The band played amazing and were an important part of the service. Abby Brown from year 12 also put on a spectacular performance of the Last Post.



Maths GCSE Breakfast Club

All students in Y11 sat their first GCSE maths paper on Friday morning, May 19th.

The maths staff invited all students to the maths breakfast club to give them a pre-examination boost. As the photograph shows, the attendance was good and we had to spill over into adjoining classrooms. Miss McDanielson had been in touch with Tesco to ask if they could provide any healthy snacks to boost energy levels for the examination. They were very happy to oblige and so a big shout out and thanks to Tesco on Huddersfield Road, Oldham for their donation.

Our students worked well, and we wish them lots of success in all their examinations this summer.



Year 7 Welcome Evening



We showcased our school's talents on the 9th and 10th of May when parents from nearby primary schools joined us for Year 7 Welcome Evening.

Cheerleaders took to the stage to put on a flawless performance and members of one of our previous school performances "Matilda" gave our audience a taste of what to expect when joining our school.

Students also shared their achievements in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and in our recent sports success. Chair of Governors Mr Gloucester, Deputy Headteachers Mr Dunkerley and Mr Holt, and Mr Hardman gave our audience speeches, from the opportunities on offer at school in extra curricular activities, to the importance of religion and the school's PTFA.

Thankyou to everyone who took part in this event.



Year 13 Valedictory

It was a sad day on the 12th May when our Year 13 sixth formers marked the end of their time at Crompton House school at the Valedictory.

Students and teachers gathered in our school hall. Speeches were made by our Head of Sixth Form Mr Smith, who celebrated the achievements with students, some of whom had studied at Crompton House over seven years.

A mixture of comedy acts and singers came onto the stage to share memories with our student audience and to perform for one last time. Teaching staff were presented with gifts of appreciation from students, and our Year 13s also received Headteacher's awards for their academic performance.

Dani Hall, Sixth-Form Head Girl, explained:

"The valedictory was a lovely day where we got to see some people's amazing talents and all be together one last time. After 7yrs at Crompton House it felt very strange to finally be leaving, but I feel very thankful for all the things I've learnt from coming to CHS. I left Crompton house knowing I have made the most out of my school experience and I am very grateful for all the friends I've made along the way and the amazing teachers I've had over the years. I don't think any other school compares to what we have at Cromptonhouse, I will miss it a lot!"



Dear Parents

The OFCOM has recently released a report that identifies trends in internet and parental worries:

The most common concern from parents was in relation to their children seeing inappropriate content {75%} or adult/sexual content {73%}. Very useful for parents sessions or if you are wondering what information to put out to parents.

As such I wanted to signpost parents and students to ways of safely monitoring the internet and mobile phone use.

<https://www.uswitch.com/mobiles/guides/mobile-phone-safety/>

A Guide to Online Reporting

The internet is a vast ocean of information, opinions, and content. While many of us will go online and have a positive experience, we must accept that this is not always the case for everyone. So when we see something online that we know is harmful, it is time to take action and report it.

Why Should I Report?

A lot of us can witness or fall victim to online harm. If you become concerned or feel uncomfortable about something you have seen online, the following points illustrate why reporting content is always the best course of action.

- 1 Reporting can often lead towards harmful content being removed
- 2 Reporting shows why certain types of behaviour should not be tolerated online
- 3 Reporting allows control to be taken away from online perpetrators
- 4 Reporting works towards a safer internet for everyone.

When Should I Report?

When you make a report, you are essentially escalating it for review around whether something should remain online or not with reference to the law or specific standards associated with online platforms. You should always report if you come across content that:

- 1 Contains child sexual abuse material or terrorist content
- 2 Is harmful or abusive towards yourself or others
- 3 Promotes self-harm or suicide
- 4 When someone is impersonating you or others
- 5 Contains unwanted sexual advances
- 6 Contains violent content
- 7 Threatens you or others
- 8 Contains pornographic content

Tom is The Youngest Parish Councillor

Tom Penketh (Year 13) was elected as the youngest Parish Councillor in the country when he was voted in to Shaw Parish Council as part of the local elections in May. At our Year 13 Valedictory service, he found out that he had been awarded a Mayoral Award by Oldham Mayor Councillor Elaine Garry. He collected his award on 23rd May, with Crompton House's Chair of Governors Chris Gloster.



Goodbye Year 11! Photos from The Valedictory



After four years of attending classes at Crompton House we said our goodbyes to our Year 11s at the Valedictory.

Shirts were signed, speeches and poems were read out and students performed on stage. As the sun shone over our school, the youngest members of our school stood in a line to clap out our leavers.

We wish our Year 11s all of the best in their final GCSE exams.





National Youth Concert Band



Six of Crompton House's top musicians - Grace Barrett, Freya Liles, Jacob Moorhouse, Leo Pollitt, Hannah Bailey and Toby Stott - attended the week-long National Youth Concert Band course over the Easter holiday, culminating in a performance at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire on Saturday 8th April.

Over the course of the week, the students were taught by professional musicians from across the country in both whole band and instrumental section rehearsals to improve their technique and learn the new music. Leo and Hannah, both tuba players, worked with Nick Etheridge, a professional tuba player who has performed with orchestras and chamber groups across the world. Hannah said, "Working directly with Nick, and being part of a tuba and euphonium chamber group as well as the main band, built up my confidence in both playing and meeting new people".

Playing Johan de Meij's Lord of the Rings Symphony, along with October by Eric Whittaker and The Wind Racers by Jeremy Bell, the final performance was a true testament to the hard work the students had put in. Freya commented "The repertoire was challenging, not something I would have the opportunity to play in my local orchestra but also achievable to learn in the week".

The opportunity to play in ensembles of such high standard has given our students a taste of what it is like to study at Music College, particularly for Freya and Grace, who are in Year 13, and are looking forward to starting at Conservatoire in September after completing their A Levels.

The students raised money towards their course attendance, selling cakes in the Sixth Form and were also kindly supported by Crompton and Royton Rotary, with the students playing at a Rotary Curry Night at the Blue Tiffin as part of their fundraising.

A recording of the final concert is available here: <https://bit.ly/3MzWLX5>



Manjeet Mann Visits CHS

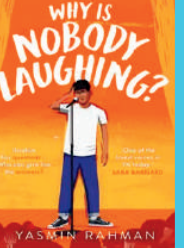
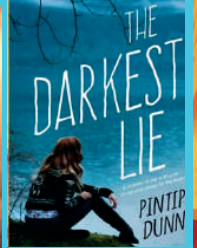
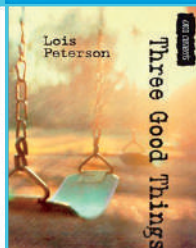
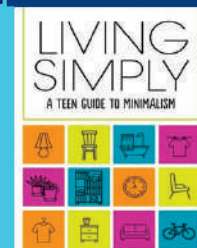
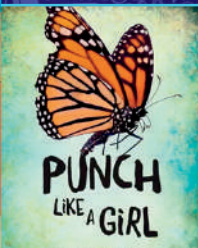
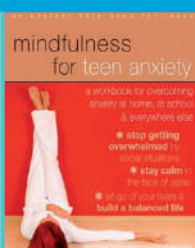
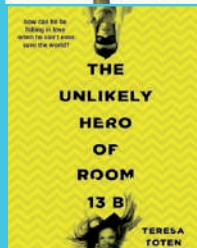
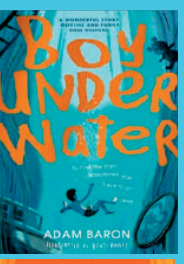
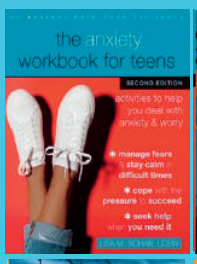
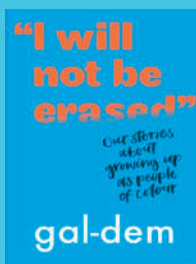
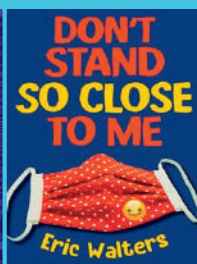
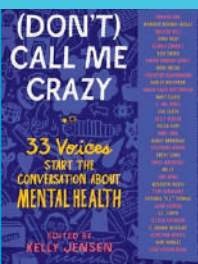
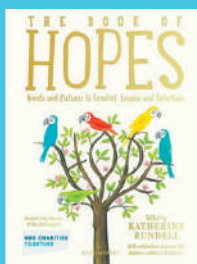


On the 28th of April we were visited by award winning writer Manjeet Mann, author of verse novels Run Rebel and The Crossing the later featured above. Manjeet is a fabulous diverse writer and actor who writes about different cultures, empathy, bullying and very real-life issues such as the ongoing refugee crisis. Manjeet is also the founder of Run the World charity - an organisation that works with women and girls from marginalized backgrounds and helps to empower them through sport and storytelling. Manjeet spoke with our year 8, 9 and 10, she talked to students about what inspires her stories, engaging and encouraging creative writing and the benefits that reading brings whilst encouraging our young people to follow their dreams. Students had the opportunity to ask questions about Manjeet's life and career. Thanks to Manjeet for your fantastic visit.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

RECOMMENDED BY MRS CULLEN - FIND THEM IN THE LIBRARY OR ON SORA...



ARTWORK

of the week



Carla Wrigley (Y9)



Gabriel Baxendale (Y13)



Cheryl Msipa (Y12)



Sofia Parry (Y7)

Cycling to Rome for Charity

Crompton House teacher Mr Courtnell will be cycling from Oldham Colosseum to the Colosseum in Rome to raise funds for the charities SANDS (Still Births & Neo-natal Deaths), Parkinson, K Back-Up (Spinal Injuries), Fire-Fighter's Charity and Arts Emergency Fund. If you'd like to donate please visit <https://bit.ly/41XepA2>.

Farewell Anne

After working at Crompton House school for 30 years, we said our goodbyes in May to our science technician, Anne Stott. Over the duration of her career Anne has worked under eight headteachers, volunteered on the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme and been on our PTFA committee.

When she began at our school, girls were only allowed to wear skirts in school and our sixth form only had 50 students enrolled.

Her plans for the future are to spend time catching up with her family who are living in New Zealand.

We would like to thank Anne for all of the hard work since starting her time at Crompton House, and we wish all of the best for the future.

If you have a story to share please contact:
stayintouch@cromptonhouse.org



Bake Sale Fundraiser

On the 23rd May our Food Technology Department sold delicious cakes raising an amazing £125 for Christian Aid. Well done to all of the students and staff involved.



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