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A Special Olympics to Remember for Yasmin



Crompton House celebrated the achievement of Year 10 student Yasmin Booth who became a Special Olympics gold medallist this July. Yasmin, who was part of the Great Britain golf team flew to Berlin to face tough competition, walking away victorious.

Beginning in Stuttgart, the host city, Yasmin was greeted by the mayor at the Town Hall. Volunteers from a global organization called Lions, also met athletes, helping them with luggage and finding their way around the city. In Stuttgart, a full schedule of activities and training took place at the FC Stuttgart Ground, including team-building and a tour of the Mercedes Benz Museum.

After an eight-hour coach, Yasmin arrived in Berlin where her training would begin. She met WWE star, Drew McIntyre, allowing the chance to have photograph and autograph. Appointments with Healthy Athletes also took place to check her feet, ears and teeth.

At the opening ceremony, teams dressed in their full kit. A spectacular 40,000 people filled the Olympiadstadion to hear Tim Shriver (activist for disability rights, film producer) give a speech, son of Eunice Kennedy, the founder the Special Olympics in 1968, along with various dancers, robots, animatronics, DJs and acts.

160+ countries all streamed into the stadium team by team, and the build up and emotion was spectacular. Yasmin and her mum walked in hand in hand to see the crowd, and feel the energy in the space.

Over the course of the 21st and 22nd of June Yasmin shone, earning a gold medal, for which Crompton House is immensely proud of her for achieving.

The experience was a truly momentous occasion, celebrating unified sport and pushing for more rights and less barriers for people with disabilities.

We wish Yasmin all of the best for the future and we can't wait to hear more about her successes.

Young Writer Makes it to the Finals

This month Year 11 student Isabelle Hamer made it to the finals in the War Through Children's Eyes Writing Competition. Inspired to enter through following an author's social media page, Isabelle's story follows a teenage girl and her mother who are fleeing a worn torn country. We are very proud of Isabelle's achievement!



* BUGSY MALONE *



Our music and drama displayed a spectacular performance on the 4th of July when we welcomed parents, carers, and the wider community into our school for the school production of Buggy Malone.



Each student read their lines and acted incredibly well. The reaction from our audience, who laughed and cheered with our young stars showed how successful the evening was.



We would like to thank everyone who came to see this wonderful display of talent at Crompton House school and to our music and drama departments for their hard work and dedication. A special thanks to Mr Sellers, our Design Technology Teacher, for creating some of the equipment that was used in this stunning play. We can't wait to see the next performance!



Oonagh Wins European Championships

Oonagh McManus won the European Biathlon Championships representing Great Britain in Munich improving on her bronze medal from last year in Athens in June. 29 competitors made the finals in Munich from all over Europe.

Oonagh had a very good start in the first 800m run, going through the first tight section of the course in 3rd place. She took the lead at around 600m, closely followed by a Czech athlete and a GB team mate. She entered transition and after removing her shoes she entered the water in first place. A fantastic swim gave her a 10 metre gap exiting the lake, and another impeccable transition saw her start the final 800m run with a comfortable lead. She pushed on and with 200m to the finish had created 15 seconds gap to second place. She turned the final corner and crossed the finish line, taking a comfortable victory. A brilliantly executed race with everything going to plan. A dream come true.

"Oonagh is absolutely over the moon. It was an amazing performance, an incredible experience and a very proud and emotional moment. She has worked incredibly hard and totally deserves the win."

Well done Oonagh!



Manchester Cats Wildcats Netball Win

Our Year 7 student Lyla Hannan and her netball team, The Manchester Cats Wildcats, won an under 12 netball tournament at Brean Sands in Somerset on the 10th-11th June.

Over seven games, on the Saturday, the team won an amazing six, and so went through to the cup round. Every game was won on the Sunday, to win the U12s cup!!



Year 8 students- DT

It has been a wonderful July for our Year 8 students have been working on a graffiti project in DT, using Inkscape and RD works to produce their designs, which were cut out on a laser cutter.



Pride Month

In June, Crompton House celebrated Pride Month. As well as proudly flying the Progress flag on our mast at the roundabout, pupils spent a lunch time buying and selling baked goods, having rainbow/flag face paints, enjoying some music and buying badges and stickers to show their support as allies. Pupils were also encouraged to wear something rainbow to celebrate the day. £80.00 was raised in total and was split between The Albert Kennedy Trust and The Proud Trust. Well done to all involved



Crompton House

Church of England School

Open Evening

Thursday 21st September

Year 7 Intake 2024

Appointments only: 5.15pm, 6.15pm or 7pm
via website: www.cromptonhouse.org



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Our Year 13 Prom



On the 29th of June we held our Year 13 prom at The Manchester Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel. Sixth form students arrived in their glamorous outfits and suits. Dani and Josh, our previous sixth form head girl and head boy, gave speeches. Student awards were handed out, which included an award for the worst driver, the best cook, and to teachers for the scariest, the best looking, and the best teacher. Students refuelled their energy levels with a buffet before dancing the night away. Overall, we all had an amazing time and we thank everyone who attended. We wish you all of the best for the future.



Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11s celebrated their time at Crompton House in style at their prom on Wednesday 28th June. Arriving at the Saddleworth Hotel, our Year 11s partied the night away to celebrate the last four years at our school. A photobooth and a silver service buffet were also on offer at the venue. We wish all of those who attended all of the best for the future. We can't wait to see you again at Sixth Form.



Swanage 2023

July - by Jenna Wrigley

Recently, I attended the year ten geography field trip to Swanage. On the first day, we collected evidence to support our physical geography hypothesis on Swanage beach. Despite being very tired from our coach journey, it was lovely to see the beautiful coastline as the sun set. On the second day, we explored Swanage town centre, focusing on human geography. We researched the different shops and services and what they were used for. After some hard work, we were able to reward ourselves with ice cream or fish and chips by the sea. We then explored the physical geography along the coastline, exploring Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove. The views were incredible, and everybody really enjoyed cooling off in the sea! On our final day, we trekked the discordant coastline taking in the views of Old Harry Rocks, another picturesque view. After the trip, I now understand all the content we have learnt in class to a much higher level and feel prepared to face my exams. A big thank you for all staff involved in the trip. Let's hope the trip continues.





French Trip

This month 45 students from Year 8 took part in a four-day trip to Rue, a village in the north of France.

After an early start on Friday morning, the group arrived at a beautiful *château*, which would be their home for the next few days, dating back 200 years.

The first port of call was to meet a local '*chocolatier*' (chocolate maker), who proudly showed students how he makes his luxury chocolates which he sells across France. Students even managed to sneak in a few free samples, *délicieux*! Before going to Europe's largest aquarium, Nausicaá, where the group saw exotic fish, huge rays, mesmerising jelly fish and menacing sharks.

On Sunday, students visited a beautiful market full of souvenirs stalls, *cafés* and food stalls. It was a chance for students to practise using their French-language skills in conversations with the market traders, with everyone left feeling accomplished at their hard work. In the afternoon, the group met a local goat farmer who produces high quality goats' cheese. Students fed, stroked and milked the goats before learning how the finished product is made. Of course, this was an excellent opportunity for some more free samples.

On returning to the *château*, a few brave students plucked up the courage to try '*les escargots*' (snails) and '*les cuisses de grenouille*' (frog's legs), although we're not sure they went back for a second helping... At least it gave students the extra energy we needed to compete in the Château Olympics!

On our final day, a trip to the '*boulangerie*' (bakery) took place to see how bread and croissants are created, and to buy some authentic baked goods to enjoy on the coach back to Calais.

Everyone returned on Monday evening tired but with smiles on their faces! We are so proud of all of our students at their enthusiasm to speak French and their exemplary behaviour while on the trip.



Year 7 Colomendy

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic time on their adventure to Wales for their end of year residential trip from the 10th to the 12th June. A range of activities took place from climbing to archery, helping students to forge friendships which may last a lifetime.



Our Sixth Form Rewards

Ruby Cadman and Isabelle Hall

On Tuesday the 11th of July, some teachers and sixth formers gathered into the hall to celebrate our achievements at the end of our first year. The assembly started off with Mr Smith giving a small speech about how great and dedicated to our studies we have been throughout this academic year. It was motivating to hear that even the teachers were proud of us during a tough year full of new experiences.

Mr Smith then made us play his famous ice breaker: heads or tails! The winner {Harrison Mee} received a £5 note, ending the game on a celebratory finish, so we moved onto the awards PowerPoint, where he read out the names of people who had been nominated for awards, specially picked out by their teachers. This includes excellent work, and the best progress students have made, along with an amazon gift card to spend. The attendance rewards were next, an appreciation for those who had excellent attendance throughout the year, and in return receiving a chocolate reward for their commitment. Many students throughout year 12, including us, received these awards. We were anxious at first to stand up in front of everyone and receive them, but once we saw everyone clapping; supporting us, it made us feel accepted and proud of ourselves and each other.

Two of those who aspire to be in future apprenticeship roles also received commemoration for their outstanding mock interviews, with a £10 note to go with it.

A Quiz featuring the Sixth Form academic tutors held place where we found out many interesting facts about teachers, including Dr Whitworth's Guinness World Record for the highest number of water powered rockets launched in 24 hours. However, we also became aware of many changes to staff roles in sixth form, and who would be leaving next year.

There was a separate commemoration for the student: Owen Holdaway, who came 21st in the enterprise nationals and 2nd in the Yorkshire Ouse enterprise open, a large achievement, in which Mr Smith assured us was not just for bragging rights, but because he was proud of us as a year group.

Finally, we finished the awards assembly on an entertaining note, with another game of heads or tails, this winner {Isaac North} also won a £5 note, burning a hole in Mr Smith's pocket! Overall, we feel that the awards assembly was an enjoyable way to end the year, and ready for our work experience to start the following day.



Year 9 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Year 9 students visited Yorkshire Sculpture Park in June in preparation for their Art GCSE. The Yorkshire Sculpture Park is the leading international centre for modern and contemporary sculpture and is set within the 500 acre Bretton Hall in West Yorkshire. It is the only place in Europe to house a significant collection of sculpture including bronzes by Henry Moore and site-specific work by Andy Goldsworthy, David Nash and James Turrell. Luckily, the weather stayed fine as most of the day was spent outside drawing from the works of art and discussing the various different techniques and materials used. Favourite artworks, that featured in many of the students photographs, included sculptures by Erwin Wurm and Damien Hirst. The students were a credit to the school and we look forward to seeing them embark on their GCSE Art courses in September.



Duke of Edinburgh Gold



In June a group of 50+ Year 12 students ventured out into the mountains of North Wales and the Lake District to complete their Gold DoE practice & qualifier expeditions.

The groups had to complete 3 nights and 4 days (8 hours of activity per day) on each expedition. Each person was required to be self-sufficient which means carrying a tent, sleeping bag, food whilst also showing great team skills working with others in a group.

The groups saw the full range of English summer weather - hot & dry days to thunderstorms and drenching! It was a great indicator of how good the cohort was in the fact they just got on and completed without complaining or feeling sorry for themselves. It was interesting how each group used different motivational methods such as joke telling, listening to favourite music and chanting raps.

They walked around lakes, over hills and mountain passes and showed top campcraft skills cooking meals and leaving no trace when leaving campsites.

Both expeditions were challenging in the true DoE manner, but all of the students should be very proud of themselves for completing this section of the award successfully!!
Well done! **Gold DoE Team**



Our World of Work Day

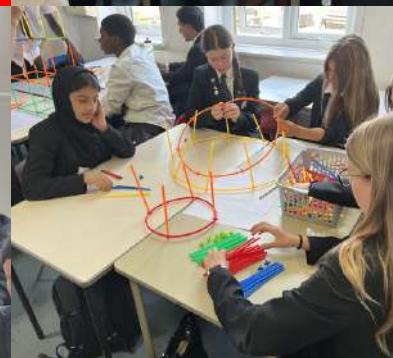
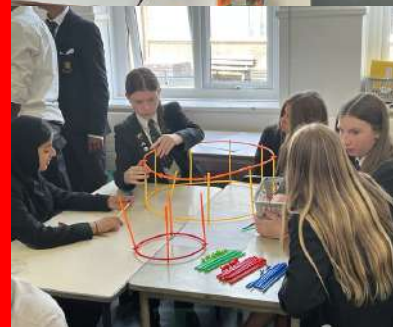
As part of our Inspiring Futures programme, our Year 9 cohort were recently treated to a day of activities from Willmott Dixon. They are a large Construction firm whose main purpose is "to deliver brilliant buildings, transform lives, strengthen communities and enhance the environment so our world is fit for future generations".

They designed and delivered a carousel of activities to raise awareness of the many roles in construction and the wide-ranging skills required by employees to be successful.

The day included design & costing challenges and sessions on how to create & build a new school etc. Oldham College also delivered a session to some of our students on Apprenticeships & T-Levels. It was a good mix of practical and theoretical sessions and at the end the Willmott Dixon presenters praised the behaviour and interest of our students.

The aim was for students to understand a little more about the World of Work and this was achieved in a positive and productive manner.

We will be planning more interactions with employers next year.





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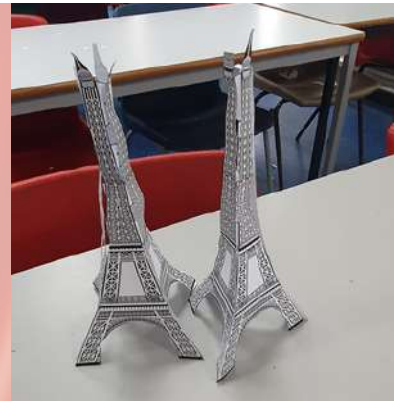
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Bastille Day

Bastille Day festivities took place on Friday 14th of July. A special menu was organised for the canteen, along with Eiffel Tower building and learning a bit of French history and what is Bastille Day for our students. A bake sale took place on Monday 17th July (William D won the baking competition with his amazing cake, and the MFL event club raised money for Action Refugee)



Creative Maths Lessons Using Turing Tumble

A big thanks from the Crompton House School's Mathematics Department to the NW1 Maths Hub for lending us their 'Turing Tumblers'.

During July Maths students used Turing Tumblers to develop problem solving skills and teamwork. As the photographs show, our students had fun and engaged in lessons, working hard with their classmates to create structures using tilting ramps to move marbles from the top of the structure to the bottom.

The creativity, focus, resilience and enjoyment displayed by our students was excellent.

Some of you may remember a former Crompton House School maths teacher, Mr Simon Mazumder. Simon has been leading the NW1 Maths Hub for many years and has recently announced his retirement. Our thanks go to Simon for all his support and for giving our students the chance to try the Turing Tumble.

Best wishes for a happy summer,
Claire Borthwick.



Catering Team Visit Food Technology Lessons

In July our Food Technology Department welcomed our new Catering Manager Mr Mitchell into their classrooms to speak to our year 10 food and hospitality classes.

Mr Mitchell has a wealth of experience in industry and has worked in many roles as far a field as Australia and Indonesia, a French ski chalet, Cornwall and the two AA rosette holding White Heart in Lydgate.

Mr Mitchell went through how his own GCSE in food enabled him to start out on his career path and the opportunities it gave him.

All the students were enthralled by his knowledge and experience and quizzed him on how to design a menu, how to further their own careers, and what qualifications and experience they may need. We also had a sneak preview of the fabulous new menu the catering team will be rolling out in September.

Thankyou Mr Mitchell! Our Food Technology team will look forward to working with you more in the future.



ARTWORK *of the week*



Rose (Y10)



Ava (Y8)



Ella (Y9)



Sophie (Y10)



Gabriella (Y12)



Isobel (Y11)

Raising Funds by Cycling to Rome

Science technician, Mr Courtneil, is cycling from the Coliseum in Oldham to Rome, a distance of 1450 miles over 12 days, to raise funds for the charities SANDS (Still Births & Neo-natal Deaths), Parkinson UK, Back-Up (Spinal Injuries), Fire-Fighter's Charity, and the Arts Emergency Fund. If you would like to donate please visit:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/blazing-saddles-5>

Good Luck Bev!

we are sad to announce the retirement of Drama teacher Mrs Bacon who has helped our students to shine on stage over the past 18 years.

"In 1988 I started my career in teaching and the pinnacle of my career was certainly my appointment as Head of Drama at Crompton House in 2004. I have decided the time is right to make a career change and take early retirement."

"I would like to thank Crompton House for giving me the opportunity to experience the absolute best in learning and teaching. I would now like to take the time to dance with my mum the youngest spirited 81-year-old I know"



Best of Luck Helen!

This term we said our goodbyes to art teacher Mrs Whittaker who has been at Crompton House school since January 2002. Actively involved in trips abroad, including Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, and Venice, London, and also more locally to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, she has decided this school year is the best time to retire, and will be missed by all staff and students.

She has recently set up an art studio at home and has a passion for wildlife photography which she plans to become more involved in after Crompton House. She also has a static caravan in the Lake District and plans to spend more time there.

"I'll miss the people and the children the most and the funny moments in the classroom. A quote I would share with anyone is: 'Life is a work of Art, so make it colourful'"



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