

# STAY IN TOUCH

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As a Church of England School, we strive for everyone to know that they are loved by God who longs for us all to experience life in its fullness through Jesus Christ.

## Yasmin Attends Olympics National Event -By Liz Birkbeck

Following the success at the Berlin World Games, we wanted to keep pushing forward with golf in a competitive format. The Special Olympics hosted a series of summer events across all their key sporting categories, and the golf competition was held on October 2nd at Bromsgrove Golf Centre. This was an opportunity to compete again and to link up with other athletes who'd participated in the Olympic Games in Berlin.

Having a competition to work towards meant we'd aim to be focused. Our usual practice consisted of: garden chipping practice over or onto chairs; lessons with the local pro at Rochdale Golf Club with Andrew Laverty; and getting out to play holes.

Working hard, Yasmin was able to obtain her handicap of 54, not a pre-requisite to enter the 9-hole category at Bromsgrove, but it was a personal goal ticked off. Moving up to 9 holes was more pressure and meant Yasmin would have to make sure she practiced.

The competition format breeds passion, drive, and determination in anyone—qualities that I am now noticing in Yasmin. She played in a four-ball, kept her cool, kept the ball in play, and sank a huge 30-foot putt on the 8th. She played really well throughout, with good drives and excellent chip shots. We thought she'd done okay, although we had to wait until the presentation to find out. They read out the names. Yasmin's being last—she'd secured GOLD!! a huge achievement and one that we are very proud of, as this was a higher category and a big step up from Berlin.

We're looking forward to next year with a key objective to play to her handicap, and so the journey continues with thanks to Special Olympics GB for creating a pathway where Yasmin can truly see results and compete on a level playing field.



## A Sixth Form Open Evening to Remember

On October 4th, our Sixth Form Centre welcomed year 11 students and their families into Crompton House Sixth Form. Each department put on a stunning display. Science experiments took place in the Selwyn building; guess the brand of chocolate caterpillars was held in the Milne block by our Business Studies team; and in Lees block, in the library, the newly built mezzanine open to sixth-form students for quiet study was on display. Our religious studies team asked students thought-provoking moral questions on capital punishment in society, testing moral judgment. Our catering team also put on a stunning menu for our guests.



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# Intaglio Print Art Workshop



Our Year 11 students had an exciting month when they learned the art technique of intaglio printmaking in their art workshop on Tuesday, October 3rd. Students began by cutting packaging to find the shiny material, which would be marked, inked, and rolled onto paper. As you can see below, students created some fabulous pieces of art using this technique.



## Springhill Hospice Visited us!

On October 2, we had a lovely visit from SpringHill Hospice. Our school recently made a donation, together with contributions from former teacher Mrs. Bacon and an ex-student and guest speaker from our KS3 prize-giving evening in July, Dr. Benjamin Harvey. A total of £790 was raised. It was wonderful to celebrate raising this together, and we hope this makes a huge difference to SpringHill and its residents.



## World Mental Health Day- Drop Everything and Read

As part of World Mental Health Day, on October 10th, our school took part in a 'drop everything and read'. Each department played their part, stopping their class work and switching on our #Writeasmile video, which highlighted the benefits of reading and writing on mental health.





# Black History Month Celebrations

On the 12th of October, our school celebrated Black History Month. In our assemblies, students looked at the achievements of members of the BAME community, from celebrities such as female footballer Alex Scott to singer Beyoncé Knowles-Carter. The challenges facing those from different cultural backgrounds were also examined, including respecting someone's wishes and treating everyone equally.

Mr. Williams led this fabulous session, which also included a small drama performance by two Year 11 students to demonstrate this in action.

On the 16th October, we were visited by Mrs. Sandra Samuels, OBE, and Councillor and Deputy Mayor Eddie Moores.

Assemblies took place this morning. At lunch time, music filled our school hall as Sandra played an instrument to our students. And an informative session followed by Q&As concluded the day.



## We also visited an Author at OSFC



To celebrate Black History Month, on the 18th of October, Crompton House students also visited Oldham Sixth Form College to see award-winning author Danielle Jawando. Aspiring authors asked Danielle questions on her success, her thoughts on different cultures in fiction, and what it takes to be an author. Danielle also shared her personal journey from a background of struggle in Moss Side, to being rejected for work, to finally being published.





## Our Harvest Service

‘Then they will say to the King, “Master, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?” Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’”  
Matthew 25:37-40

On October 17th, our assemblies took place, led by Rev. Beck Wilkinson, to celebrate Harvest, a time when we show our gratitude for the food we have grown and produced.

Students had the chance to learn more about this special occasion as well as the work of the Oldham Foodbank. Our school collected food from staff, parents, and carers to donate to those in need through this organisation. We also spread the message on our screens around the school.



## Manchester University Spoke to Our Year 12s



On November 2nd, Abdul Ahad, a recent Manchester University graduate, came in to speak to the Year 12 students about the Manchester Access Programme (MAP). Abdul Ahad, who participated in the scheme himself and is from Rochdale, offered the students an insight into the program. During the programme, the students work with a Manchester University academic to complete a research project. They will also be taught research and referencing skills, plus extra help with their university application. On completion of the programme, the students are given a lower offer for their chosen university course. Crompton House students have successfully participated in the MAP programme for a number of years, and we will no doubt have more successful applicants this year too!

## Rainbow Flag Award

Crompton House School is proudly working towards the Rainbow Flag Award this year.

The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework for all schools and youth-centred organisations. The award focuses on positive LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion, and visibility.

The Rainbow Flag Award encourages a whole-organisation approach to LGBT+ inclusion, as well as developing strategies to effectively challenge and combat LGBTphobic bullying.

PROUDLY WORKING TOWARDS





# Alinane Our Under 14s Tennis Star

Crompton House tennis star Alinane Nkonjera is no stranger to the court. She began playing tennis at the age of seven, travelling to Scotland when she was a primary school pupil, where she reached the semi-finals only to be beaten by the fourth-best tennis player in her category in 2022, and was featured by Rochdale Online seeking sponsorship.

Since her primary school days, she has participated in the Lexus International Juniors Tennis Europe 12u Tour at the Nottingham Tennis Centre, played in the Birchwood Open in Cheshire 14us, and has been invited to play Junior International Liverpool 14us.

In her recent event this October in Nottingham, she reached the semi-finals. This is an amazing achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her. We can't wait to find out how she did in our next edition of Stay in Touch.



## Bowling Platinum Rewards Trip

Over the past academic year, our students have been working hard and earning enough positives to go on their rewards trips. For our platinum awards group, on the 17th and 18th October, their hard work paid off when they hit the bowling alley. All of those in attendance had a fantastic time, and as you can see from the pictures below, there were lots of smiles all around.



## We visited Bridgewater Hall

What a fantastic afternoon Crompton House students had on October 20th, when 70 GCSE, BTEC, and A-Level students went to see and hear the Halle orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall. A huge thanks to our music department for organising the event and to the orchestra, who were a huge inspiration to our students.



## Maths Half Term Winners

Congratulations to the following students for achieving the half term maths award. Students were chosen by their class teachers for recognition of their hard work and achievements. Well done to all!

**YEAR 7**  
Portia-Leigh Denbigh  
Adyan Ehsan  
Robert McLean  
Darcy Hodson-Walker  
Rio Bourne-Wood  
Jabez Yan Lok Lam  
Olivia Sidebotham  
Finn Dennis-Garrity  
Kian Kiely

**YEAR 9**  
Melody Okunde  
Ava-Grace Moorhouse  
Ellis Owen  
Eva Marsland  
Olivia Taylor  
Jayden Palmer  
Amelia Griffiths  
Caitlyn Platt  
Ollie Prytherch

**YEAR 10**  
Riley White  
Darcy Mackay  
Bethany Taft  
Mehak Mahmood  
Zainab Ali  
Hero Seyi-Abidun  
Harry Denson  
Ella Woodward  
Thomas Ward  
Lainey Dyson  
Albert Wheeldon  
Beth Brannick  
George Maguire  
Evelyn Sheridan  
Nicolas Okioaka  
Harrison Leech

**YEAR 11**  
Jack Crew  
Amber Taylor  
Freya Addison  
Isabelle Sheridan  
Bailey Butterworth  
Aimee Hull  
Kane Cooper  
Flynn Buckley  
Nife Arogundade  
Abigail Evans  
Kieran Corbishley  
AJ Henning

**YEAR 12**  
Ruby Whittingham  
Izaak Beck  
Alexander Helme  
James Turta

**YEAR 8**  
Louis Barry  
Abdul Qureshi  
William Moore  
Alfie Millard  
Markus Wong  
Faith Thornton

**YEAR 13**  
Harry Shepherd  
Alfie Hackworth  
Katie Bissett  
Ellie Barns



**TOMBOLAS  
RAFFLES GIFTS  
SANTA'S GROTTO  
REFRESHMENTS  
AND MORE  
...**



**11-2  
SATURDAY  
2ND DEC.**



**CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

**ADULTS: £1  
CHILDREN: 50P**



# **Roll up to the Christmas Market!!**



**CHRISTMAS ROCKY ROAD  
JUMBO PIGS IN DUVETS  
CINNAMON TWISTS  
YORKSHIRE PUDDING WRAPS  
CURRYWURST HOTDOGS WITH FRIED ONIONS  
ALPINE FRIES  
NORWEGIAN BUTTER COOKIES  
GINGERBREAD PEOPLE  
GIANT CHEESE PRETZELS  
TURKEY & BRIE QUESADILLA  
HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MARSHMALLOWS  
WHITE CHOCOLATE & CRANBERRY FLAPJACK  
DOUGHNUTS**



**COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS FESTIVE TRADITION & GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS MOOD!! FROM MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER**



## Olivia's Invitation to Poland

You may remember Year 9 student Olivia Everitt, who was featured in our previous Stay in Touch newsletter. Olivia is part of the Oldham Youth Council, and in December last year, she put forward her proposal in front of 60 councillors and members of the public to make Holiday Activities and Food Sessions (HAF) available to families on income support. In our April/May edition, she attended the mayor's ball to celebrate the newly elected mayor and went to Castleshaw to learn valuable skills to help her succeed as a member of the youth council.

This month Olivia was invited to fly across the waters to Poland as part of the Holocaust Educational Programme 'Listen to the Earth'. Taking place in January, as one of twenty-two people invited to attend the programme, Olivia will be visiting Auschwitz and Birkenau camps, meeting with a witness to the holocaust, visiting the site of the Plaszow Camp, and visiting museums in the city of Krakow, as well as using drama, photography, film, and music to explore the holocaust in more detail. We can't wait to hear more from Olivia in January.



# Crompton House PTFA

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**DECEMBER 2nd**

*Saturday 11am - 2pm*

*£1 Adults - 50p Children*

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LIBRARY READS- BLACK HISTORY & MENTAL HEALTH  
RECOMMENDED BY MRS CULLEN - FIND THEM IN THE LIBRARY OR ON SORA...





# ARTWORK *of the week*



Grace Wilkinson Y12



Penny Palmer Y8



Olivia Spencer Y9

## Donations to Oldham Foodbank

We would like to thank everyone who donated items to our school throughout the month for the Oldham Foodbank. Your donations will make a huge difference to families who are struggling this winter.



## PUZZLED BY LIFE?

Come and discuss it in chapel (L7)

Tuesday (topics) and Wednesday (anything) lunchtimes:  
 31st October: **Death** 7th Nov: **Hope**  
 14th Nov: **Remembering** 21st Nov: No Tuesday Chat  
 28th Nov: **Loneliness** 5th Dec: **Climate Change**  
 12th Dec: **Power** 19th Dec: **Christmas**

## CROMPTON HOUSE SCHOOL PTFA



## MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

**1st Prize £60.00**

**2nd Prize £30.00**

**3rd Prize £20.00**

£12 payment per lottery number per year

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