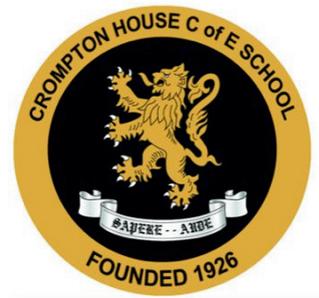


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Crompton House C of E School Newsletter



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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.



Our Remembrance Day



“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” – John 15:13

On the week commencing the 6th November, our school came together for remembrance week. It is always a special time in the year as we remember all of those who died during World War 1 as well as in other conflicts, including those happening today.

In our assemblies, led by Reverend Bec, student speakers shared the importance of the poppy and a poem ‘For The Fallen’ by Lawrence Binyan was read aloud. Displayed in the school corridors and on the crossroads were hand made poppies, a finger print display, and a book featuring stories written on grandparents and other family members who had lost their lives on the frontline.

At the end of the school week, on the 10th November, classrooms paused at 11am for a two minute silence. Only the the sound of students playing ‘The Last Post’ over the school tannoy could be heard. Three year 7 students shared their thoughts on what remembrance week meant to them, containing a written reflection on this important week. You can see these beautiful reflections on our website at: <https://bit.ly/4awWUvN>



Safe Drive–Stay Alive

This month our Year 12 students made a trip to Middleton Arena for a session on driving safely.

The emotionally charged session showed students case studies from parents of the victims of fatal car accidents, advice and recollections from members of the emergency services who had witnessed the incidents, and a speech from a survivor, who had been walking in Manchester city centre when a driver crashed into him, distracted by a mobile phone, resulting in a life changing injury.

We would like to thank everyone who shared their experiences with our students. The impact this session had on our students was tremendous, shown through the feedback from parents of students who attended. One parent described the session as helping her son to understand the importance of driver safety and this will impact how they drive in the future,



Paige Excels in Troupe Dancing

Troupe dancer Paige Jones has been training hard with the Pennine Cascades dance troupe club in Sholver.

In October she took part in the finals, her team winning the most improved seniors and most improved juniors. In the last dance of the year they came 2nd place in the seniors, Paige winning leader of the day and 2nd place in the Juniors.

Paige trains every week and in season, travelling to Stoke on Trent- Telford- Saddleworth and more. Paige was in the junior and senior section for last season as she worked really hard to complete against other troupes and succeed in everything they wanted to achieve over the year. Paige loves to dance and is now training hard for the new season. Fabulous work Paige!



Year 13 Trip to Criminology Conference

The year 13 Social Science students, along with Mrs Lomas and Mrs Owen, attended a trip in November to a Criminology Conference. We heard from experienced criminologists and delved into the world of crime, from ethnographic research to the criminal justice process. Students were able to apply some of their knowledge on theories of crime from their Psychology and Sociology studies to the crimes they heard at the conference.

A highlight of the day was listening to the life stories of previous offenders - Justin Rollins and the Mafia Princess: Marisa Merico - Marisa is the daughter of one of Italy's biggest Mafia bosses. She became involved in her father's business in her teens, and her subsequent involvement led to her serving a 2-year prison sentence in the UK for money laundering. Since then, she has trained as a Criminologist and is currently working alongside third sector organisations, in various areas of the Criminal Justice System and with research partners such as Lancaster University.

Justin Rollins - Justin grew up on the streets of south London and was once the leader of a graffiti gang. He served time for a violent crime, but now he's a professional graffiti artist and works with youth groups. Rollins is a tagging talent who now uses his art to turn lives around. He's a street-smart artist who is making a difference in the community.

Students were so enthralled by their stories that many of them bought Marisa and Justin's books to uncover their stories even further.



The Year 7 Disglo



Our year 7s had an unforgettable night at the disglo, which took place on the 10th November. Equipped with their glow sticks, and fuelled by Tango there were smiles all around.

National Apprenticeships

Mr Pearson and Mr Duncan accompanied 31 students to the National Apprenticeship Show in Liverpool on the 24th November. What a brilliant experience the event was for our students, who were able to converse with potential employers.

We were proud of how they conducted themselves. All students represented our school really well.

Both teachers took several resources from the session to use in form times over the next couple of weeks to spark dialogue and interest and try to ensure all of the students apply for an apprenticeship of their choice, as soon as possible.

Our attending Year 13s were greatly enthused by some of the exhibits too, not least Dylan Hunt who absolutely loved the idea of working for Mercedes-Benz. Thank you to those who organised, and helped to organise this fantastic event.



Beechfield Brands

On Monday 6th November, we were visited by three members of the Commercial Team from Beechfield Brands Ltd, who came to speak to our Languages, Business and Economics pupils.

Caroline and Julia spoke to our A-level MFL pupils and some year 11s about their experience studying French, Spanish and German at university, their year abroad and their careers to date. Languages are used on a daily basis at Beechfield Brands Ltd. With accounts across Europe, Caroline and Julia are involved in attending trade shows abroad, offering marketing support in the form of web banners and brochures and giving product presentations in the local language.

Luca spoke to our A-level Business and Economics pupils about Beechfield's globalisation and European distribution, as well as the challenges the company has faced as a result of Brexit.

This talk was organised to give pupils an insight into the different pathways that are available studying Languages and/or Business at A-level and degree level, as well as real life examples of globalisation and international trading, which are an essential part of the A-level Business and Economics courses.

We thank Caroline, Julia and Luca for their time.



News from St Hughes!

Friday 17th November is St Hugh's Day, the patron Saint of Our school. To celebrate we held a whole school worship in the hall and every class contributed to the worship, sharing facts, poems, artwork and prayers about St Hugh and our amazing school. This was then followed up by St Thomas Leesfield Parish church service being held within our school hall and church on Sunday 19th November. St Hugh's children attended singing in the choir and helping Reverend Chris with the bible readings, prayers and teaching. It was lovely to see some of our past children attending this service as well.



CHS Football: Lyla and Lilyanna

This month Year 8 student Layla Heptonstall and year 9 student Lilyanna Humphreys have been playing football in the Greater Manchester County Schools.

Layla, trains 7 days a week working hard to make it to the County team. Previously playing for Blackburn Rovers Girls, Oldham Athletic Girls and Springhead AFC Ultras, she won Players' Player of the Year award in her first season at Springhead and had a trial with Manchester United Under 9s too.





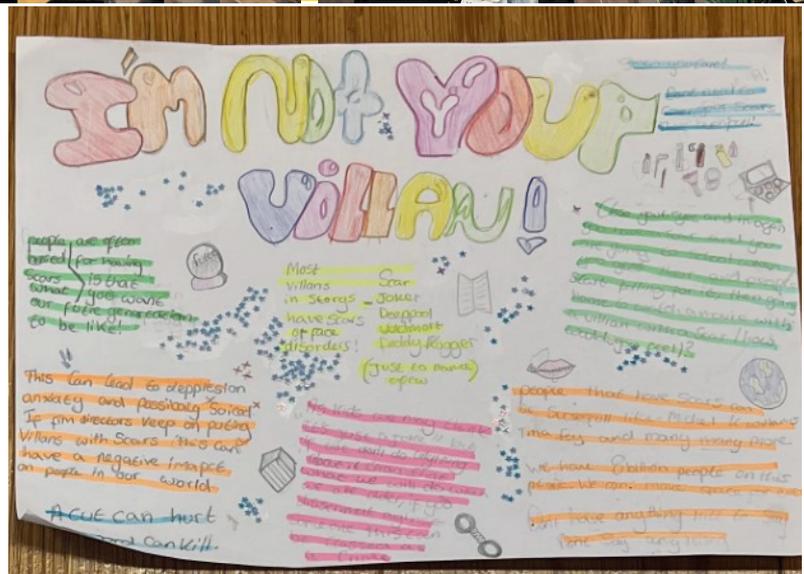
Our Key Stage 4 Speech Night

On Thursday 16th November we celebrated the achievements of our students in our KS4 Presentation Evening. Executive Headteacher, Karl Newell, and Guest speaker and owner of Oldham Athletic Football Club, Frank Rothwell, inspired our students to achieve by never giving up on their hopes and dreams for the future. Frank came onto the stage to shake hands with each student. A huge well done to every student who came onto the stage. We were very proud of you all. And a special thank you to Frank for being a fabulous guest.



The Changing Faces Charity

Our Year 7s have been learning about the work of the Changing Faces charity in PSHE. This charity supports people living with a visible difference, and aims to reduce stereotyping in real life and the media. Students have made some brilliant posters as part of the #iamnotyourvillain campaign, showcasing that writers and directors do not need to give a character a visible difference (like a scar), to indicate that they are a villain.



A Visit by The Oldham Youth Council

By Charlene L (Year 8)

This month we had a special visit with Dana, a member of the Oldham Youth Council, who explained to us the roles and responsibilities you hold as a member. This included voting for vice chair of Youth Councils, helping in widespread campaigns and working closely with the Mayor of Oldham. We had been offered the chance to stand up for what we feel is right.

Not too long ago youth councillors joined together and said that people under 18 wanted to travel free on trams and busses which is why we now have Igo Busses. The chat was very informative.

The Youth Council is an opportunity to give a real account of what children want to make their lives more equipped and accessible for resources such as school, the NHS, Igo passes and many more things. This chat was very informative and I feel very privileged to have been given this opportunity to attend. Youth council poles take place every two years and at least 7 children from each school are guaranteed a spot on the council. Thankyou for such an amazing opportunity.

We can't wait to catch up with students in our next edition of the Stay in Touch when they are given advice on writing their manifestos.



We Rocked in Style!

Written by Tyler M (Year 10)



On the 29th November, our students performed the show 'We Will Rock You'. This was a huge success and we have received lots of positive feedback from parents/carers. This couldn't have been done without the efforts of both our students and the staff. We give extra thanks to Tyler M, Aaron W, Abby B, Zach W, Lily B, Gaby G, Marek E and Vanessa F (From our Tech Team). We also give thanks to N Williams, S Price-Greene, K Bostock, K Doyle, H Nixon, A Thompson and L Hammond. Thanks to those who supported our young people and made a contribution to the Education For All fundraiser ran by the Crompton House PTFA ran by J Banks and the Sixth Form Team. Those who watched the amazing performance received a night of ROCK!!! Our band – Naomi N, Jake L, Marianna C, Sam P, Toby S and Lewis B. Main Characters in the Show: Olivia R, Tom C, Losika Z, Darcie P, Neve B, Evie M, Tomas M.

35mm FILM



Well done to all of our Year 11s who received their mock exams this month. We wish you all of the best in the summer.

Staying Safe Online

As we approach the school holidays it has never been a more important time to stay safe while online. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3TwhKFN> to find out advice and tips on how to keep your child safe.

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What is end-to-end encryption?

Understand more about end-to-end encryption and how to support your child to balance privacy and safety.



Our Fab Christmas Fair



“We are so grateful to the PTFA committee and all the parents, friends, students and teachers who have used their precious time to help run a successful Christmas Fair. There was a great turn out to support the event and a constant buzz of enjoyment to get us all into the Christmas spirit. In total we raised over £4,500.

We were delighted to welcome Shaw Playhouse 2 characters from Dick Whittington. This added a new dimension to the fair and we are pleased to help support our local theatre.

A special thanks and shout out to local businesses who supported the fair with wonderful raffle prizes and other items we could use on our stalls to raise funds (please see the list of business who supported our school fair below). Also to all our parents, carers, and staff who sent in donations and items we could sell.

The PTFA have been raising funds to help purchase a new minibus for the school. Our minibus are in constant use for extra curricular activities and field trips. The PTFA have given £25,000 to the school towards the minibus. In the past we have also provided funds for new kits for sports teams, a laser printer for DT, Head Teacher Awards, Photo booths for the Year 11 and 13 Leavers Balls to name but a few.

Through the year, the PTFA organise a welcome Year 7 Disglo, the Christmas Fair, the Spring Ball (look out for details in January, this is a great night not to be missed), and the Spring plant sales.

We are always looking for new volunteers to get involved with the PTFA. New people bring new ideas and opportunities. It is also a great way to connect with others, make new friends, and know that you are helping to give all our students an amazing educational experience at Crompton House.

Business who supported the PTFA Christmas Fair:

- Alto Digital
- BagBase.com
- DH Lees Butchers
- Digital Telecom
- Fraser Street Shop
- High Crompton Con Club
- JD Williams
- Kickstart
- Lancashire Lock and Safe
- Londis
- Nina Forbes Flowers
- Rare Salon
- School Workshop Services
- Swans Travel Ltd
- The North Star”



Library Highlights for November

Our Scholastic Book Fair

In November, we once again hosted our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Students had a great time browsing new books from our Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to parents, carers, and staff, we managed to raise almost £300 towards free books for our wonderful school library! A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair this year! If you are looking to gift books this Christmas, you can continue to support us by purchasing from the Scholastic online shop and nominating our school when making payment. A percentage of the sales we make also contributes towards free books for our school.



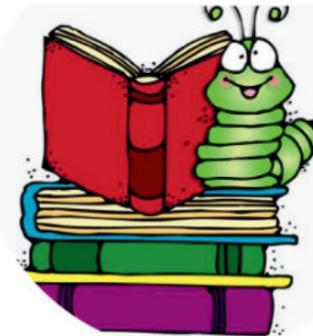
Success in the Library

Since September, we have been monitoring which students are really enjoying reading for pleasure and hence borrowing the most books from our school library. I am pleased to announce the following students have borrowed the most books and will look forward to receiving a reward during our 'rewards Assembly's' next week!

In addition, we have our library superstar of the term Calum Coleman 8Co2, an outstanding new librarian. Callum is a regular in the library who sees what needs doing and gets on with it so pleasantly. Callum uses his own initiative to complete jobs without prompting. Well done!

Library Books Borrowed- Autumn Term

| No of books borrowed by year group |
|------------------------------------|
| Y7 – 641 |
| Y8 – 217 |
| Y9 – 167 |
| Y10 – 54 |
| Y11 - 48 |
| Totals 1127 |



Top Library Borrowers by Year and Form

| Top borrowers |
|---------------------------------|
| 7Ri2 – Hachimeru Wobo Wobo – 36 |
| 7Ri2 – Alayna Rasool – 30 |
| 7Ri2 - Inaaya Jahangir - 23 |
| 8Cr1 – Emma Cowling – 15 |
| 9Co3 – Gift Omogodo – 9 |
| 9Ri1 – Zoya-Aisha Iltaf - 8 |
| 10Ri2 – Layla Metcalf – 15 |
| 10Cr2 – Shreeya Sisodia – 15 |
| 11Ri2 – Ruby Wilson - 11 |

Top Form – Books Borrowed

- **7Ri2 – 203**
- 7Ri1 – 62
- 8Ri1 – 36
- 8Cr1 – 34
- 9 Ri1 – 27
- 9 Co3 – 24
- 10Cr2 – 16
- 10 Ri2 – 15
- 11 Cr2 – 12
- 11 Ri2 - 9

So far year 7Ri2 are smashing it by a mile, again.

LIBRARY READS- NON FICTION NOVEMBER

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

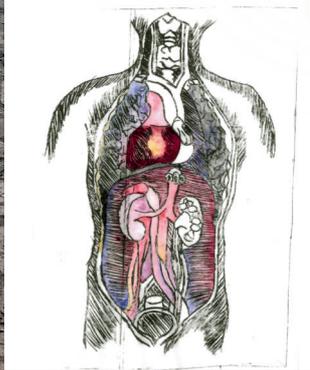


ARTWORK

of the week



Isabella (Year 7)



Matilda (year 10)



James (Year 7)



Eleanor (Year 11)



**Speech Night -
Wednesday 10th
January 2024, 7pm**

Star Actor Movie Release

This term has been exciting for Crompton House student and actor, Joseph Obasohan. In between studying and travelling to London for auditions on future productions, the movie featuring our star has been released. You can see *Your Christmas Or Mine 2* on Amazon Prime Now.



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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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