

Crompton House Church of England School

#WriteaSmile Initiatives

- #WriteaSmile postcard project initiative created from our Student Book Council children combining literacy skills with looking after mental health and wellbeing.
- Student led video with an overview of #WriteaSmile postcard project objectives live on CHS YouTube, socials and website. You can view this here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPf05hGTBxQ

- Launched the project for Children's Mental Health Week.
- Yellow #WriteaSmile post box outside the library where students can post their cards to be delivered during form time.
- CHS students wrote positive postcards to young people at Beale Vale primary school part of our Multi Academy Trust during Mental Health Week.
- During awareness days/months, CHS students write postcards to each other and to staff members with words of encouragement, positivity and thank you messages
- Postcards sent to residents of local care homes hand delivered by CHS students.
- Postcards shared with our church community congregations and talks given by CHS students.
- Shared with the North Care Charity, postcards written, and hand delivered to NHS staff and parents of patients under paediatric and haematology.
- Charity Christmas hamper raffle raising money for new children's library books at Oldham Hospital.

- Embedded in the curriculum, year 7 write to their old primary school teachers and year 6 students sharing their journey at Crompton House School with words of encouragement to younger children due to transition to secondary school.
- Postcards shared with Oldham secondary schools Newman College during exam periods offering words of encouragement and responses received.
- Open evening postcards to visiting prospective parents and children.
- Y11 letter and postcard writing scheme, CHS staff write encouraging messages to students prior to GCSE and A level examinations.
- Oldham Christmas Tree Festival CHS tree decorated with cards and cards for the congregation to take and keep during the Christmas period which can be a very difficult time for many.
- Regular Drop Everything and Read activities accompanied by #WriteaSmile video on awareness days such as Anti Bullying and Mental Health Awareness Weeks.
- Holocaust Memorial Day, students writing poems on postcards to be shared with the Holocaust Survivors Centre.
- Staff use the postcards to send kind and thoughtful messages to each other.