

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.

Our Historians Visited Berlin

It has been an exciting December for our talented Year 11 historians who undertook a four day exploration of Berlin, weaving together history, culture, and festive fun.

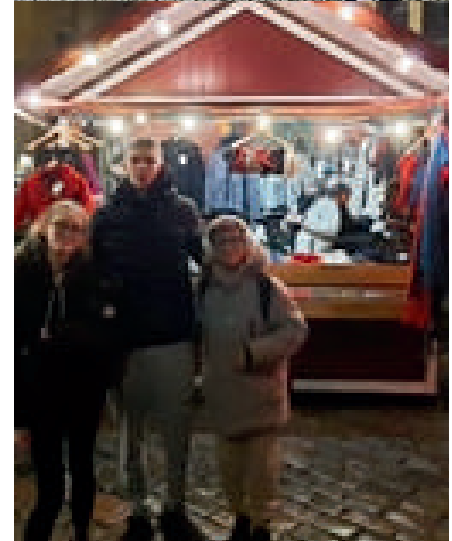
After months of preparation by our History Department, the journey commenced on the 8th with a smooth flight from Manchester Airport followed by an evening at Alex am Berlin restaurant, sampling the culture and setting the tone for an exciting adventure.

The first full day featured a morning shopping spree at the Mall of Berlin and a poignant walking tour, where students engaged with Berlin's historical landmarks such as Checkpoint Charlie, Hitler's bunker and the Memorial to the Holocaust.

Day three delved into history with eye opening visits to Sachsenhausen concentration camp and the Wannsee Conference House. Despite the solemnity, the day concluded with a visit to the Christmas markets, infusing historical reflection with light-hearted moments.

On the fourth day our team visited Hohenschonhausen Stasi prison, revealing East Germany's dark past.

Throughout the trip, students demonstrated commendable behaviour and were credit to the school, despite a few tram shenanigans!



Year 12s' Super Learning Day

It has also been an action packed month for our Year 12 students who took part in a Super Learning Day.

Based around the development of employability skills, students spent time working in predetermined groups to work out a series of challenges, which were both physically and mentally demanding.

They were able to develop their employability skills through taking part in a variety of tasks, which required working in small/large teams helping to develop their collaboration, effective division of roles and communication systems. Students also had opportunities to design and create solutions to problems and work out the most effective logistics to complete tasks.

The day had a carousel of activities to complete including: A Bridge Too Far, Code Breakers, Tyre Tower and Mission Boxes. The tasks allowed the students to be very creative, show ingenuity and to have fun. The day was delivered by members of the Army, who commented on how this is the best school they visit and how fantastic our students had been in terms of interest, getting involved and their super teamwork.





Our Christmas Jumper Day

As we approached the Christmas break students wore their favourite Christmas jumpers to raise money for the Charity Save the Children. As you can see, there were some brilliant designs.



A Visit From The Chaplains Pantomime

Our youngest members of the school also had an unforgettable day on the 8th December when we were joined by the The Chaplains Pantomime.

There were floods of joy and laughter as the production of Cinderella became a major hit with our Year 7s.

We would like to thank our guests for putting on a great show. To see a video clip from the performance please visit:

<https://bit.ly/3HSevRK>



Art Christmas Card Competition

In December our Art Department ran a Christmas Card competition. Well done to everyone who entered. We had lots of stunning entries across the school, however the winners were: Ava who took first place, and to Magnus and Joshua who came second and third.



Brass Band Visit Primary Schools

We also visited local schools in December to spread the festive joy. Our students put on a tremendous performance for the children at Beal Vale, Buckstones and St Hugh's primary school. Thankyou to the staff and pupils at each school for your warm welcome. We can't wait to visit you again soon!



Pictures From Our Christmas Dinner Day



Maths Awards

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 last half term. Well done to all!

YEAR 7

Millie Lewis
Alyza Iqbal
Elliott Taylor
Tyler Mhizha
Riley Mould
Sofia Fresi
Lucinda Brogden
Ashley McCann
Lacey Rusk

YEAR 8

Ted Lang
Stevie Stewart
Isaac Crossley
Maria Rahman
Chowdhury
Layla Dowd
Eva Neary
Chelsea Whitehouse

YEAR 9

Lexi McGowan
Mia Warren
Eve Sanderson
Rome Ogul
Olivia Cherian
Lucie Clegg
Paul Sunny
Mia Davidson
Ruby Scholes
Kian Frost
Hasnain Khan

YEAR 10

Neha Ajmal
Hassan Khan
Olivia Mayers
Ruby Cluskey
Ruby Moores
Euan Hurst
Melody-Rose Whittaker
Lucas Summersgill
Curtis Wheeler
Haadiyah Hussain
Evie Marsden
Jayden Lenge
Joshua Wilson
Ellie Burns
Tollomeo Mainwaring

YEAR 11

Stephen Hollamby
Tiger Yang
Ed Briggs-Kershaw
Gabrielle Cadman
William Dennis
Megan-Nicole Connor
Corey Hampton
Tru Preston
Liam Price
Inayah Javid
Olivia Hallam
Violet Clayton

YEAR 12

Destiny Duru
Amie Guest
Daniel Melling
Will Fedden
Francesca Birch

YEAR 13

Ellie Barnes
Katie Bisset

FISH FOR HEROES' PROGRAMME



RECENTLY OUR YEAR 10 FOOD GROUP RECEIVED A DONATION OF 40KG OF MUSSELS FROM THE FISH HERO PROGRAMME. THIS IS OUR 2ND YEAR WITH THE PROGRAMME AND THIS YEAR LIVE FRESH MUSSELS WERE DONATED. THE STUDENTS WERE TAUGHT HOW TO CLEAN THE MUSSELS AND TEST FOR FRESHNESS. THEY CREATED A PAELLA EACH WITH A VARIETY OF INGREDIENTS AND TESTED THE MUSSELS TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE SAFE TO EAT. MUSSELS ARE NOT SOMETHING WE WOULD NORMALLY COOK WITH SO THIS WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS.



Careers In Innovation Talk

On the 14th December, Mr Wakelin delivered a talk to our Sixth Form students discussing how projects work, and how technology and collaboration are vital to the sector that pushes innovation in a drive to deliver new interactive experiences, aesthetics, and media change.



Our Rainbow Flag Update

As a school, we are working towards the Rainbow Flag Award. This is a national quality assurance framework run by the Proud Trust for all schools and youth-centred organisations. The award focuses on positive LGBT+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion and visibility.

We are proud to say that we have been awarded the skilled teachers award for our work as a whole staff body on using inclusive terminology and tackling LGBTphobia.

To find out more about the award, visit <https://www.rainbowflagaward.co.uk/>



A Royal Music Session to Remember

By Emily Hannibal Y9

On Thursday 18th January, a few members from the Royal Marines band generously agreed to come into school and give a talk about their job. The school Senior wind band were extremely grateful to have the opportunity to be conducted by a professional conductor.

During second period, there was a talk and a PowerPoint about what it was like to be in the Royal Marines band as well as time to answer some inquisitive questions. We had a run down on the army training and opportunities that came with the job. Some of us are now considering it as a career choice. Our senior wind band performed a melody from Guardians of the Galaxy in preparation for our concert in a few weeks time. We loved the chance to work with some of the best musicians.

My favourite bit was hearing about all the places they had been with the job.



Year 9 APPRENTICESHIP PRESENTATION

Recently our Year 9s had the chance to attend a live webinar provided by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Careers) based around raising understanding of apprenticeships. The session included representatives of the Greater Manchester careers team, Whitecroft Lighting and the Juice Academy, who explained the different levels of apprenticeships and how they work. The session was most informative and should help with either initial thoughts on future pathways or perhaps solidify pathway choices and what subjects may be needed to access certain careers.

The Mayor of Manchester has set up the GMACs scheme to help inform young people about apprentice opportunities in Greater Manchester.





Year 11 Work Experience

To help our Year 11s prepare for life after Crompton House, students went on work experience in December. Employers from across a number of industries including the fields of science, education, sales and marketing and sport took part in this valuable event. It was wonderful to see the positive feedback we received after the students returned to school and we were incredibly proud of them all.

Jessica Greenwood, who spent her work experience at the Royal Oldham Hospital, explained:

"I was at The Royal Oldham Hospital. During my time here I got to see A&E (and the areas which make up A&E) along with spending time on the ward. I saw the pressures staff were constantly under on a daily basis, how communication works in a hospital setting, and how the hospital is generally run. I'm very grateful for this opportunity."

Olivia Major spent four days at VAWhitley & Co Limited supporting the sales and operation team. In this challenging and unpredictable role, the company who supported her provided amazing feedback:

"Olivia presented herself very well. A polite young lady, who was very approachable and receptive to the introduction to our business... It has been a pleasure welcoming Olivia into our business for her work experience, and would welcome her back anytime."

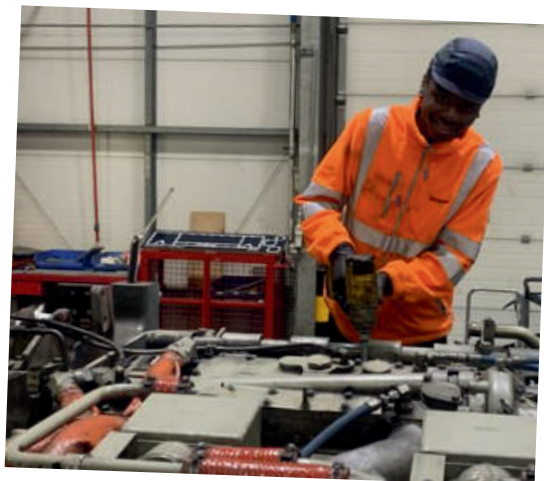
Skyla Tighe visited our partnership school Beal Vale where she spent time in the classroom supporting the young students in Key Stage 1 and 2.

"I taught Skyla in Year 4, and it is lovely to see what a mature and confident young woman she has turned into. We would gladly have her back, as long as she promises to work in my class!"

Neve Smethurst who spent her work experience with Buckstones Primary School also received amazing feedback:

It was a pleasure to have Neve for her work placement. She built effective relationships with both the staff and pupils and took all aspects of school work in her stride. We would welcome Neve back any time.

We are eternally grateful to each employer who gave our students the chance to shine over the course of the week. Best of luck to our Year 11s who will definitely find these newly acquired skills useful, both in their exams and once they leave our school and enter the workplace.



Speech Night



On Wednesday, 10th January, our Sixth Form Speech Night took place. It was wonderful to see so many students take to the stage to receive their rewards. We are all very proud of you for your achievements so far and wish you all of the best as you continue onto the next stage of your journey.



The evening began with speeches from Executive Headteacher Karl Newell and Head of Sixth Form Rich Smith before our guest speaker, Jessica Fullalove, took to the stage to present the awards to our students.



Jessica was a former student at Crompton House school before becoming a professional swimmer in 2015. As a professional she achieved three silver medals at the Youth Olympic games before retiring in 2020.



She shared the pressures of being an athlete with our audience and discussed the highlights of her journey (including mentioning the people who made her journey special). Our audience was left with the message of having self belief and never giving up on your dreams.



Tom Palmer's Gift a book for Christmas



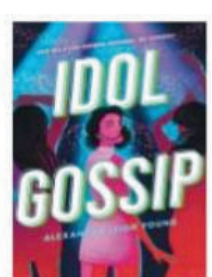
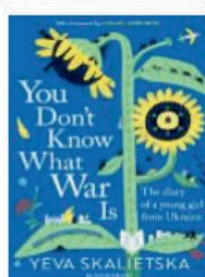
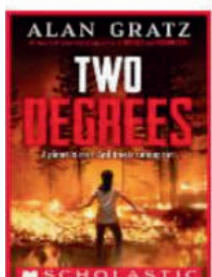
Tom Palmer is a brilliant children's author of some of my favorite books. Tom visited CHS in 2022 and gave a fantastic talk to our year 7 and 8 children. Every Christmas Tom Palmer gift's 50 signed, giftwrapped books to children across the UK who may have experienced or experiencing a particularly difficult and challenging time. It is a wonderful initiative that has brought great joy to CHS students who were selected to receive a book following staff nominations. Stevie and Bailey both in year 8 received a signed copy of Armistice Runner and Tom also gifted Bailey's sister Sienna who is age 9 and currently undergoing hospital treatment also received a signed book. A massive thank you to Tom and family for this incredibly thoughtful gesture, wishing you a very merry Christmas from the CHS community.

Tom has a great website full of free resources and information, you can find out more about Tom here <https://tompalmer.co.uk/>



LIBRARY READS- NEW YEAR NEW BOOKS 2024

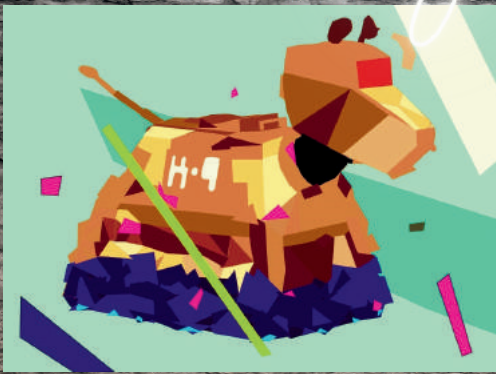
RECOMMENDED BY MRS CULLEN - FIND THEM IN THE LIBRARY OR ON SORA...



ARTWORK *of the week*



Ella W (Year 10)



Jack C (Year 11)



Imogen P (Year 7)



Isaac W (Year 7)

Best Wishes Julie!

This term we said goodbye to sixth form receptionist and administrator Julie Atkins who has been at Crompton House school for 23 years. Julie has seen seven headteachers take charge of the school, attended every sixth form school event and has been an asset to the school.

Julie is now planning to travel and spend more time with her family, especially her four grandchildren.

"My husband is retiring in March so I will be tidying up my clothes and shoes. We are going to Mauritius in the New Year, backpacking in Bangkok, Vietnam, and Cambodia."

We wish her the best of luck for the future. Julie- you will be sorely missed by everyone.



Crompton House CE School
SPRING BALL
SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2024
Bellavista Restaurant Milnrow : 7pm - Midnight

Tickets £45 per person

Arrival 7-7.15
3 course meal served at 7.30
Last orders 11.45
Dancing until midnight

A spectacular annual fundraising event

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