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APRIL 2025

Crompton House achieves Gold in School Mental Health Award!

The School Mental Health Award is delivered by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools. Crompton House have been awarded the **gold standard** for our outstanding mental health and wellbeing provision.

Mrs Hegarty said: "We are incredibly proud to have achieved this award, which reflects our deep commitment to the wellbeing of every member of our school community. At the heart of our ethos —Loving God, Caring for Each Other, and Achieving Excellence —is a belief that true success comes from growing the whole person. This award recognises the dedication of our staff, students, and families in creating a compassionate and supportive environment where everyone can thrive."

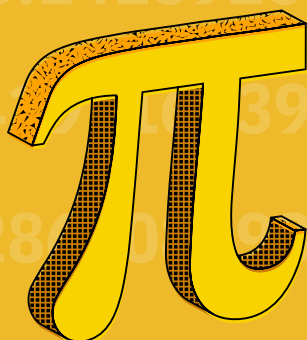
"This recognition is not just an award; it represents the real, tangible impact our mental health support has had on our students. Through our dedicated pastoral care, wellbeing initiatives, and strong culture of openness, we have seen students grow in confidence, resilience, and academic achievement. They feel more supported, better equipped to face challenges, and able to flourish in a school environment where mental health is prioritised".

A focal point of the school's mental health and wellbeing provision is to develop a marked improvement in the emotional and psychological wellbeing of our students, as evidenced by the results of our recent Bee Well survey. Our students report lower levels of emotional and behavioural difficulties compared to national averages, demonstrating that they feel more supported and less anxious. Our efforts to create an environment where students feel heard, supported, and valued have resulted in a more positive and inclusive school culture.

We are incredibly proud of this prestigious award and the full story can be found on our blog on the school website.



International Pi Day Results!



Every year on the 14th March it's International Pi Day and we mark the occasion in school with a challenge to see how many digits of Pi our pupils can remember and recite.

Every year we are still surprised and incredibly impressed when we hear the recited efforts and the winner each year always receives a little treat.

This year was Year 9 pupil Emma who was able to recite a mind blowing 141 digits of Pi!

To give you visual context of this, here's what you'd have to remember to match Emma's efforts:

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The evening Thursday 20th March saw our annual Duke of Edinburgh presentation evening take place in the main hall for pupils from both the school and sixth form.

The evening is a chance for participants and their families of each of the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award categories attend a celebratory event in school with a guest speaker and presentations from their D of E co-ordinators.

This year the school welcomed in guest speaker Mr Andy Reid MBE. He spoke and delivered a presentation that was equal parts gripping, motivating, and shocking, both visually and in listening to his stories.

The students came out one at a time to receive their awards, before pausing to take a picture with Mr Reid and to receive a well earned applause. The roll call was in alphabetical order relative to each level of the awards, with a break between each category where that level's co-ordinator shared a more personally tailored presentation detailing that groups activities.

On the whole the evening was a great celebration of some wonderful students and volunteers contributions, and as a great source of motivation for everyone involved to always continue to strive for progress in all facets of their lives.

We would like to once again thank our inspirational guest speaker and all of our incredible Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible. For anyone considering getting involved with D of E, either as a pupil looking to gain their awards or as a parent who might enjoy helping out on walks or trips, we would strongly encourage you to do so. It's a great chance to test yourself while making memories that last a lifetime.



Duke of Edinburgh Award & Speech Night 2025





2025 Not Out for Lois!

ARTICLE COURTESY OF LOIS GEORGE

“ I’ve been fortunate to have recently been awarded a cricket scholarship to Scarborough College, on the North Yorkshire coast, and I’ll be joining Year 8 there from the start of the summer term, just in time for the cricket season! The school has a big focus on sport, especially cricket, and I’ll be part of their Girls’ Cricket Academy, which means lots of training, matches, and early mornings!

I’ve been playing for the Yorkshire County Cricket Club (YCCC) girls' team since I was 10 and I’m now in my third season with the U13s as an all-rounder, which means I love both batting and bowling. I’ve been coached by Moin Ashraf, who used to play professionally for Yorkshire, he’s been brilliant and helped me loads. He also spotted my potential and encouraged me to explore the opportunity at Scarborough College so I owe him a lot.

I’ve absolutely loved being at Crompton House. I’ve had the chance to be Cricket Captain, play for both the Year 8 and 9 football teams, and take part in loads of other sports too. I’ve basically spent half my time in PE kit. I’ve made amazing friends who I hope I’ll have for life, and I’ll definitely be taking a lot of very happy memories with me.

I want to say a huge thank you to all my teachers for being so supportive, especially the PE team who have helped me try new sports and encouraged me in all the sports I play.

I’ll really miss CHS, the people, the laughs, and the team spirit but I’m also really excited for this next chapter and to see where cricket takes me. Some of my biggest cricket heroes are Harry Brook and Lauren Bell as they both play with so much passion and energy and it’s amazing to see players at the top level doing what they love.

Women’s cricket has grown so much and there are more opportunities than ever for girls to get involved. Whether you’re totally new to it or already play a bit, just give it a go. It’s honestly the best sport, there’s something in it for everyone. To any younger girls reading this – just say yes to everything, try all the sports, and enjoy it. You never know where sport might take you!

Crompton House’s Chess Challengers!

Towards the end of March four pupils represented Crompton House in the inaugural running of the Oldham Schools Annual Chess Competition hosted by North Chadderton School.

The four challengers were **Ayush** (Year 10), **Cooper** (Year 7), **Edward** (Year 7) and **Linden** (Year 9). Of the 10 schools in attendance the boys managed to finish on equal points with 6th in an exciting relatively close run event.

This was a great experience for the attendees who will look to refine their games and hopefully go back again next year with the aim of finishing off even stronger and winning some extra points.

Congratulations on the excellent efforts all four of you!



STEM Challenge Champions!

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MR WAKELIN

I am pleased to say that the recent MegaHub trip was a complete success, our students were behaved fantastically, as they always are when representing our school!

Our students were given a tour of the specialist IT labs at Oldham College before then being given an introduction to AI systems and how they are currently changing our world, before then being given a brief.

Each school was split into 2 teams with an aim to create an AI system that would positively impact society. The teams had to research, create a logo using AI tools, create a functioning app using AI tools and then pitch this app to the audience in a way similar to the TV show 'Dragon's Den'.

All teams were given a fixed budget which with the tools having costs for each use to ensure students made strategic decisions and solved problems logically.

I must say that our students worked tirelessly. They worked through breaks; they worked through lunch and at one point I had to say enough is enough and make them eat.

I'm delighted to say that Crompton House finished in 1st place when competing against six other schools in the STEM challenge and have done themselves and the school very proud.

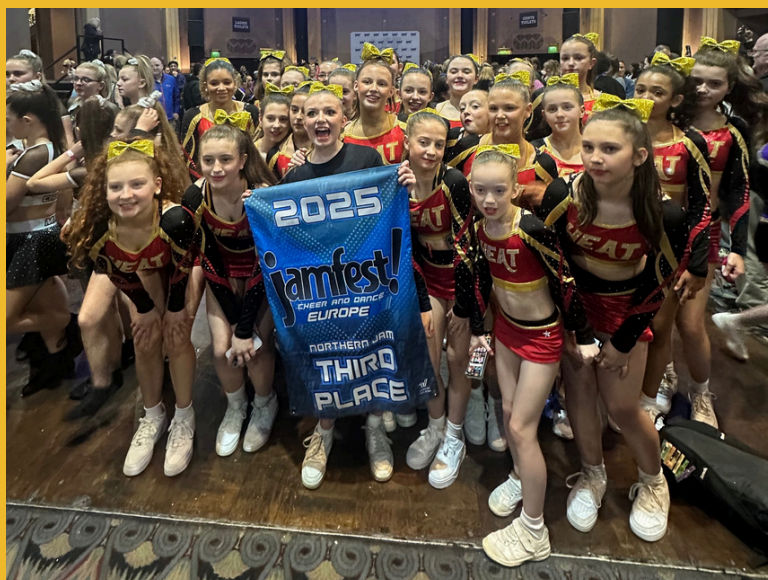


CHS takes the cheer to Jamfest 2025

Our Crompton House Heat Cheerleaders took to the road to take part in the JamFest Cheerleading competition in Blackpool at the beginning of March.

In our category we were the only school to feature a squad. The clubs we were competing against would all typically train externally three or four times a week. Whereas with this being school based we only train for 45 minutes once a week.

With that said however, our girls still performed brilliantly and we managed to come third out of 8 other clubs in attendance. We are very proud of all of their continued efforts and hopefully we can carry on moving upwards!



Totally Vocal 2025

Totally Vocal is a highly anticipated date in the CHS events calendar and it always delivers. The performers always give their all, to put on a bigger and better show each and every time.

With performances from pupils from each year group, the crowd were treated to choir music, a high energy metal performance from 'REDACTED' and a range of soloists and groups. The night was very much one to remember!

It's a real joy to watch and listen to the brilliant talents of the pupils, and a reminder of how incredibly hard our music team works to encourage and improve the performers skillsets.

Before a very energetic and colourful performance of 'I'm Just Ken' Year 11's Tomas opened by encouraging younger pupils to take part in the choir and music in general as a great way to find enjoyment and personal development, telling the crowd "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take!"

Following the show we asked Tomas what encouraged him to join in with the various musical activities, to which he told us "I've always had a love for music and song writing so I joined the choir to help me with my singing, and so I could write songs better. I'd tell younger students to pursue it because they might enjoy it and it also helps them build their confidence."

The fast paced dancing numbers were juxtaposed with other performances including a soulful piano rendition of 'Oceans' by Year 11's Hannah and a seamless acoustic medley of 'Blackbird' and 'Yesterday' by Scarlett from Year 10. The real broad range of styles on display go a long way to highlighting just why we so passionately encourage pupils to come and join in with the many musical offerings the school provides, as there really is **something for everybody, and all are welcome.**

If you are thinking of learning an instrument or joining in with something musically please speak to Mrs Nixon who can help to guide you in the right direction.





Anything but a damp squib!

Our entire CHS family came together in the massively fun filled way on Red Nose Day this year, raising an impressive £367 for Comic Relief! The event, organised by the Student Management Team, was packed with exciting activities that brought students and staff together for a very worthy cause.

The undoubted highlight of the day was the highly anticipated Wet Sponge Throwing Contest, where students had the chance to throw soaked sponges at their favourite teachers and SMT members! All of the volunteers were great sports, bravely standing in the line of fire, and their enthusiasm for the cause made the event even more enjoyable. Laughter and cheers filled the air as the wet sponge projectiles made their mark, all in the name of charity.

Throughout the day, students also enjoyed various other fundraising activities, including bake sales, and face painting, all contributing to the impressive total raised. The event was not only a lot of fun but also a reminder of the importance of coming together to support those in need.

Thanks to the generosity of students, staff, and everyone involved, our school has made a really good contribution to Comic Relief this year, and we're very proud of everyone involved. It was a fantastic day that showcased the spirit of our school and the power of community. We're already looking forward to next year's Red Nose Day celebration – who knows what fun and memorable activities the SMT will come up with next!

Student Council Update

Following on from the last edition where we shared the news of our new student council, after a short interview with Year 10's Will, we have the following updates to share about their work.

"The school council is working towards many exciting events for this year and next. We are also looking to help the transition process for pupils from year 6 to year 7. We are also looking for any way to help the school, and after the holidays we might be getting a suggestion box to help with this. Also, we are always happy to take on more dedicated students."



Elouise shines on Blue Peter

Travelling a little further back to the end of January, Year 7 pupil Elouise was invited to join in with a group of performers on national TV, on Blue Peter no less!

The all-action performance involved singing and some very challenging looking choreography! The song performed was 'Revoltin' Children' from hit musical 'Matilda' and for all of us watching at home it had us stomping and clapping along.

This remarkable achievement is a testament to her dedication, talent, and hard work, in getting to this point. It was a proud moment for the entire school community to see one of our own shine on such a prestigious platform, and we look forward to seeing what she goes on to accomplish next!

Tomas is a local hero!

A huge congratulations from us to our fantastic Year 7 pupil Tomas, as he was nominated for Young Citizen of the Year award for Greater Manchester 2025. This is for his work in the local community looking after 3 community defibrillators, with one being on Rochdale Road at the Black Horse Pub near to school. He was nominated for the award for caring and checking on the defibrillators. He was also nominated for raising awareness of CPR and defibrillators and helping with the training of others.

He was awarded as a runner up and received a certificate from the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester. The Lord Lieutenant was also in attendance at the event, representing the King.

Tomas' family passed on how incredibly proud they were of his achievements and said how "great it was to see all the winners, and such good work done by young people across Greater Manchester at the event."



Liv's Mancunian Unity Update

ARTICLE COURTESY OF OLIVIA SHAW

I joined Mancunian Unity Women's first team in January 2024. Unity were in tier 6 of the women's pyramid when I joined however, we got promoted to tier 5 last season by winning the league title.

In fact, we won 22 out of 22 games. I love being a part of the Unity team with the staff and teammates.

This season we reached the 3rd round of the Womens FA Cup where we were defeated 3-0 by Rugby Borough who are a professional team. We beat Leeds United 3-1 where I scored the third goal and Stockport county where I scored two goals and received girl of the game.

We have reached the final of the League Cup where the final will be held at Vauxhall Motors, Ellesmere Port on 4th May and the big County Cup Final v Bury with a date tbc. Unity have been in the final in 3 out of the last 4 years but not quite managed to win it.

Hopefully this year will be our year.



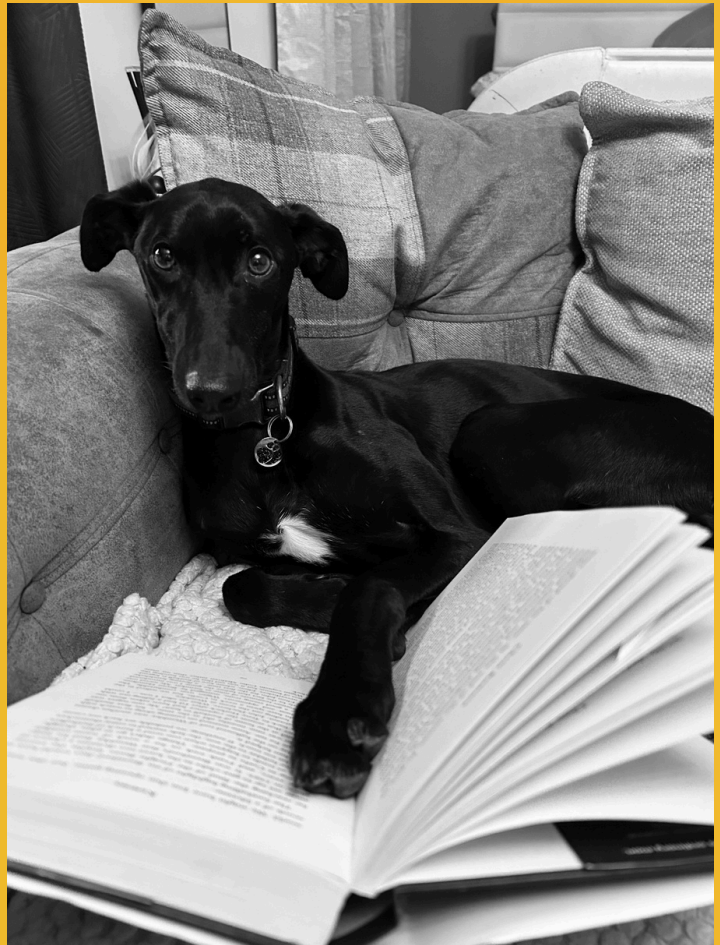
Sixth Form University Offers

We are delighted to be able to share a few bits of information about some wonderful offers some of our Sixth Form students have received in response to their University Applications.

Emilia Jaskowska and Destiny Duru have both received offers to study Medicine at Leeds and Lancaster University respectively and Charlotte Harrison has an offer from Oxford!

We have lots of other students in receipt of fantastic offers for degree apprenticeships and amazing university places across the country.

We are very proud of all of their efforts up to this point and wish everybody all the best in securing their future positions.



Photography Competition

Recently Mrs Ritchie-Holland organised a photography competition for pupils of all year groups. This was a fun activity aimed at introducing pupils to a new way of viewing the everyday world and improving their skill sets in capturing moments. There were an impressive amount of entries at an even more impressive level. Here are a few of our favourite shots, and below are some thoughts on a couple of the photos.

Judge's feedback top left: What a fun and vibrant photograph, the colour's really pops in this image. I really like the close crop which helps draw your attention to the subject, in addition the earth tones of the book really contrast to the colour's around the bed once again drawing your eyes down. The subjects pose works well and it gives you the feeling of peace and relaxation.

Judge's feedback bottom left: A great photograph which contains fantastic natural light, I particularly appreciate the hair light that creates wonderful shape and form. The dynamic cropping works particularly well incorporating the rule of thirds within the left vertical quadrant. This crop makes the image feel more dynamic and allows you to appreciate the surrounding trees in the background.

Accompanying explanation: The inspiration of my photograph was nature and how the sun and peaceful surroundings of nature can bring joy to people, equally as reading can, particularly regarding benefiting their mental health. This photo was taken in Healey Dell Nature Reserve.



What does it mean to be human?

During the Autumn/Spring term, Sixth Form students have enjoyed 3 drop-down Wednesday afternoons looking at the theme 'What does it mean to be human?' In this series we explored some of the most profound questions and issues that are currently shaping our political, philosophical, scientific and religious discussions. On 13th November, Professor Dian Donnai (vice chair of the Adelphi Genetics Forum) explored the religious and ethical dilemmas of genetic engineering. On 11th December, Dr Gavin Merrifield (Gen Sec for Manchester Christians in Science) explored the religious and ethical dilemmas surrounding Artificial Intelligence. Finally, on 26th March, students on our Sixth Form Medical Society team led our final session exploring religious and ethical dilemmas surrounding Euthanasia.

Students commented on how thought-provoking the discussions were as they raised issues and questions they had not considered before and challenged traditional beliefs about the nature of humanity, consciousness and the divine: "the talk made me think of situations which I have never considered before... I think it was an eye-opener for our future, and it made me wonder how these developments will affect our future moving forwards."

We are deeply grateful to our Medical Society Team (Jessica Greenwood, Inayah Javed, Emilia Jakowska and Destiny Duru) for the thoughtful, sensitive and professional manner in which they led the debate on Euthanasia.

w/c	Worship Theme	Bible Passage
21/04/2025	Easter Living	1 Peter 1:3-7
28/04/2025	Navigating the digital world safely - Internet Safety	Ephesians 5:15-20
05/05/2025	Personal growth, spiritual goals, future vision	Philippians 3:13-14
12/05/2025	Transforming lives together - Christian Aid Week	Matthew 25:31-40
19/05/2025	Dare to dream / courage to soar	2 Timothy 1:6-10
02/06/2025	Mental Health Awareness Week	1 Thessalonians 5:11 / Hebrews 10:24-25
09/06/2025	Doing the right thing even when no one is watching	Proverbs 10:9 / Titus 2:7-8
16/06/2025	Honest to God in the midst of trials and suffering	John 11:35 / Ps 13:1
23/06/2025	Instruments of Praise - World Music Day 21st June	Psalms 150
30/06/2025	Practicing Hospitality - welcoming the stranger	Hebrews 13:1-3
07/07/2025	The Greatest challenge of our time	2 Chronicles 7:14
14/07/2025	Giving Thanks & celebrating the year	Psalms 136



Pastures new for Reverend Canon Katy

The Reverend Canon Katy Cunliffe has been with the Crompton House Chaplaincy team since 2018 and is now leaving the area to take her new appointment as the Canon Precentor at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, where she will oversee the planning and direction of the cathedral's worship and special services. Rev Katy has worked within the local churches and school as vicar and Children and Young Families Missioner. We are grateful to Rev Katy for the faithful support she has given to the school, her godly wisdom and counsel, and the presiding of our worship services and termly Eucharists. Rev Canon Katy has kindly agreed to preside our Easter Eucharist services. She says farewell to her parish on 26th April before her installation at St Edmondsbury Cathedral on Sunday 1st June 2025. We wish her every success and blessing in her future.



Good News for Everyone: Bible Discover Series

Over the last term, all Year 7 and 8 students have been reading through the Good News for Everyone "Bible Discover" booklets. So far we have completed the first 2 sections which provide an overview of the stories of the Old Testament: Creation, Abraham, Joseph, Moses and the Exodus, The Psalms and Proverbs, and the writings of the Proverbs. 40 students completed the end of unit quiz and each received 15 credits via class charts. If any student has not yet handed in their booklet, please ensure it is passed to our school chaplain, Rev Andrew, and they can still receive 15 credits for each section completed. This project will continue through to the end of the Year as we now begin discovering the stories of the New Testament.

MAY / JUNE 2025

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Upcoming evening and weekend school events and trips:

5th May	—	May Day Bank Holiday	4th June	—	Year 12 Geography Conwy Trip
7th May	—	Welcome Evening Year 7 Starting September	5th June	—	DofE Bronze Autumn Group Practice Expedition
8th May	—	Welcome Evening Year 7 Starting September	5th June	—	Year 8 Parents Evening (By Appointment Only)
8th May	—	DofE Silver Expedition	6th June	—	DofE Gold Practice Expedition
10th May	—	DofE Bronze Autumn Group Pots & Pans Walk	8th June	—	DofE Silver Expedition
13th May	—	Year 7 Parents Evening (By Appointment Only)	10th June	—	Year 8 Parents Evening (By Appointment Only)
15th May	—	PIE - Year 10 Futures	12th June	—	DofE Bronze Spring Group Practice Expedition
15th May	—	DofE Silver Expedition	14th June	—	Dof E Gold Practice Expedition
17th May	—	DofE Bronze Spring Group Pots & Pans Day Walk	18th June	—	Year 7 Residential Trip to Colomendy
22nd May	—	Year 7 Parents Evening (By Appointment Only)	23rd June	—	PIE - Year 11 Welcome to Sixth Form
23rd May	—	School Closes for Half Term 15.20pm Finish	28th June	—	MFL Year 8 & 9 Trip to France
2nd June	—	School Re-opens for All Pupils	30th June	—	Year 10 Geography Trip to Swanage

Further details for each event will be communicated by the usual channels.

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JOIN US ON THE **YELLOW BRICK ROAD**

**Our Lower School Production promises to be as entertaining as always
when it debuts at Crompton House on the 8th & 9th of July.**

Tickets will be available on Parent Pay.
See you there!

Thank you for reading!



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