

# STAY IN TOUCH



**CROMPTON HOUSE  
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2 of 4 - 2025/26



## Welcome to a new year and a new term!

Welcome back one and all for a new year, and a new opportunity to learn, develop yourself and achieve excellence in whatever it is you're aiming for.

This edition will give you stories and photos from the second half of our Autumn/Winter term. Showing some of our favourite highlights we've noted around school and received from parents and carers. That means colourful and caring Christmas stories, some brilliant academic achievements and of course we'll catch up with some stories from the brilliant Beauty & The Beast production we told you about last time!

As always, the newsletter is available on our website too if you want to pass a story on to somebody else to read, and we're always more than happy to hear the success stories of our students if you have anything you'd like to pass on. It's important that we hear from parents with these updates so that we can continue to share the stories and champion the students' achievements!



## WORK EXPERIENCE UPDATES

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MRS FRASER

We are so proud of all our students who completed work experience in December. The students gave very positive feedback saying how much they learnt and despite being tired, enjoyed the week. It's such a great preparation for the world of work! Students said how lovely the staff were who had guided and supported them.

Employers are still sending feedback but the first report received quoted *"Nothing was too much trouble for them, and they consistently went above and beyond.. Each student worked hard and was polite, caring, and respectful... We simply wanted to get in touch to share how wonderful they all were and how much we appreciated their contribution."*

We send many thanks to all the employers who supported us. Anyone wishing to join our Employer Networking Collaborative should email [a.fraser@cromptonhouse.org](mailto:a.fraser@cromptonhouse.org)

**We are also very keen to continue to expand our Crompton House Alumni Network too. This is completely free to join and we hope to have lots to offer in the future as part of the program. If you have ever attended Crompton House, please register your details with us by scanning the QR code below!**



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## BEAUTY & THE BEAST - A ROARING SUCCESS

In December we welcomed hundreds of excited visitors into school to watch two nights of brilliant performances in our stunning upper school production of Beauty & The Beast. For those of you reading this that didn't have the good fortune of seeing the show, believe us when we say you missed out!

Each and every student and staff member that took part in the production both on stage and behind the scenes should feel incredibly proud of the final product they helped create. The acting of the cast was years ahead of what their ages would suggest, the vibrant set transported you right in to the Beast's Castle and the costumes worked fantastically well - be that Lumière's candle hands, The Beast's Head or Cogsworth's Clock - they were all excellent!

An extended gallery of images of the show can be found on the school website, and if you were part of the show and you're reading this and would like to see additional pictures, please ask Mrs Hammond to help you out.



# Regroove Records on the rise!

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MR MORGAN

Our Young Enterprise team, Regroove Records, has been making waves! Recently, they proudly achieved 2nd place in the national Brands for Success competition—a fantastic recognition of their creativity and hard work. Regroove records have won £50 to further their entrepreneurial cause.

The team also attended a trade show and networking event at Spectrum Brands, Failsworth, where they showcased their unique products—repurposed vinyl records with original artwork, all designed to promote mental health and wellbeing. Their efforts were a hit, raising £113 on the day!

Regroove Records continues to combine innovation, social purpose, and entrepreneurial spirit, inspiring us all to make a difference in our community—one record at a time.

We would be very grateful if you'd give the team a follow on our socials under: **regrooverecords2526** on either TikTok or Instagram, or if you're interested in ordering your own one of a kind repurposed record or learning more you can email the team on [regrooverecords2526@gmail.com](mailto:regrooverecords2526@gmail.com)



## Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition

Call for Young Artists!

We're excited to be submitting artworks to the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition, in London and online — and we'd love your work to be part of it!

### How to enter:

- Pick up a permissions form from us
- Bring your artwork into us and we'll submit it on your behalf

### What you'll need when entering:

- An image of the artwork
- Information about the piece (title, size, etc.)
- A short text written by the artist — this can explain why you made the work and what it means to you

### What can you submit?

Anything goes! Painting, sculpture, photography, installation, video, drawing, or mixed media — any material, any subject. There's no theme and all year groups can enter the competition.

**Closing date: Friday 27th February, please don't leave it to the last minute!**

We can't wait to see what you bring in!

**Enter Your Artwork Into the**

# Young Artists' Summer Show 2026

Hand in to your teacher asap

At the Royal Academy of Arts, London

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# Unbroken Cities Update

## Our link with Lviv continues to thrive!

If you've been following us for a while now you will likely already know about our link with Lviv, Ukraine, through the Unbroken Cities programme. We recently hosted a few visitors for a meeting and collaborative session ran over Teams from within the Chapel at Crompton House followed by something a little more active afterwards!

The meeting included a demonstration of some of the skills gained from the links our students have made with students from the Linguistics Gymnasium in Lviv and the handing out of certificates on both ends for those who participated. We were happily joined in person as well by Ms Maria Gonzalez, a representative of Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, and Mr Petro Rewko from the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain. We were delighted to welcome Dave Fortier back in to talk about his genuinely epic challenge of completing 7 marathons, in 7 days, across 7 continents! We even 'helped' Dave with his Great World Race training with a run around the local area, accompanying him for the brisk run on an unseasonably bright day was a large chunk of students and staff from the sixth form as well as Mr Newell - Dave said it was the perfect last minute sharpener!

In the weeks that followed, our sixth form students were doing their bit to help the cause by clocking up the kilometres as part of the One World Marathon, joining teams across the globe in moving together for the global youth leaders of the future. More information about that can be found well documented by the brilliant team on [@chs6form](#) on Instagram!

We are very proud of the continuous effort and commitment to the programme, both from our staff who work hard to ensure the collaboration continues and of our students who have thrown themselves into making their connections a success.



# CAREERS FAIR



FRIDAY  
21.11.2025



## Post 16 - Careers Fair

At the end of November we hosted a Careers Fair in school, welcoming in representatives of a broad spanning group of potential further education and employment routes.

From Lancaster University, to Ultimate Products based in Oldham, and the Army & NHS - we are happy to report that there was a plethora of options so that students could really discuss what a variety of potential routes were available to them even immediately after leaving Crompton House.

The students in attendance all engaged really well with the various representatives, and heard first hand about individual's experiences in their organisations. Some stalls featured interactive elements like anatomical models, nearest-to guessing games for house prices and hands on examining of physical products.

This is something we certainly look forward to hosting again and want to thank everyone who attended once again.

The event was brilliantly organised by Dr Whitworth, and the execution and scale of the fair was a reflection of the continued high efforts all of our staff give to creating opportunities for our students.



## Bishop John Inge

Crompton House warmly welcomed in a visit from esteemed former Bishop, John Inge.

Alongside Reverend Holt, he spoke to students in an assembly discussing God and the local feeling in the present day - it was a real thought provoking and engaging talk.

Following the assembly he met with sixth form students in the Learning Zone, discussing the topic of 'Perspectives on religion in public life' - with this being a much smaller scale audience there was a greater level of interactivity.

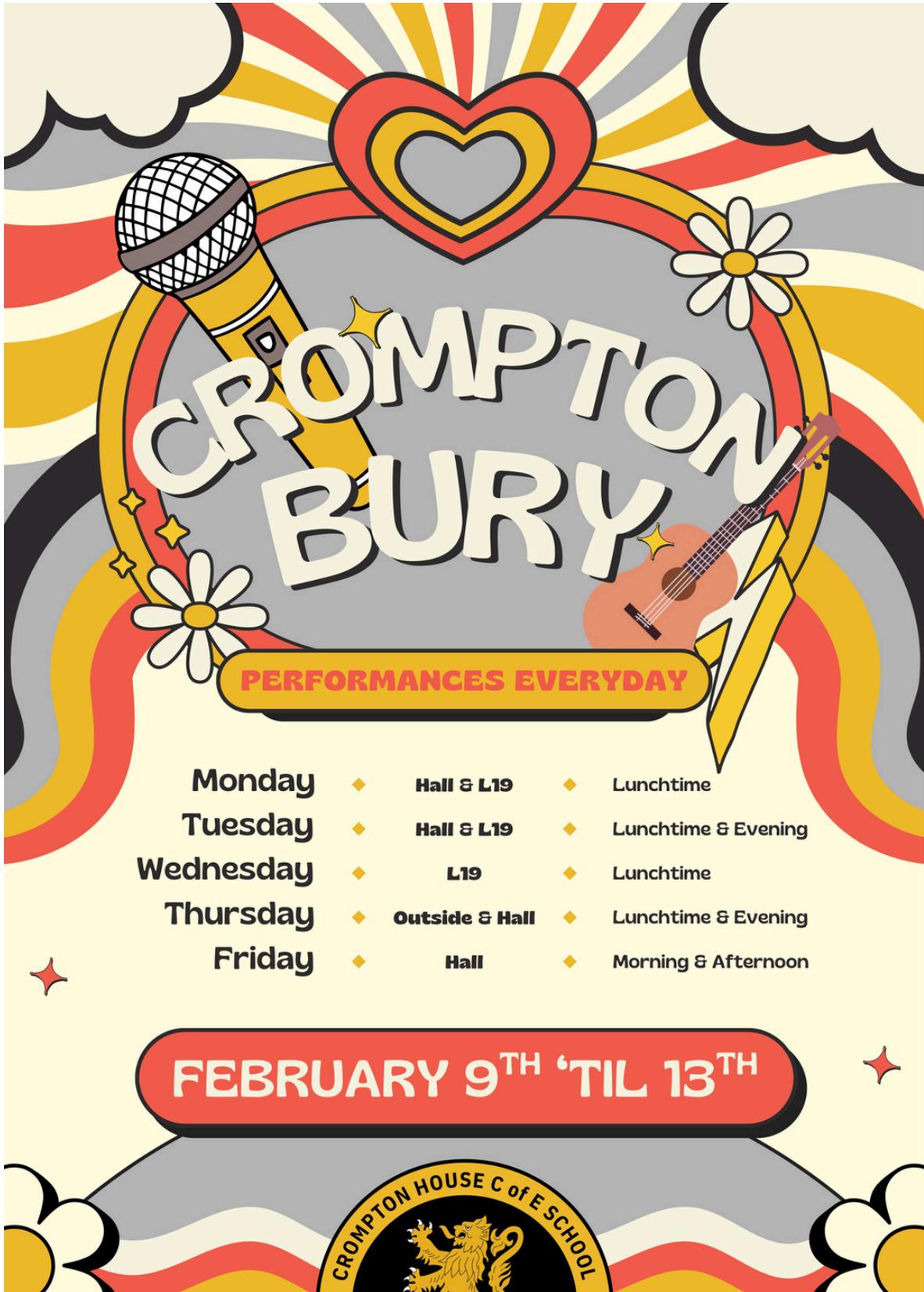
The visit also coincided with Children In Need day, from which the charitable spirit aligned nicely with the topics of discussion.



In December we hosted our annual A Level Speech Night where we invite a guest speaker to attend and share some words and experiences with those in attendance, being a mix of current and former sixth form students.

This year our guest speaker was CHS alumni **Dr Sophie Rustidge** who gave a brilliant speech about her experiences throughout and post CHS - detailing her journey to the PhD she recently achieved and about turning challenges in to opportunities for growth.

The range of awards handed out on the evening highlighted how wide spanning the achievements made by those in receipt had been. From astounding academic successes to top level sporting achievements, not of course discounting the brilliant musical awards - we never cease to be impressed by the ability of Crompton House students!

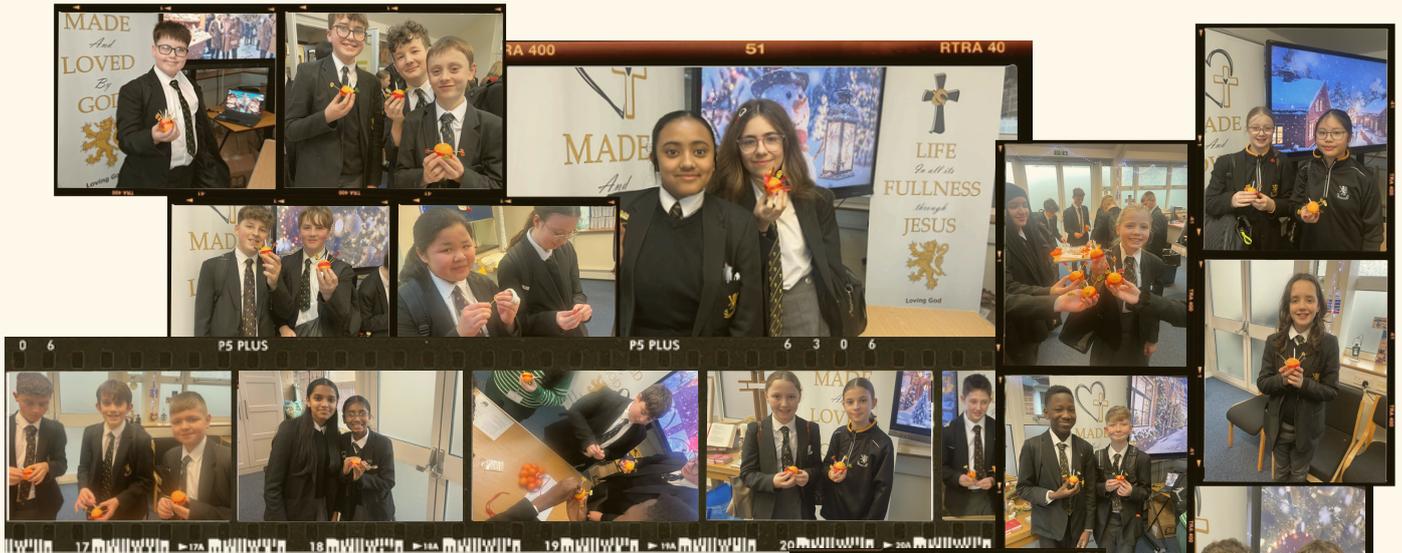


## You're invited to Cromptonbury 2026!

Welcome to our first edition of 'Cromptonbury!'

This is a week-long celebration of all things music in Crompton House. Featuring soloists, student bands and even a first time appearance from a staff band, this is going to be a vibrant event taking place at lunch time from Monday to Thursday and there will also be evening sessions open to visitors on Tuesday and Thursday.

We look forward to welcoming you in and showing you what we've all been working on!



## Christingle Making in the Chapel

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MISS WHITWORTH

It was great to see so many students engaging in the Christingle making in our school chapel. It was a great success- so much so, we had more students attend than oranges! As you can see, students enjoyed making their Christingle's and learning about the message behind them of Jesus coming to earth to save humanity from sin.

Thank you to all who attended!



## Greater Manchester WorldWide Winners 2025

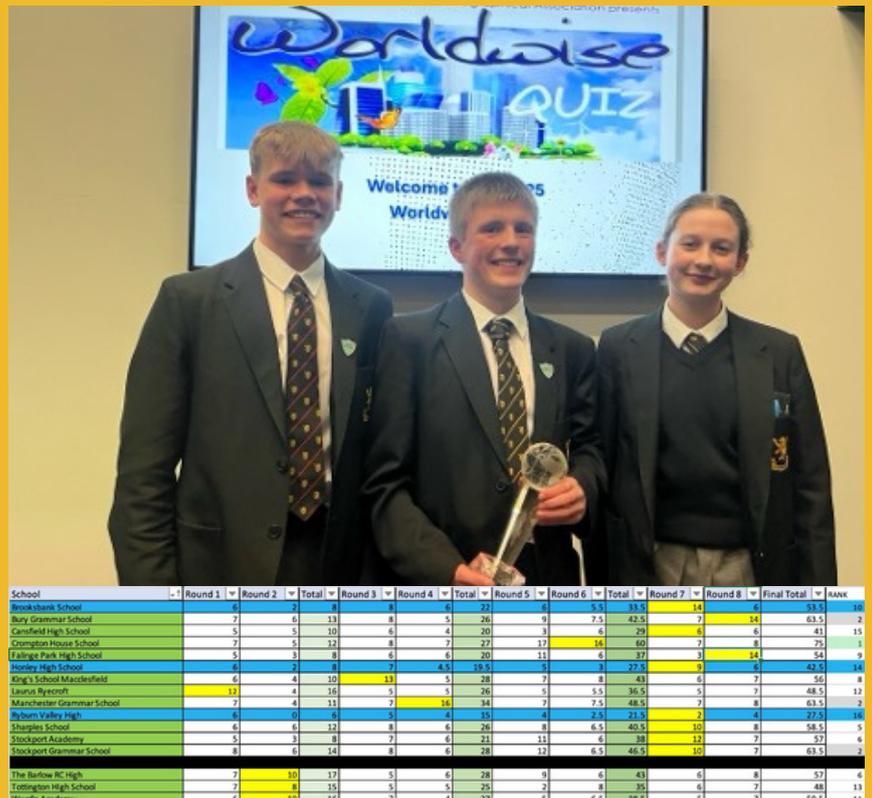
ARTICLE COURTESY OF MR DOUGLAS

Crompton House School became the winners of the Geographical Association Manchester Branch WorldWide Quiz held at the Manchester Metropolitan University on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

16 schools competed in 8 gruelling rounds testing map skills, fieldwork, geography in the news, countries etc.

Crompton House ended with a winning score of 75 defeating Manchester Grammar School, Stockport Grammar School, Bury Grammar School in second place with 63.5.

A huge congratulations to **Jake Lawless, Reuben Moore** and **Emma Preen** on this achievement.



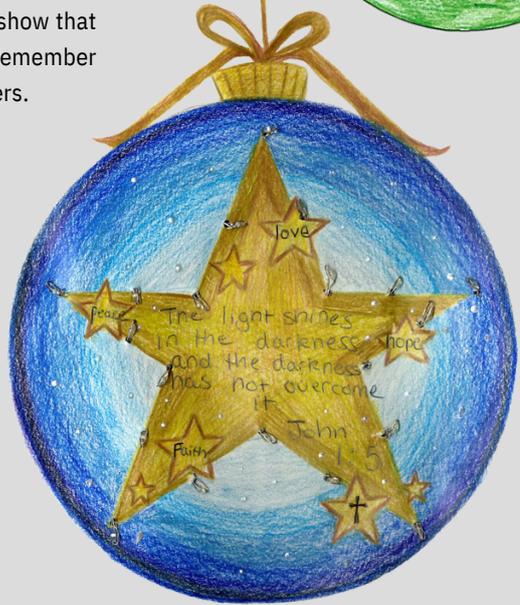
# Christmas Bauble Competition 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place!

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MRS WARD

The RS Department ran a Christmas bauble competition for KS3 students. A great effort was put into all entries and the winner is Year 7 pupil Gabriella Hutchings. Emma Charlton from Year 8 was a very close runner up.

Starting with Emma, here's how the two finalists described the design and meaning of their entries.

"My bauble shows what Christmas really means. In the middle is Baby Jesus in the manger, because Christmas is his birthday and that's why we celebrate. Around him are little doves and olive branches to show peace and hope for everyone. I used bright colours to show that Christmas is a happy time of the year. I hope that when people look at it they remember Christmas isn't just about presents - it's about faith, togetherness, and helping others. Merry Christmas!"



"The True Meaning of Christmas: Light and Darkness. For Christians, Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Without Jesus we are lost, with Jesus we are loved, forgiven, we have hope, we have a best friend, we are healed. Christians can show God's love in the world today by showing love to other people at Christmas. We can donate to charity, help homeless people, visit a lonely neighbour, and help people we meet with their needs. We shine our light in the world by being positive, kind, helpful and working hard to learn new things. We are the light in the darkness."

Congratulations to both of you once again, although both are very different they both encapsulate what Christmas represents brilliantly. **Well done to all who entered the competition!**

## Sophia Strikes Again!

Once again, a huge congratulations from us to our champion year 8 student, Sophia, as she continues to perform on the world stage!

This brilliant success was shared with us from her continuously very proud dad who told us - "I just thought that I would write to you all again to inform you that following Sophia's success in the IBJJF European Championships in May, she won the silver medal on Sunday at the Abu Dhabi World Youth Jiu Jitsu Championships 2025.

She performed amazingly only losing to a very good Brazilian girl in the final. She did us all proud!"

**We wish Sophia continued success and the strength to tackle every challenge head on.**



## Christmas Jumpers & Dinner Day!

On the run up to Christmas each year the ever popular kitchen team prepare an incredible Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings for the students and staff. The succulent turkey dinner was joined with pigs in blankets, crispy roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and bathed in gravy, there were happy faces right across the dining hall!

As is now tradition, the kitchen team are joined by the SLT including Executive Head Mr Newell to help serve the meals to the masses! Of course, no Christmas Dinner would be complete without the addition of Christmas jumpers - and Crompton House didn't disappoint! **Students and staff were all welcome to wear their festive knits to school for the day and help spread some colour and cheer and carry the festive spirit all across school!**



## CHS Foundation's Custard Drenching

Early in December the CHS Foundation hosted a 'get your own back' style fundraiser for students (or colleagues!) one lunchtime.

The format involved four teachers competing to fill each others buckets with the highest amount so they avoided being drenched themselves! The heaviest bucket was for Mr Cadd, thanks to some passionate fundraising from Mr Hartley helping to make sure he got custard-ed! Naturally the event was a real crowd pleaser, with the big finale being cheered on by hundreds in attendance and captured forever in pictures!



## Pantomime thrills return to Crompton House for Christmas!

In December we excitedly welcomed in the ever-enjoyable *Chaplins Pantos* to watch them perform the classic *Dick Whittington*. The performance was exclusively for our Year 7 students as a reward for an excellent start to their new school lives, and as a way to welcome them to CHS Christmas celebrations. The vibrant show and energetic cast gave a fantastic performance and encouraged some great sections of audience interaction. Thanks again to all involved!



# Another MEGA accomplishment!

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MR WAKELIN

Another win for Crompton House! I am full of pride both as a Computer Science Teacher but also as their Head of Year.

## Well done Year 7 Computer Science Students – MegaHub Champions!

Our Year 7 Computer Science students represented Crompton House School at this year's MegaHub Challenge at Oldham College. Competing against six other teams from both our school and other local schools, our students demonstrated exceptional teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills.

Throughout the day, students took on a series of increasingly challenging tasks. They began by programming robots to navigate around the room, ensuring each robot could automatically move to specific points on a digital map with precision and accuracy. They then used Microbits to create interactive experiences, showcasing their ingenuity and understanding of physical computing.

Finally, students tackled the MegaHub Hackathon, a three-hour challenge packed with puzzles, logic problems and computational thinking tasks. Their determination, collaboration and technical ability shone through at every stage.

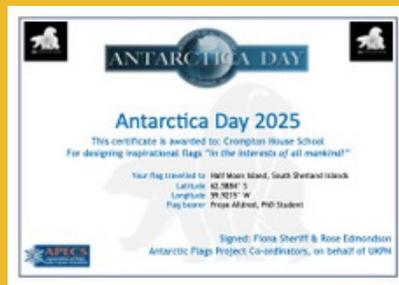
Their impressive performance secured first place, with a perfect score that has happened only 4 times before in Megahub History, in addition to another Crompton House team proudly achieved second place. Both Teams were our girl teams which is a fantastic push for girls in STEM.

**This fantastic achievement is a testament to the hard work, skill and dedication of all students involved.**

## Antarctic Flag Competition

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MR DOUGLAS

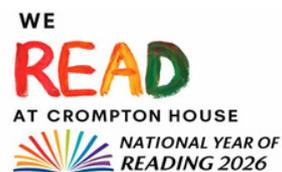
In Year 8 Geography, pupils have been studying about Antarctica. To conclude the topic, pupils entered the UK Polar Network's competition to design a flag representing the issues surrounding the continent. Each class had a winner, and the overall winners for CHS were Isla Prestidge (8Co2) and Lucy Wrigley (8Cr3). The flags were taken to Antarctica by Freya Alldred who is PhD Student at Durham University studying Antarctic seaweed the nitrogen cycle of Antarctica. The photographs are taken at Half Moon Island, this is where a Chinstrap penguin colony lives and it is in the South Shetland Islands. Lots of the Antarctic cruises frequent this area to see the penguins.



## The National Year of Reading 2026 - 'Go All In'

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MRS CULLEN

National Year of Reading 2026 is a government led initiative to help improve the decline in reading amongst young people and adults!



**In support, CHS is launching its student and community 'Reading Challenge' and we want YOU to join in!**

- Our student and community Reading Challenge! Parents, carers, grandparents, Go All In!
- 7 books in 7 months from the categories given, share your journey and win prizes!
- Details on Class Charts or visit our school website!
- Pick up an entry form from [C.Cullen@cromptonhouse.org](mailto:C.Cullen@cromptonhouse.org) or [G.Holt@cromptonhouse.org](mailto:G.Holt@cromptonhouse.org)
- Look out for further activities throughout the year!





## Art Trip to Liverpool

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MRS CHRISTIE

Our GCSE art students enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Liverpool World Museum and Art Gallery on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. The day was filled with inspiration, creativity, and first-hand exploration of incredible artworks and exhibitions.

This was a fantastic experience to support their GCSE studies and spark new ideas and the day was a huge success overall!

**PARKING & DROP OFF AT CHS**

Please take a minute to read the guidelines in this caption.

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If you have any questions:  
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## Parking reminder

We regularly receive complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous parking around Crompton House School. Examples include parking on pavements, causing obstructions, blocking driveways, parking on yellow lines, and allowing children to exit vehicles whilst stopped on School Keep Clear 'zigzags' or in queuing traffic. This standard of driving and parking is unacceptable and may put our students at risk.

We request that you adhere to the following when parking, dropping off or collecting children from school:

- Keep the School Keep Clear marking 'zigzags' clear
- Avoid parking on the single yellow lines around school
- Ensure pavements, residents' driveways and pedestrian access points are kept clear
- Ensure emergency vehicles would be able to get past if needed
- Drive slowly and with extra care around school gates
- Behave in a manner than is respectful towards others, including pedestrians and residents
- Park further away from school if possible

Drivers committing offences place themselves at risk of being prosecuted/issued with tickets. More importantly, inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside schools puts lives at risk.

By working together, we can ensure a safer environment for everyone and set a positive example for our children about road safety and consideration for others.

**Thank you for your support and cooperation.**

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