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**CROMPTON HOUSE
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1 of 4 - 2025/26

Rewards, recognitions, and write-ins!

The long awaited newsletter - full of updates from the end of last year and the opening half term of 2025/2026 - has finally arrived!

From football to futures in cybersecurity, the achievements of Crompton house students continue to hit new heights. In the next twelve pages, we will do our best to catch you up with highlights from just about everything that's been going on in and around CHS.

If you haven't already noticed below, our Upper School Production is coming up very soon, and it promises to be a great one, so we really hope to see as many of you there as possible!

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!

BEAUTY & THE BEAST



OUR 2025 UPPER SCHOOL PRODUCTION

SHOWING FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY, 7PM ON

**DECEMBER
3RD & 4TH**

GET YOUR TICKET ON PARENTPAY, OR PAY ON THE DOOR

ACTION & ADVENTURE IN KENYA - 2025

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MR BANKS

In July an intrepid group of Yr12's finally arrived in Kenya after 12 months of fundraising and practice walks up Yr Wyddfa and Scafell Pike, all of which was extremely worth it.

The trip lasted for 2 busy weeks during which there was community action, a physical challenge (trekking up Mt Kenya), and safari's at the end. The greatest privilege was to share our experiences with beneficiaries of the Moving Mountains charity and to know how our money is helping to transform lives.

Our first 5 days were in the rural area of Embu on the outer slopes of Mt Kenya, where we handed over football boots and trainers (gratefully received) and met up with the Kenyan beneficiaries and peers who we would share much of the experience with. In Embu we worked with the beneficiaries from Moving Mountains and painted a new dormitory and staff quarters at St Monica's Special School allowing furniture to be put in the following day and making it ready for use in the academic year. We then completed painting the building and classrooms at a new Early Years school on the outskirts of Embu, this was to allow the new provision to provide for pre-school children who currently have nothing, so just spend days on the village roads.

We also visited an Early Years project where we did some impromptu teaching and students helped prepare meals at the Rescue Centre which provides approx. 150 meals a day to street children who wouldn't otherwise receive a meal. A final reality check on how privileged we are at CH was a visit to some of our Kenyan peers homes which consisted of 1 room tin shacks, to hear about their day to day lives.

The second part of the trip was the big physical challenge of climbing Mt Kenya (the 2nd highest mountain in Africa). This involved a steady start on the lower slopes in the cloud forest, seeing monkeys and beautiful birds until reaching the first camp. The second day was a tough day trekking through the vertical bog and steeper valley to the second camp where we spent a 3rd day doing a small extra acclimatisation walk and preparing for the 2.00am start for the summit on day 4. Fantastically and despite some students feeling some minor effects of altitude at 7.30am 100% of those who set off made it to the summit. This was a real display of grit, determination, resilience and support for each other – a brilliant achievement from all of which we are most proud.

Finally, we spent several days in the Nakuru National Park and Lake Naivasha areas. During this time we stood on the Equator (seeing the Coriolis effect in action), we saw a great range of African wildlife from a truck safari, a lake boat trip and a cycle ride to Hell's Gate, all of which had their own distinct character and rewards i.e. rhino, giraffe, zebra, water buffalo, warthogs, eagles...

The final experiences of the trip were a drive through Kibera slum (the largest in Africa) and a stop at the Moving Mountains office literally just down the road from it. Our students were fantastic throughout – open to new experiences, throwing themselves into all activities and showing great humour and empathy. They were a credit to themselves and the school. As the final trip that I will organise for CH, I couldn't have had a better group or experience and I hope some of them will revisit Kenya with MM in the future.

Moving Mountains Trust were our support / guides throughout the trip. They run a variety of development projects in Kenya & Nepal supporting educational, social welfare and health needs. Each project empowers local people and offers genuine benefits for the local communities.





Fashionably late with photos from our Year 11 & Sixth Form Proms!

What a couple of unforgettable nights we had at the end of last year!

Our Year 11 Prom was the first of the two, hosted at the visually stunning Saddleworth Hotel with the Sixth Form Prom shortly after at the Victoria & Albert Marriott Hotel in Manchester. Both evenings had brilliant turnouts and were awash with colour, glamour and laughter.

As we have now become accustomed to seeing, the year 11 prom featured some of the most spectacular and spontaneous arrivals you could think of. From SUVs to HGVs, with Ferraris, limousines and even a tractor in between - the modes of transport had lots of people stopping and staring! The attendees were all in for a fun filled evening in a grown up setting as they enjoyed the rite of passage event before moving on with their post 16 futures.

Our sixth formers event featured an even more 'grown up' feel as the students were all graduating into adulthood and some very exciting future pathways. The celebration is always an emotional one as many are moving on from Crompton House for the first time in seven years and often moving off in different directions. The prom marks a fitting end to an incredible timeline with the students and we wish all of them all the best for their careers and lives whatever they may entail.

More pictures of each event can also be found in a gallery on the school website today too.





A Talk With The Lords

ARTICLE COURTESY OF YEAR 12 MAX DAVENPORT

On Friday October 10th, the year-12 students who selected politics as one of their A-levels had the privilege to speak to a member of the House of Lords, Lord Mott. Over a team's call with Mr. Mason, he introduced himself, stating he had been a member of the Lords for over 2 years and was selected by Rishi Sunak when he was Prime Minister.

A classroom full of students each asked him a question, to which he gave brilliantly detailed answers, really helping us understand his crucial role as a Peer in the House of Lords. Some questions were fascinating such as did he want to be a member of the Lords, rather than an MP, what he thought about the current structure of the Lords and his current views on political parties currently in power.

His answers were interesting and unusual, such as saying because he said he wanted to make pastry when he left sixth form rather than be a member of the Lords and fell into politics by complete accident, Lord Mott was very knowledgeable with well-informed opinions about the issues within the House of Lords and potential solutions to fix them. He was impressed with the quality of questions given.

Overall, this exclusive interaction benefited us as students greatly as we gained a fantastic insight into how the House of Lords operates and was a fascinating experience to meet such an influential member within our Parliament.

Jenson's Trophy Joy

Crompton House year 10 student Jenson recently represented Stockport County's Under 15 side in the U15 Floodlit Cup competition at Edgeley Park.

The conclusion of the cup saw Jenson's team win a 5 goal thriller in a 3-2 victory over Bournemouth which is an incredible achievement.

His team took a comfortable 2-0 lead by half time and added a third shortly after before being forced into some resolute defending to stop the flow of goals as the opposition pulled two back! This shows a quality level of composure and we are very proud of Jenson's efforts as part of his team, congratulations once again!



European Day of Languages 2025

Baking is a piece of cake!

You may recall from this edition last year some budding bakers entering some *bueno* biscuits or some *tres bien* tray-bakes, and the entrants to the competition this year did their best to rise above them!

We are very impressed with the entries we received and delighted with the level of participation from year 7 students in particular.

The pictures surrounding this page highlight just a few of the many, many cakes submitted by students, with the competition winner and runners up featuring here too - we will let you make your own mind up on the ranking of the baked goods!

What we will tell you is that the top four was made up entirely of entries from year 7 students: Evan, Eliza and Oliver made up the top 3 with a group effort from Ava, Bobby and Ruby completing the places for prizes.

The cakes were sliced and sold in a charity bake sale across school with the funds raised going towards the Manchester Refugee Support Network - a truly excellent effort from everybody involved!



A Year On...

ARTICLE COURTESY OF KATIE BISSETT

“My name is Katie Bissett, and I studied at Crompton House School from Year 7 to Year 13. I began my journey at the school in 2017 and enjoyed my 7 years there. I am so grateful for the opportunities which I was offered at the school, and these opportunities and the staff have most definitely shaped who I am today.

My A-Levels were Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Business Studies. These complimented my career aspirations of Accountancy. I was lucky enough (with a lot of hard work and determination) to achieve my aspirations by being offered a level 7 apprenticeship at MHA. After many exams, an assessment centre and an interview, I received the phone call to say I had been offered the job! Finally, it felt like years of hard work from both me and the amazing teachers and support staff at Crompton House had paid off. I have almost been working at MHA for a year as a Tax Associate in the Corporate Tax team in Manchester.

I was a Senior Prefect in Year 11 and a member of the Student Management Team in Year 13. The skills I developed from partaking in these teams included time management, organisation and achieving excellence as part of a team. These have been vital skills which I have taken with me onto my next journey in employment. I also recently attended my Gold DoFE presentation at Holyrood Palace. This is another opportunity Crompton House provided me and the determination and resilience I developed from this I use in my day-to-day work life, as well as exams and when applying for the competitive apprenticeship.

MHA is an independent member of Baker Tilly International who have 698 offices across 143 territories. From Audit and Assurance, Advisory, Tax and Outsourcing, I love being part of such a large network. This global alliance has allowed me to travel to new places and continuing to learn and develop by working on such a wide variety of clients. I specialise in the tax of charities as well as many other types of companies, as well as completing secondments in other areas. I have recently completed a secondment in personal tax. I enjoy the challenge and that every day is different from another – no company is the same.

It has certainly been a challenge trying to balance a full-time job, studying and spending time with my friends and family, it's the toughest transition I am yet to face. With deadlines from clients, internal work matters and my training provider, I have needed the skills Crompton House taught me, now more than ever.

My apprenticeship pathway is ATT (Association of Taxation Technicians) - Level 4 onto CTA (Chartered Tax Advisor) – Level 7. Once completed, I will be a member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation. I have recently received my results from my Business and Personal Taxation exams which I am happy to say I passed and have 2 more exams to sit before passing my ATT and becoming a proud member of the association. I will then continue my qualification by studying for my CTA.

I am now part of Crompton House's Alumni Database for anyone who would like to have a career in accountancy and am happy to have a chat with anybody who has an interest in it. Please speak to Mrs Fraser for more information.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of staff that has shaped who I am today and helped to give me the opportunities to receive such an amazing job at MHA!

If you want to apply for an apprenticeship at MHA, keep an eye out for their Class of 26 applications opening this September.

You can find out more at mha.co.uk/careers.



Summer work experience feedback

Over the six week holidays, five CHS students attended a voluntary week long work experience with construction company Wilmott Dixon. We are very proud to report that the feedback for all five was brilliant and would like to highlight this quote from the employer in particular - *"We just wanted to share some hugely positive feedback, and let you know what an absolute pleasure it was to have them in the business; a group of extremely mature and professional young people, who represented their school in an extremely positive way. We were incredibly proud of the progress we saw with each student, who each presented an individual presentation on the final day, reflecting on their experience, learnings and progress (something many of them didn't feel they would have the confidence to do on the first day!)"*

A fantastic achievement and an excellent example of using your initiative to grasp an opportunity to progress your future prospects, well done to Haadiyah, Paul, Ewan, Ben, and Ava-Rose.



Oldham Schools' Young Chemist Event Success

In October two of our year 11 students, Jake & Brandon, attended an event at Hulme Grammar where they represented the school incredibly well and also achieved first place for producing the best practical on the day!

The boys were presented with the certificates from Dr Tom Ward of XCellR8 who spoke to the pupils after the competition about his journey in pioneering cell science, ethical innovation, and the breakthroughs shaping the future of science.

Additionally we were very pleased to hear from Sharon Green, one of the organisers of the events, that *"The boys were a real credit to Crompton House - two lovely, bright, polite lads."*

Sophia grabs gold!

A huge congratulations from us to our champion year 8 student, Sophia, on becoming the new European Kids IBJJF Champion!

This story comes to you now from back before the end of the last school year and was shared with us from her very proud dad who told us - *"It's one of the hardest Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competitions in the world with not just Europeans competing in it. She beat the USA champion in the final."*

Travelling all the way to Rome to take part in the event shows how dedicated to her passion Sophia is, and we applaud the dedication and effort it takes to persist and reach the levels she is continuing to hit.

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



Futures Boost

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MR BANKS

The end of last term was exceptionally busy as our Futures programme saw a fantastic array of visitors coming into Crompton House to help expand our students understanding of the world of work and future opportunities that are to be found in Greater Manchester.

In June Yr10 took part in a Post 16 Futures day. This provided an opportunity for students to choose 9 sessions from a massive range of A Level subjects and over 20 employers, colleges and universities. The sessions were designed to give a 'taste' of what it would be like studying a subject or following a vocational pathway after Yr11. The day was a huge success and thank you so much to all who came and delivered sessions.

Places on degree apprenticeships are hard won and to help our students who are interested in this route we organised mock interviews (as part of our Higher Ed/Post 18 days) from representatives of a range of companies/sectors e.g. British Airways, Koderly Software, Oldham College, Rail Engineering, Law, Wrightbuild Ltd, Sellafeld nuclear engineering and Languages and property management. This was a really useful exercise as it provides a more real feel to the practice process. Students also received a session on creating their digital profile and backpack from Liz Whiteley our Enterprise Advisor from Methods.

As a part of a national careers initiative (Equalex) Crompton House has been awarded a place as a pilot school for looking at broadening students' experiences of careers across their time in school. As a part of this we have been partnered with three national/international companies – Siemens, Autotrader and AtkinsRéalis. In July representatives of these companies came in and presented to and worked with, students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12. **This was massively positive for those involved and we look forward to continuing to develop these partnerships.**



SIEMENS

AtkinsRéalis

AutoTrader Group



Swim England Awards Winners!

We are delighted to be able to share the story that two of our pupils have been recognised by Swim England in the Regional Awards 2025.

Harry from year 11 and Julia from year 10 were awarded the Gold and Bronze award respectively in the **Young Volunteer of the Year** category. Something they should be very proud of as it shows a huge amount of selflessness and a great strength of character.





Lifesaving Charlie Shines Bright!

Year 7 student Charlie has been awarded with the **International Young Person of the Year Award** in the Oldham Shine Awards.

The award recognised his incredible contribution to the community through his work with our local charity, **Defibrillators Save Lives**, where he helps look after defibrillators, raise awareness, attends events, teaches people young and old and inspires others to get involved in life-saving education. Any charity work is a fantastic offering, but this blossoming organisation is providing excellent support to a huge challenge and it's great to see their defibrillators popping up in more places.

Charlie's very proud parents told us the following - *"It was a really proud moment, not just for us as a family, but for everyone who's seen how passionate and driven he is about helping others. It's a real reflection of the values Crompton House instils in its pupils."*

It truly is an excellent achievement from Charlie and we are incredibly proud as a school to hear how well our students continue to do as brilliantly well rounded individuals both inside and outside of school.

Some sum from our DofE volunteers!

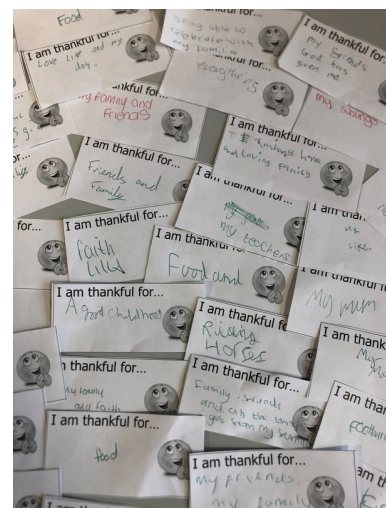
We are blown away by the efforts of our pupils every single year, and the 2024-25 Crompton House crop of Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants was no change on this front!

Every year, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) inspires hundreds of thousands of young people, from all walks of life, to explore who they are, grow in confidence and develop the skills they need to successfully navigate life. Helping them build life-long belief in themselves, supporting them to take on their own challenges, follow their passions, and discover talents they never knew they had. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is open to any young person aged 14-24. Participants build their own programmes – choosing activities and a cause to volunteer for, in order to achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE Award. In 2024/25, more than 342,000 young people started their DofE, with participants giving more than 5.2 million hours of volunteering in their communities.

The sum of hours volunteered to chosen causes from CHS pupils was an incredible 3731 hours, this is truly an incredible achievement and testament to each and every participant's dedication to reaching their targets. We strongly encourage anybody who may be interested in joining the DofE programme to speak to Mrs Burgess in the Learning Zone, or to ask your form tutors for some more information - it's an amazing opportunity and is incredibly rewarding on many fronts!

Eid reflections in CHS

Back in June, the RS department invited students to come to the chapel for Eid reflections and a sweet treat to celebrate. Students were invited to reflect on the recent festival of Eid. We had too many students to fit into the chapel and it was great to see students considering the themes of Eid. Our students felt that faith was the key feeling linked with the festival – much more so that gratitude and generosity. The students gave many heartfelt responses for what they were grateful for with life, food, friends and family being the most recurring responses. Individual staff were identified, showing a great appreciation of staff at Crompton House and the supportive teacher student relationship that we have. We will next be celebrating Rosh Hashanah and many other key festivals next year.

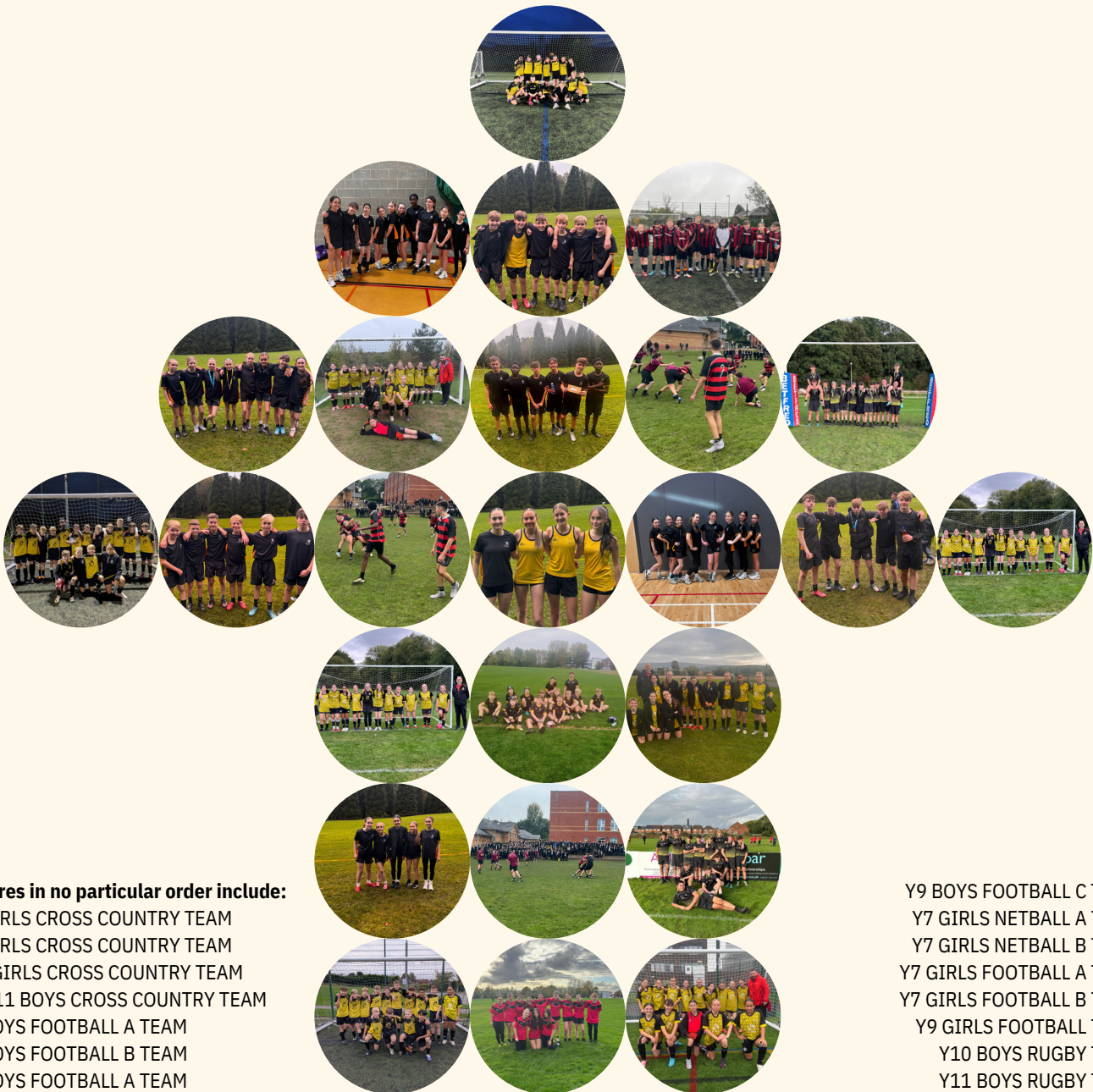


CHS sports teams just keep improving!

Thanks to our highly dedicated staff and determined students, our teams have historically always over performed the average and recent results are no different!

Below are some photos of events and tournaments our students have taken part in recently with some incredible results. For example we had our Year 10 Boys Rugby team becoming Oldham Schools League Champions, our Year 7 Boys Rugby team won a tournament whilst conceding only a single try throughout the six games, Years 7-8 girls won first, second and third in the Oldham Schools Cross Country and we have had many, many excellent performances in various games from all ages of the boys and girls football teams.

We are very proud of the efforts and achievements of everybody involved in each sport they tackle and we will continue to share highlights and updates with you throughout the year!



Pictures in no particular order include:

Y7 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
Y8 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
Y10 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
Y10/11 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
Y7 BOYS FOOTBALL A TEAM
Y7 BOYS FOOTBALL B TEAM
Y8 BOYS FOOTBALL A TEAM

Y9 BOYS FOOTBALL C TEAM
Y7 GIRLS NETBALL A TEAM
Y7 GIRLS NETBALL B TEAM
Y7 GIRLS FOOTBALL A TEAM
Y7 GIRLS FOOTBALL B TEAM
Y9 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM
Y10 BOYS RUGBY TEAM
Y11 BOYS RUGBY TEAM

Feeling MEGA proud!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 Computer Science students who represented Crompton House School at this year's MegaHub Challenge at Oldham College. Competing against seven other teams from both our school and other local schools, our students showed exceptional teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills. A special mention goes to our winning team who impressed the judges with their EpiPro app design, creativity, professionalism and confident presentation. They worked hard to develop an innovative idea, build a presentation and design a company identity. Every member of the team took part in delivering their final pitch which was a polished and engaging effort that set them apart from the competition. Their innovative approach and teamwork secured them first place while another Crompton House team also proudly achieved second place. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and commitment of all involved. Well done Year 11 Computer Science students, you have done Crompton House proud.

- Article courtesy of Mrs Rasool



Additionally to this success, we are delighted to share the news that five fantastic students have been awarded scholarships for a potentially groundbreaking new programme. For anybody who isn't yet aware of what the MEGA Hub is all about, here's a brief excerpt from a recent press release - *"With every secondary school in Oldham set to participate by the end of 2026, the MEGA (motivated, educated generation with ambition) Hub, developed by professional technology skills provider [IN4 Group](#) in partnership with Oldham Council, is designed to equip students with the skills and career pathways needed to thrive in the tech sector. Funded by Oldham Council and IN4 Group, along with global tech companies including IBM, KPMG UK, Northrop Grumman, CGI, QinetiQ, Roke, and BT, the MEGA Hub provides local students hands-on experiences in AI, cyber security, coding, virtual reality and machine learning. This extensive super curriculum includes extra-curricular days and an out-of-school Cyber and Esports Academy, which will launch in the summer term. Thirty young people from each school will have the opportunity to form their own esports teams. They will also gain valuable insights into the business and entrepreneurial aspects of esports, as well as knowledge of cyber security and the importance of wellbeing, teamwork and problem-solving."*

UKMT Senior maths challenge

ARTICLE COURTESY OF MRS HOLDEN

We are delighted to share that a number of our talented Year 12 and 13 Mathematics students recently took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge – a prestigious national competition organised by the UK Mathematics Trust. The challenge is designed to test mathematical reasoning, problem-solving and logical thinking – skills that go beyond the school curriculum. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to stretch themselves and engage with rich and rewarding mathematics in a competitive environment. Our students approached the challenge with great enthusiasm and determination, tackling some truly thought-provoking questions. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented the school. **We look forward to receiving the results soon and celebrating their achievements – watch this space!**

Tom Palmer Author Visit

We have recently enjoyed a wonderful author visit from children's author Tom Palmer who hosted two assembly style sessions in the hall with questions and answers for year 7 and 8, and joined us for a reading parents information evening later on. The students remained highly engaged during each of the two sessions, interacting with Tom and asking plenty of well thought out questions for him too. Many in attendance will undoubtedly have read many of Tom's books, with a couple of them even featuring in teacher and student vlog style reviews as well.

Tom Palmer writes historical fiction and also themes of sport and has received over 30 awards. He was inspired to become a writer after reading about his beloved football team Leeds United. He is a very popular choice in our library with *After the War* from Auschwitz to Ambleside, *D Day Dog* and *Angel of Grasmere* being some of our favourites. As we proudly tell anyone, reading for pleasure is a big love of ours at Crompton House so it's no surprise to us that the event went so well, but we are delighted to have had Tom's company, and hope the parents in attendance took plenty from the evening too!





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.

Thank you for reading!



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