

NEWSLETTER



**CROWN HILLS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
A Specialist Sports College

Winter 2025



Kellogg's Breakfast Club Award Winner!

This half term, two of our staff and two students visited the Houses of Parliament for the Kellogg's Breakfast Club awards. We were extremely proud to be announced as the best breakfast club in Central England! We pride ourselves on offering a FREE breakfast for all 1,500 of our students every morning before the school day.

The college opens at 7.45am for those students that wish to attend our ever-popular Breakfast Club. Students must be in Breakfast Club by 8.05am.



Mr Adam visits Downing Street!

This half term, Mr Adam was invited to Number 10 Downing Street by the Prime Minister. He represented Crown Hills for the International Men's Day event they were hosting there.

This is the first time International Men's Day was given any form of significance from central government. He had the opportunity to talk to MPs and other key figures in society such as footballers, business leaders and campaigners.



PARENT GATHERING

Homework

The theme of this half terms' parental gathering was Homework. Our Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning talked to parents about why homework is important and how they can support their child with completing it. If you would like to access the resources please click [here](#).



PARENT GATHERING

Daily Literacy

This half term, we held a session for the parents of our Daily Literacy students. We shared why reading is important, resources that we use and gave them tips on how to support their child with reading at home.



READING

Paired Reading

This half-term, 30 year 10 students and 20 year 9 students have taken part in a Paired Reading scheme. The year 10 students volunteered to spend time reading with year 7 students. They have met every week during tutor time to complete a programme of reading which aims to support students to develop their reading skills. Students have said "I'm really enjoying helping younger students". "It's really satisfying to see somebody learn and know that I can help people to learn".



CHARITY

Rainbows Christmas Appeal

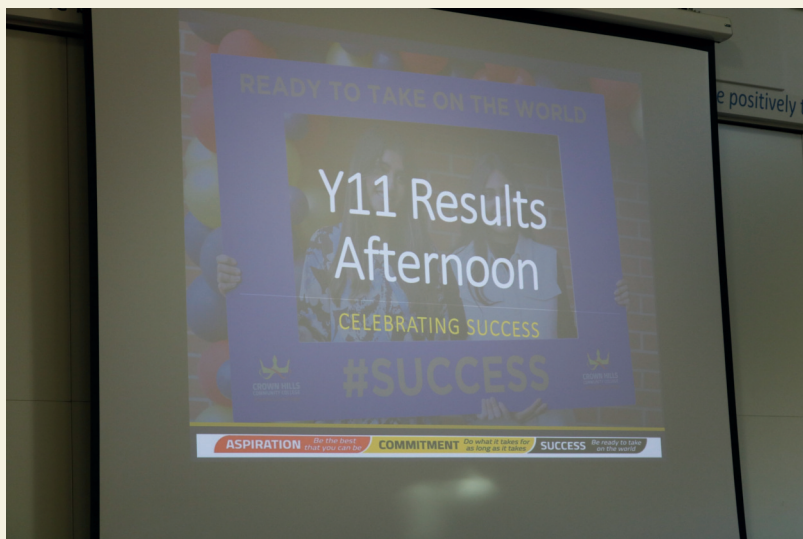
This Christmas, we aim to bring joy to children and families supported by Rainbows Hospice. Rainbows is Leicestershire's only hospice for children and young people with life-limiting conditions. We set up a college-wide toy collection drive using Rainbows' 'Where's It Bin?' service, encouraging donations of new or nearly new toys to support families this Christmas.

Supporting
rainbows
Brightening short lives



YEAR 11 MOCK RESULTS

This half term, we held a Year 11 mock results afternoon. Our Year 11s opened their results from their recent mock exams and have had the chance to reflect and respond. The commitment pledges that they wrote will help them to further prepare for their upcoming GCSEs.



WHOLE SCHOOL COUNCIL



Greetings from Whole School Council (WSC)! This term has been an exciting phase for student voice at Crown Hills Community College. Form Reps have met and shared ideas on positive ideas on how to make CHCC even better. These ideas will be filtered through by the new WSC Representatives that have been elected.

UK Parliament Week took place from Monday 24th November to Sunday 30th November 2025, and students have been getting involved through supporting with the WSC Elections. These took place at lunch time and Years Seven, Eight and Nine voted to choose their WSC Rep, the same way the country votes for their Member of Parliament (MP) in a general election, using the First Past the Post System. Voter turnout has been incredible across these year groups, breaking our previous year's records.

Students have had an assembly on how the work of Parliament is incredibly important in ensuring student voice takes place and why they should always exercise their democratic right of being an active citizen. Mr Shockat Adam, MP for Leicester South, was involved and shared a video message to students encouraging all to get involved in voting. Students learn through Life Skills, Humanities and through WSC, that many people fought for our democratic right to vote. Having elections in school supports the work of Parliament in ensuring democracy. With the voting age being changed to 16, voting isn't the only way young people can become involved in politics, for example, giving evidence in a Select Committee or creating and/or signing an E-petition on the UK E-Petitions website (<https://petition.parliament.uk/>) where anyone can create a petition or sign it. It is always worth making sure students have guardian consent to sign, but also then encouraging friends and family to sign petitions too. The UK Parliament Website (<https://www.parliament.uk/>) has lots to read about the different ways anyone can become involved.

Students will find out soon who their WSC Rep is and all should be congratulated, for applying to participating and sharing their speech in assembly. Not only have they built their confidence by speaking to 300 students in assembly, persuading them to vote for them as their WSC Rep, but they've also built their public speaking skills and have played a key part in their school community and building our schools' democracy too.

WSC will be meeting SLT soon about the main ideas students have shared through the form reps meeting and an update will be given on the progress of these ideas, such as looking at the commitment policy and whether we can have potential changes to the uniform policy.

As Mr Shockat Adam said 'join the council and get involved'. Not only does it foster a positive school community, it also supports students representatives and leaders with understanding what students really want. It has been fantastic seeing so many students voting, learning the election process, and encouraging as many other students to vote and become involved too. You can always use WSC@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk if you'd prefer to share your positive ideas through email. Thanks for reading and keep sharing your positive ideas.

From Whole School Council.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Year 11 mock interviews are simulated job interviews designed to help students practise their interview skills and prepare for future real-world interviews for sixth form, university, apprenticeships, and jobs. They provide a realistic experience of being interviewed by a professional, allowing students to practise answering common questions, improve their confidence and communication, and receive constructive feedback. This helps them build the skills needed to present themselves professionally and confidently.



MERCEDES BENZ APPRENTICESHIP

This half term, we had Mercedes Benz in to talk to our Year 11 students about apprenticeship opportunities.

They spoke about roles such as Retail Parts Advisors and Customer Experience Specialists. The session highlighted the career paths available within the network, starting at apprenticeship level. They explained the roles in more detail and gave information on how our students could apply.

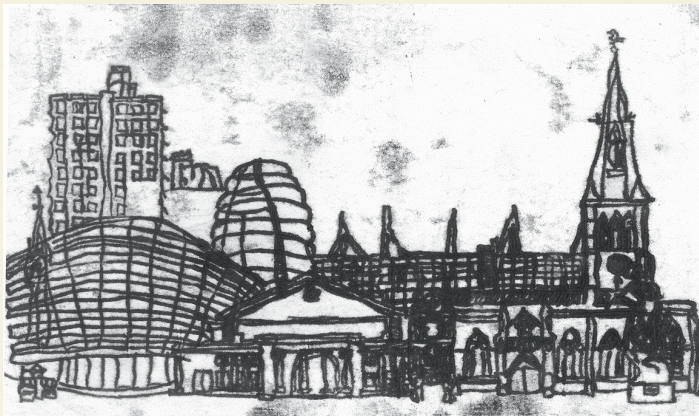
They are looking for students with:

- Good communication and time management
- Problem-solving skills
- Flexibility and a willingness to learn



Art Corner

A. Patel - Year 7



Continuous line mono print of landmark Leicester buildings.

A. Valli



R. Refai

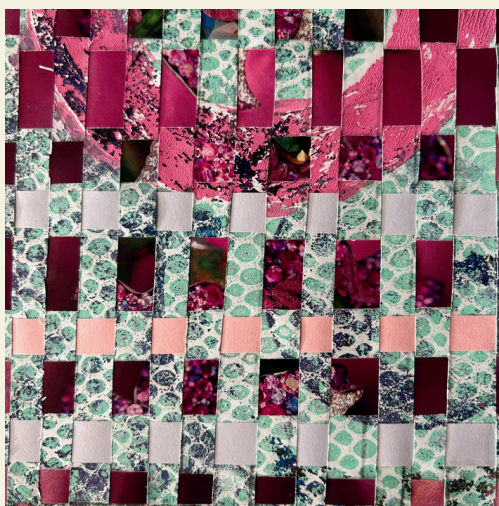


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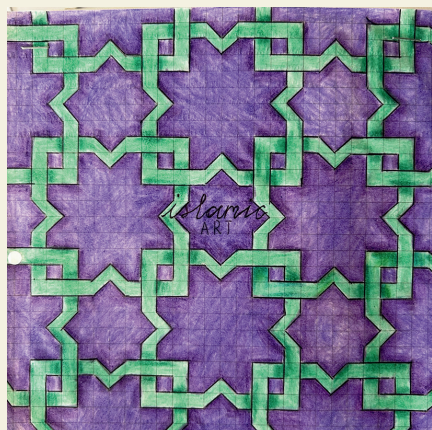


M. Sheik



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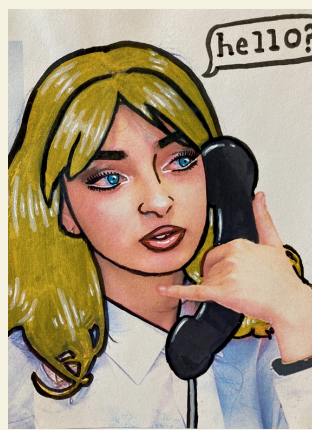
S. Variava



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S. Awadh



Extra work completed.

Year 11 Leavers.

Art Corner

The People's Exhibition 2025 Youth Invitation



'The Open' is an annual exhibition, which allows East Midlands residents from any background and ability an opportunity to enter their artwork for display. If successful, residents can exhibit their work at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery. 'The Open' celebrates the creative talent of Leicester and the East Midlands and the people who make it.

18 students from across all 5 year groups submitted art work in the hope that it was selected to be part of the exhibition. Out of the 18 submissions, 11 students were successful in getting their work selected to be part of the exhibition.

Their work has now been framed and is currently on display at the Leicester Museum and Gallery on New Walk. You can go for free to see their work and the work of other artists until January 30th 2026.

Make a Poppy Competition

Following our Remembrance assembly, students were invited to design their own poppy in either 2D or 3D form. We were thrilled to receive over 40 creative entries from across all year groups. Below are some examples.



Art Corner

Year 10s took their Art lesson to the New Walk Museum and Gallery, where they were able to experience artworks first hand.

They browsed the exhibition of textile artist Mary Linwood and spent time in the world renowned German Expressionist collection. Students created charcoal drawings of a piece by Franz Marc and then each found an artwork in the collection to make a drawing of.



Drama Corner

On Tuesday 25th November our Curve Drama Club held a performance of some scenes they had been working on with parents and carers. The students had devised these scenes themselves, coming up with storylines, characters and writing the scripts together in their groups. They showcased their creativity, enthusiasm and confidence in front of their extremely proud audience. After Christmas they will start devising a short play that they will perform on stage at the Curve Theatre and at our Performing Arts Showcase at school in June. We are always looking for new members so please see Mrs Turnbull or Mrs Bradbury if you would like to join.



Physical Education



PARALLEL SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Inspire Together ran the Parallel Sportshall Athletics Event at Crown Hills this half term supported by our sports leaders. Schools from across the city attended and some of our Key Stage 3 SEND students took part.



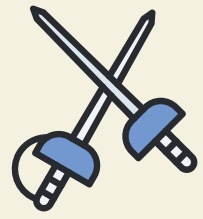
TABLE TENNIS SUCCESS

On Thursday 20th November, the Year 11 boys table tennis team competed in the county finals at Knighton Park Table Tennis Club, after winning the East Leicester competition earlier in the term. It was a fantastic performance by all 5 players.

With tough competition, CHCC were able to finish in third place in Leicestershire and Rutland.



Physical Education



EMREF FENCING SABRE COMPETITION

On Saturday 6th December, we were very excited to again host the East Midlands Regional Fencing training day at Crown Hills Community College. This event was focused on developing confidence in competing in Sabre competition. The tournament format consisted of two poules followed by knockout rounds to the final. Eleven Crown Hills Community College pupils competed in the mixed Sabre tournament with 15 competitors in total, some of those representing Leicester Fencing Club. 1st Place was achieved by Abdullah P and 2nd Place was achieved by Natiq H and joint 3rd Place was achieved by members of Leicester Fencing Club. It was noticed that all Crown Hills Fencers are becoming more confident in competition at this level and their application of knowledge and skills has improved significantly since the start of the academic year. Sports Academy fencers have been working hard with our well-respected British Fencing Coach Educator Graham Stretton and there will be future opportunities for our fencers to test themselves against high level competition.

SPORTS ACADEMY MORNING SESSIONS:

Sports Academy Strength and Conditioning sessions have grown in popularity this year with now approximately 25 pupils attending from 7:45am-8:15am. This has grown from below 10 pupils consistently attending last year to approximately 20 pupils attending last half term. Pupils have been focusing on developing their athleticism and functional fitness relevant to the sports of Fencing, Badminton and Cricket. Some example activities include dive forward rolls, sprints and hurdling over obstacles. Pupils have found this highly engaging and have worked physically hard. Well done all for showing great commitment!

SPORTS ACADEMY MENTORING:

The Sports Academy academic mentoring programme is aimed at improving pupils whole school commitment across a range of subjects with the aim of achieving better outcomes. There is an expectation that students part of the Sports Academy need to meet expectations regarding sports performance, commitment and academic achievement. The programme has started for KS4 pupils this half term and so far, has been received positively by pupils. Pupils have been required to reflect on their commitment levels across all subjects, set SMART targets and set actions to improve their least confident areas. Pupils have been accountable, ensuring that their mentoring targets and actions have been achieved by checking in with their subject teachers. Pupils meet every two weeks to ensure they are on track of making positive changes to their commitment, which means that targets and actions can be tweaked.

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