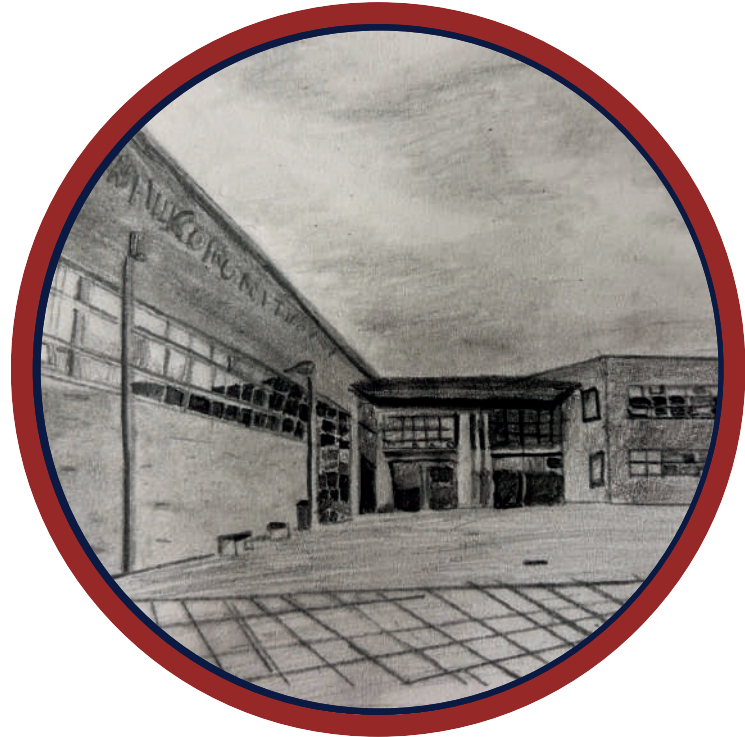


NEWSLETTER



**CROWN HILLS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
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February 2026



YEAR 9 OPTIONS

This half term we held an Options Afternoon for our Year 9 students to help guide them through the Key Stage 4 options process.

We also held an Options Evening where students had the opportunity to come into school with their parents/carers to meet with teachers and discuss subjects in more detail.

Students have been given a Key Stage 4 Curriculum and Options booklet which has detailed information about all option choices. The booklet also includes information on compulsory subjects, frequently asked questions, topics of study and assessment/coursework information.



Careers Update

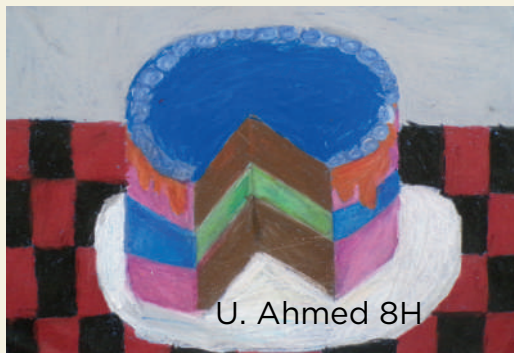
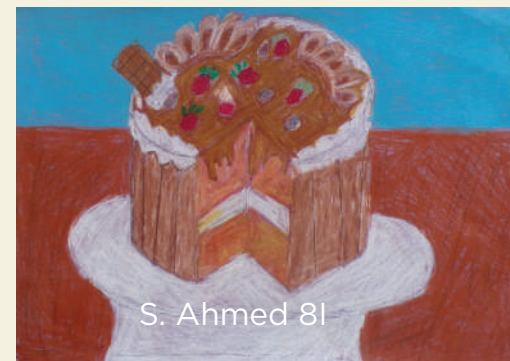
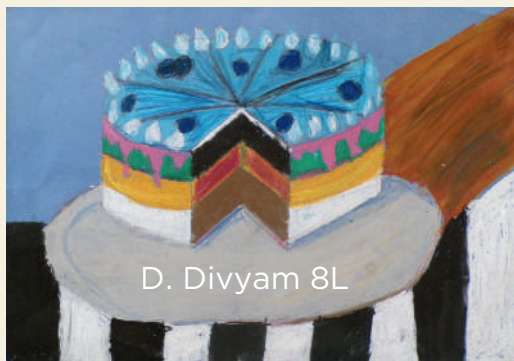
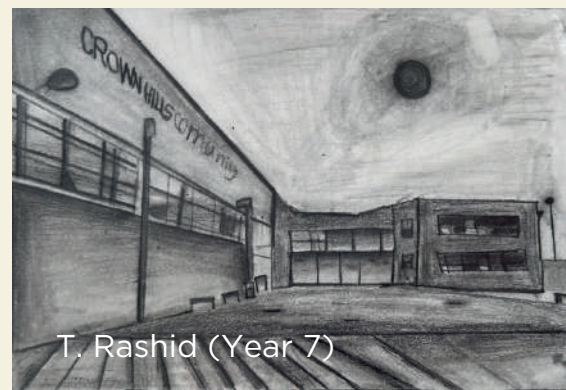
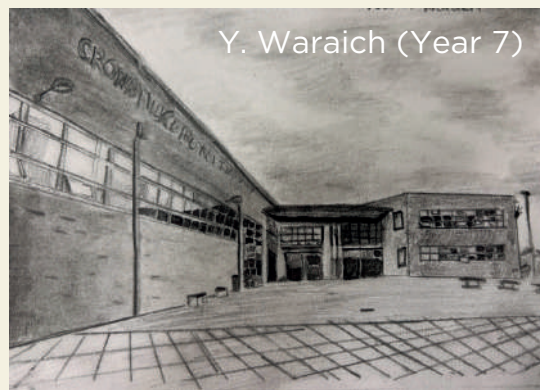
Our Year 9s got the chance to take part in Mock Interviews this half term. They met with a variety of different providers and employers. This experience helps them to practise for interviews that they may have with colleges when they reach Year 11. It also helps them to develop vital skills and form aspirations for the future. It might help them to think about what careers they would like to go into and helps them with the Key Stage 4 options process which they are currently going through.



Art Corner

This term, Year 7 students will be taking part in an international art project in partnership with a school in São Paulo, Brazil. As part of their curriculum, students will explore printmaking techniques and create artwork inspired by their local environment in Leicester. Their finished work will be shared digitally with students in Brazil, who will complete the same project using their own surroundings as inspiration. This exchange gives pupils the opportunity to develop their creative skills while learning about life and culture in another part of the world. It also supports the school's commitment to global learning and our International School Award programme, helping students build curiosity, confidence and respect for different cultures.

Here are some examples of what is to come next rotation. Below you will see tonal pieces, cake projects, pop art development, mixed media surrealism and a clay relief mask.



Dance Corner

Moving Together Workshop

Some of our Year 9 students are took part in a dance workshop with Moving Together who are a community dance organisation based in Leicester, offering and developing high quality community dance opportunities for participants of all ages and abilities.

These Year 9 students got to learn a full routine. It was fantastic to see the enjoyment on their faces and how proud they felt to perform the number once they had learnt all the steps!

By working with Moving Together we are also able to offer our students the opportunity to come to a dance extra-curricular club which they run on Mondays after school. The students who attend the club learn and perfect a dance routine over the academic year. They are then able to perform this number at the De Montfort Hall at the end of the year!



Reading Update

At the start of this term, Mr Adam thanked our Year 10 students who are supporting with our paired reading scheme. They have been helping a group of Year 7s with their reading on a weekly basis. Mr Adam reiterated the importance of reading and what a fantastic job they are doing.



Health & Wellbeing

Our new Health & Wellbeing Leaders!

We're really happy to announce our first group of health and well being leaders, a lovely group of students with representation from Year 7, 8 and 9. We wish them well on their journey. This half term these students have been on a trip to Babington to train as mental wellbeing champions.

We can't wait to see the role they play within the school and hopefully have a positive impact on our pupils' health and wellbeing at Crown Hills.

Mental Wellbeing Champions

On Tuesday 3rd February, our newly appointed Health and Wellbeing team went on their first mission, which was to improve their knowledge of mental health but also to bring that knowledge back to school to try and positively impact the rest of our students. They attended the 'Young Mental Health Champions Seminar' at Babington Academy, led by British ex-tennis player, Jade Windley, where they spent the day learning new ways to get students to open up about their mental health through physical activity. The students spent the afternoon planning their future projects to bring back to school; they can't wait to show you what they've been working on in the new term.

Parent Gathering

This half term's parental gathering was delivered by our Health and Wellbeing Lead, Mrs Newcombe. She talked about ways to support your child's mental health, our counselling service and dental hygiene.

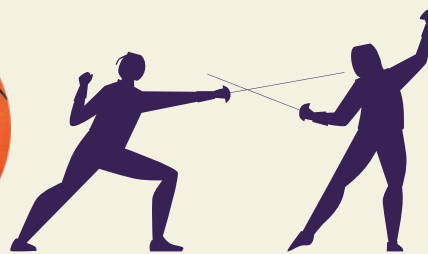
Colouring Club

Mrs Newcombe, our Health and Wellbeing Lead, conducted some student voice with our students who attend breakfast club to find out what kinds of activities they would like to do in the morning. The most popular response was colouring so this half term we have launched our colouring club!

Students find it a great way to start their day off. The colouring provides mindfulness and they can do it whilst eating their breakfast.



Physical Education



Year 7 Basketball

The Year 7 boys basketball team had a successful first season as they were able to compete and win against local schools within East Leicester. In addition, they were crowned East Leicester champions after successfully winning a close game against a local school. Pupils were thrilled with the result.

Sports Academy

British Fencing British Youth Championships - Regional Round

On Sunday 25th January, eight Sports Academy Fencers competed in the individual Fencing competition of the British Youth Championships regional round at Nottingham Trent University. The British Youth Championships (BYCs) is a prestigious annual event in the UK organized by British Fencing, featuring top young fencers across four age groups: U12, U14, U16, and U18. Competitors qualify through Regional Qualifying Events (RQEs) with the top performers earning a spot at the National Championship at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. The event showcases the best young fencers in the UK and is a key platform for their development in the sport. Our Crown Hills Fencers were highly successful within the regional round with all eight fencers qualifying for the National Finals at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield in May. This demonstrates high levels of improvement to establish themselves as some of the best fencers across the region. Pupils will also be looking towards competing in the British Fencing Schools National Team Championships 2026 in March.

Sports Academy Morning Sessions

Sports Academy Strength and Conditioning sessions continue to grow in popularity with approximately 25 pupils attending from 7:45am-8:15am. Sports Academy pupils across all three disciplines of Badminton, Fencing and Cricket attend to develop their athleticism and functional fitness. Pupils have been working on being more explosive, increasing their speed and increasing their single limb strength to aid their balance and stability in specific sporting movements. Pupils have found this highly engaging and continue to work physically hard. Well done all for showing great commitment!

Sports Academy Badminton

Sports Academy Badminton continues to grow from strength to strength with strong participation in training after school and before school. Within East Leicester schools Badminton competition, Crown Hills Community College entered a total of eight teams, two for each of the following year groups: KS3 girls, KS3 boys, KS4 girls and KS4 boys. The KS3 girls, KS4 girls and KS4 boys teams were successful and are set to compete in the East Leicester final on Tuesday 3rd February. This will determine a place to qualify for the Team Leicestershire Schools Badminton County Rounds which are to be held at Babington Community College.

Indoor Cricket

Indoor Cricket has once again been a popular event in the extra-curricular calendar, with teams from year 7/8 and 9/10 for both girls and boys. Crown Hills Community College entered a total of five teams in this year's competitions, representing the college within the East Leicester group stage. All pupils selected have demonstrated an excellent attitude through attending multiple training sessions, both before, and after school. The highlight so far has been both the year 7/8 girls and 9/10 girls being crowned East Leicester Champions, with both teams even going undefeated and progressing to the County Finals. The year 7/8 girls will compete in the County Final on Monday 9th March, whereas the year 9/10 girls will compete in their final on Monday 16th March. Good luck girls! The year 7/8 boys narrowly missed out on progressing to the East Leicester Final. However, as the team was mostly made up of year 7 pupils, they should be proud of their hard work and look forward to next year. For the year 9/10 boys, Crown Hills Community College entered two teams. The year 9 team won their first two matches and are successfully through to the East Leicester Final on Wednesday 4th February. In addition to participating in the Indoor Cricket, multiple Crown Hills Community College pupils have volunteered their time as umpires and scorers to ensure the smooth running of these events and experiencing roles within sport beyond that of a player.

Upcoming Events

Later in the academic year we are scheduled to offer the CHCC Fencing Cup and CHCC Badminton Cup Competitions to allow all pupils the access to compete and test their skills they have learned in their PE lessons and through the extracurricular programme. These were popular last year and provided a valuable sporting opportunity for all those that competed. More information will be shared.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are proud of the extra-curricular clubs we offer to our students. This term looks busy again with over 70 different clubs on offer. From sports, to art and design, to music and science. There's even some unique clubs like Jewellery Making!



from Jan 6th to March 27th

TUESDAY

- Lunch**
- TABLE TENNIS 9-10 - Main Hall - Mr Wallace
- BADMINTON 7-11 - Sports Hall - Mrs Newcome
- ORCHESTRAL ACADEMY 7-11 - QCS - Mr Allan
- AS4 MAT CLUB 10-11 - RL6 - Mr Bond
- ASPIRE FRENCH 10-11 - WJ22 - Mrs Herbert
- LANGUAGE LEADERS 7-11 - QJ22 - Mrs Lewis-Cross, Mrs Howler
- LITERACY HOMOWORK DROP IN CLUB 7-11 - A16/13 - Miss Brown
- CASE HISTORY DROP IN 11 - EL5 - Mrs Norton
- CASE GEOGRAPHY DROP IN (Girls Tues 1.30) 7-11 - EL22 - Mrs Lewis-Cross, Mrs Howler
- DEBATE CLUB (Girls Tues 1.30) 7-11 - CL22 - Mrs Motenarok, Mrs Sheikh
- ALM CLUB 7-11 - DL6 - Miss Haddad
- MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB 7-10 - UJ23 - Miss One & Mr Patel
- DRUMMING CLUB 7-11 - WJ24 - Mr Gaur
- After School
- SPORTS ACADEMY BADMINTON 4.30pm-6pm 7-11 - Sports Hall - Mr Conry & Miss Patel
- EVOLVING CLUB 7 - WJ24 - Ms Sparring, Ms Haghghemtwala
- SPORTS LEADERSHIP 7-11 - Sports Hall - Mr Mulla
- ENGLISH AS4 SESSIONS 10 - 11 10.15 - 10.45 - Expression Class - English Staff
- DRUM KIT AND BASS GUITAR 7-11 - WJ24 - Mr Hadden
- CURVE DRAMA CLUB 7-11 - Drama Studio - Mrs Tarnhal
- SCIENCE CLUB 7-11 - QJ20 - Miss Patel & Miss Sheikh
- ASPIRE FRENCH 10 & 11 - WJ22 - Mrs Herbert
- HOW TO MAKE YOUR CLUB 7-11 - DL2 - Mrs Elmsley (10th Jan to 20th Feb)
- PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB (Girls Tues 1.30) 7-11 - DL7/15 - Mr Williams
- JEWELLERY MAKING CLUB - Fridays 3.30-5pm 7-11 - EL2 - Mrs Venn
- HOMOWORK CLUB - Fridays at 5.45pm 7-11 - Library - Mrs Venn

WEDNESDAY

- Morning**
- SOCIAL BADMINTON 7-11 - Sports Hall - Mrs Newcome
- Lunch**
- BADMINTON 8-11 - Sports Hall - Mr Conry
- GIRLS TABLE TENNIS 7-11 - Main Hall - Miss Patel
- STEEL BIRD HICHER LEVEL 7-11 & 10-11 - PR4 - Ms Munroe
- BRASS 7-11 - CL25 - Mr Allan
- DRAW TOGETHER 7-11 - A14 - Mrs Haddad
- ICT COURSEWORK DROP IN 11 - EU11 - Mr Khan
- ICT COURSEWORK DROP IN 11 - EL2 - Mr Verruck & Mr Veruka
- THEATRE CLUB 7-11 - Drama Studio - Mrs Bradbury
- After School
- GIRLS BASKETBALL 7-11 - Sports Hall - Ms White
- FENCING 7-11 - Main Hall - Mr Conry and Fencing Coach
- BOYS GYM 7-11 - Fitness Suite - Mr Borden
- YEAR 10 ASSESSED WORK 10 - Expression Place - Mr Stafford
- MATHS DROP-IN 11 - Expression Place - Maths Staff
- BHARATA AND INDIA FOLK MUSIC 7-11 - WJ24 - Mr Gaur
- HOMOWORK CLUB - Fridays at 5.45pm 7-11 - Library - Mrs Venn

THURSDAY

- Morning**
- SPORTS ACADEMY STRENGTH & CONDITIONING 7-11 - Sports Hall - Ms Butler
- Lunch**
- BADMINTON AND VOLLEYBALL 11 - Sports Hall - Miss Patel
- TABLE TENNIS 10-11 - Main Hall - Mr Stafford
- ASSOON, OBOE AND FLUTE 7-11 - Recording Studio - Ms Veng
- HOME LANGUAGES 10-11 - RL3 - Mrs Baker
- CONSTRUCTION CLUB USING LEGO 7-11 - EL4 - Mrs Meece
- After School
- ASPIRE SPANISH 10 & 11 - DL24 - Mr Fawcett/O'Connell & Miss Hussain
- GIRLS FOOTBALL 7-11 - Goals - Mr Deffy, Miss Patel
- YA 11 ASSESSED WORK 11 - Expression Place, Ms Sparring, Ms Haghghemtwala and Mr Conry
- INDOOR CRICKET (Girls Only) 7-10 - Sports Hall - Mr Stafford and Mr James
- TABLE TENNIS 7-11 - Main Hall - Mr Williams
- SCIENCE INTERVENTION SESSION 11 - WJ19 and WJ20 - Science Staff
- SCIENCE REVISION SESSION 11 - DL18 - Science Staff
- AS3 PROGRAMMING MICROBIT CLUB 7-11 - EL19 - Mr Patel & Mr Verruck Email: Mr Khan - khans@brookfields.leicester.sch.uk
- HOMOWORK CLUB - Fridays at 5.45pm 7-11 - Library - Mrs Venn

FRIDAY

- Morning**
- SPORTS ACADEMY CRICKET 7-10 - Sports Hall - Mr Stafford
- Lunch**
- BADMINTON AND VOLLEYBALL 11 - Sports Hall - Ms Butler
- BOCCA 7-11 - Dance Studio - Miss Patel
- HISTORY SOCIETY (until Feb half term) 7-10 - EL8 - Ms Cover
- HOT CHOCOLATE CLUB (Inclusion only until Feb half term) 7-11 - RL3 - Mrs Shabby
- ELECTRONIC 7-11 - CL25 - Mr Allison
- STEEL BIRD HICHER LEVEL 7-11 - PR4 - Ms Munroe
- After School
- GIRLS GYM 4-11 - Fitness Suite - Miss Patel
- VOLLEYBALL 10-11 - Sports Hall - Ms Butler & Mr O'Flynn
- CASE CITIZENSHIP REVISION 11 - EL2 - Miss Mubarek
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