

NEWSLETTER



CROWN HILLS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A Specialist Sports College

May 2026



Important Parent/Carer Information

First Aid

At Crown Hills we have a team of qualified First Aiders who are trained to provide emergency assistance, treat minor injuries and manage medical emergencies. We do not have a dedicated qualified Doctor on site. If your child has an injury that has happened out of school that requires a medical intervention please speak to your local chemist, GP or hospital.

In accordance with our school policy we cannot administer paracetamol, Calpol or any other over the counter pain relief to students. For minor headaches, colds, temperatures, aches and pains, we ask that you administer pain relief at home before school. If your child requires regular medication at school due to a chronic condition please contact the school office to ensure an Individual Health Care plan is in place.

Nut-Free School



We are a nut-free school because we have students in school with severe nut allergies which could be life threatening. No children should be bringing in any nut items or any items which contains traces of nuts as we are a nut-free school.

Water Bottles



As we approach the warmer days, please send your children with a water bottle (no glass bottles are allowed) where they will be able to re-fill it and use this throughout the school day.

Seasonal Allergies



If your child suffers from seasonal allergies such as allergy to pollen, allergy to grass, hay fever symptoms, sneezing, itchy eyes, runny nose etc, we recommend that your child takes their allergy medication before coming to school so that their school day can go smoothly. They can also carry non-prescribed medication with them such as paracetamol & over the counter allergy tablets in their school bags.

EAST MIDLANDS POET LAUREATE

We are proud to share that one of our Year 8 pupils, Madiha Aswat, was shortlisted to become the East Midlands Poet Laureate.

At a time when children are looking to emulate different people on social media and trying to live a life that is often not their own, Madiha has allowed herself to move back in time and look deep within her soul to express her thoughts and feelings. Poetry has existed since language has been recorded and so she deserves as much praise for her chosen method of communication as the poem itself and she has done so with such eloquence, that it has moved the souls of so many that have had the opportunity to either hear it or read it.

The wearing of a simple cloth that is so often misunderstood, has been expressed by Madiha with such profundity and wisdom that go well beyond her years, as she uses her own words to provide the readers and listeners with an insight into her own truth.

Enjoy!



A graphic with a light green background. At the top left, the words 'Young Poet Laureate' are written in white, sans-serif font. To the right is a large yellow starburst pattern. Below this, the text 'Bringing the power of poetry to your classroom' is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom left is the National Literacy Trust logo, which consists of the words 'National Literacy Trust' in white on an orange, rounded rectangular background. Below the logo is the tagline 'Change your story' in a smaller white font. At the bottom right, the text 'The National Poetry Centre and National Literacy Trust are working together to champion young voices' is written in a small white font.

EAST MIDLANDS POET LAUREATE

I stand before the mirror,
my fingers tracing soft folds of
fabric,
a pin between my lips,
trying once again
to make this strip of fabric sit just
right.

And I laugh to myself
because somehow,
I'm stressing over a piece of cloth
that just won't behave.

But then I pause.
Because it's not just a piece of cloth
It's the oyster that guards my pearl,
the trust I place in God's wisdom,
the quiet strength that wraps
around my soul.
It's patience,
grace, and faith woven together

Each fold shows an essence of my
courage,
And each pin highlights my
strength
It's not about hiding,
It's about doing what's right
about pleasing God
about fulfilling my purpose

Some days I fight with it
Some days I fight with myself.
But every day I stand tall,
My crown staying proud on my
head

Because this fabric reminds me
that true beauty isn't in what the world
can see
it's in the peace that lives quietly
beneath,
the faith that glows within,
and the faith that frees my heart

My hijab isn't a burden,
it's my calm in the storm,
the quiet pride I wear,
my devotion in every fold.

It's my identity.
My softness and my strength.
My faith, flowing gently over my
shoulder

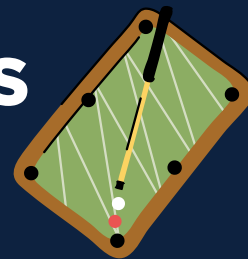
So yes, I may laugh
when it slips,
when the pin pricks,
when the folds don't fall the way I
planned

but when it's finally in place,
I feel it
that quiet pride,
that gentle power,
that closeness to my Creator.

Because it's not just a piece of cloth.
It's my crown.
My comfort.
My connection to God.

My oyster.
And I
I am the Pearl

CROWN HILLS STUDENT SHINES ON THE SNOOKER TABLE!



We cannot take the credit for this, but we are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of one of our talented Year 9 students, Faiz, who continues to excel in the sport of snooker at both national and international levels.

This year has been particularly successful, with Faiz achieving an outstanding 20th-place ranking in the 2025/26 English Junior Tour (Under-21s). Competing in an age group that includes older and more experienced players, this result highlights his determination, skill, and commitment to the sport.

Adding to this success, Faiz reached the final of the 2025/26 Under-14 Championship, demonstrating exceptional consistency and resilience throughout the competition. Reaching the final of such a prestigious event is a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to his hard work and focus.

In March, Faiz proudly represented England at the European Snooker Championships in Gandia, Spain, competing in the Under-16s category. Representing his country on an international stage is a remarkable achievement, and we are delighted to see him competing at such a high level and gaining valuable experience against some of Europe's best young players.

Closer to home, Faiz remains an active and committed competitor, playing regularly in the Leicester and District Institute Snooker League and representing the Leicestershire County B Team. These opportunities allow him to continue developing his skills against experienced opponents while contributing to his local snooker community.

Balancing these sporting commitments alongside school life is no small feat, and we commend Faiz for his dedication, discipline, and positive attitude. He is a fantastic role model for his peers and an excellent ambassador for Crown Hills Community College.

Moving forward, we are looking to support Faiz and his family with sponsorship deals, world class coaching and helping him to find a balance between his GCSEs and becoming the next World Champion.

Well done Faiz, doing what it takes for as long as it takes – Watch this space!

CROWN HILLS STUDENTS TAKE PART IN UNIVERSITY DEBATE COMPETITION

Year 9 students from Crown Hills Community College recently took part in an exciting debate competition held at the University of Leicester, where schools from across the city gathered to test their speaking and teamwork skills. Crown Hills students debated a challenging motion and had the opportunity to explore the university campus, gaining insight into higher education alongside developing their speaking skills.

The debate focused on the motion: “Putting people in prison is the best way of dealing with those who commit crimes because prison works.” Students from Crown Hills were required to argue affirmative points, using evidence, clear structure and persuasive language. The students presented clear and compelling arguments, underpinned by thorough research using government data. They responded to rebuttal questions with confidence and maturity, maintaining their composure despite the intensity of the debate as both sides faced rigorous questioning.

One Crown Hills student said their favourite part of the competition was “the whole thing, however I must say that my favourite part was definitely seeing other people – from other schools – being just as passionate as us about debating and debating with them”.

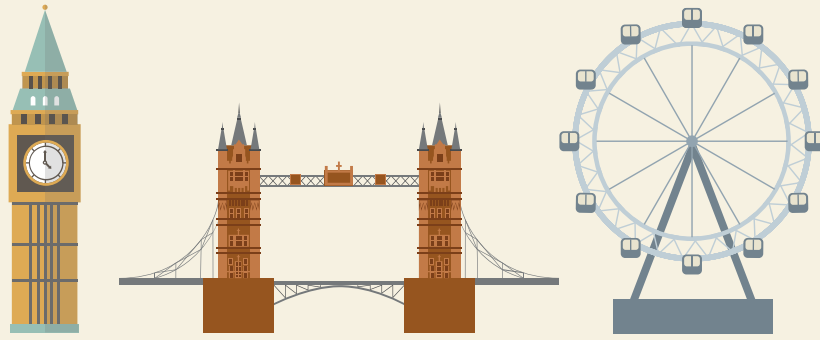
Another student said, “watching the finalists in the last debate”, explaining that seeing highly confident speakers helped them understand what makes a strong and effective argument.

Although the students did not win the debate competition, the experience has been invaluable, steering them towards honing their skills and returning next year with renewed confidence.

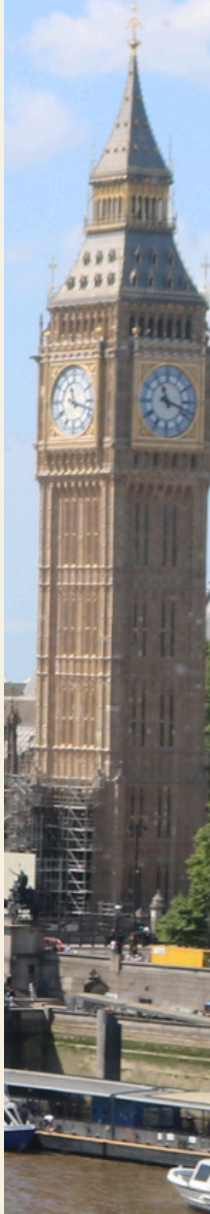
The competition was a valuable opportunity for Crown Hills students to represent their school, develop essential life skills and experience university life first-hand. Events like this continue to inspire students to aim high, speak confidently and work effectively as a team.



Year 8 Trip to London



At the end of April, all 300 of our Year 8 pupils went on a trip to London, paid for by the school. They all got to ride on the London Eye and set sail on the Thames River Cruise! They all enjoyed spotting the famous landmarks and visiting their countries capital city.



Extra Curricular Timetable

We are proud of the extra curricular clubs we offer to our students. This year there are over 70 different clubs on offer. From sports, to art and design, from music to science and many more.

CROWN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Extra Curricular Timetable

Monday

MORNING
 SPORTS ACADEMY FENCING 7-8 Sports Hall Mr Conry and Miss Patel

LUNCH
 GIRLS CRICKET 9 Field Miss Patel
 GUITAR 7-11 Practice Room 1 Mr Pellington
 CLARINET & SOPRANO 7-11 Recording Studio Ms Hemmings

AFTER SCHOOL
 SOCIAL TENNIS 7-11 Mugs Miss Patel
 HOMEWORK CLUB 7-11 Library Mrs Vann

Tuesday

LUNCH
 ORCHESTRAL ACADEMY 7-11 CLCS Mr Allison
 KS4 ART CLUB 10-11 XL4 Mrs Bond
 ASPIRE FRENCH 10-11 DU12 Mrs Herbert
 LANGUAGE LEADERS 7-10 DU15 Mrs Saint-Croix, Mrs Homer & Miss Hussain
 GCSE HISTORY DROP IN 11 EL4 Mrs Newton
 GCSE GEOGRAPHY DROP IN 11 EL10 Geography Staff
 MINDFULNESS WITH DRAGONS CLUB 7-8 EL8 Ms Chudassera
 PINE GCSE INTERVENTION 10-11 EL7 Mr Deen-Beckwith
 DEBATE CLUB (ends May half-term) 7-8 DU12 Ms Sheikh and Miss Mahab
 VAGLUS 7-11 Practice Room 1 Mr Shaw
 FILM CLUB 7-8 DL8 Ms Haddad

AFTER SCHOOL
 CYCLING CLUB 7 MUGA Ms Spring/Hughes/Debrahe
 SPORTS LEADERSHIP 7-11 Main Hall Ms White
 ENGLISH KS4 SESSIONS 10-11 X076, X077 and Expression Plaza English Staff
 DRUM KIT AND BRASS CARTRON 7-11 X074 Mr Hadden
 CURVE DANCE CLUB 7-11 Drama Studio Mrs Turnbull
 ASPIRE FRENCH 10-11 DU12 Mrs Herbert
 ASPIRE FOOD/FOOD HYGIENE (book sign-up first by email) 10-11 DL8 Mrs Clayton
 BOYS CRICKET 7-8 Goals Mr Conry
 GIRLS CRICKET 7-11 Goals Miss Patel & Ms Butler
 HOMEWORK CLUB 7-11 Library Mrs Vann

Wednesday

MORNING
 SOCIAL TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL 7-11 Sports Hall Mrs Newcome

LUNCH
 LITERARY HOMEWORK DROP IN CLUB 7-11 RUS Miss Brown
 GIRLS CRICKET 7 Field Miss Patel
 STEEL BAND (Higher Level) 7-9 & 10-11 P94 Ms Munroe
 HOMEWORK SURGERY 10 EL18 Ms East and Mr Chander
 BRASS 7-11 CLCS Mr Allison
 THEATRE CLUB 7-11 Drama Studio Mrs Bradbury

AFTER SCHOOL
 FENCING 7-11 Main Hall Mr Conry and Fencing Coach
 GIRLS GYM 9-11 Fitness Suite Ms White
 ATHLETICS 7-11 Field Mr Skarvin
 CRICKET FIELDING 7-11 Field Ms Butler
 YEAR 10 ASSESSED WORK 10 Expression Plaza Mr Stafford
 FURTHER MATHS 10-11 EL17 Maths Staff
 MATHS DROP-IN 11 Exploration Plaza Maths Staff
 DESIGN AND MAKE (12 spaces, email sign-up) 7-9 DL10 Mr Ray
 HOMEWORK CLUB 7-11 Library Mrs Vann

Thursday

MORNING
 STRENGTH & CONDITIONING SPORTS ACADEMY 7-11 Field Ms Butler

LUNCH
 TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL 7 Mugs Miss Patel
 ICH SPORT STUDIES 10 Expression Plaza PE staff
 MASSOOL SONG AND FLUTE 7-11 Recording Studio Ms Wong
 HORE LANGUAGES 10-11 DL4 Mrs Baker

AFTER SCHOOL
 ASPIRE SPANISH 10-11 DU14 Mr Rono-Pimental
 SCIENCE INTERVENTION SESSION 11 DU19 and DU20 Science Staff
 SCIENCE REVISION SESSION 11 DU18 Science Staff
 MOVING TOGETHER DANCE CLUB 7-11 Dance Studio Ms Dawson
 NET COURSEWORK CATCHUP 11 EL18, DU11, EL13 ICT staff
 BOYS CRICKET 9 Goals Mr Stafford
 BOYS CRICKET 10 Goals Mr Williams
 HOMEWORK CLUB 7-11 Library Mrs Vann

Friday

MORNING
 SPORTS ACADEMY CRICKET 7-10 MUGA Mr Stafford
 COLOURING CLUB 7-11 Canteen Breakfast Club Staff

LUNCH
 HOT CHOCOLATE CLUB (ends 30th April) 7-11 PL3 Mrs Glasby
 ELECTRONIC 7-11 CLCS Mr Allison
 STEEL BAND (Higher Level) 7-11 P94 Ms Munroe

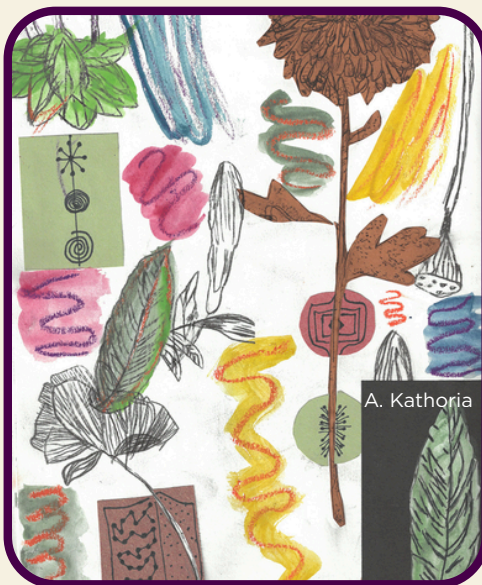
AFTER SCHOOL
 SOCIAL CRICKET 7-10 Sports Hall Mr Stafford, Miss Patel & Mr James
 CRICKET 11 Goals Mr O'Flynn
 GCSE CITIZENSHIP REVISION 11 EL2 Mrs Mohamed
 TRIPLE SCIENCE 11 DU18 Science Staff
 HOMEWORK CLUB 7-11 Library Mrs Vann

Vaisakhi Meal

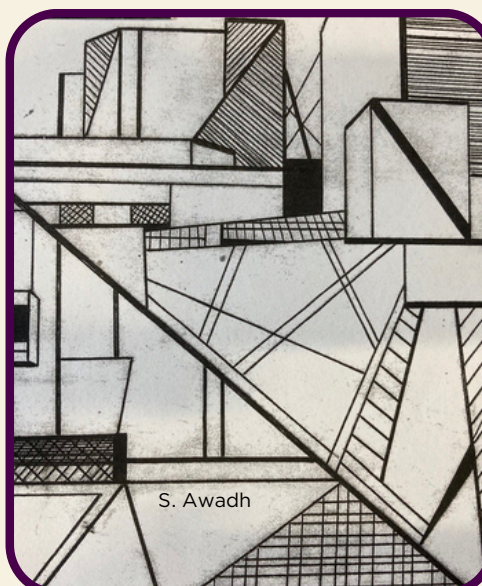
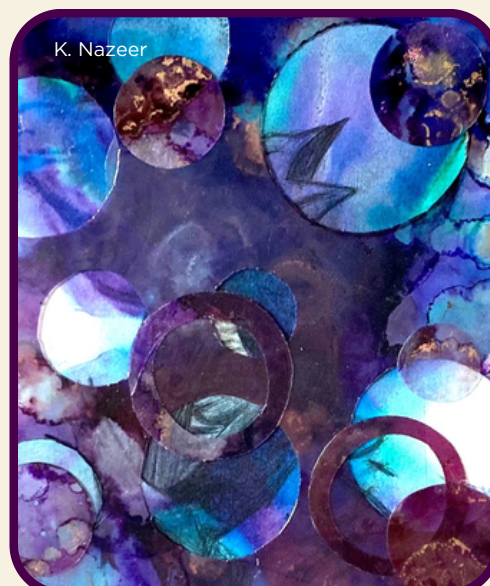
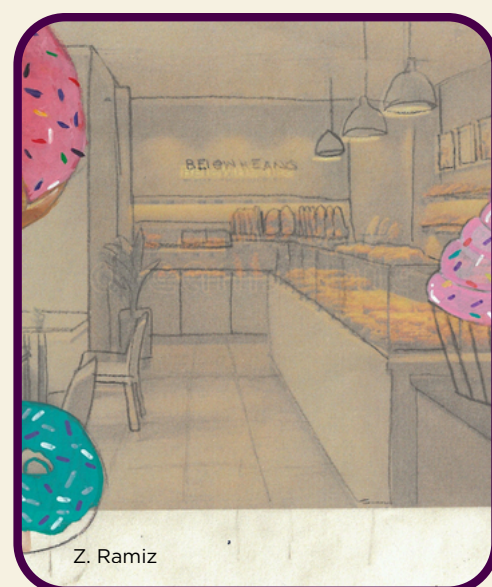
We celebrated Vaisakhi in school this half term. Every year each year group gets the opportunity to experience a different faith's festival. This half term, it was our Year 9 students who got the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Vaisakhi meal.



Art Corner



Some year Year 7s have been inspired by nature to create work in the style of textile artist Lucienne Day and Anne Moore.



Physical Education



BRITISH FENCING BYC NATIONAL FINALS

Six pupils competed in the National round of the British Fencing Youth Championships between the 2nd and the 4th of May. This is the highest number of pupils that qualified as being the best in the region and therefore, competing at a national level individually. This was a significant learning experience for our pupils who had the opportunity to fence at an elite-level facility against the best fencers in the country in their age categories. Competitions entering a poule then resulted in knock out rounds. Results: U16 Male Sabre: Abdullah 55/62nd, Gurshaan 60/62. U14 Male Sabre: Natiq 65/68. U14 Female Sabre: Maryam 29/30, Merve 30/30. U16 Female Sabre: 37/39. Well done to all that competed at this elite level event. We are proud of the progress that the Sports Academy Fencing Programme has made this year entering many more competitions than before and building a relationship with East Midlands Fencing to deliver training days and competitions hosted at CHCC. We look forward to developing this further next academic year.

CHCC FENCING CUP

On Wednesday 25th March eight non-sports academy pupils took part in the Annual Midi Foil competition which included Year 7 to Year 9 pupils, both male and female. Bouts were fiercely fought showcasing foil fencing skills developed from core PE lessons and Fencing afterschool club. Pupils have made great progress within fencing this year and a select few students have been selected to train with the metal sabre as part of the Sports Academy Development Programme.



Physical Education

CHCC BADMINTON CUP

On Wednesday 29th April 34 pupils competed in the annual CHCC Badminton Cup. This year the competition focused on doubles in the following age categories: Year 7/8 boys, Year 7/8 girls, Year 9/10 boys and Year 9/10 girls. This year Sports Academy pupils were allowed to compete but only with current sports academy develop or non-sports academy pupils, this ensured that the doubles pairing were fair, resulting in competitive matches. Pupils enjoyed the experience of competing in a realistic competition environment and as a result many pupils developed their skills and experience. Well done to all that competed.

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 MENTORING

Another round of Sports Academy mentoring is due to start week commencing 18th May. This is targeted for Sports Academy pupils who have lower than expected commitment currently with the purpose of raising their commitment and their academic performance. This will entail meeting regularly with their mentor and being accountable for implementing agreed tweaks to their goal setting targets.

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ASPIRATION

Be the best that you can be



COMMITMENT

Do what it takes for as long as it takes



SUCCESS

Be ready to take on the world