

NEWSLETTER



CROWN HILLS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A Specialist Sports College

Easter 2023



British Schools Fencing Championships

The British Schools Fencing Championships 2023 took place on Sunday 5th March at The Royal Masonic School For Girls, Rickmansworth. We entered the U15 Boys Sabre and U15 Girls Sabre categories.

9 teams were entered into the U15 Boys Sabre competitions. Our students gained experience of fencing against Team GB fencers representing other schools.

Our girls team entered the U15 Girls Sabre competition and they just missed out on the gold medal against Milfield School but achieved the silver medal. Great improvements were made during the match for our girls, with each member able to score a number of points against the opposition.

As a school we last entered this competition in 2019 and for most this was their first experience of fencing competitively and at the highest school level. Students made great progress during this event which has only motivated them to show further commitment to training to succeed in next year's competition.



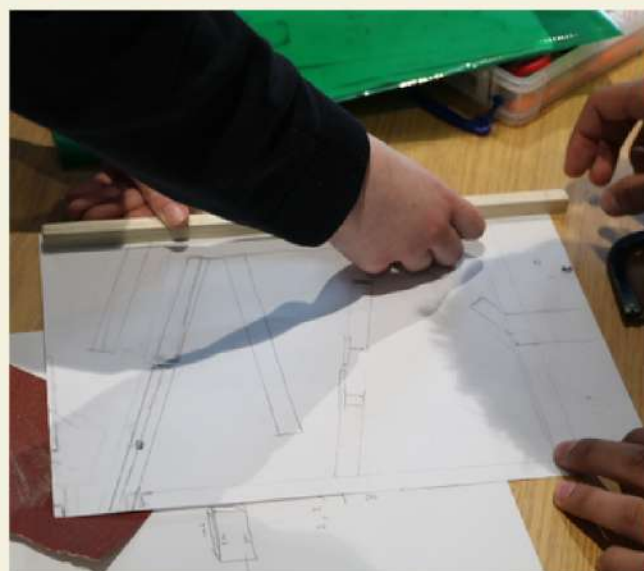
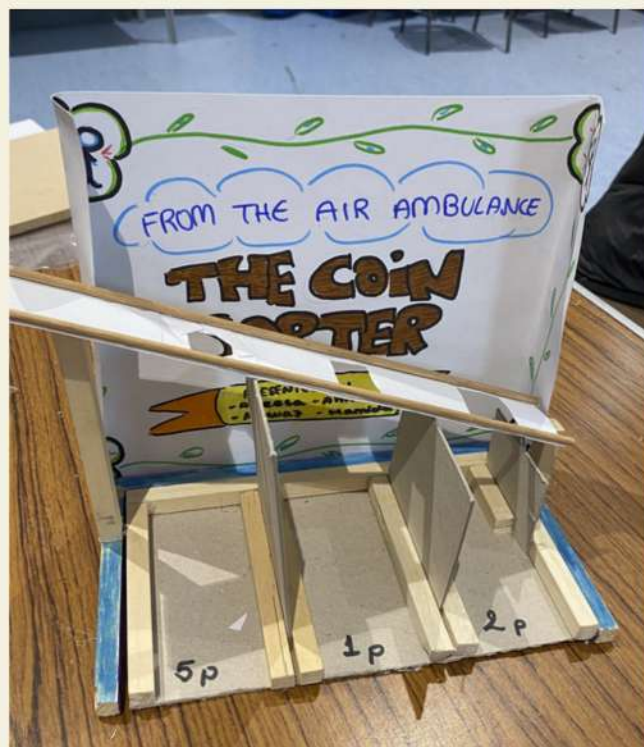
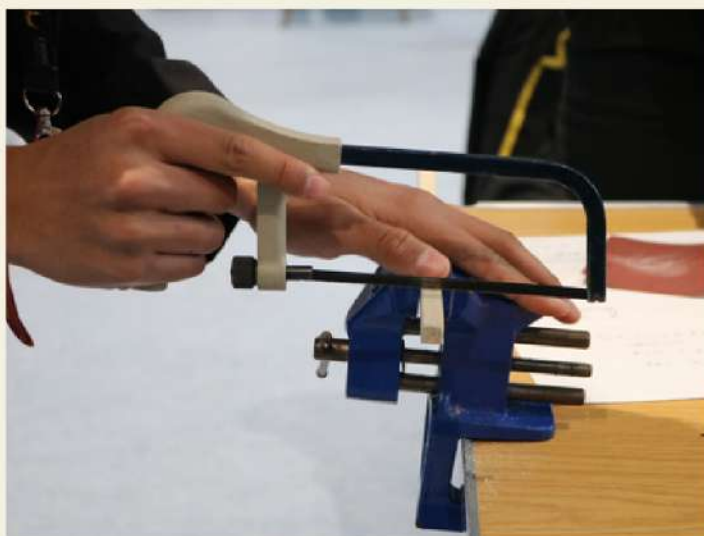
DT Competition

This half term some of our Year 9 & 10 Design and Technology students went to Leicester Grammar School for the Leicestershire Rotary Technology Tournament.

They were given a task and had several hours to create a portfolio evidencing their work and a finished product. They were asked to make a charity coin sorter. The task required them to make a product, using the materials they were given, that sorted 1ps, 2ps and 5ps into separate boxes. With team work and determination they came up with some ingenious ideas.

Below you can see their creations. It wasn't an easy task but both teams were able to present a finished product to the judges. Fantastic work from this group of Year 9s and 10s. Both teams took the day in their stride, well done!

Even Miss Dexter and Mr Taylor enjoyed having a go!





Cultural Awareness



During one of our cultural awareness weeks, our Y9 students looked at French food, especially the yogurt cake, 'gâteau au yaourt'.

Some of our students even went the extra mile and made the cake at home! They sent us pictures of their delicious creations.

Here is the recipe if you would like to have a go making it too:

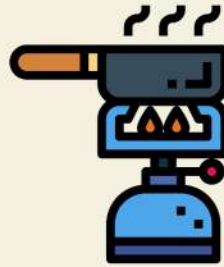
Ingredients, to be added and mixed in that order:

- 1 pot of yogurt, then use the pot as measuring cup, 'un pot de yaourt'
- 1 pot of sugar, 'un pot de sucre'
- 3 pots of self-raising flour, 'trois pots de farine et un paquet de levure'
- 3 eggs, 'trois oeufs'
- Half pot of plain oil, 'un demi pot d' huile'

You could also add vanilla extract, lemon zest, chocolate chips, fruit bits, etc...

Pour in a buttered and floured mould and bake in the oven for 30 min at 180°C.

Duke of Edinburgh Award



On Saturday, 25th March our Year 10 students, who are working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, attended a special training day. This full day of training is in lead up to their upcoming practice and qualifying expeditions.

Throughout the day they got to take part in a variety of workshops. Including:

- how to cook on a camping stove;
- how to set up a tent;
- how to navigate;
- how to read a map;
- the Countryside Code;
- general camping tips;

These workshops are vital to ensure that our students are successful in this award. They have equipped them with the skills they will need.



World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March 2023, Crown Hills Community College celebrated World Book Day. This day is designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

Prior to the day itself, our students were encouraged to express their creativity and participate in a competition, organised by our student librarians, to design a bookmark. The designers of the top six bookmarks were then able to see their design actually created and made available for students to take from the school library when they borrowed a book. These have proven very popular with all our students.

World Book Day tokens were distributed to all of our students to swap at their local bookseller for one of twelve exclusive and free World Book Day books. Alongside booksellers such as Waterstones and WH Smiths, several of the major supermarket chains including Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons and Tesco are participating, so these vouchers could even be used whilst you were buying your groceries. World Book Day book tokens are valid until Sunday 26th March 2023.

Several of our staff members dressed up as characters for World Book Day and students were encouraged to guess who they were and which book they were from. Meanwhile, our students were encouraged to drop everything and read a book (fiction or non-fiction), comic, magazine or newspaper during the DEAR session that morning.

It is our ambition for Crown Hills to be a 'reading school' with reading for pleasure embedded within the culture of the college and it is wonderful to see students taking advantage of these opportunities to engage with the library and the activities it promotes.

Miss Vann
School Librarian





#EMBRACE EQUITY



There was lots going on in school this International Women's Day!

The first event that took place was our poetry reading session at lunch time in the library. A few weeks prior to the event students were given speeches from influential women in society. This included Michelle Obama, female doctors and the Lionesses. We had students from Year 7 and 8 taking part. They had been practising their speeches and presented them well. It takes a lot of courage to stand up and read aloud in front of your peers. We were so impressed with how both boys and girls read the speeches with such passion.

Staff also celebrated International Women's Day by wearing t-shirts. Together we can "forge a gender equal world".

Finally, we had several girls-only sporting opportunities throughout the day. At lunch time our clubs were girls only and the girls enjoyed badminton and table tennis. In the afternoon, our Year 7 and 8 girls took part in the national 'Biggest Ever Girls Football Event'. They played fixtures against other city schools. They left inspired to carry on with football in the future.



Art Corner



Year 7 'My City' project. 'Highcross bridge' created in collagraph



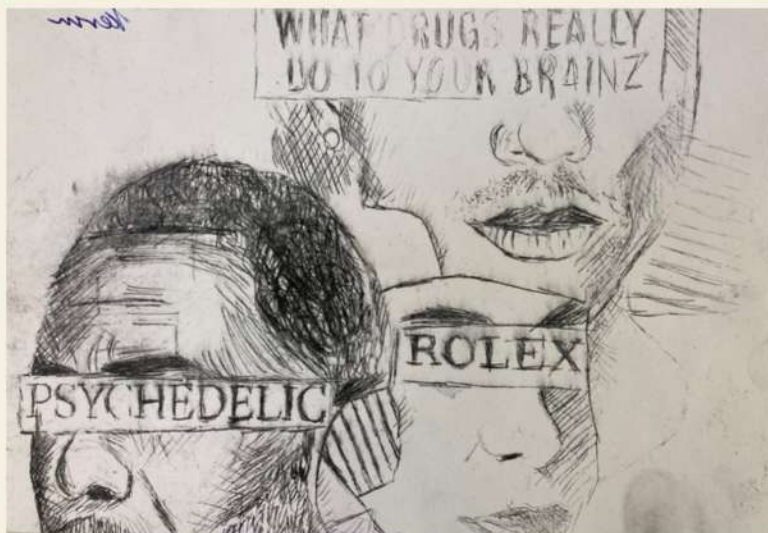
Fantastic Year 8 abstract art homework



A striking example of the Year 9 still life lino project.



Dry point etching as part of the Year 9 surrealist project, inspired by Max Ernst



K. Modhavadiya

S. Fahmy



Ceramic raised relief cubist mask inspired by Pablo Picasso.
A. Radiowala

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H. Momin

Key Stage 3 Art Club
Years 7-9
Tuesday 3-4pm
Miss Matthews XL5

Key Stage 4 Art Club
Years 10-11
Wednesday 3-4pm
Mrs Bond XL6

(NOT JUST FOR GCSE STUDENTS, SEE MRS BOND FOR DETAILS)

Goldsmiths' Community Award

We are thrilled to announce that we have made it through to the second round of the national Goldsmiths Community Award. We are so proud of all the work we have done in our community, to be recognised nationally is an honour.

As a school we have been shortlisted and have now made it through to the heats. Our college ambassadors now have to present to a panel of judges about what makes our community work exceptional. Good luck to all the students involved!



The
GOLDSMITHS'
Company Charity

Music Performance

On Tuesday 14th March, Crown Hills Music Department held the Music Performance Showcase with the Year 11 BTEC Music students and the Year 10 GCSE students. They conducted a series of performances and students alongside staff attended after school in the main hall. The evening started off with Yagnesh Shashikant who performed 'Catchy Tune' on the bassoon with accompaniment. Both acts certainly set the standard of performances that were about to unfold. Next was Ayaan Sheik, playing 'Daisy Bell and Eckington Stomp' on Clarinet which was delightful to listen to. A keyboard ensemble by four Year 11 students Zain Karim, Aryan Mukeshkumar, Hamzah Sota and Shafay Tariq, treated us to the mellow piece of 'Country Garden'. A trio of Year 10 and 11 students, Mauricio Ziga, Nella Conkova and Franco Petik, brought Roma music into the limelight with a light-hearted instrumental piece. An energetic tone was upon the room with METAL MILITIA with members Zayne Randall, Aryan Khan Sardar and Sami Sheikh. Their rock performance got heads nodding and feet tapping. Returning for their second and final piece, the Roma band provided a cover of a popular Roma song that set a beautiful vibe as the event was nearing its end. Last but certainly not least, METAL MILITIA were ready to rock once more with another instrumental which was perfect ending for this wonderful and inspirational evening. A huge thank you to all the students and staff who took part and supported the event.

CHCC Music Department

Work Experience



During #NationalCareersWeek all of our Year 10s went on work experience. We visited them throughout the week to see all the exciting things they were doing and learning! From charity shops to pharmacies it's great to see them trying something new. It's also lovely to hear such positive things about our students from employers in our community!

Physical Education

Badminton Trip



On Tuesday 14th March 35 students from our Sports Academy attended the England Badminton Championships in Birmingham. The students ranged from Year 7s to Year 10s, they were all super excited to go to a national sporting event like this.

Throughout the day they got to watch several matches and had fun trying out the activities at the stalls outside of the arena.

The even got to watch an England Women's doubles match during which England beat the USA opponents. They couldn't believe the skill on display and said things like "I wish I was this good, maybe one day I will be!". What a great raising aspirations trip!



Physical Education

Successes



Our KS4 Girls Badminton team progressed to the County Finals which were held at Babington Academy. There were 6 teams participating and our girls progressed to the final and played an incredibly tight match and came out as runners up (2nd place). The girls played to a great standard of badminton throughout!



Our Under-15 Girls took part in the Indoor County Finals, which saw lots of high quality and nail-biting cricket! We are so proud of them for finishing in third place!



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that you can be*

COMMITMENT

*Do what it takes for
as long as it takes*

SUCCESS

*Be ready to take
on the world*