

NEWSLETTER



CROWN HILLS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A Specialist Sports College

Winter 2022



Bradgate Park Trip

On Wednesday, 16th November, we took all of the GCSE Year 11 Geography students on a field trip to Bradgate Park. This was a hands-on, practical trip, in order for them to collect data for their course work. They took part in traffic surveys, measured the width and depth of the river channels and studied different rocks. An educational experience but also a great life experience, being out in the countryside and nature!



Empowered Poetry Competition



Congratulations are in order for our English students!

The English Department held a poetry competition to encourage students to express their views and opinions through poetry.

First place: Zayd
Second place: Zahra
Third place: Hamna

The winning poem:

The power to smile when all you feel is anger
The strength to change your thoughts to the best one you remember
The power to learn from your mistakes when all goes wrong
The strength to show who you are regardless of how long

The power to get up after a hard day
The strength to continue when nothing goes your way
The power to try again after many times of failing
The strength to show yourself after years of waiting

To be empowered-it's not something new
Everyone has it including me and you
It curls up inside of you waiting for the right time
To then help you pass obstacles, to ensure you're fine

It makes you seem happy when all is lost
And best of all he will stay with you at no cost
He will help you get past any feeling, big or small
You're lifelong companion shall be there until you fall

WE ARE ALL EMPOWERED

1 Million Words Winners!



Congratulations are in order for 3 of our Year 8 students!

We really value the importance of reading here at Crown Hills. We are so proud of these Year 8s who have become word millionaires! They have borrowed so many books from our school library that they have read over 1 million words. Mr Adam presented them with their certificates in assembly.

DT Creations

Laser Club

Some of our students go above and beyond what they learn in their lessons. 2 Year 8 DT students have enjoyed making some fantastic creations at lunch times and after school. One of them has had a very entrepreneurial idea...He has used the plastic that we have collected on our litter picks and has melted it down to form pieces he can use to make bug hotels. The Deputy Lieutenant was particularly impressed with this when he came to present us with the Community Business Award.

Another student has used her DT skills to create an iPad stand for her sister! She even took the time to carefully cut her name out of plastic. These 2 students regularly attend our after-school Laser Club and are showing excellent commitment to extra curricular activities.



Pasta making!

We are super impressed with this Year 9 DT class who are making pasta from scratch! Such a great atmosphere in the classroom and a skill they've developed for life!



STEM Club

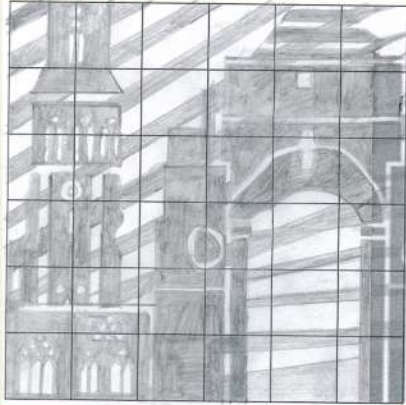
This half term our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Club have been taking part in a programme by University College London (UCL). Each week different professors hold a session with our students about different topics. One week they were joined by Dr Amy from UCL. She discussed all things earth sciences with our students. They received resources which included some cool 3D glasses and really brought all the planets to life.



Art Corner



A showcase of some of the fantastic Year 7 work from their printmaking project 'My City'.



A fantastic example of Year 7 homework, an image of Leicester landmarks, drawn following the grid method. (H. Memishev)



A continuous line 'monoprint' of Leicester Cathedral. (H. Memishev)



The University of Leicester in 'monoprint'. (A. Waraich)



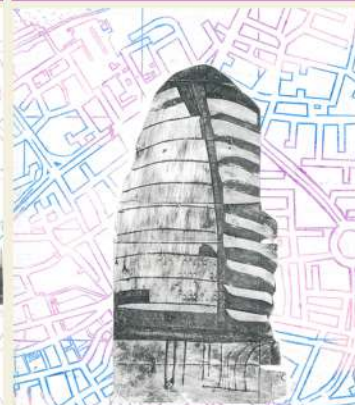
A collagraph print of New Walk Gallery. (Z Yusuf)



A collagraph print of the Clocktower, surrounded by oil pastel print. (M. Aasim)



'Old John' of Bradgate Park, collagraph and oil pastel print. (S. Sarker)



The Space Centre, collagraph and oil pastel print. (R. Rawat)



Another excellent homework, African Mask as part of the Year 8 Picasso project. (S. Girach)

A showcase of some of the Year 9 reduction lino prints, from their project based around the genre of 'still life'.



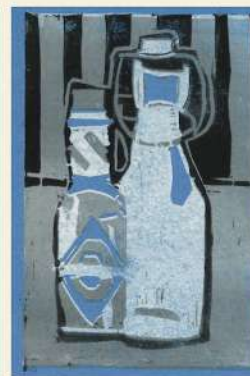
(Z. Khan)



(A. Kathoria)



(M. Ali)



(P. Tandel)

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)

Dance & Drama

Some of our Key Stage 4 dance students in action! Their commitment to their subject has paid off. All the hard work that has gone into making their 'Million Dreams' performance perfect is fantastic, well done!



So You Think You Can Dance Competition

Congratulations to our Dance students who took part in the annual Inspire Together Dance competition. They entered 2 group numbers and 2 solos. One of our Year 11's and Year 8's! They competed against schools from across the city, fantastic performances girls!

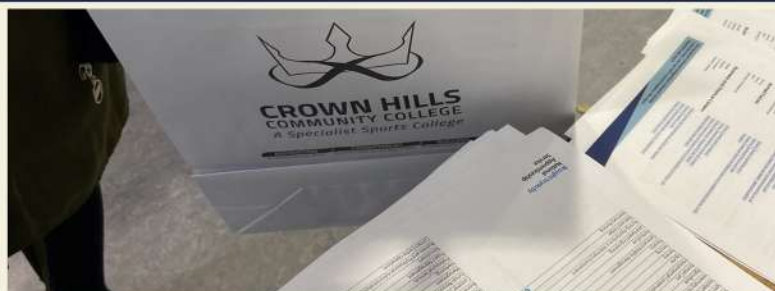
After School Drama Club

Some of our drama students have been working with acting coaches from the Curve Leicester during their after-school sessions. This gives our students the opportunity to perfect certain acting techniques. The aim of the course is with the hope that our students may be able to perform at the Curve at the end of the year!



Careers Fair

For the first time, in 3 years, post-covid, we were able to hold our Careers Fair for Year 10 and 11 students. It gave students and their parents opportunities to meet providers offering post 16 options. It allowed them to think about what they would like to do in the future and helped to cement their next steps. Lots of information was provided regarding open days which will make sure our students make the best choice for them when choosing their college or apprenticeship!



Scan the QR code to visit the new Careers section of our website!



Mock Interviews

Our Year 11's got the chance to take part in Mock Interviews this half term. They met with a variety of different providers. This experience helps them to practice for interviews that they may soon be having with colleges which they hope to attend next year. 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 to perfect their interview technique when thinking about applying for jobs!



Parental Gatherings

On the first Friday of each month, we welcome parents/carers to join us to provide an opportunity to get to know the school and The Crown Hills Way as well as get together with other parents/carers. Meetings are on Fridays 8.45am - 9.30am and refreshments are provided. The next meetings for this academic year are scheduled for January 6th and February 3rd.

On January 12th we will also be delivering an extra 'early evening parental gathering' to allow those families that can't make it to the morning sessions, see what it's all about! Further details will be sent via MySchoolApp. We also have a regular slot of answering any questions you may have.



Parent Classes

FREE* Parent classes and Drop-in advice sessions for parents/carers

Working in collaboration with Leicester College, we are delighted to be able to continue with and increase the number of courses and support sessions on offer for our parents/carers here at Crown Hills.

All sessions are held in our Community Classroom, based in the CLC building, which is the first building nearest to the main entrance of Crown Hills. If you would like to attend any of our classes please email our class teacher Bhaveshree Manek on BManek@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk

*To be eligible for FREE courses you must:

- be 19 or older; and
- be in receipt of benefits, such as Job Seekers Allowance, Universal Credit or Employment and Support Allowance or
- earn less than £18,525 if you are in Full or Part Time employment,
- want to study a pre-entry, entry, level 1 or 2 course.

For information on the courses, see our Community page on the school website <https://www.crownhills.com/community/>

If classes are oversubscribed we will create additional classes to support your needs. We also hope to further increase the variety of courses we offer to our Crown Hills family. Please email Mrs Sally-Ann Duis on sduis@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk if you have any ideas or think you could support us with the delivery of adult classes.

Class/session	Course dates/times	Starting Date
ESOL Pre-entry Classes	Mondays 7-8.30pm term time only	5th September 2022
Employability Classes	Tuesdays 9-11am term time only	20th September 2022
Drop in Advice Sessions	Mondays 6-7pm term time only	5th September 2022

Community

Our students have been busy this week supporting the Children's Air Ambulance Appeal by collecting pre-loved, second-hand, used items to donate to the local Air Ambulance Charity Shops.

As part of their character education, our Year 8 volunteers have enjoyed visiting form rooms to collect any donations. The appeal will run until the 6th January, by which time our students will have organised donations ready to take to the charity shops.

CHILDREN'S AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL

(Collections from 5th December to 6th January).

We are collecting pre-loved, second hand, used items to donate to the local Air Ambulance Charity Shops.



If you are able to donate, they need:

- Used Children's Clothes
- Used Children's Toys
- Used Teddy's
- Used Children's Books
- Used Jigsaws
- Used Hats
- Used Gloves
- Used Scarves

- Items must be able to fit into an A4 size bag.
- Please ask your parents permission before bringing used items into school.
- Please bring items to your tutor room which will be collected by our Year 8 volunteers.



FENCING CAPTURED BY BBC!

This half term we were lucky enough to collaborate with the BBC whose interest was sparked when they heard about our fencing programme. The BBC came into school to capture one of the weekly training sessions in which our students partake with a specialist coach. They interviewed our Head of PE and two of our Sports Academy students who gave a real insight into what fencing as a sport is like. "Fencing was new to me when I joined Crown Hills. I have learned that it is a game of action and strategy". "I thought fencing would be a one time sport that I try in PE, but I liked it, and thought, I'm going to continue with this".

They were particularly impressed with all our work surrounding fencing and couldn't believe this was something we offered as a state school. It is fantastic to get this recognition after the hard work over the past few years to cement our fencing programme.



Scan the QR code to listen now!



Physical Education

Autumn Update



During this half term, our students have been taking part in a fitness festival in their PE lessons. They all took part in a fun run! Our PE teachers mapped out a course for them across our school grounds. Every student had half an hour and had to try and complete as many laps as they could. Each time they completed a lap they receive a cross on their paper. The form with the most crosses won. Well done to the form who managed to do the most laps!



As part of working with British Fencing we were able to get our Inspire Together staff and sports leaders trained. They can now deliver fencing to pupils from across Leicester. This half term we welcomed schools to take part in a festival, which was many of the children's first time trying it!

Our sports leaders had the opportunity to lead at the event. It was an extremely successful event and saw nearly 250 staff and pupils try fencing for the first time. Our students were fantastic at passing their fencing knowledge on to others. They were commended by staff who attended for their leadership skills. The leaders also got to help at the annual East Leicester Sportshall athletics competition. Their precision and professionalism helped the event to run smoothly.

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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*