

NEWSLETTER



**CROWN HILLS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
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Headteacher of The Year

Official Press Release

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Mr Adam was nominated and selected as the gold award winner from thousands of nominees based on his inspirational teaching, contributions to his school and community, and influence among colleagues, as assessed by a panel of prestigious judges.

The exciting news was broken to Mr Adam during a school fencing match - a sport which he introduced to the college. Mr Adam was blown away to discover that one of the fencers wasn't a student but rather 'The One Show' host Matt Allwright!

Since taking the helm in 2017, Mr Adam has kindled a love of learning among the 1,500 students at the inner-city college. His values-driven leadership transformed the school into a beacon of opportunity, where attainment and aspiration are central to the students' learning and life experiences. He has made it his mission to change the lives and extend opportunities for everyone in the school community, living the school's motto of 'aspiration, commitment, success'.

During a week-long celebration (20-24 November) honouring inspirational educators across the country, BBC's The One Show announced seven of 16 the gold award winners of the Pearson National Teaching Awards to shine a light on their amazing achievements.



WINNER

GOLD WINNER



A message from Mr Adam

To my family, my community of parents, carers, colleagues, governors, friends and students (both past and present),

I still can't quite believe what has just happened and I have thought long and hard about the publicity around this award as I do not like to be at the centre of things, especially when others are more deserving than myself but the only reason that I have decided to stand up and be present is because of all of you, especially all of the students that I have taught in the past in all of the schools that I have taught in and for the ones that I am responsible for now.

I have always wanted to teach in communities that are seen to be the underdog, in communities where to look like me, my colour, my faith and my background are seen as a disadvantage. It is in these communities that I wanted to bring about hope and belief; hope for a better future and belief in yourself and your ability, that you can be the best that you can be with a little bit of help and guidance. These are two things that this community needs and deserves. You need to know that if someone like me can achieve this, then so can anyone.

I live seven minutes' walk from this school and have done so for over 40 years, I have grown up with some of your friends, your family, some of you are my family and I do my shopping in the same shops as you, walk the same streets and some of you are my neighbours. My parents were not born in this country, my Dad left Zimbabwe to avoid fighting in the war and came here at the age of 18. My Mum did the same for the sake of an education and a better future. I remember my parents struggling to afford a pint of milk and having to sew patches into my clothes because we couldn't afford new ones. My Mum understood however, the importance of an education, not feeling sorry for myself, taking control of my own future and not leaving it for others to decide.

Whatever your starting place, I am proof that anything is possible. To have been nominated and then selected as the gold winner across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland is an honour beyond my wildest dreams but again, you need to gain hope and belief that anyone of you can be whatever you want to in life. If I can be recognised, then so can you.

As my students you know how much we talk about commitment being important and doing what it takes for as long as it takes, I can tell you once you understand that, the world is yours. Hard work is the most important thing you can take away from our school. This award equally shines a light on all of my staff, parents and students and the incredible dedication that they show on a day-to-day basis, without them I am nothing.

We have been seen to be the 'poor' school that cannot do as well as those in the wealthier parts of the city, county and country but both this award and the silver award for making a difference, show the rest of the world that we are more than just statistics. The parents here have ambition and a desire to help their children to be the best that they can be and with the support of our college community we hope they can be realised.

To every supporter of our school community, you deserve this! Wherever you are sat reading this, be proud of what you have achieved and be proud of the school to which you are attached to because we have achieved something today that many will not achieve in a lifetime.

I cannot thank you enough but you deserve every bit of the recognition that you receive and I am extremely privileged to be responsible for a college community that really does make a difference!

Warmest regards,

Mr F Adam
(Principal)

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BBC 'THE ONE SHOW'

This half term we were thrilled to work with the directors and production team at BBC 'The One Show' to pull off the surprise of a lifetime.

Mr Adam had been shortlisted to just 1 of 4 headteachers in the UK in the Secondary Headteacher of The Year category at the Pearson National Teaching Awards.

Every year the Teaching Awards work with 'The One Show' in a week long campaign to announce some of that years winners. This year, Mr Adam was chosen to appear on the programme. However, he thought they were just coming into school to do some filming with nominees, little did he know he was going to be announced as the gold winner!

During what he thought was a 'fencing exhibition' a surprise fencer called him up as his dual partner. After a couple of minutes Matt Allwright took off his fencing helmet and revealed himself as 'The One Show' presenter, pulling out the gold trophy! All staff and students were so surprised, and it is still sinking in for Mr Adam now!

To watch the full clip visit our YouTube Channel here or can the QR code.





GALLERY OF THE GREATS

Official Press Release

The exhibition entitled 'The Gallery of Greats' was created by the charity The Teaching Awards Trust to celebrate its 25th anniversary. It is being delivered in collaboration with photographer and part-time teacher, Donna Bridgewater, and Pearson, the world's leading learning company. The exhibition will take place at All is Joy Gallery, London for one day only.

Each portrait captures educators in their natural environments, highlighting their dedication and passion for shaping the lives of young people. Farhan is showcased with four of his students, with the school's motto seen in the background.

The striking collection tells the story of 10 inspiring educators from across the UK, all of whom have been shortlisted to win one of just 16 Gold Awards at this year's Pearson National Teaching Awards.



BBC BITESIZE ROADSHOW

Aspirations

This half term we had the BBC Bitesize Roadshow into school to deliver a workshop to our Year 8 students. It was all about giving them an insight into what it's like to work for the BBC as well as developing other career aspirations.



Careers

Not only did the Roadshow give the students an insight into different BBC careers which they could pursue they were also directed to the BBC Bitesize website which has information on a variety of careers which students may be interested in. From there, they will be able to find out more information and find the relevant avenues to achieve their goals.

Workshop

Throughout the morning the students got to take part in the interactive workshop. The BBC employees who were hosting the event gave the children a microphone ball to throw from one person to another. When you had the microphone you got to ask a question to do with the careers of the people who were hosting the roadshow.

They asked questions like "What is your favourite part of the job?" or "What is the best part of graphic design?" The answers gave them a real insight into those professions.





LONDON SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

This half term some of our Year 10 students got the opportunity to visit the Pearson offices on The Strand in London for their sustainability student forum.

The students took the day in their stride. The other young people there were in college and therefore older than them.

Our Year 10 students joined in conversations around sustainability and are a big part of starting some important conversations.





COMMUNITY

Litter Picking

We encourage our students to become student leaders. After applying to become a leader they will receive a variety of opportunities throughout their time at Crown Hills. One of these opportunities in Year 7 is the chance to go litter picking.

This group of Year 7s went out around the community this half term and did an amazing job of cleaning up the streets we live on. This group chatted away with locals; it's all about contributing positively to our community.

Food Bank

Our Year 8s get the opportunity to visit the local food bank. They volunteer for one of the food banks weekly shifts and help with a variety of tasks.

They have to check people in and then help them to select items from the pantry.





PLASTIC CLEVER SCHOOL

We were awarded as an 'Outstanding Plastic Clever Secondary School' due to our sustainability ideas being embedded in our curriculum. We were gifted t-shirts & a £100 Waterstones voucher, which our librarian used to buy some new books for our library.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARDS



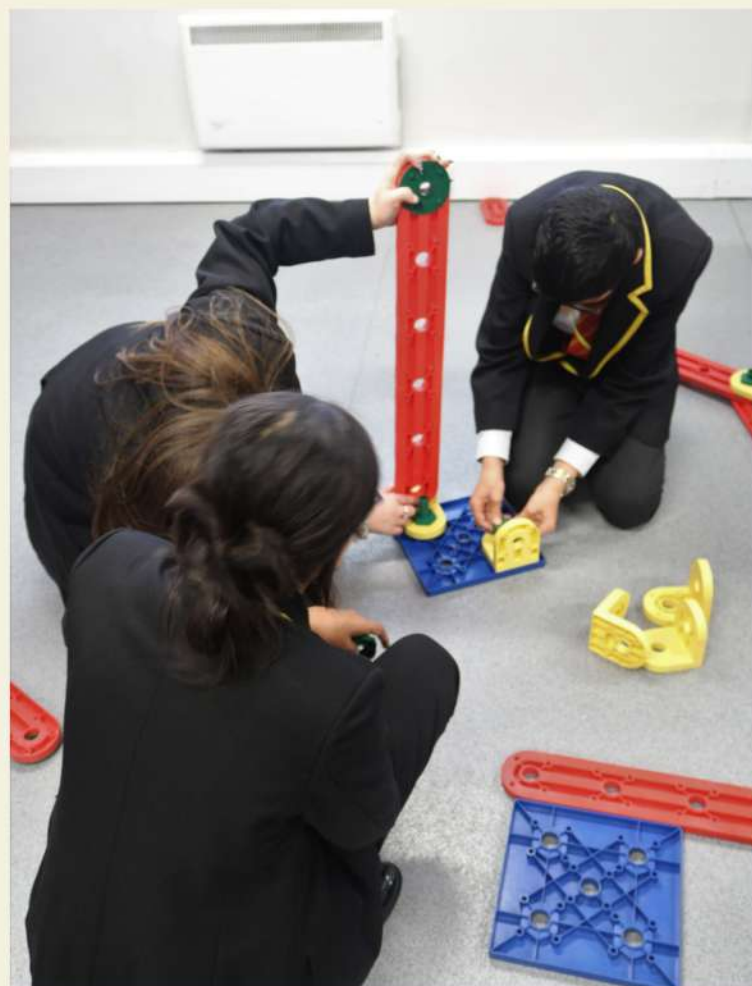
We did some filming with the His Majesty's Leicestershire Lieutenancy office with our 'Young Volunteer of the Year', Sofia. She talked about her experience being part the awards, what she learnt and what she enjoyed. The video will be used to promote next year's Lord Lieutenant Young Person of the Year awards.



ROYAL NAVY VISIT



We had a visit from the Royal Navy who did some workshops with groups of our students. Our student ambassadors had a great session, they took part in a number of team building activities including this one where they had to make a structure 5 foot high!



"Every student will be the

te positively to society."



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This [#AntiBullyingWeek](#) week all of our year groups received an assembly encouraging them to [#MakeANoise](#) about bullying and to speak up. This is building on the work they did in tutor time where they discussed what is 'banter' vs what is bullying.

CPR TRAINING



A very exciting opportunity for Year 8s this half term. As part of their Life Skills lessons, all Year 8s have received First Aid Training from East Midlands Ambulance Service. A very important session for them to take part in with invaluable core skills learnt.

CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated Navaratri and Diwali in school this half term.

The Year 8 students got to enjoy a traditional meal and, after school, the celebrations continued with staff and students who took part in traditional dancing.

This is part of our commitment to ensure that our students experience the main festivals of the different faith communities, which make up our diverse school.



SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE COMPETITION

This half term it was time for the annual 'So You Think You Can Dance?' competition organised by Inspire Together. Multiple secondary schools from across the city joined us at Crown Hills to compete in 3 categories: groups, solos and duets/trios.

We entered one group routine and 2 solos. These girls had been attending our after school, extra-curricular Dance Club in order to practise. It was fantastic to see all their hard work pay off on the night.

We were super excited when we were announced as the overall Group Dance Champions! Congratulations!



Art Corner



Fantastic example of a Roy Lichtenstein style still life- well done!
F. Nasim- Year 9



Surrealist 'exquisite corpse' in the style of 'Max Ernst'- dry point etching and watercolour on paper. U. Patel- Year 9



Green tomato ketchup? (Andy Warhol 'Pop Art' style packaging.
U. Patel- Year 9



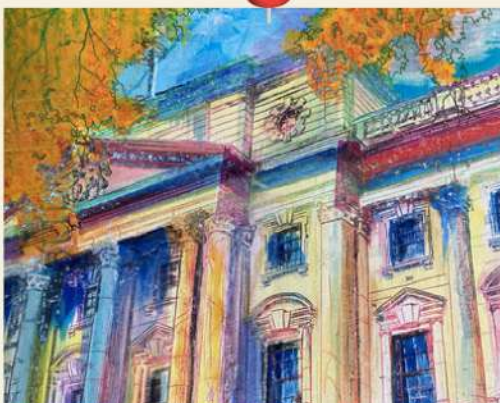
Crown Hills Vincent Van Gogh style!
G. Ghattoura- Year 7



'Reflections' mixed media on paper.
A. Shaikh



Tonal pencil drawing on paper.
R. Misbah



Mixed media painting of architecture in the style of the artist Rob Wilson.
H. Tataria



An autumnal scene, painted with acrylics on paper.
S. Bapary

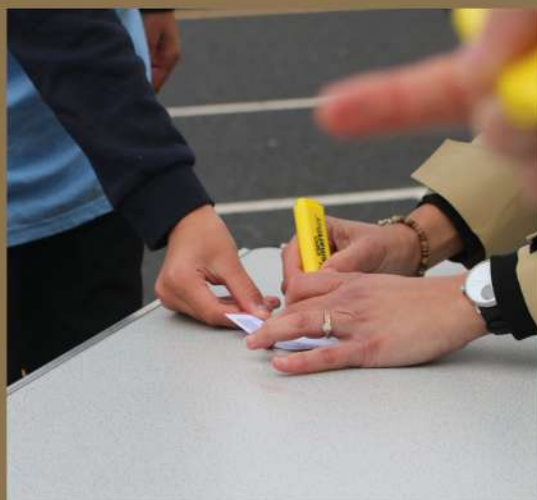
Physical Education Update



PARK RUN

The Event

During their PE lessons all year groups took part in their very own 'Park Run'. They each had a piece of paper and get a mark every time they completed a 500m lap. Well done all, great resilience and endurance!



SPORTS LEADERSHIP

We are very impressed with our Sports Leaders who stepped up as fabulous role models at the Parallel Sporsthall Athletics.

A fantastic opportunity for them to learn new skills, which are needed at these events.



Physical Education Update

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

The Event

Some of our Year 7s and 8s got the opportunity to compete in the East Leicester Sportshall Athletics competition. Congratulations to both the Year 7 and 8 girls teams who came second!



PARALLEL ATHLETICS

The Event

Both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 SEND students got to take part in the Leicestershire and Rutland Parallel Sportshall Athletics competition. Well done to the Key Stage 3 team who placed third!



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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