

NEWSLETTER



**CROWN HILLS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
A Specialist Sports College

Easter 2024

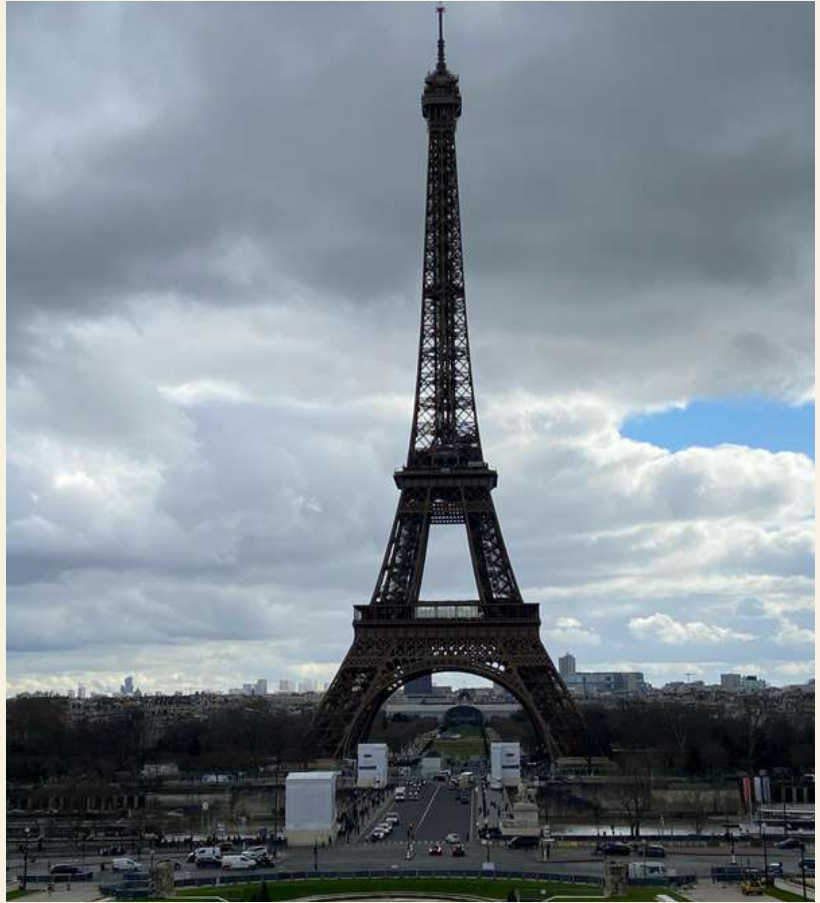


PARIS TRIP

44 of our Year 9 and 10 students had a fantastic time on the trip to Paris this half term!

They had a full week of activities from going on the ferry, visiting a chocolate factory, going to the 'Musee Somme', seeing the Eiffel Tower, touring the Stade de France, seeing the Sacre Coeur and even going to Disneyland Paris!

This trip has further ignited our students' passion for languages as it gave them that real life experience. It was also some of the students first time abroad; they thoroughly enjoyed experiencing a new culture.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



For this year's British Science Week our students got to take part in a variety of STEM activities and workshops. They thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and we hope it inspired some scientists, engineers and mathematicians of the future!

Zoolab Workshop

One workshop that always goes down well with our students is the Zoolab Workshop. A variety of different animals were brought into school and the students got the opportunity to hold animals like snakes and even some extremely rare geckos! They received lots of information about each species and got the chance to ask any questions. It also gave them an insight into possible careers linked with science and animals.



BAE Systems Workshop

Another workshop which some of our students participated in was run by British Aerospace Systems. A big thank you to the Roadshow Team who came into school and delivered a very engaging and interactive STEM session to our Year 8 students.

We hope it has inspired some future engineers amongst our students. The team delivering the sessions said "Every single one of you in this room could become an engineer". It is these high aspirations that will encourage our students to #TakeOnTheWorld



DT COMPETITION

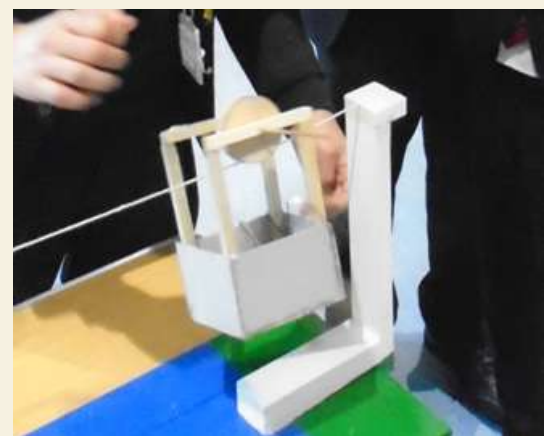
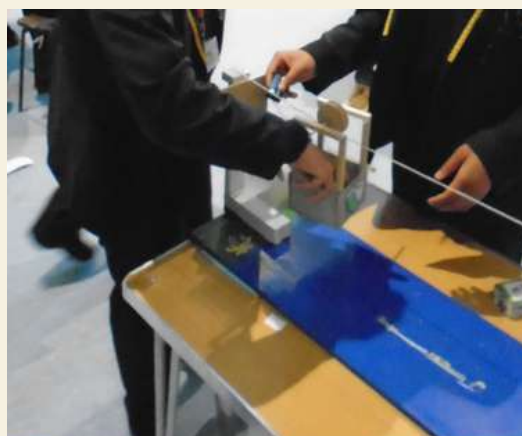
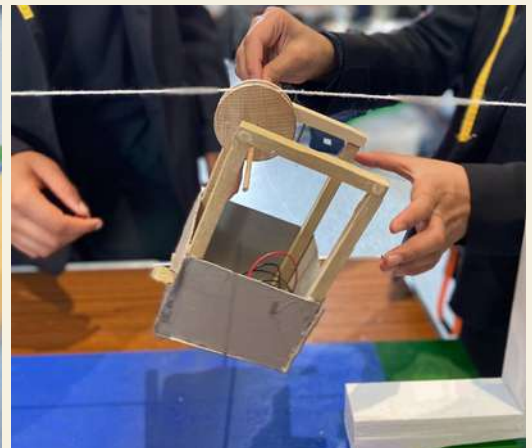
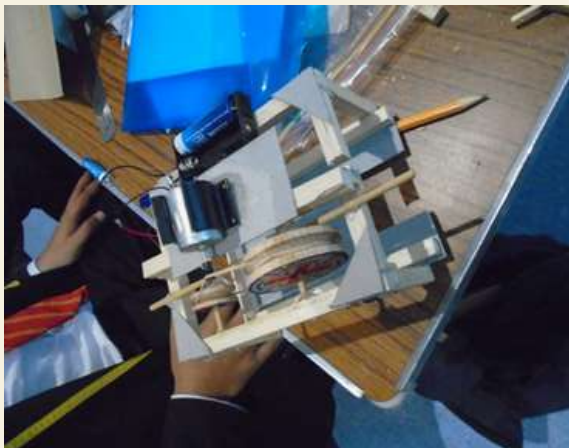


Rotary Technology Tournament

On Thursday, February 15th, Crown Hills Community College entered 2 teams in to the 2024 Rotary Technology Challenge. The Design Technology faculty was represented by a KS3 team and a KS4 team.

The brief for the tournament was to design and make a device that could transfer a package from one side of a ravine to the other. The only thing provided to bridge the gap across the ravine was a single rope suspended from one side to the other. Students were presented with a kit to develop a model that would act like a cable car to transport the package.

Each group worked effectively as a team, generating designs and producing a portfolio of ideas. Each student then got involved in the actual manufacture of the product, which was then tested to see how far the model could travel along the rope. The end of the tournament saw each team member being presented with a certificate for their contribution.



The KS3 team came up with an innovative idea of a propellor to drive the model forward.

The KS4 team came up with a different innovation, where they incorporated a series of pulleys and drive shaft to propel the model forward.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March 2024 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.

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 Smith's, 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 31st March 2024.

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, students in years 7 – 10 were read a paragraph or two every lesson until by the end of the day they had read a whole chapter of either 'Bite Risk' by S J Wills, one of this year's Reading Rampage shortlist, or 'A Million to One' by Adiba Jagirdar, which was on the 9 for 9 Book Challenge shortlist. Students wishing to find out what happens next in either story can borrow these books from the school library.

Several games and contests linked to reading also began this week and are proving very popular with students. The mystery book challenge invited students to read an unknown book and receive merits – and perhaps even win a book token – for writing a review of it. Whilst the student librarians organised a Guess the Book pictorial quiz and a Design a Comic Strip competition.

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





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

We started #InternationalWomensDay with students learning about Leicester suffragette, Alice Hawkins, during Year 9's Morning Mastery session!

At lunch time, we held a poetry reading session 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 basketball. Some of our Year 8 girls took part in the girls football leadership conference with other city schools. They left inspired to carry on with football in the future and pass on their new skills.





PARENT GATHERING

Supporting your child with their Mental Health

We had a successful parent gathering in March. The topic was 'Supporting your child with their Mental Health'.

We had guests from the Jamila's Legacy to give our parents an insight into mental health issues that children may face.

The session was very informative, parents were signposted to different groups which may be of help to them or their children if they are struggling. It also helped to raise awareness for the importance of looking after our mental health.



MORE INFORMATION



- The Women's Mental Health Wellbeing Project
- Men's Monthly Mental Health (Online sessions)



- Mental Wellbeing Mondays
- The Young People's Project
 - Time Out Sundays
- Highfields Neighborhood Mental Health Café
- Sukoon – Counselling & emotional support for South Asian families affected by Cancer. (New project commencing in May 2024)

Jamila's Legacy runs several groups to support you and your family with your mental health. Please see some of them listed in the image to the left.

For further information, please visit the Parent Gathering page on our website to view the resources from this months parent gathering.



Care Home Trip

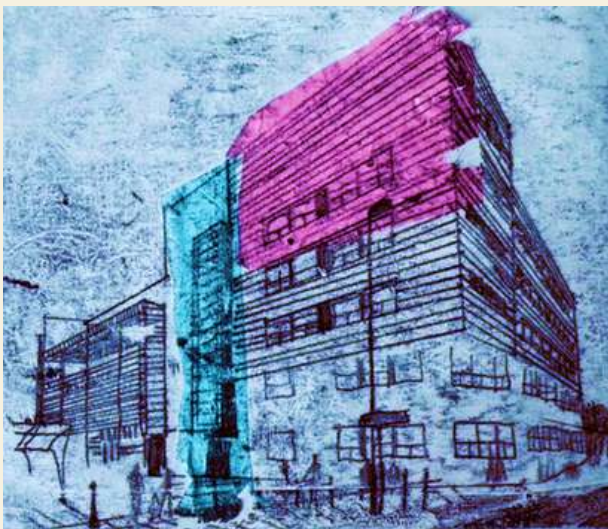
This half term we introduced a new trip as part of our students' character education. Some of our Year 9 students got the opportunity to visit the 'Evington Home' which is one of our local care homes. They took the experience in their stride and enjoyed chatting to residents. The care home have daily activities for their residents; our students got to take part in bingo and a musical activity with them. We hope the visits from our students brightened some of their days.

Student Voice

"We had an amazing time playing bingo and engaging in musical activities with the residents of Pilgrim Care Home on Friday. We spent a lot of time talking to individuals there, and they shared with us their experiences with education, employment, and many more. Most of the residents we spoke to were former teachers or solicitors. A few were experiencing dementia, when a person's ability to think, recall, and reason is so severely compromised that it affects their day-to-day activities. It was my first time visiting a care home and I met some funny, intelligent, and informed people."



Art Corner



Mixed media monoprinting- My City
H. Hafejee Year 7



Continuous line monoprinting- My City
G. Ghattoura Year 7



CHCC (fauvist style!)
I. Iqbal Year 7



Lino printing Pop Art style
N. Islam Year 9



Lino printing Pop Art style
F. Moosa Year 9



Mixed media on paper.
A. Munaf



Surrealist style pencil drawing.
R. Adam



Mixed media flower
arrangement. M. Patel



Mixed media self portrait
M. Hossain



Leicester's International
Street Art Festival 'Bring The
Paint' is back from Monday
20th May through to Sunday
26th May. Scan the QR code
to find out more.

Physical Education Update



FUTSAL

It's been great to see our students involved in several different city-wide sporting competitions this half term, including our Key Stage 3 girls futsal team who competed in the East Leicester City finals. We are really excited to announce that the girls won and will progress to the county finals. It is even more impressive that our girls team were all Year 8s competing in a Year 8/9 competition. We wish the team good luck in the next round of the competition!

LEADERSHIP

We are proud of our leadership programme here at Crown Hills. We have a group of sports leaders who attend a weekly after school leadership club to develop their skills. They then put these skills into practise at various Inspire Together events throughout the year.

One event they have supported at this term is the Key Stage 2 City Parallel Sportshall Athletics. This event sees children with SEND needs from different schools across the city take part in a variety of adapted sports events. Our leaders were patient with the children and made them feel comfortable when trying the activities. They encouraged them and supported them when needed.



Physical Education Update



BRITISH FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

This competition was held at Millfield School based in Somerset. All competitions were against various private schools across the country. Our U15 boys sabre team finished 4th place, narrowly missing out on a Bronze medal. Our U15 girls sabre team finished 3rd place securing a bronze medal. They were defeated by the national champions Millfield School by a nail biting 2 points with the final score 45-43. A big shout out to Caitlin as she performed outstandingly throughout the competition. We have seen great improvement in our fencing teams over the last year and we are very proud of our achievements, well done CHCC!



SPORTS ACADEMY BADMINTON

It has been a successful academic year for CHCC badminton teams with x7 teams competing across KS3 girls', KS3 boys', KS4 girls' and KS4 boys' teams. KS4 boys' and girls' teams are East Leicester schools champions and will be competing at the Leicestershire Schools' Badminton Competition with the chance to become county champions on the 20th and 21st March. Our teams have also competed in the National Schools Badminton Championships Cup Competition. KS3 and KS4 boys made it to the county round of the competition, however the KS3 and KS4 girls are due to compete in the regional round of the competition, which will be hosted at CHCC on Wednesday 20th March. Best of luck to all teams for all upcoming competitions.

YONEX ALL ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 13.03.24, 25 CHCC students attended the Yonex All England Badminton Championships to witness the world's best Badminton players compete in a range of disciplines. Students enjoyed this opportunity and provided a taste of elite sport and inspired them to continue to improve their own game. Students Dumil (Year 10) and Sahil (Year 8) had a rare opportunity to meet Englands 1st seed mixed doubles pair, Lauren Smith and Marcus Ellis in the fan zone.

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