

NEWSLETTER



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

Autumn 2024



Care Home Trip

This half term, as part of our students' character education, some of our Year 9 students got the opportunity to visit Greysford Hall, 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 took part in a 'aspiration' activity and talked to them about what they would like to be when they grew up and heard all about their careers when they were younger. We hope the visits from our students brightened their days.





PARENTAL GATHERINGS

Year 7s

We held a parental gathering at the start of term specifically for new Year 7 parents. This gave them an opportunity to ask any questions they may have and get them answered.



Parental Gathering Topics

Our parental gatherings are very popular each month. It is lovely seeing familiar and new faces each session. For the first session this half term we asked parents to choose from a list of topics what they would be most interested in learning about throughout this academic year.

Topics included:

- Internet Safety
- Summative Assessments
- Health and Wellbeing
- Environment
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Revision Support
- Cooking Classes
- Sewing Classes
- Behaviour and Rewards
- Parent Classes/Courses

We will collate the information and base our gatherings around the most popular topics.



LITTER PICKING

Community

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 around us. This group collected lots of rubbish and enjoyed having a competition over who could collect the most!

Contributing Positively

One of our values is 'Aspiration'. We were so impressed by their positive attitudes. We always hope to give our students experiences that will excite them for the future. The Year 7s were so enthusiastic and enjoyed their walk round the local community.

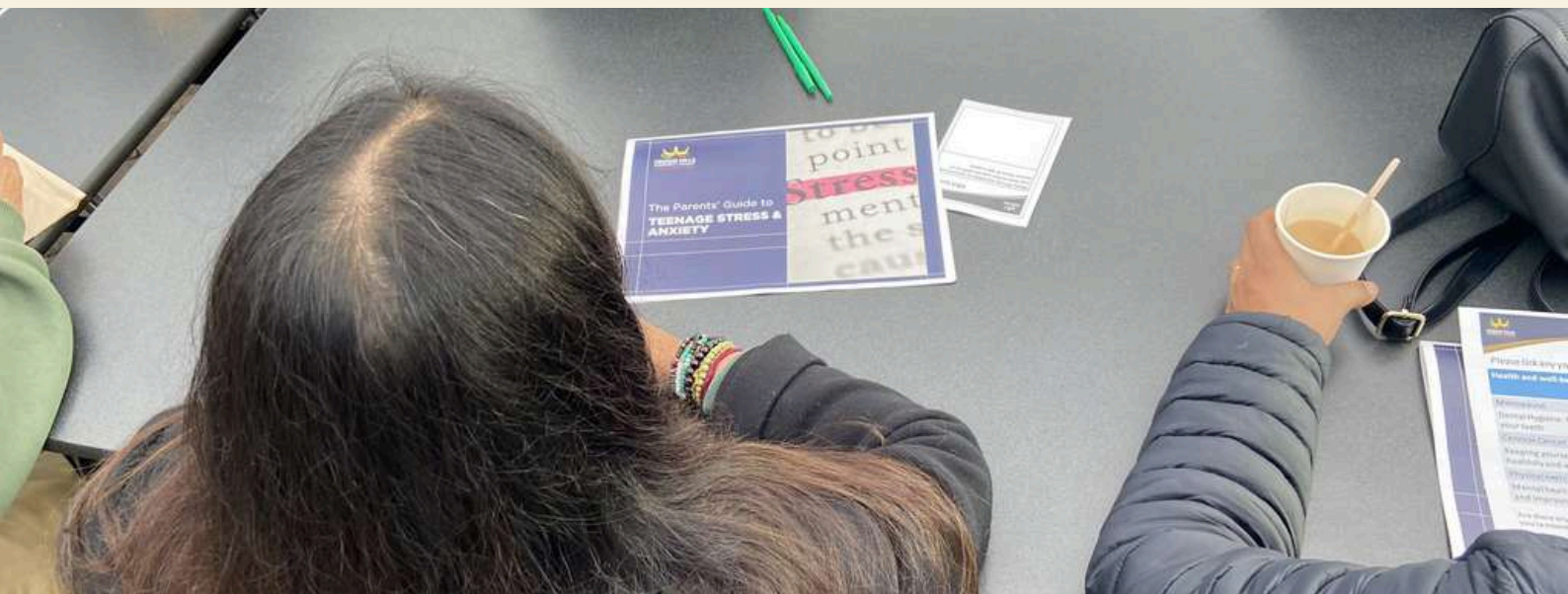




WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

This half term we ran [#WorldMentalHealthDay](#) assemblies for all year groups. Our health and wellbeing lead and school counsellor spoke to our students about the importance of looking after their mental health and where to get support if they need it.

We also included our parents in this important topic of conversation by inviting them in for a parent gathering where we spoke about how to deal with teenage stress and anxiety.





OPEN EVENING AND TOURS

Tours

Every year we run several Open Day Tours for prospective Year 5 and 6 parents. These run alongside our Open Evening.

Our tours give parents a chance to see our school in action. When they arrive, they get to see our morning and afternoon routines, which include our line ups. They then have a short talk from our Principal and the chance to ask any questions. After which, they then take a tour of the school. They are shown round by our student ambassadors and even have the chance to go into some classrooms to see some live teaching.

Feedback

It was lovely to meet so many prospective parents and carers. Especially hearing their favourite parts about the school.

“I’m amazed how quiet it is as you walk round even though you have 1,500 students.”

“The building is so bright and colourful it really sets the children up for learning”.



Art Corner

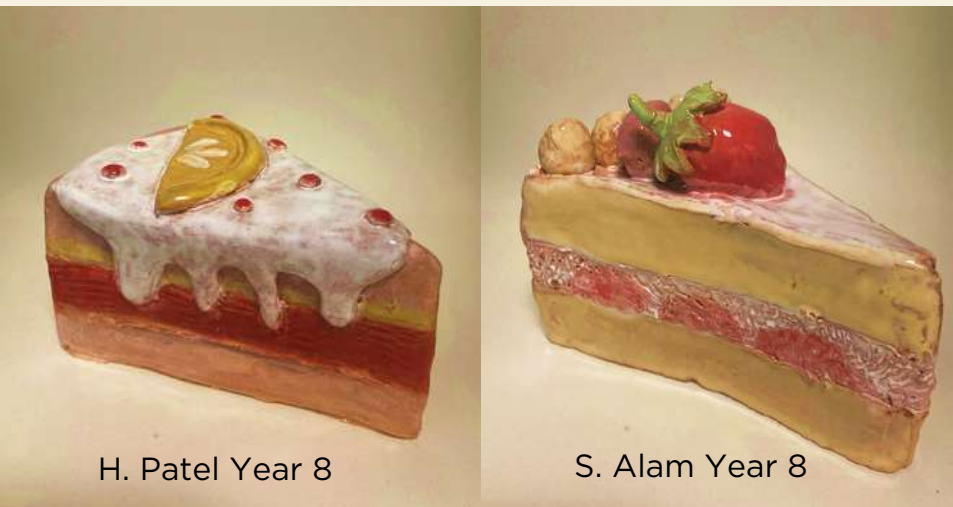
Open: The People's Exhibition

The Open is an annual exhibition, which allows East Midlands residents from all backgrounds and abilities an opportunity to enter their artwork for display.



M. Varda Year 7

We have had a number of fantastic and creative submissions for the Open Exhibition, let's hope they get a place in exhibition which opens Saturday 14 December, 2024 and runs to the end of January, 2025. We think they all have a good chance of being selected, well done all involved!



H. Patel Year 8

S. Alam Year 8

Some Year 8s have had the opportunity to design and make their own cake wedge, using clay!

From the sketchbook designs, to constructing 3D shapes, adding details and coloured glazes...Lots of hard work has ensured the cakes look good enough to eat!



V. Pravin Year 9



S. Arvind



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L. Azzouz



Scan this QR code to find out about a current exhibition at Leicester Museum and Art Gallery on New Walk. This exhibition tells the story of local artist Kamal Koria and how he came to establish himself as the UK's first Asian Graphic Artist.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

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 to music and science. There's even some unique clubs like Geogge Box!

The Curve theatre are running a club again this year with drama students from all year groups. They take part in different workshops each week to improve their skills and then start working on a production which they will perform at the Curve at the end of the school year.

We are always blown away by how many of our students attend our PE extra curricular clubs. Hundreds of students attend the clubs each week. Including our sports academy students who even attend a strength and conditioning club before school.

The whole extra curricular club timetable is below:

Extra Curricular 2024-25

2nd Sept – 20th Dec

● Morning
 ● Lunch
 ● After School

MONDAY

Table Tennis	7-8	Lunch	Main Hall	Mr Williams
Badminton and Volleyball	10	Lunch	Sports Hall	Mr Wyre
Orchestral Academy	7-11	Lunch	CLC5	Mr Allison
Beccia	7-11	Lunch	Dance Studio	Miss Patel
Clarinet & Saxophone	7-11	Lunch	Recording Studio	Ms Hemmings
Pitched Percussion	7-11	Lunch	XU14/Practice Rooms	Mr Mines Patel
Piano/Electric Keyboard	7-11	Lunch	XU14	Mr Maw
Wellbeing Club	7-11	Lunch	XL5	Miss Matthews
Singing	7-11	Lunch	XL7	Mrs Turnbull/Ms Millett
Social Badminton	7-11	After School	Sports Hall	Miss Patel and Mr Wyre
Homework Club (finishes at 3.45pm)	7-11	After School	Library	Mrs Vann

TUESDAY

Badminton	8-9	Lunch	Sports Hall	Miss Wright/Mrs Newcome
Table Tennis	11	Lunch	Main Hall	Miss Patel
Drum Kit	7-11	Lunch	XU14	Mr Hadden
Zen Colouring	7-11	Lunch	DL3	Ms Dexter
Board Games (Starts after October half term)	7 & 8	Lunch	RL3	Miss Tong
Aspire French	10 & 11	Lunch	DU12	Mrs Herbert
Primary Language Leaders (Starts after October half term)	8 & 9	Lunch	DU15	Mrs Saint-Cricq
Sports Academy Badminton	7-11	After School	Sports Hall *Finishes at 4.30pm	Mr Corry and Miss Patel
Assessed Work	10 & 11	After School	Expression Plaza	Mr Stafford
Girls Gym	9-11	After School	Fitness Suite	Miss Sparing-Raythornthwaite
Sports Leadership	7-11	After School	Expression Plaza	Ms White
Debate Club (starts W/C 28/10/24)	7-7	After School	EL6	Mr Finke and Miss Davey
Ohol/Bhangra & Indian Folk Music	7-11	After School	XU14	Mr Soor
Dance Company	7-11	After School	XU13	Mrs Dawson
Mindfulness & Emotion Coaching	7-11	After School	EL4	Ms Shukla
Science Club (Starts 17/9/24)	7 & 8	After School	DU19	Mrs Patel, Miss Salim & Miss Telaidia
History and the News	Y8	After School	EL9	Mr Sabat
Graphic Design Typography	7-9	After School	DL3	Mrs Vaughan
KS4/DT Drop In Session	10 & 11	After School	DL3	Design Staff
Aspire French	10 & 11	After School	DU12	Mrs Herbert
Homework Club (finishes at 3.45pm)	7-11	After School	Library	Mrs Vann
Maths Drop In	10 & 11	After School	Exploration Plaza	Maths Staff

WEDNESDAY

Sports Academy Badminton & Fencing	7-11	Morning	Sports Hall	Mr Corry and Miss Patel
Girls Badminton & Volleyball	7-11	Lunch	Sports Hall	Miss Patel
Table Tennis	9-10	Lunch	Main Hall	Mr Wyre
Steel Band	7-11	Lunch	PR4	Ms Munroe
Brass	7-11	Lunch	Recording Studio	Mr Vince
Food Science Club	11	Lunch	DL9	Miss Parra/Ms Clayton
Girls Basketball	7-11	After School	Sports Hall	Ms Butler and Ms White
Fencing	7-11	After School	Main Hall	Mr Corry
Boys Football	10	After School	Goals	Mr Skerwin
Boys Football	11	After School	Goals	Mr Williams
Boys Gym	10-11	After School	Fitness Suite	Mr Wyre
Drum Kit, Guitar & Bass Guitar	7-11	After School	XU14/Practice Rooms	Mr Hadden
Food Science Club / Drop in session	11	After School	DL9	Miss Parra
DT Photography Drop In	10/11	After School	DL7	DT STAFF
Craft Club (Starts on 18/09/24)	7-9	After School	DL8	Ms Elmshri
Letter Writing Workshop	7-11	After School	Canteen	Mr Y Patel
Mindfulness and Emotion				
Regulation Coaching	7-11	After School	EL4	Mrs Shukla
Geogge Box (Starts W/C 14/09)	7-11	After School	EL2	Miss Sill, Ms Botting, Mr Hollis
Duo-lingo	7-9	After School	EU18	Mrs Homer & Mrs Oluyinka
Homework Club (finishes at 3.45pm)	7-11	After School	Library	Mrs Vann
Dandiya (Runs until 18/11/24)	7-11	After School	XU13	Miss Brown, Mrs Babbar & Mrs Chudasama
English drop in Session &	10 & 11	After School	XU16	Mrs Owen
HOW TO LECTURES (Laboratory weeks - No sessions on 11 & 18 Dec 24 / 8 Jan 25)				

THURSDAY

Badminton	7	Lunch	Sports Hall	Mr Wyre
Table Tennis	10 & 11	Lunch	Main Hall	Mrs Newcome
Chess/Board Games Club	7 & 8	Lunch	Exploration Plaza	Maths Staff
Guitar	7-11	Lunch	PR1	Mr Pellington
Orchestral Academy	7-11	Lunch	CLC5	Mr Allison
Jewellery Club	7-11	Lunch	XL4	Mrs Duis and Mrs Hallett
Cello	7-11	Lunch	CLC5	Miss Martin
Local History	7-10	Lunch	EL8	Ms Cover
Girls Football/Futsal	7-11	After School	Goals	Mr Dalby and Miss Patel
Homework Club (finishes at 3.45pm)	7-11	After School	Library	Mrs Vann
Boys Basketball	7-11	After School	Sports Hall	Mr Stafford and Mr Wyre
Rock Band & Music Production	7-11	After School	XU14/Practice Rooms	Mr Pellington
Miss Road Reads	7-9	After School	RU4	Miss Read
DT Graphics Drop In Session	10/11	After School	DL3	DT STAFF
DT Textiles Drop In Session	11	After School	DL8	DT STAFF
Science Revision Session	11	After School	Discovery Plaza	Mr Sheikh and Mrs Yasin
Curve Drama Group	7-11	After School	XL7	Ms Turnbull

FRIDAY

Sports Academy Strength & Conditioning	7-11	Morning	Sports Hall	Mr Corry and Mr Wyre
Badminton and Volleyball	11	Lunch	Sports Hall	Mr Stafford
Hot Chocolate Club (Invitation only)	7-11	Lunch	RU4	Mrs Gasby
Steel Band	7-11	Lunch	PR4	Ms Monroe
Bassoon & Obee	7-11	Lunch	Recording Studio	Ms Wong
Art	9	Lunch	XL6	Mrs Bond
Boys Football	7	After School	Goals	Mr O'Flynn
Boys Football	8-9	After School	Goals	Mr Wyre and Miss Patel
Homework Club (finishes at 3.45pm)	7-11	After School	Library	Mrs Vann
Volleyball	10-11	After School	Sports Hall	Ms Butler
Henna Club (Starts after October half term)	7-11	After School	Exploration Plaza	Mrs Shukla
Violin	7/11	After School	PR1	Mr Shaw

Physical Education



SPORTS LEADERSHIP

The Event

Through our Sports Leadership programme some of our students get the opportunity to help at Inspire Together events. As part of this they lead several groups of primary school children. At the start of each academic year Inspire Together run 'welcome back to school games' events here at Crown Hills. As part of this, they need reliable sports leaders to run a variety of different activities. Our sports leaders were confident, explained the activity clearly to the young children and most importantly made sure they were having fun. They kept their energy up all day.



Role Models

This is not a competitive event and as a result it is often less confident children who are in attendance. Therefore, it requires our students to be excellent role models and to inspire a love of sport in the next generation. We were extremely proud of our students who were enthusiastic, encouraging and received lots of compliments from the primary school staff in attendance.





YEAR 7 TEAM BUILDING

First Half Term

It has been fantastic to see our new Year 7 cohort settling into life at CHCC this half term. For the first couple of weeks they were on a different timetable to help them to settle into a new routine.

As part of the Year 7s first few weeks at Crown Hills they got to take part in a whole day of team building activities. This allowed them to meet new people and make new friends.





YOUTH SPORT TRUST FILMING



Physical Literacy Project

This half term some of our Year 7s and 9s got the opportunity to take part in a filming project with the Youth Sport Trust. We helped them to create a video about young people's relationship with movement.

They took part in several activities like plotting their relationship with physical activity over their lifetime on a graph, writing a letter to someone or something that had been influential in their relationship with physical activity and some practical exercises outside.

All our students were then interviewed and answered several questions on PE, movement, play and physical activity. The video will be used at their summit, for CPD and through the 'Your School Games' network.

We're very proud of our students involvement in this national project and will share the end result!



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