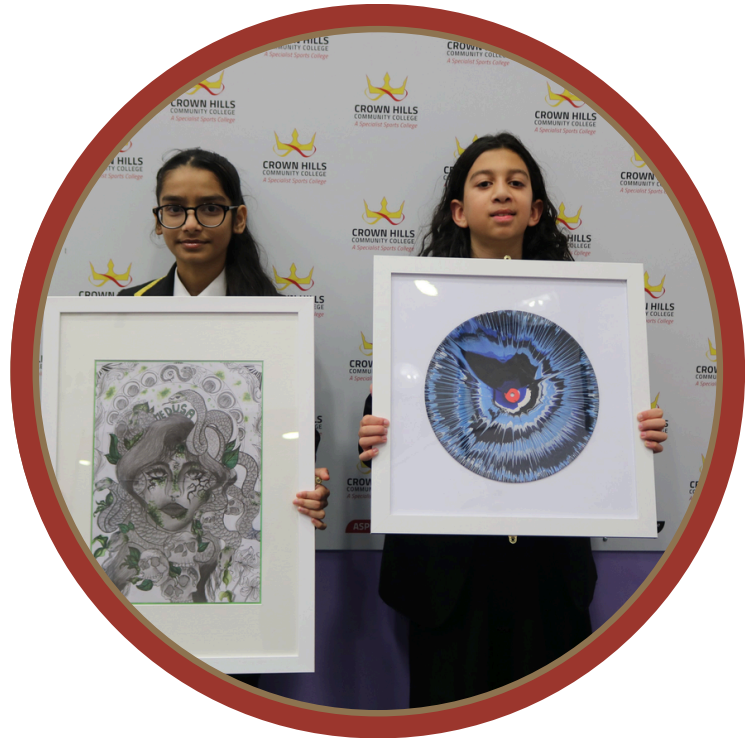


# NEWSLETTER



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

## Winter 2024



# NAVARATRI & DIWALI

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.



# AARTI THALI COMPETITION & RANGOLI DESIGNS

We invited parents in to take part in some crafts; they enjoyed creating some Rangoli designs. Our students had a great time adding to the parents artwork at break time. We also held an Aarti Thali competition that students entered. We were impressed by their designs and awarded a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.



# CAREERS AT CROWN HILLS

## Our new Enterprise Advisor

Dear Students and Parents,

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Enterprise Advisor for Crown Hills Community College (CHCC). In this voluntary role, I'll be working closely with the school to develop and enhance the careers strategy, ensuring that every student has access to the tools, knowledge, and opportunities they need to thrive in the world beyond school.

As a Barrister and as the founder of No7 Legal Services I've spent my career helping people navigate challenges and achieve their goals. I'm looking forward to bringing that experience to CHCC - to build on the fantastic work already being done here and help take it to the next level.

My aim is to ensure that CHCC not only meets the Gatsby Benchmarks but far exceeds them. Whether it's fostering connections with employers, creating opportunities for hands-on experiences or helping students explore exciting career pathways, I'm here to make sure every young person feels inspired and empowered about their future.

I'm already so impressed by the dedication of the staff and the enthusiasm of the students and I can't wait to be part of this journey. Let's make great things happen together!

Warm regards,  
Fahimah Adam  
Enterprise Advisor



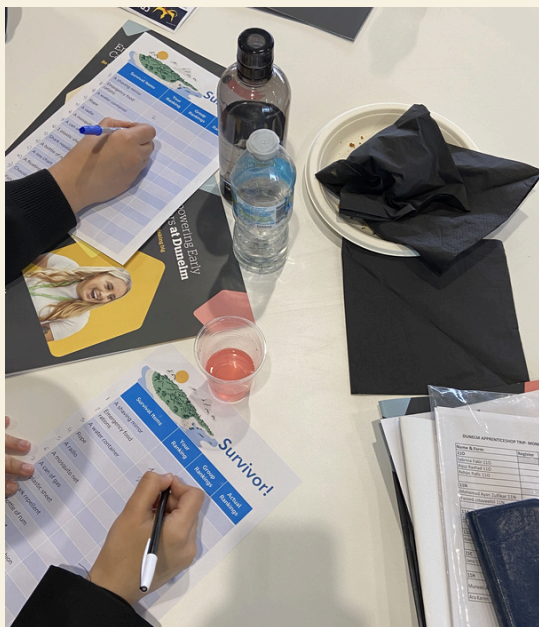
# CAREERS AT CROWN HILLS

## Trip to Dunelm

We received a special invitation for our students to attend a unique, behind-the-scenes visit to the Dunelm Head Office to meet their team and learn more about their apprenticeship opportunities, which will be opening for applications in January, 2025.

The event took place on Monday, 18th November and was open to Year 11-13 students who may be interested in applying to, or finding out more about, the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available with Dunelm, ranging from Supply Chain & Logistics, Buying & Merchandising, Retail, Insights & Analytics and more.

Our students had a welcome overview from the Early Careers team, got to meet apprentices and colleagues, heard hints and tips for the application process, went on a tour and took part in a Q&A session.



# CAREERS AT CROWN HILLS

## Trip to Leicester Royal Infirmary

Some of our Year 10 students visited Leicester Royal Infirmary this term as part of their 'step into a career in medicine' programme. They took part in different activities allowing them to get some hands-on experience and raise their career aspirations!



# WORD MILLIONAIRES



Congratulations to all of our Word Millionaires and Word Multi-Millionaires so far this year!

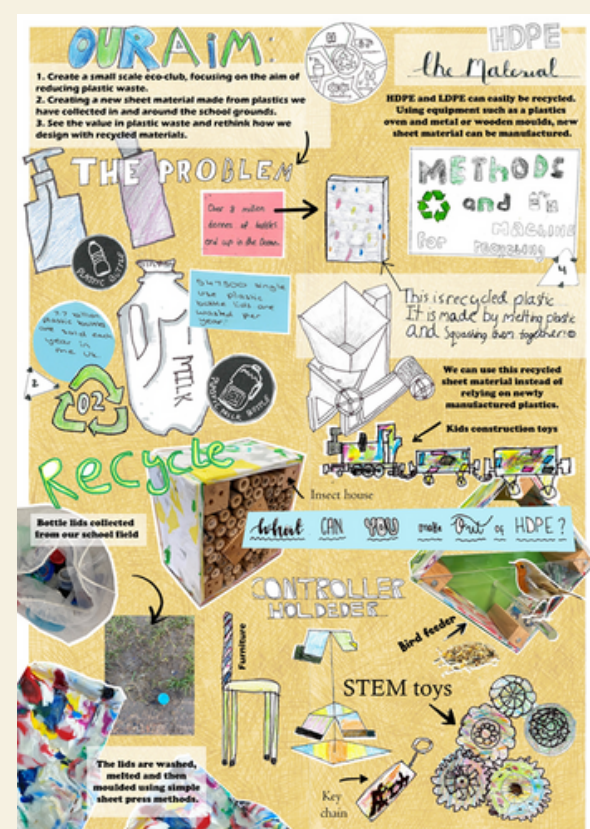
Year 7 and Year 8 students have the opportunity to become Word Half-Millionaires, Word Millionaires, Word MULTI-Millionaires and even Reading Ambassadors through their English reading homework.

KS4 students can continue to complete their Literature Loyalty cards as part of the BRETLOW scheme – the student book reviews so far are brilliant and can be found in the library.

# RISE AWARDS

This year, Leeds Beckett University hosted the International SEEDS Conference. SEEDS stands for Sustainable Ecological Engineering Design for Society and is an event where experienced and early-career researchers from across the world come together to collaborate and share ideas. As part of this, they also run the RISE for Schools competition where they ask children to submit poster entries and display their work at the conference for the researchers to see.

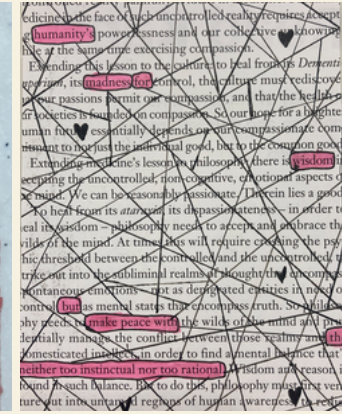
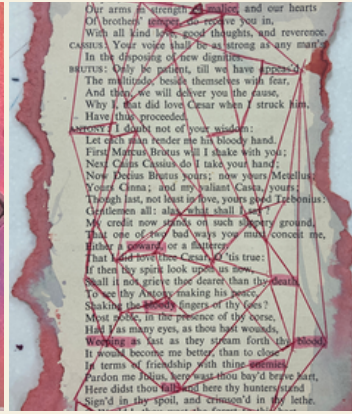
Our students submitted posters with their ideas about how to save the planet and increase sustainability. Their work was judged by researchers and we are excited to announce that we were selected as one of their winning schools! All students who submitted posters received a certificate, we got a trophy and £70 worth of book vouchers. Well done to all involved.



# Art Corner

N. Abderrahmane

F. Ameer



Year 9 Art club have been exploring pattern and colour using a mixture of spray paint, acrylic paint pens and cardboard tubes.

Some excellent examples of homework completed by Year 9 students.

F. Machar

B. Aleksandrov

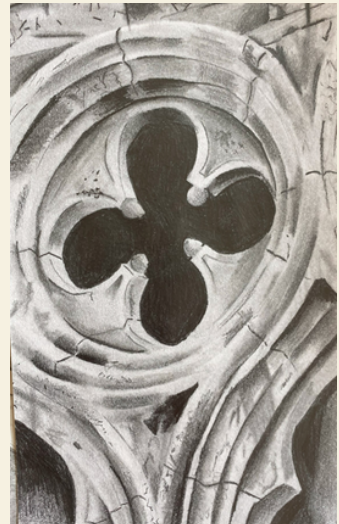


Reduction lino printing in the style of the artist Howie Green.

A. Ali

M. Anwar

H. Hassam



Architectural detail in pencil

Monoprint

Mixed media patterns

Scan this QR code to discover more about the French artist Claude Monet.

# Art Corner

## The People's Exhibition 2024 Youth Invitation

'The Open' is an annual exhibition, which allows East Midlands residents from any background and ability an opportunity to enter their artwork for display. If successful, residents can exhibit their work at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery. 'The Open' celebrates the creative talent of Leicester and the East Midlands and the people who make it.

We are excited to announce that 2 of our students were successful in the young people category and are going to have their work displayed at the Leicester Museum and Art Gallery!

They will have the chance to go to the exhibition with their families before it is open to the public. Once it is open, the public will have the opportunity to bid on the artwork.

Congratulations once again to these students for such an amazing achievement!



# Dance Corner

## So You Think You Can Dance Competition 2024

We took part in the Inspire Together 'So You Think You Can Dance Competition' again this year. In September, our dance teacher, Mrs Dawson, went into assemblies to advertise the competition and told the students their would be a weekly after school club to practise the routine.

She was amazed with how many students came forward, from Year 7s all the way to Year 11s. The commitment the students showed was fantastic, they turned up to weekly rehearsals and it was lovely to see the older students working so well with the younger students.

The competition was held on the 3rd of December with schools from across Leicester in attendance. The theme of this years competition was 'Twisted Tales'. Our group dance was a twist on Little Red Riding Hood.

On the night, they performed incredibly well. The judges were impressed with how they interpreted the theme, their use of props and costume. For this reason we're pleased to announce that they won the group category! Well done girls!



# Physical Education



## YEAR 7 GIRLS' FOOTBALL WIN!

The Year 7 girls football team won the Leicester City Year 7 girls' football tournament, sending them through to the county finals. They won 3-0 in a fantastic final against Babington, both coaches, Mr Dolby and Miss Patel, were incredibly impressed!

## YEAR 9 BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Year 9 boys basketball team went undefeated in their basketball tournament, securing a win against Rushey Mead, St Pauls', and Moat Community College. The boys played fantastically and worked well as a team to overturn a 5-point deficit to beat St Pauls' in an incredibly exciting game.

## KS4 BOYS TABLE TENNIS

The Key Stage 4 boys' table tennis team went all the way through to the final without losing a match! The final was a closely contested game, which was drawn, and they only lost out of the champions by a small margin of overall points difference.

## KS4 BOYS' TABLE TENNIS

The Year 7 boys' football team are unbeaten so far this year. They have played in the East Leicester tournament against Madani, Judgemeadow and City of Leicester winning two and drawing one. They are now into the semi-final of the Leicester Cup, in which they will play Moat. They have proven an incredible defensive force, only conceding one goal across all of their matches!

# CYCLING AT CROWN HILLS

Our PE curriculum includes cycling. Students get the opportunity to take part in a block of cycling lessons, delivered by our PE teachers. We have already had so many success stories of students learning to ride a bike for the first time. Sufian and Eiliyah are just two of these Year 7s who have learnt to ride this term. They said when they first started their cycling lessons they were nervous and embarrassed that they couldn't ride. After a few lessons practising they got the hang of it and were able to pedal unassisted. Since then, they are now confident riders and are so proud of themselves!



# PARK RUN

Year 7, 8 and 9 students completed a 2-week block of fitness sessions within which they learnt about how to train different components of fitness. These sessions culminated in the annual Park Run, which had students running a course that had been plotted around the school grounds, competing in their form classes to see who could achieve the highest average score. Mr M Patel joined in alongside the students, setting a fantastic record of 7 laps!

# SPORTS ACADEMY

The Sports Academy continues to grow with new talented and committed students being identified from extra-curricular clubs and within Physical Education lessons. We currently have a total of 16 students who are progressing at development level within Badminton and Fencing, striving to meet the Bronze Sports Academy criteria. Many of these motivated students have been attending both after school and before school training for their specialist area as well as strength and conditioning before school.

# SPORTS ACADEMY FENCING

Sports Academy fencers and development-level fencers will be competing at King Edward VI Shakespeare's School, Stratford-Upon-Avon on Saturday 14th December. For many of our students it will be a first experience of competitive fencing within the sabre category. This will be excellent preparation for the upcoming British Fencing Schools Team Championships in 2025.

# SPORTS ACADEMY BADMINTON

Sports Academy Badminton students have been training hard within the first full school term in preparation for the upcoming local schools Badminton competitions as well as the National Schools' badminton competition. Students are hoping to replicate the same level of success competing at regional level.

# ONLINE TUTORS KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



## GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

YOU MIGHT GET A TUTOR FROM SCHOOL, A GOOGLE SEARCH OR A RECOMMENDATION. BUT ANYONE CAN CALL THEMSELVES A TUTOR, SO HOW CAN YOU KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE IF YOU GET THEM A TUTOR?

### 1) Select the right tutor

- o Get to know them first - ask about qualifications, experience (freelance? umbrella body?) & approach
- o Take up references and speak to them if you can
- o Ask to see a DBS (criminal record) check. NB - private tutors can only get the basic check; (don't let a DBS give you a false sense of security though)
- o Find out which platform they will use and its safety features



### 2) Establish clear rules

- o Sessions must always be arranged via you; the tutor should not contact your child directly between sessions, send private messages or change communication platform
- o A tutor is not a friend - they should behave in a professional way, like a teacher
- o Sessions must not be recorded without your approval
- o Try to be in the room for all sessions, especially for younger children, and certainly the first time
- o Your child should not join a session from a bedroom. If this is unavoidable, pop in frequently, ensure they are fully dressed at all times, point the camera away from beds & personal information; blur or change the background



### 3) Make sure your child knows

- o The rules apply to them and the tutor
- o A tutor is a teacher not a friend
- o The RED FLAGS: asking to communicate directly, change platform or meet up (if not booked via you)
- o Neither tutor nor child should share personal information, private messages or photos & videos
- o They must never meet without your approval or communicate on a different platform
- o Who their trusted adults are at home and school
- o They can tell you if they are asked to keep a secret or anything happens or is said that is strange or makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset



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