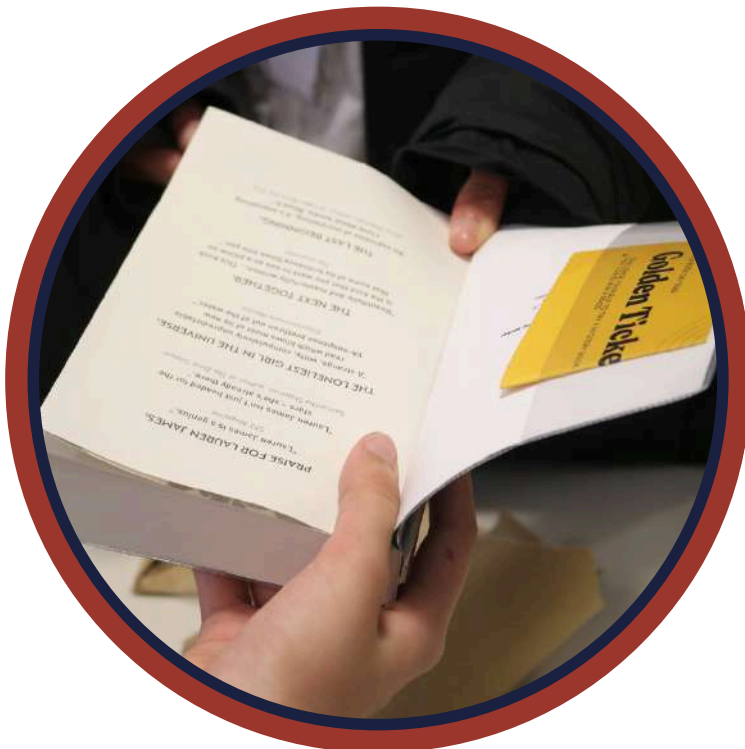


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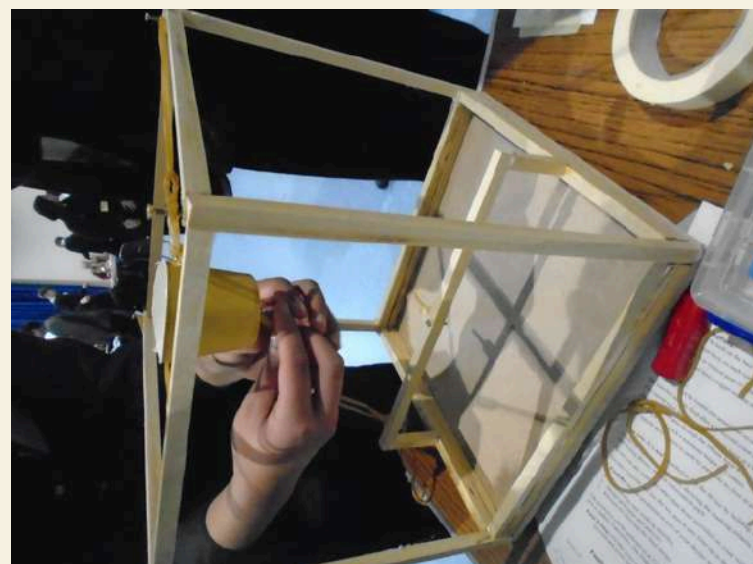
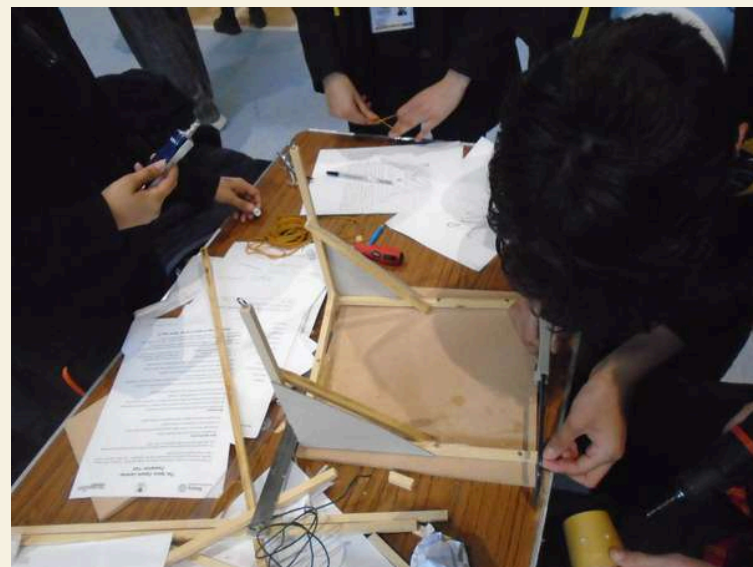


Rotary Technology Tournament

On Thursday, February 13th, Crown Hills Community College entered 2 teams in to the 2025 Rotary Technology Challenge at Leicester Grammar School. 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 launch a rocket. Students were presented with a kit to develop a model that would act like a rocket launcher.

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 well the rocket launched. The end of the tournament saw each team member being presented with a certificate for their contribution.



YEAR 7 TRIP



De Montfort University

This half term all of our Year 7s have visited De Montfort University Leicester to experience university life.

During their trip they took part in several different activities. They went on a tour of the campus, visited student accommodation, took part in a Tai Chi workshop and were able to ask student ambassadors any questions they had.

These trips help our students to form future aspirations. Two Year 7 students said "I didn't know anything about university before but now I'm definitely going!" after going on the trip.



LEICESTER SCHOOLS LINKING PROJECT

The Linking Network



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Network

This half term we have joined a free project that:

- provides an opportunity for our students to work on a series of planned sessions around the themes of identity, diversity, community and justice.
- connects our students virtually and in person with another class from a different school in the Leicestershire and Rutland region.

The aims of the project are:

- to build a sense of belonging and togetherness from within the classroom;
- to support students to explore identity, diversity, community and justice, from a range of different perspectives;
- to help build more connected community.

We have been linked with 2 schools in North Leicester. Each of our Year 7 forms have been linked with another Year 7 form in one of these schools. Their first task was to write a poem which explains a bit more about them and who they are. These poems will then be shared with their partner's forms in the other schools and vice versa.

Some examples of their poems are below:

I am a Crown Hills student
I say, "The future's waiting"
I am keen and dream of a bright future
I feel the buzz of classrooms, filled with ideas and challenge
I hope for a bright future
I worry for the tests, the grades, the climb,
I am a Crown Hills student

I am unique, I stand tall and proud.
I say work hard, work smart and be the best.
I am an artist, a doctor, an athlete, a leader.
I dream about being perfect, I dream to be successful, I have dreams of going to university,
I dream big and of greatness.
I feel HUNGRY and dream of chicken shawarma!
I hope for all children to have the life they dream of.
I worry about others, I worry about failing, I worry about war, I worry about children around
the world.
I am me, I am who I am and I will not change for anyone.

World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March 2025, 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 fifteen 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 23rd March 2025.

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 'I Am Wolf' by Alastair Chisholm or 'Catch Your Death' by Ravena Guron. 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 Book Cover 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



International WOMEN'S Day



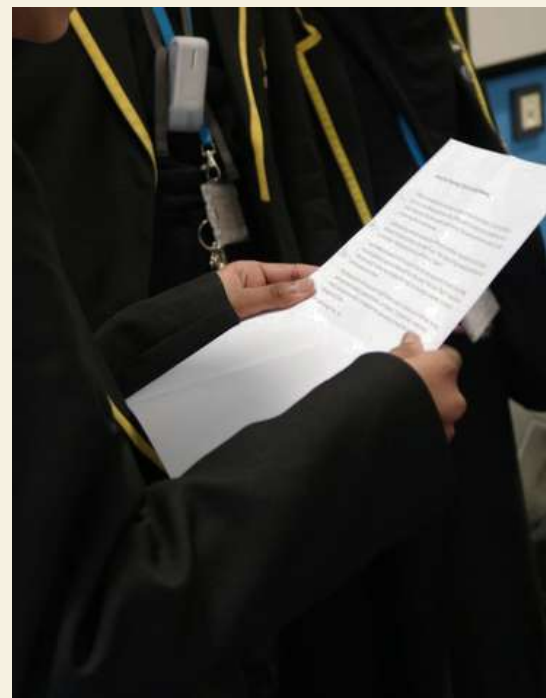
There was lots going on in school this International Women's Day!

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 all year groups 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.

Finally, we had several girls-only sporting opportunities throughout the day. At lunchtime our clubs were girls only and the girls enjoyed badminton and basketball.

International Women's Day Saturday 8th March				
March 10th - 14th				
EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS TIMETABLE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 7.45-8.15 Year 7-11 Social Cricket Nets Sports Hall Mr Stafford	Morning 7.45-8.15	Morning 7.45-8.15 Year 7-11 Badminton and Fencing Sports Hall Mr Cory and Miss Patel	Morning Year 7-11 Sports Academy Fencing Sports Hall/ Viewing Gallery Mr Eluxton 8.00-9.55am	Morning 7.45-8.15 Year 7-11 Strength and Conditioning Sports Hall Mr Cory & Mr Wyre Sports Academy
Lunch 12.40-1.00 Year 10 Badminton, Basketball and Volleyball Sports Hall Mr Wyre	Lunch 12.40-1.00 Year 8 and 9 Badminton and Basketball Sports Hall Mrs Newcome & Mrs White	Lunch 12.40-1.00 Year 7-11 Girls Badminton, Basketball & Volleyball Sports Hall Miss Patel	Year 10-11 Sports Academy and GCSE Badminton Sports Hall Miss Patel Lunch 12.40-1.00 Year 7 Badminton and Basketball Sports Hall Mr Wyre & Mrs White	Lunch 12.40-1.00 Year 11 Badminton, Basketball and Volleyball Sports Hall Mr Wyre
Year 7-8 Table Tennis Main Hall Mr Williams	Year 7-11 Girls Table Tennis Main Hall Miss Patel	Year 6-10 Table Tennis Main Hall Mr Stafford	Year 10-11 GCSE and OCR Table Tennis Main Hall Mrs Newcome	Afterschool 3-4 Year 9-11 Boys Gym Fitness Suite Mr Wyre
Afterschool 3-4 Year 7-11 Social Badminton Sports Hall Miss Patel and Mr Wyre	Afterschool 3-4 Year 7-11 Sports Academy Badminton Sports Hall Mr Cory and Miss Patel	Afterschool 3-4 Year 7-11 Fencing Main Hall Mr Cory & Mr Wyre	Afterschool 3-4 Year 7-11 Girls Football Goals Mr Delby & Miss Patel	Year 7-10 invite Only Indoor Sports Main Hall Miss Patel
	Year 7-11 Leadership Expression Plaza Ms White	Year 7/8 Indoor Cricket Team Sports Hall Mr Stafford and Mr James	Year 10 and 11 Volleyball Sports Hall Ms Butler	
	Year 9-11 Girls Gym Fitness Suite Miss Spurling Haythornthwaite	Year 7-11 Girls Indoor Cricket Sports Hall Ms Butler, Miss Patel & Ms Skemp	Year 10 Assessed Work Expression Plaza Mr Cory & Miss Spurling Haythornthwaite	
	Year 7-11 Table Tennis Main Hall Mr Williams		Year 11 OCR Exam Preparation Expression Plaza Mr Stafford, Mr Williams & Mrs Newcome	



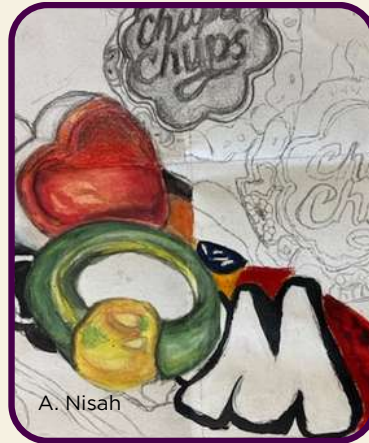
Art Corner



L. Daskalova



S. Afzal



A. Nisah



Year 8 have been testing out their skills in tonal pencil, watercolour, oil pastel and acrylic paints creating replicas of Pop artist Wayne Thiebaud's cake paintings.

Year 9 have been looking at the photorealistic paintings by Sarah Graham. Many have been rising to the challenge of recreating detailed replica studies in a range of materials.



S. Shaikh



M. Serin



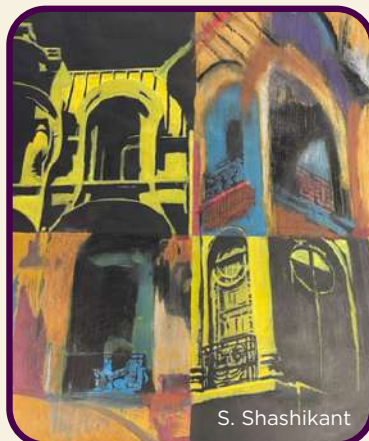
Jagdish



P. Chhagan

Year 8s have been investigating pattern, stencil printing and gelli plate printing as part of the 'Entwined' project.

Anilinkys in the style of Samira Mian as part of the 'Entwined' project.



S. Shashikant



P. Parsotamo

Anilinkys in the style of Samira Mian as part of the 'Entwined' project.

Physical Education Update



YONEX ALL ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

20 Sports Academy Badminton students had an amazing opportunity to attend the prestigious Yonex All England Badminton Championships, 2025 which were held at the Utilita Arena, Birmingham on Wednesday, 12th March, 2025.

Students were able to spectate the world's best international badminton players. They observed lightning speed reaction time, supreme control and thunderous smashes from a range of men's and women's singles, level doubles and mixed doubles matches. This was inspirational for our students and will have a motivating effect for them to continue to work hard within their Sports Academy training sessions to be the best they can be.





BRITISH FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday, 9th March, 2025 our Sports Academy fencers competed at the British Fencing National Schools Team Championships, 2025 at the Leon Paul Fencing Centre in London. A total of seven students competed within two teams entering the U13 Girls Sabre category and U15 Boys/Mixed Sabre category. U15 Boys competed against independent and selective schools such as Whitgift school, King Edward VI Shakespeare's School, St Columba's College and St Benedict's school. This was a first experience of fencing at this level for our students with many of the team competing in the upper age category. Although the team did not get the result they wanted, this was a valuable experience as students demonstrated resilience which will help them progress within fencing for the future.

The U13 girls sabre team also competed against independent schools such as Millfield School and George Watson's College, both two very successful and experienced fencing schools. This was also a first experience for these students to compete at this level of competition. The team were successful in securing a bronze medal after very tough bouts. The girls grew in confidence over the duration of the competition and improved the quality of their fencing.

We look forward to the future of fencing at Crown Hills Community College with the combination of aspiration, commitment and the provision in place from the school we are hopeful for more success to follow in future.





FENCING DEVELOPMENTS

Crown Hills have exciting news that, in addition to their specialist fencing coach Chris Buxton, we will also be working with Graham Stretton who will be coaching sabre during Wednesdays after school club 3pm-4pm. Graham is a British Academy of Fencing Professor (3 weapon level 5 coach) and lead tutor for British Fencing. Graham will be working with our Sports Academy fencers to further develop Fencing performance in conjunction with Chris Buxton. This is an exciting time and opportunity for our Sports Academy fencers.

TEAM LEICESTERSHIRE BADMINTON COUNTY FINALS

Our KS3 boys and KS4 boys represented East Leicester competing against the best schools within the county.

KS3 boys competed on Tuesday, 18th March. They won one game in their group and narrowly lost 3-2 overall against Kibworth Mead Academy by a close 21-19 loss. They did not progress to the semi finals but played their best Badminton to date.

KS4 boys competed on Thursday, 20th March. They cruised through the group stages, progressing to the semifinals. All four teams were close in performance standard. They lost their semifinal 4-1 to Loughborough Grammar School by a difference of 5 points, the difference being two doubles matches, losing 21-19 and 21-18. They then played Lutterworth High School for the 3rd place, unfortunately they just came short with an overall score of 3-2 by a total of 3 points, losing two doubles matches 21-20 and 21-19. The team played each of the top three teams, the overall difference between 1st place was 5 points, 2nd place 4 points and 3rd place 3 points. The boys had given their best and played an unbelievable standard of badminton as a team, their effort and commitment were second to none and deserved to come away with something to show for their efforts. As these students are now Year 11 they unfortunately will be leaving us at the end of the year. It has been a pleasure to coach and teach these squad members and we hope to see you on the court in the future!



COUNTY FINAL WIN FOR THE YEAR 7 / 8 BOYS INDOOR CRICKET TEAM!

East Leicester Finals

The Year 7/8 Boys cricket team confidently beat Avanti Fields to reach the East Leicester Finals in indoor cricket. They faced a strong Rushey Mead side and were able to post an impressive total of 130 from 8 overs batting first, with Parth, Satvik and Ibrahim all reaching 20+ runs. Good fielding and bowling ensured they limited Rushey Mead to 85 runs securing a 45-run victory with Rehan and Jihan both collecting wickets and Ibrahim taking two run outs. This meant Crown Hills progressed to the County finals. Player of the match: Satvik.

County Finals

At the county finals on the 14th March, Crown Hills met Loughborough Grammar, Leicester Grammar, Brook Mead and Gartree in a 5 over round robin format.

Game 1 vs Loughborough Grammar, Crown Hills batted first and posted 87. In reply they contained Loughborough to 61 securing a 26-run victory. Satvik 23 runs. Ibrahim 2-13.

Game 2 vs Leicester Grammar, Crown Hills batted first and posted 87 and Leicester Grammar got 86 resulting in a one run win for Crown Hills. Ibrahim 19 runs and Abhay 17 runs. Jihan collected 3 wickets in the final over.

Game 3 vs Brook Mead Crown Hills, bowled first and limited their opposition to 37-6. In reply they chased it down in 2.1 overs. Aayush 18 runs, Parth 10 runs. Rehan 4-14.

Game 4 vs Gartree, Crown Hills batted first and scored 79. Satvik 20 runs and Abhay 14 runs. Gartree secured 79 runs also. Abhay 2-34 and Ibrahim 1-13. Player of the tournament: Ibrahim.

This is a fantastic achievement for our school, especially beating teams from local private schools! Congratulations to the new champions of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland!

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