

NEWSLETTER



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Summer 2025



Crown Hills Community College Congratulates Principal Farhan Adam on Receiving an MBE for Services to Education.

Crown Hills Community College is proud to announce that our Principal, Farhan Adam, has been awarded Membership of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in recognition of his outstanding services to education.

Farhan has been a transformative leader not only within our school community but across the broader educational landscape. His tireless dedication to student achievement, staff development, and educational equality has been both inspiring and impactful for more than 25 years.

Farhan's 25-year teaching career has always been in local Leicester Schools. Having started his teaching career at Piper Way as a teacher of SEND, he moved on to teach PE and became an Advanced Skills Teacher and Assistant Principal at Moat Community College. He was then Deputy Head and Head at the Madani Schools Federation and is now Principal at Crown Hills Community College, where the school has grown from strength to strength.

During his time at Crown Hills Community College the school has:

- developed an extensive personal development programme which allows all students to gain a wider understanding of the world and encourages them to believe they can achieve the same as any other child from anywhere in the country;
- created an ambitious curriculum which challenges students and provides them with the knowledge they need to succeed in examinations;
- grown a sports academy to an elite level so students can compete against fee paying private schools in sports such as fencing;
- supported the community it serves by providing weekly free hot meals and creating a warm and safe space in the winter months;
- became one of the first 'Well Schools' in the country and led the way nationally on the impact of improving educational outcomes by supporting the health and happiness of staff and pupils;
- received rewards in recognition of their services to education. Such as Pearson's Headteacher of the Year Award, Pearson's Secondary School of the Year Award and TES Staff Wellbeing of the Year Award;
- been judged as Outstanding for the very first time in January, 2025.

Reflecting on the honour, Farhan shared: "All that I have ever wanted to do is make a difference to others. The recognition is not the purpose, but is so nice to receive."

"Educating children is the noblest of professions and one where the profits are smiles, happiness, improved life chances, a better future and joy." Farhan continues.

"I am grateful to so many people. To my family, to my parents that supported my choice of career, my teachers for making school such a joy that made me want to pass it on to others, and to my colleagues that I have worked with since I started teaching over 25 years ago; I have learnt something from every one of you and continue to do so."

"The journey continues and never stops," he said. "I will continue to work as hard, if not harder, to improve the lives of others through the work that I do. I hope that this recognition provides others with the confidence to keep going and that your starting point in life should not determine your future."

Year 7 Trip to Hunstanton

All Year 7s went on a paid trip to Hunstanton for the day! You should have heard the “wows” as we turned the corner and saw the sea! As part of their #6YearJourney our Year 7s experienced the British seaside. They loved running around on the beach, making sand castles, finding shells and also enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the local area.

They also enjoyed an afternoon at the SeaLife Centre learning all about marine life, from far and wide.



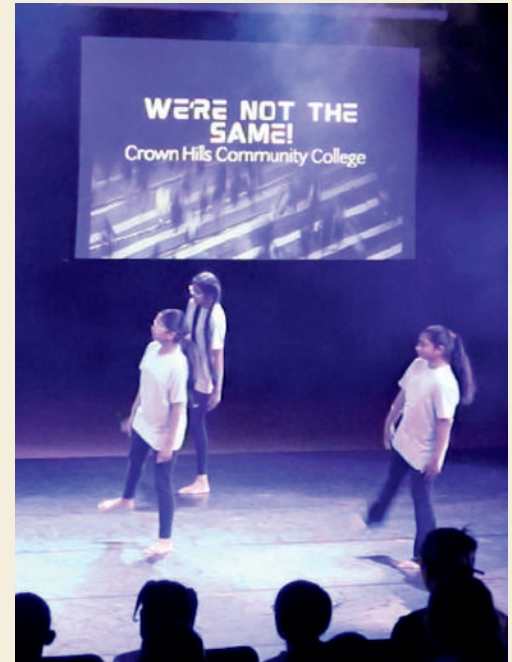
Year 9 Trip to Chatsworth House

As part of our #6YearJourney all 300 of our Year 9s went on a paid trip to Chatsworth House. An opportunity for them to experience the countryside and a different environment. There were lots for our students to see there. They took a tour of the gardens, saw the famous fountain and the sweeping landscapes and even fed some sheep! They enjoyed sketching the natural beauties that they could see around them and loved the art and history inside the house.



Dance Trip

Some of our Dance students got the opportunity to perform at the Venue at De Montfort University as part of our 'Moving Together' partnership. This was a great experience for our students to perform on a stage to a large audience for the first time.



Expressive Arts Showcase

This half term we held an Expressive Arts Showcase where students performed to their friends and families. Performances included; Dance, Drama, Music and Singing! The students had a fantastic time showing off their hard work and built their confidence by performing to an audience.



Distinction in Grade 1 Violin!

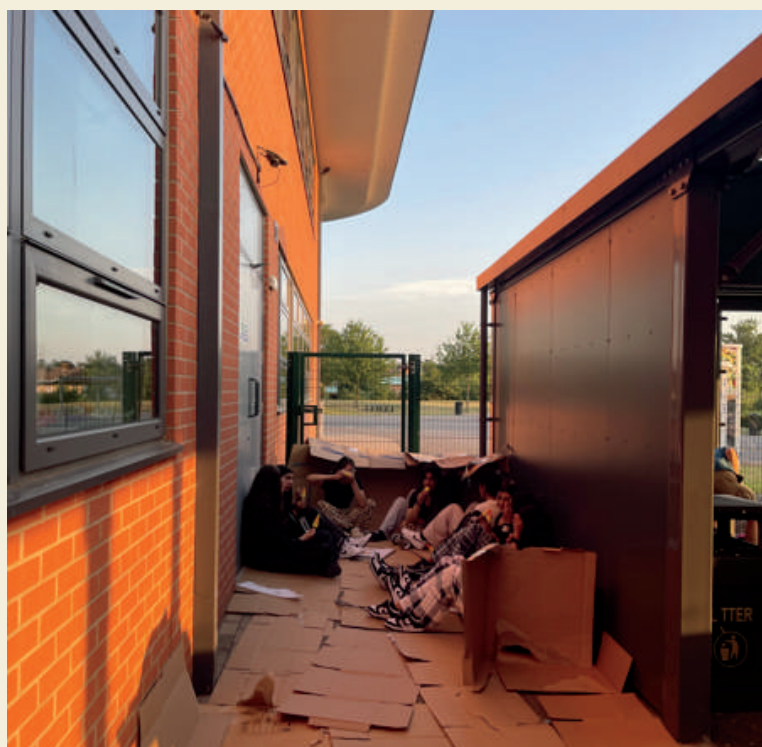
Congratulations to Year 9 Zainab and Year 7 Prabhjit who have both passed their Violin Grade 1 exam with Distinction. Pictured here with their violin teacher Mr Shaw. These students are part of the Crown Hills orchestral ensemble who have performed at St Barnabas and Charnwood Primary Schools and at the Performing Arts Showcase this year.



Year 10 Sleep Out for the Homeless

The purpose of this event was to give our students and staff the experience of what it is like to sleep out rough for one night in the cold and not have a bed to sleep in or a roof over your heads. Sleeping out can be an everyday experience for some people, sometimes through no fault of their own they end up being homeless and living on the streets.

Sleeping out helped educate students on what it might be like for a homeless person. It will also assist with providing an opportunity to contribute positively to society. We collected donations of clothes, blankets and toiletries for The Bridge Homelessness to Hope charity.



BBC Make a Difference Awards

We're excited to announce that we have been shortlisted as finalists in the community group category in the BBC Make a Difference Awards for our Care Home Volunteering. This half term we visited BBC Radio Leicester studios to record some interviews about our voluntary work! We will find out in September who the winners of our category are at the awards ceremony.



BBC National School Sports Week

We had the opportunity to appear on the BBC is East Midlands Today this half term to promote all the positive work we do in school in regards to physical activity and school sport. The camera crew and reporter visited an Inspire Together event where our sports leaders were running activities for primary school pupils. They interviewed some of our students and teachers about their love for PE and why it is so important.



Clean Air Day

We took part in Clean Air Day this half term. Some of our Year 7 students planted trees and learnt about the air purifying qualities of indoor and outdoor plants and how to stop air pollution. They created posters in the class room to help raise awareness around air pollution before heading outside to plant trees around our school grounds!



Functional Skills Trip

As part of the Functional Skills Course we took a group of Year 10 and 11 on a trip to New Walk Museum, Central Library and Bru Café. This was to enhance the skills they had learnt, to make requests and ask relevant questions, allowing them to become independent learners going into the wider world.

We visited the Central Library in the city centre where students were made aware of the facilities and services available to them. Students found it interesting to see the whole array of books, computers and the facilities on offer to them. They engaged with activities and were able to make library membership cards to use at their leisure. Students were also intrigued by the skeleton of the dinosaur and mummies at the museum. Some students didn't know the museum existed! It was rewarding to see students engage with the activities at the library and museum. Students were also able to independently order from a wide selection at the café. Seeing the smiles and appreciation from all of them, made the whole trip worthwhile.



Eid Celebrations

We celebrated Eid in school this half term. Our Year 10 students got to all enjoy a traditional Eid meal together.

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.



#SUCCESSDAY2025



We believe in commitment: doing what it takes for as long as it takes. To achieve the highest scores the pupils must have had good Organisation, Uniform, Respect, Punctuality, Attitude, Class/Homework and Equipment. ('OUR PACE') Nearly 300 students have managed to be consistently committed to all aspects of school life. #SuccessDay included a BBQ, bouncy castles, sumo wrestling, obstacle courses, ice cream and much more! It's fantastic to see these students enjoying themselves. What's even nicer is how grateful and appreciative these students were: "This is the best day ever!"

YEAR 11 LEAVERS

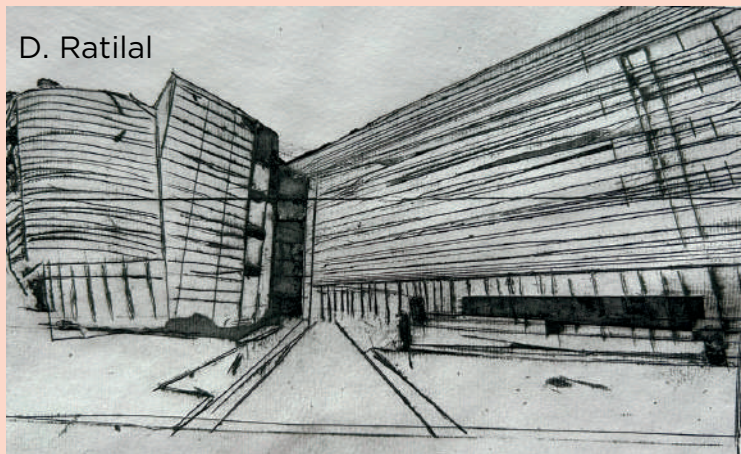


This half term we held the annual Year 11 Leavers' Celebration. It was a fantastic afternoon celebrating the Class of 2025! It was a lovely send off for our Year 11s. Firstly, they enjoyed an assembly where 'most likely to' medals were handed out to students after a vote. Their form tutors gave them farewell speeches, they then enjoyed pizza and treats before receiving a yearbook courtesy of the school. After which, they walked out and collected an ice cream as they left. We hope that they left with the parting message that 'The most important thing is your character'. We thank them for the last 5 years and wish them the best of luck from all the staff here.

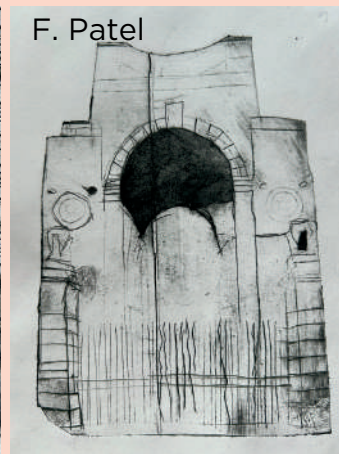
Art Corner

Year 7 students have been creating collagraph prints of Leicester buildings in the style of Karen Wicks. They worked into discarded cardboard packaging, adding line and texture. Here are some fantastic examples showing the results after the cardboard was run through the printing press.

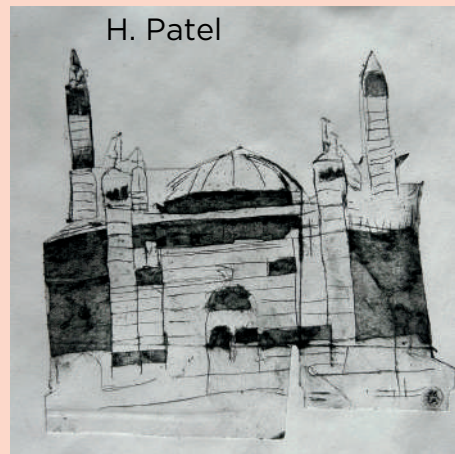
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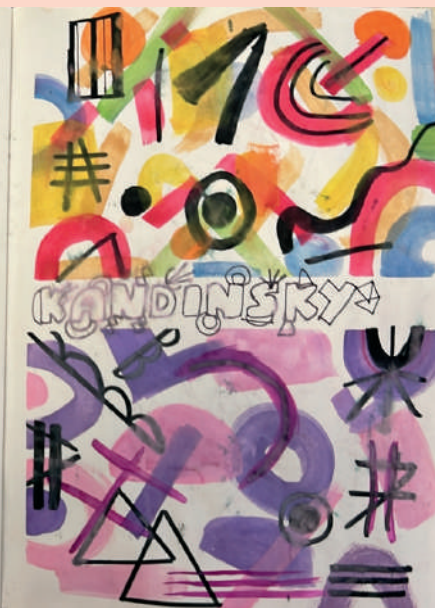
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Students in Year 8 have been learning about Abstract Art, starting with Wassily Kandinsky; who famously painted to music. R. Patel- Going above and beyond, this is all work completed at home.



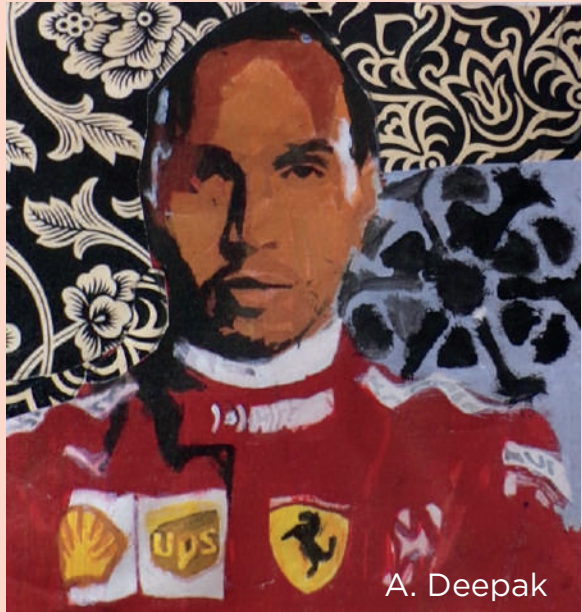
R. Islam



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Art Corner

Year 9 mixed media portraits inspired by the artwork of American artist and activist, Shepard Fairey.



A. Deepak



H. Gaffar



N. Vinod



S. Surykant



H. Saiyed

Which one of these images is an AI generated microscope? Can you spot the AI image? Scan the QR code to play the game.





Physical Education

After-School Tennis Club – A Real Hit!

The P.E and Sports Academy staff have had the absolute pleasure of working alongside Ms Patel to run an exciting after-school tennis club every Monday. The energy and commitment from our students have been truly inspiring!

Each week, they are becoming more confident at identifying different tennis shots and understanding the power needed to maintain a perfect rally. Even more impressive is how they're using the skills and techniques taught in their PE lessons thanks to our incredible PE team and applying them directly to their game.

It's fantastic to see both boys and girls getting stuck in with such passion, even when tennis might not be their first-choice sport. They've done brilliantly so far and we look forward to seeing their continued progress!

Attendance continues to grow each week, and we are so proud of everyone who takes part.

Cricket Club – Smart Play, Strong Results!

Cricket is in full swing at Crown Hills, with training sessions held early Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Under the expert guidance of Mr Stafford, our students have been focusing on mastering different types of shots particularly how to defend against fast bowlers and when to go for those crucial long shots to score runs in a professional and strategic manner. In addition to batting, our fielders have been working on an effective "backing-up" system, which involves covering the stumps at either the wicketkeeper's or bowler's end. This has led to excellent development in communication, spatial awareness, and teamwork. Students are also learning the importance of "walking in" with the bowler showing a deeper understanding of the game's finer tactics.

Thanks to their hard work and dedication, both our boys' and girls' teams are enjoying well-earned success, including a recent tournament win for our fantastic girls' team. A huge well done to everyone involved!



Physical Education

Strength & Conditioning- Early Morning Champions!

Every Wednesday morning at 7:45am, our dedicated young athletes from the Badminton, Cricket, and Fencing Academies are up bright and early for additional fitness and conditioning training.

Recently, we've been focusing on speed and agility working on drills that test the ability to run fast, change direction quickly, and recover efficiently to repeat tasks at high intensity. Using rope ladders, our students have shown fantastic improvement and can now complete the exercises confidently without disturbing the equipment clear evidence that the training is paying off!

Next, we'll be moving on to strength and power development and we're excited to see what our athletes will achieve! Academy staff have confirmed a summer "TRAIN AT HOME" programme will be issued to all academy members so they can keep up there hard work over the summer period.

Basketball Club

Our Friday, after-school, basketball sessions have been full of energy and enthusiasm—especially thanks to the brilliant involvement of our Year 9 students. Their influence and dedication have helped shape a fantastic and motivating environment.

Students have really enjoyed developing their basketball skills through a range of intense drills and activities, from lay-ups and pressured shooting to the introduction of set plays like the pick and roll. It's been an exciting journey of progress and the improvement in performance has been outstanding.

We'd love to welcome even more students to come and give basketball a go. Join us in helping to build a strong and successful basketball culture here at Crown Hills!

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