

# NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2025



# BBC Award Winner!

We're super excited to announce that we won the BBC Make a Difference Community Award this half term! We won the Make a Difference Award for our all the work our care home volunteers do in local care homes. Our students, parents and staff enjoyed the awards ceremony this half term. We couldn't be prouder of our students and the compassion they've shown to their community.



# NAVARATRI & DIWALI

We celebrated Navaratri and Diwali in school this half term.

Celebrations started with staff and students taking part in traditional dancing one day after school. Our Year 8 students will all enjoy a meal together after half term.

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.



# FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

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 8, is the chance to go to Wesley Hall Food Bank.

This group of Year 8s went this half term and did an amazing job of serving our local community. This group distributed food, collected money and helped families find what they needed!

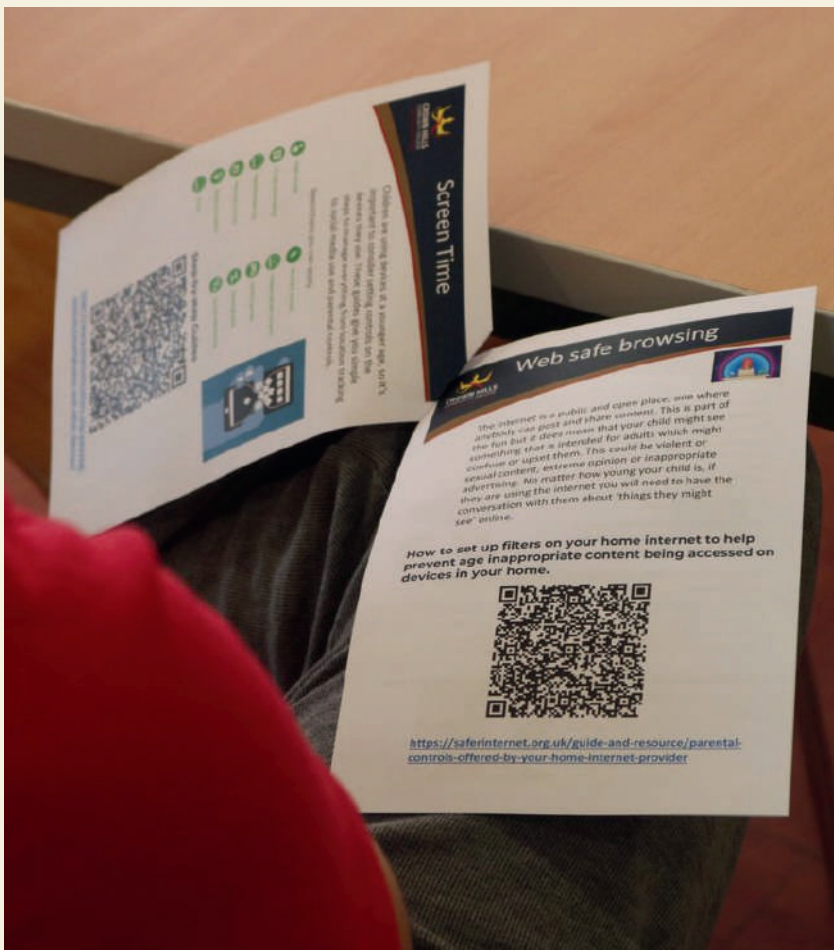




# PARENTAL GATHERINGS

## 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

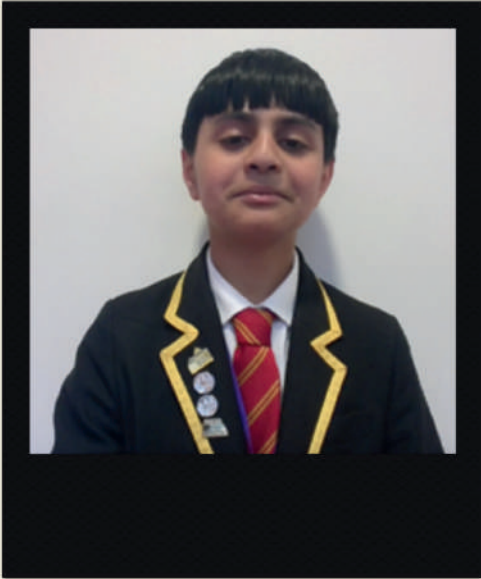
Our parental gatherings are very popular each month. It is lovely seeing familiar and new faces each session. For the first session this half term, we asked parents to choose from a list of topics which they would be most interested learning about throughout this academic year.

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.

# WHOLE SCHOOL COUNCIL



Ready to make a positive contribution to our school community with your student voice? Whole School Council (WSC) have been working in the last year to ensure your ideas are heard and impact our school community positively. WSC meet with Crown Hills Community College's Senior Leadership Team to discuss ideas students raise about how to improve CHCC even more so. Every month, form reps come together for each year group, to form their Year Councils and share their ideas with their WSC Rep.

Below, one of our WSC Reps wanted to share what we are working on, from all the suggestions WSC have received from Year Council meetings so far.

Here, we have our Year 9 WSC Rep, Mohammed Goga:

'I am Mohammed Goga, and I am the proud WSC for Year 9 at Crown Hills Community College. I am a highly committed student (as demonstrated by three Platinum Awards) that ensures everybody is happy and content; I also ensure I listen to all the precious views of my fellow students. The reason why I wanted to become WSC Rep for my Year group was because my vision is that Crown Hills is a fantastic school, and I want to make it even better. I believe that all input is valuable, no matter if it makes a large or small impact in society, and I take on this responsibility with great compassion and management. I always input the ideas of my colleagues and try my best (if appropriate) to act upon them in our insightful weekly meetings. I am enjoying working with all individuals throughout this academic year and am looking forward to gaining intuitive ways to make Crown Hills an even better environment to learn in. Thank you.'

Having met Senior Leadership recently, WSC are confident our ideas are always heard and change can happen where possible. We'll keep you posted on how we are getting on with our work. Remember, you can always email [WSC@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:WSC@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk) if you have an idea or speak to any WSC or form rep.

Finally, interested in being elected as the next WSC for your year group? WSC elections will take place soon and as your form reps have been chosen, they have an important role in ensuring your ideas are passed along properly. Listen to the announcements in the tutor programme if you'd like to become your year groups next WSC rep! Thanks for reading our newsletter. Have a great day!



# 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”.

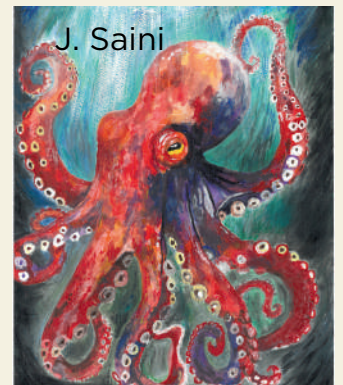
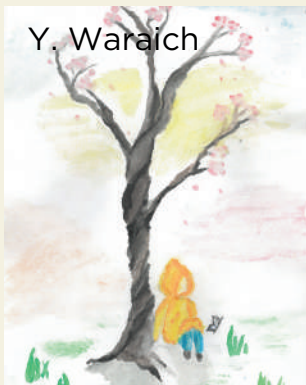
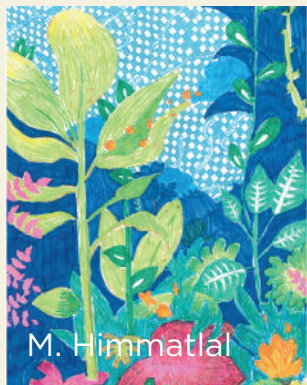
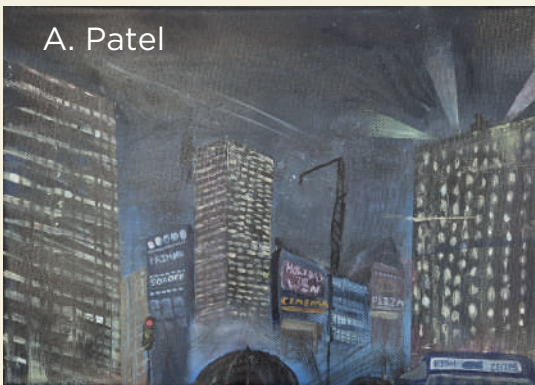


# Art Corner



As part of year 7 induction programme in Expressive Arts, they created a collaborative piece investigating the formal elements of line and pattern. They created a Zentangle style work, which, when displayed together, created a larger piece of artwork. 'The Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh was completed by a group of 48 year 7s.

Year 8 students have been looking at the abstract paintings of Wassily Kandinsky, Jackson Pollock and Sir Frank Bowling. For their final pieces on canvas, they have combined elements from all those artists to create their own unique interpretation.




Scan this QR code to find out more about the Open: The People's Exhibition.

# 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, from music to science. There's even some unique clubs like Geoggle Box!

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 TIMETABLE**

from 1st Sept to 19th Dec

## TUESDAY

**Lunch**

Badminton 7  
Sports Hall PE Team  
Table Tennis 8-9  
Main Hall Mr Williams  
Orchestral Academy 7-11  
CLC5 Mr Allison  
KS4 Art Club 10-11  
XL6 Mrs Bond  
Craft Club 7  
XL5 Miss Matthews  
Aspire French (Starts w/c 8th Sept) 10-11  
DU12 Mrs Herbert  
Language Leaders' (starts w/c 8th Sept) 7-10  
DU15 Mrs Saint-Cricq, Mrs Homer & Miss Hussain  
Literacy Homework Drop In Club 7-9  
Admin 1 Miss Brown  
GCSE History Drop In (Starts 9th Sept) 11  
EL5 Mrs Newton

**After School**

Sports Academy Badminton 7-11  
Sports Hall (4.30pm finish) Mr Corry and Miss Patel  
Sports Netball 7-11  
MUGA Ms Sparling Haythornthwaite  
Sports Leadership 7-11  
Expression Plaza Ms White  
Boys Football 7  
Goals Mr Fulthorpe  
English KS4 Sessions 10-11  
XU14, XU17 and Expression Plaza English Staff  
Drum Kit and Bass Guitar 7-11  
XU14 Mr Hadden  
Curve Drama Club 7-11  
Drama Studio Mrs Dawson  
Aspire French (Starts w/c 8th Sept) 10 & 11  
DU12 Mrs Herbert  
Geoggle Box (Starts w/c 8th Sept) 7-9 After School  
EL2 Ms Botting, Mr Hollis and Mr Lodhi  
How to make your own textiles accessories  
Runs from 16 Sept-14 Oct 7-9  
DL8 Mrs Vaughan  
Jewellery Making Club 7-9  
DL3 (from 28 Oct-16 Dec) Ms Dexter  
Homework Club until 3.45pm 7-11  
Library Mrs Vann

## WEDNESDAY

**Morning**

Sports Academy Strength and Conditioning 7-11  
Sports Hall Mr Fulthorpe

**Lunch**

Girls Badminton 8-9  
Sports Hall PE Team  
Girls Table Tennis 7-11  
Main Hall Miss Patel  
Steel Band  
Higher Level 7-9 & 10-11  
PRA Ms Munroe  
Brass 7-11  
CLC5 Mr Allison  
Draw Together 7-9  
XL4 Mrs Hallett  
ICT Coursework Drop In EU11 11  
Mr Khan  
ICT Coursework Drop In EL3 11  
Mr Variava  
GCSE PRE Drop In (starts w/c 8th Sept) 11  
Ms Skemp

**After School**

Girls Basketball 7-11  
Sports Hall Ms Butler & Ms White  
Fencing 7-11  
Main Hall Mr Corry and Fencing Coach  
Boys Gym 10-11  
Fitness Suite Mr Fulthorpe  
Boys Football 9  
Goals Mr Stafford  
Boys Football 11  
Goals Mr Skervin  
Dance Company 7-11  
XU13 Dance Staff  
Maths Intervention 11  
Exploration Plaza Maths Staff  
Bhangra and Indian Folk Music 7-11  
XU14 Mr Soor  
Homework Club until 3.45pm 7-11  
Library Mrs Vann

## THURSDAY

**Morning**

Sports Academy Fencing (8-8.55am) 7-11  
Viewing Gallery Fencing Coach and Mr Fulthorpe

**Lunch**

Badminton and Volleyball 10  
Sports Hall PE Team  
Table Tennis 10 & 11  
Main Hall Mr Fulthorpe  
Maths Challenge Starts w/c 6 Oct 7-9  
Exploration Plaza Ms Che & Mr B Patel  
Bassoon, Oboe and Flute 7-11  
Recording Studio Ms Wong  
Home Languages Runs from 10 Oct 10-11  
DL4 Mrs Baker

**After School**

Aspire Spanish Starts after Oct Half Term 10 & 11  
DU14 Mr Romo-Pimentel  
Girls Football 7-11  
Goals Mr Dolby, Miss Patel and PE Team  
Assessed Work 10 & 11  
Expression Plaza Mr Stafford and Mr Corry  
Boys Basketball 7-11  
Sports Hall Mr Fulthorpe  
Boys Football 10  
Goals Mr Williams  
Miss Read Reads 7-9  
RU4 Miss Read  
Hattie Stewart Doodle Graphics Design Club  
(Runs from 18 Sept-27 Nov) 7-9  
DL3 Mrs Vaughan  
Science Intervention Session 11  
Runs until 20 Nov DU19 and DU20  
Miss Salim, Mr Crowdell, Mrs Yasin & Mr Philips  
Science Revision Session 11  
Runs until 20 Nov DU18  
Miss Salim, Mr Philips, Mrs Yasin & Ms Yusuf  
Homework Club until 3.45pm 7-11  
Library Mrs Vann

## FRIDAY

**Morning**


Sports Academy Cricket 7-10  
Sports Hall Mr Stafford


**Lunch**


Badminton and Volleyball 11  
Sports Hall PE Team  
Boccia 7-11 Lunch  
Dance Studio Miss Patel  
History Society 7-10  
EL8 Ms Cover and Ms Skemp  
Hot Chocolate Club (invitation only) 7-11  
RL3 Mrs Glasby  
Electronic 7-11  
CLC5 Mr Allison  
Violin 7-11  
Practice Room 1 Mr Shaw  
Steel Band Higher Level 7-11  
PR4 Ms Munroe  
Decorate and donate a motivational bag for the NHS (Starts after Oct. Half Term) 7-9  
TL1 Ms Sagoo


**After School**

Boys Football 8  
Goals Mr O'Flynn  
Girls Gym 10-11  
Fitness Suite Miss Patel  
Volleyball 10-11  
Sports Hall Ms Butler  
Henna Club (Finishes at 3.50pm) 7-11  
RL3 Mrs Shukla  
Homework Club - finishes at 3.45pm 7-11  
Library Mrs Vann









# 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.



# SPORTS ACADEMY UPDATES



## Sports Academy Showcase event:

The Sports Academy showcase event took place on Monday 8th September 4pm-5pm, this was an opportunity for parents, guardians and family members to watch their child perform within their Sports Academy sport. Pupils demonstrated their skills in Fencing, Badminton or Cricket. This was then followed by a presentation from the Sports Academy team which included vision, values, success and expectations. Pupils then signed their Sports Academy contracts for the 2025-2026 academic year.

## Sports Academy morning sessions:

Sports Academy strength and conditioning sessions have grown in popularity this year with approximately 20 pupils attending from 7:45-8:15am. Pupils have been focusing on developing their athleticism and functional fitness relevant to the sports of Fencing, Badminton and Cricket. Some example activities include dive forward rolls, sprints and hurdling over obstacles. Pupils have found this highly engaging and have worked physically hard.

Sports Academy morning cricket has taken place on Friday mornings 7:45-8:15am. All year groups and genders have attended this popular club, working on a range of batting, bowling and fielding skills in preparation for the highly anticipated indoor cricket season. Mr Stafford has also been awarding the “trainer of the week” trophy for the pupils that have demonstrated the most commitment and progress within these sessions. Pupils are motivated to perform well.



Sports Academy Badminton and Fencing has taken place on Monday mornings from 7:45-8:15am and has provided more competitive practice time to build upon previous skills learned in the after-school sessions during the week. As a result, pupils are feeling more confident in selecting appropriate tactics and strategies in Badminton, in both singles and doubles. Fencing pupils can practice their sabre footwork and sword skills in live bouts, demonstrating changing their attack through feints and confidence in refereeing.

# SPORTS ACADEMY UPDATES

## Sports Academy after school sessions:

Sports Academy Badminton has taken place from 3-4:30pm each week, which has been focused on developing performance and consistency of skills to ensure students can go into future competitions this academic year with confidence. A typical structure consists of a racket warm up to increase consistency in common technical skills, footwork focus, tactical focus and game application.

Sports Academy Fencing has taken place from 3-5pm each week, with our specialist Fencing coach, Graham Stretton. The first hour is focused on skills and technique whilst the 4-5pm session is aimed at pupils becoming competition ready. Pupils have been making significant progress this academic year.

## EMREF Fencing training day:

We were very excited to be hosting the East Midlands Regional Fencing training day at Crown Hills Community College on Saturday 11th October. This event took place from 10am-4pm. This was the first time both parties have worked together and means that 10 of our Sports Academy Fencers received specialist training within sabre in the morning session 10-12am. Additionally, the afternoon session, 12:30-4pm, was a mini sabre competition aimed at developing confidence and competence of new or inexperienced fencers. This is a positive step forward in the development of the Sports Academy programme and we are excited how this opportunity will raise awareness of Fencing across the region.



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