

NEWSLETTER



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

Autumn 2022

READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD



#SUCCESS



ITV'S 'GOOD MORNING BRITAIN' - GCSE RESULTS DAY



We invited 'Good Morning Britain' to celebrate GCSE Results Day with us this year. It was a fantastic tribute to all the students' and staff's hard work, which we got to share with the nation! Our students were interviewed live on morning television about how hard they had worked through the pandemic and that commitment is what got them through with their studies. They spoke about their aspirations for the future and enjoyed celebrating their successes. We are not only proud of this group of students, but of the year group as a whole. They are the first to sit GCSE exams since 2019 and by doing what it takes for as long as it takes, they are now ready to take on the world!

COMMUNITY BUSINESS AWARD



Character education is part of our curriculum at CHCC. Two initiatives which are part of this are our community litter pick and our Bee Team project. In order to gain recognition for the fantastic community and environmental work we do as a school we applied for the Lord Lieutenant's Platinum Jubilee Community Business Award. We were lucky enough to be chosen as one of the organisations to be awarded with this accolade! On the 28th of September, the Deputy Lieutenant, Robert Allison, visited Crown Hills to present us with this award. Students from our litter pick and the Bee Team were there to receive the award and talk about their experiences.

Photography Show

On Tuesday 20th of September, we took a group of Year 10 photography students to the NEC in Birmingham. They were hosting a photography show which included talks from professionals in the industry, hands-on workshops and practical photo opportunities. One of our values is aspiration, linked to that, these students had the chance to see the photography world and all that a career in photography entails. They left truly inspired. Below are some photos that they took during the convention.



Library Lessons

At Crown Hills we love reading. All classes have timetabled time to come to the library to learn to read around the subjects they are learning. Below are photos from a Year 7 Humanities lesson who visited the library at the start of term and listened to the librarian talk about different books that were relevant to their topics of study in History, Geography and Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (PRE). The children then got the chance to take one of these books out of the library to read in the own time. It is fantastic that more and more of our students are reading books from the library!



Navaratri Celebrations

We celebrated Navaratri in school this half term. We had Pradyumna Pradip Gajjar from Iskcon Leicester and Avanti Fields to tell our students the story of Navaratri and Diwali. They then enjoyed a traditional meal! 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.



Art Corner



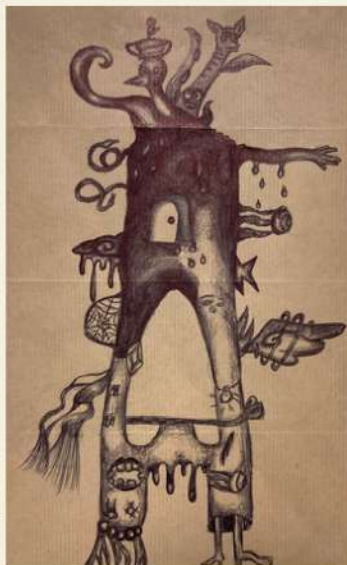
A showcase some of the fantastic Year 9 work from their surrealism project...



A. Kathoria in Year 9:
exploring Surrealist techniques
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'An Exquisite Corpse'
created with great pen
shading by Z. Sardar, Year 9.

Extra Art Homework
from this Year 7
student!



They learnt about the
'Formal Element of Line'
last week and this student
did an extra drawing of
Van Gogh's 'Starry, Starry
Night' using the technique
he had learnt in lesson!



Key Stage 3 Art Club

Years 7-9

Tuesday 3-4pm

Miss Matthews XL5

Key Stage 3 Art Club has had a
fantastic start to the year
creating these fantastic Picasso
inspired cardboard masks.
Well done to all involved!

Key Stage 4 Art Club

Years 10 & 11

Wednesday 3-4pm

Mrs Bond XL6

(NOT JUST FOR GCSE STUDENTS, SEE MRS BOND FOR DETAILS)

A turbulent looking landscape painting
created by a Year 11 student during
Key Stage 4 Art Club. If there are any other
Year 10s or 11s looking to create some
art work, please come and speak to
Mrs Bond for more information.



CHCC Alumni

Kiran Kaur

Studied at Crown Hills from - to: 2009 - 2014



"I finished studying at Crown Hills in 2014, since then I've been to college, Loughborough University and I am now working as a digital designer at Dunelm.

During my time at Crown Hills I really enjoyed my design classes as well as English and PE. Towards the end of my time at school, I came to realise that this would be the last time I'd potentially get any formal education in subjects like PE, Design, Life Skills etc. So I made a decision to truly make the most of my time and experience at school, even for the subjects I wasn't too keen on! These skills have helped me in my higher education years and career path. What I loved about Crown Hills, and the first thing I will always mention when looking back, is the teachers! When I left school and looked back at my school years with other people, I never really realised how truly lucky I was. To have teachers who would day-in, day-out, be working strenuously to ensure their students could get the highest grades possible was amazing. You never truly know what you have until it's no longer there! Thanks to them, I can confidently look back, and always say that, my school years were my most favourite."

I'd say one of my fondest memories at Crown Hills are of the Sports Days throughout my time there.

If I hadn't have received the support I got from my teachers, I don't think I would have been able to achieve all that I have achieved today. It was during my time at Crown Hills that someone first believed in my abilities, supported me in broadening my horizons and encouraged me to aim high. I directly link the efforts of my teachers at Crown Hills to the success I have gone on to have later on in my career.

I am currently a Trainee Solicitor working for a leading national law firm out of their Birmingham office. I will qualify as a Solicitor with the firm later this year. I really enjoy the variety of work I get to undertake on a daily basis. Every day presents new challenges, new people to work with, new goals to achieve and new learning points. As they say, learning never stops and I really enjoy that about my career. I also love the various clients I get to work with regularly. I have been fortunate enough to work with well-known brands like Mercedes-Benz as well as a number of celebrities and footballers.

Aadil Qureshi

Studied at Crown Hills from - to: 2006 - 2011



PARENTAL GATHERINGS



We were pleased to welcome our parents and carers to our first 'Parental Gathering' for this academic year. We were overwhelmed by the amount of people who attended this event. Obviously the word has got out about the delicious chai and cookies, which we serve every session, and the great company - of course! We hosted nearly 120 people in the room - if we see this unprecedented amount of people again next time, we will have to relocate!

If you would like to attend/contribute towards any future session, share any ideas or concerns on a particular topic then please e-mail: Mrs Sally-Ann Duis sduis@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk All ideas are very welcome!

FREE* parent classes and drop-in advice sessions for parents/carers

Working in collaboration with Leicester College, we are delighted to be able to continue with and increase the number of courses and support sessions on offer for our parents/carers here at Crown Hills. All sessions are now held in our very own Community Classroom (work still needs to be done here but we're getting there!). We are now based in the CLC building, which is the first building nearest to the main entrance of Crown Hills. Courses have now started but if you have missed the enrolment dates and would like to attend any of our classes, please e-mail our class teacher Bhaveshree Manek on BManek@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk

*To be eligible for FREE ESOL courses you must:

- be 19 or older; and
- be in receipt of benefits, such as Job Seekers Allowance, Universal Credit or Employment and Support Allowance or
- earn less than £18,525 if you are in Full or Part Time employment,
- want to study a pre-entry, entry, level 1 or 2 course.

If classes are oversubscribed we will create additional classes to support your needs. We also hope to further increase the variety of courses we offer to our Crown Hills family. Please e-mail Mrs Sally-Ann Duis on sduis@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk if you have any ideas or think you could support us with the delivery of any adult classes.

Class/session	Course dates/times	Starting Date
ESOL Pre-entry Classes	Monday's 7-8.30pm term time only	5th September 2022
Employability Classes	Tuesday's 9-11am term time only	20th September 2022
Drop in Advice Sessions	Monday's 6-7pm term time only	5th September 2022

Physical Education

Autumn Update



Badminton

The CHCC Badminton Academy played against Soar Valley in a friendly on September 20th. This was a great chance to prepare for the upcoming matches later in the year. The results are as follows: KS3 boys lost 1-4, KS4 Boys won 4-1 and KS4 Girls won 5-0.

Netball

Crown Hills has started a brand-new Netball Club this year! This is open to girls and boys in Year 7 and 8. This is a great chance to build on knowledge from PE lessons and improve in this fast-paced sport!

Fencing

The Fencing Club has been really popular this year with over 20 pupils attending every Friday. Build on the skills learned in lessons and use this club to progress into the Fencing Academy! It's a great chance to learn how to fence safely and practise your sword fighting skills against your peers.

Cycling

Crown Hills has invested in bikes this year for the children to learn to ride in their PE lessons! Pupils in Year 7 are trialling the bikes for this term and will get a chance to learn about braking, turning and how to handle different terrains.



Physical Education

Autumn Update



Our sports leaders got the opportunity to lead on girls' football development event; they were fantastic role models for the young girls and the staff at the event commented on how professional and informative they were. The Inspire Together network we have on site at school provides our students and community with great opportunities.



Inspire Together have recently rebranded from Leicester City School Sports Partnership and Activity Network. They work across Leicester City with Infant, Primary, Secondary and Special Schools and in the local community. They are made up of 6 strands: High Quality Competition, Health and Wellbeing, Community, Leadership, High Quality PE and Inclusion. All events that they run fall under the umbrella of the strands. To read more about what they do and their vision and values please visit their new website: www.inspiretogether.org.uk.

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