




Dispatches

The Crossley Heath
School News



July 2024

A Word from the Head



“As this academic year draws to a close it is the ideal time to reflect on highlights of the summer term and to look forward to the Autumn term bringing out the best of Crossley Heath...

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Turn the page for news of the year’s successes and triumphs and the exciting upcoming events, enhancements to the school environment, the revival of classic school traditions and exciting opportunities

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...Three highlights of this summer term have undoubtedly been:

1. Our students rating us the happiest school in Calderdale - each year students in Years 7, 10 and 12 are asked to rate their wellbeing, so to see our students feel safer, have higher self-esteem and enjoy school more than any other school was wonderful.

2. Celebrations of our students sporting and musical talents

House Music, showcasing remarkable musical performances as solos, ensembles, choirs and the unique Sixth Form and Staff House Open performance, was brilliant.

Winning the Calderdale indoor cricket championship, reaching the final of the football cup and bringing home a host of podium finishes in the athletics gave us plenty to celebrate too.

3. Pride in the transitions of students are making into their new stages of education - Welcoming new Year 7 students on their journey into our Crossley Heath family.

Seeing our Year 11 students graduating into Sixth Form having been described as 'the most respectful year group yet' by our experienced invigilators.

Sixth Formers progressing onto leading multinational company apprenticeships and with 53% having our record number of Russell Group University offers to date.

Looking ahead to Autumn Term brings great excitement as:

1. We invest in making our school environment outstanding - A revolution in technology as all rooms have modern display screens, new computers in computer rooms and laptops for all Sixth Formers. Railings returning to the perimeter of our school having been removed during the war effort, enhancing safety. Full internal refurbishment of our beautiful school building, supported by our philanthropist alumnus David Briggs.

A Word from the Head



2. We bring back the best of Crossley Heath heritage -

The Swimming Gala, Christmas Celebration at the Minster and annual School Production (set to be 'Oliver') are back.

Sports Tours return with tours to the Isle of Man, Canada and Abu Dhabi/Dubai in the next two years.

Cricket Nets shall be in place again on the Arena thanks to alumnus James Kirkham.

House competition will be higher profile than ever and feature events from our history like Fives and Rugby Sevens.

3. We bring to life our new school values of *kindness, courage and excellence* - Our Key Stage 3 curriculum will stretch learning deeper and broader than the National Curriculum as expectations rise. Focusing on excellence we intend to see more students achieving a record of 100% attendance which will inevitably lead to higher academic achievement.

Our Sixth Form students will have more opportunities to be role models leading tutoring/clubs, more sporting/volunteering opportunities with dedicated Wednesday afternoon enrichment and more support for progression to elite post-Sixth Form destinations through both scholarships and our elite development pathway.

Our goal is to promote academic excellence and strong character to create the happiest students possible.

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KINDNESS



COURAGE



EXCELLENCE



Year 10 Battlefields Trip

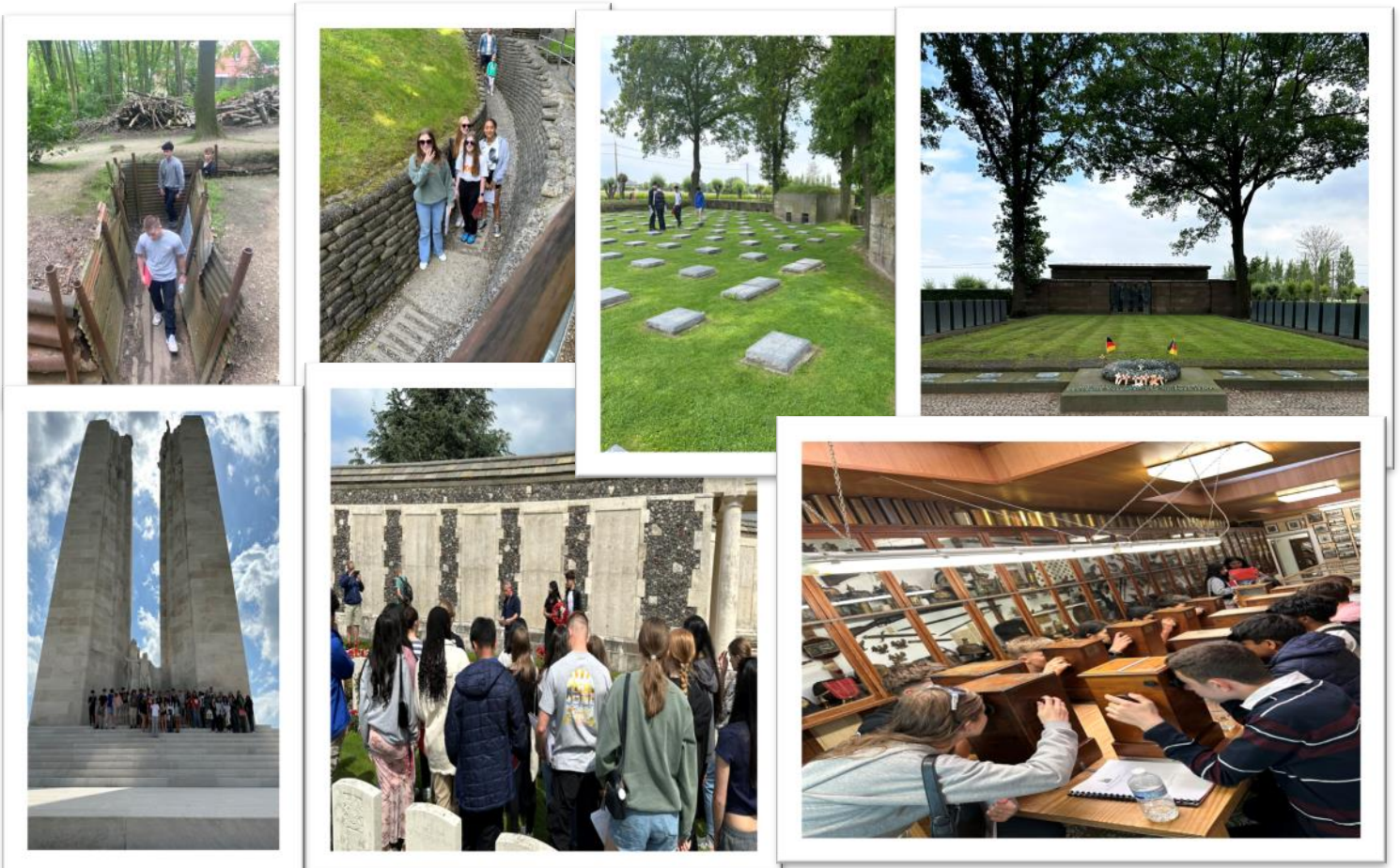
On the first day of the trip we made our way down to Dover on our new home, this being the coach, where we got a ferry to Calais in northern France. From there we made our way to the Munchenhof hostel in a small town outside of Ypres. It was fantastic and we got to spend some quality time playing sports such as football and pool, and after this had a nice evening meal. On the second day of the trip we made our way into northern France and visited firstly, La Boisselle and Lochnagar crater which was created by a large mine set off by the Allies when

attacking the Germans at the beginning of the battle of the Somme. After this we visited the Thiepval memorial built to remember those who died in the battle of the Somme but have no known grave. Then we visited Beaumont Hamel which is now a preserved battlefield and its current beauty contrasts to how it would have been in the war. Vimy Ridge was the next visit and this is a Canadian national memorial (and my personal favourite one of the whole trip). Its position upon the ridge was key for it to be taken from the Germans and in 1917 the Canadians succeeded after having planned and practiced the battle on a 1:1 replica. Lastly, on our day in France we visited the Notre Dame de Lorette cemetery. In this cemetery there are a total of 39,985 military burials from the first world war. On the 3rd day we spent our time in Belgium nearer to where we were staying. We made our way to the gorgeous town of Ypres and visited In Flanders Fields Museum, it was brilliant and had lots of visual items from the war and information to help you understand what it was like. We also got free time to look around the fantastic town and visited a wonderful chocolate shop. Then we visited the Hill 62 museum, this showed you the gritty side to the battle of Passchendaele and was a

private museum with many interesting displays of weaponry, military gear and medals. It also had preserved trenches that were more realistic to those of the times and they could be walked in. Even the Infamous Adolf Hitler visited this museum! Tyne Cot cemetery was the next stop and it is the largest commonwealth cemetery in the world. Here we did our traditional wreath laying ceremony for a deputy head teacher of Crossley Heath who died in the war. Our last stop of the day before eating at a brilliant restaurant in the middle of a lake, was the Langemark cemetery for German soldiers and it was very different to the ones for the allied troops. It was much more morbid and contained far more mass graves. Finally, back in Ypres we managed to view the Menin Gate ceremony that is done every night to remember those who died in the war. It was a phenomenal experience. On our last day before returning all the way back to West Yorkshire, we visited the Essex Farm and West Riding .

Memorial. This cemetery contained a VC winner and also sadly a 15 year old soldier. Many of the soldiers at this cemetery were known unlike at many of the others due to the fact that it used to be an advanced dressing station. Overall, the Battlefields trip was a brilliant experience that I'm delighted I got to take part in as it showed you the destruction that the war caused and also helps you map out and understand the events and how they took place with the setting they took place in. It truly makes you appreciate the men that fought for our country and makes you realise the sacrifices that took place.

Padruig Muxlow 10D





Iceland Trip

Our Year 10 trip to Iceland was nothing short of spectacular, providing us with a unique blend of adventure, education, and natural beauty. Despite the windy and occasionally cold weather, the experience was unforgettable and left us all with a profound appreciation for this incredible country.

One of the highlights of our trip was the choppy ferry ride to the Westman Islands. The waves made for an exhilarating journey, and the sight of the islands appearing on the horizon was truly breath-taking. Upon arrival, we explored the rugged landscape and learned about the islands' fascinating history, including the volcanic eruption that reshaped Heimaey in 1973.



One of the most intriguing sites was the Bridge Between the Continents. Standing on the bridge, we learned about the tectonic activity that separates the North American and Eurasian plates. It was incredible to physically stand between two continents and contemplate the immense geological forces at work beneath our feet.



Throughout the trip, the weather, though windy and cold at times, did little to dampen our spirits. Instead, it added to the authenticity of our Icelandic adventure. The fresh, crisp air and the dramatic skies enhanced the beauty of the landscapes we visited and made our experiences all the more memorable.

Overall, our Year 10 trip to Iceland was an amazing experience that we will cherish forever. It not only broadened our horizons but also deepened our understanding of the natural world. We returned home with stories to tell, knowledge to share, and a longing to return to the land of fire and ice.





Iceland Trip (cont.)



The Lava Show was another unforgettable experience. We watched in awe as 1100°C lava was poured into the room. Feeling the intense heat and witnessing the molten rock flow was both thrilling and educational, offering us a rare glimpse into the powerful forces that shape our planet.

Crossley Heath Ski trip, 2026

We are currently planning a Ski trip for the February half term of 2026. This would be open to pupils currently in Years 8 – 11 (Years 10 – 13 at the time of the trip). Skiing is an expensive sport/holiday to run. We anticipate the cost to be in excess of £1500, for 6 days of skiing (all inclusive). This is one of the main reasons Crossley Heath runs ski trips on a bi annually basis (in most cases), to give parents/pupils time to save up for the trip. We will release further information as soon as we are able, Likely to be September 2024.



Gullfoss Waterfall, one of Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, was a sight to behold. The sheer volume of water cascading down the two-tiered falls was mesmerizing. Standing at the edge, feeling the spray on our faces, and hearing the thunderous roar of the water made us feel connected to the raw beauty of nature.



Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, provided a vibrant contrast to the natural landscapes we explored. We enjoyed walking through its colourful streets, visiting landmarks, and soaking in the local culture. The Perlan, with its distinctive glass dome, offered us stunning panoramic views of the city and its surroundings. Inside, the interactive exhibits and the indoor ice cave added to our understanding of Iceland's unique geology and climate.





Berlin Trip—2024

36 students from Year 9 and 4 Year 12 students visited Berlin in June to practice their German, learn about German life, culture and history and have some unforgettable experiences. Mrs Hazelton and Mrs Grossova led and organised the trip, well-supported by Mr Davis and Mr Moore.

The group stayed in the Meininger Hotel near the Tiergarten in the centre of Berlin, a short walk from the Brandenburg Gate where rooms had TVs and en-suite bathrooms and where an extensive and delicious continental breakfast was served daily.

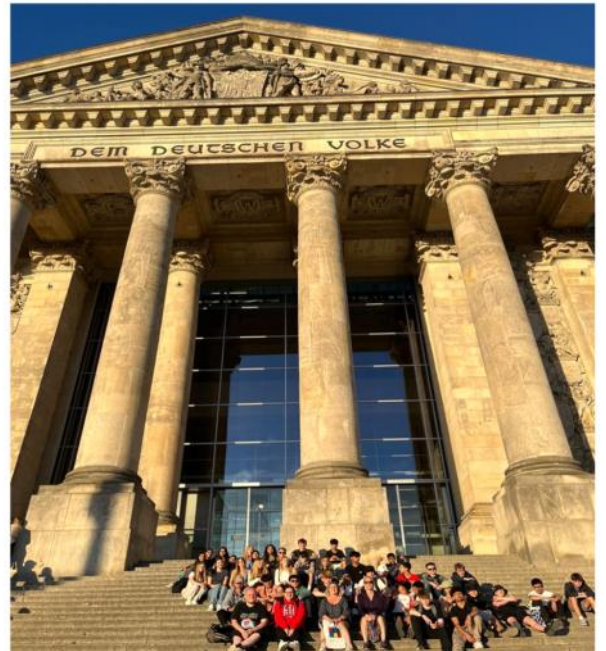


The itinerary was jam-packed and involved a lot of walking as well as travelling on the U-Bahn (underground) and S-Bahn (suburban railway). On the first full day in Berlin, we visited the site of the former concentration camp at Sachsenhausen which was a very somber and moving experience. This was followed by a picnic lunch in the pretty town of Potsdam and a relaxing boat ride in the sun along the river. In the evening, we ascended the 368m high Fernsehturm (TV tower) for breath-taking views of the city and a virtual reality experience all about the history of Berlin.



Day two was jam-packed with the significant sights – the Brandenburg Gate, the memorial to the murdered Jews of the Holocaust, the Siegessäule (Victory Column), the Reichstag with its modern dome designed by Sir Norman Foster, the site of Hitler's bunker, Checkpoint Charlie and the German Resistance Museum. Remarkably, we also managed to squeeze in time for shopping in The Mall of Berlin.

On the final full day, we visited the Olympiastadion, which was very apt with the UEFA Euro 2024 Championships starting that very evening (albeit with the first game in Munich). We walked around Museum Island with its beautiful buildings, visited the 'Ampelmann' shop for souvenirs and had a very moving and interesting visit to the former Stasi prison at Hohenschönhausen. The day was rounded off with us watching Germany romp to victory over Scotland in the opening game of the tournament.



After a rainy guided bus cruise along the East Side Gallery on the remains of the Berlin Wall, we headed for the airport full of new learning and experiences. Our students were complimented several times by members of the public on their manners and behaviour and really upheld our school values whilst having lots of fun! Berlin is such an interesting city with so much to see and do – we will be back next year with our new Year 9s so watch this space for details...

Maths Challenge



The UKMT national maths challenges have been well attended this year and we had a very high uptake of years 7s which is very pleasing to see. Every year we have students who score highly enough to get through to the next round of the competition, called the Kangaroo. Eleven students met the criteria for this round and they were: Jack Rainforth, Madeleine McGill, Isaac Rigby, Muhamaad Zafeer, Prithiv Deep, Shaun Elappurackal, Sid Goyal, Phil Daniel, Ariana Hewage, Elijah Hill and Nikesh Kumar. A big well done to all of you. This year was also the first time since 2010 that a year 7 has reached the Olympiad at this level! Well done Dhruvan Karthik. This is a huge achievement and meant he had a 2 hour written assessment to complete. We are looking forward to more competition success from them all in the future!



Holocaust Centre North Event



On Wednesday 19 June the Year 9 Historians spent the afternoon listening to Hannah Randall from Holocaust Centre North talk about the Holocaust. This supported and built upon work done in class.



Pantomime Performance



Lilly Stead, of Queens House, writes an overview of the pantomime she performed in.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

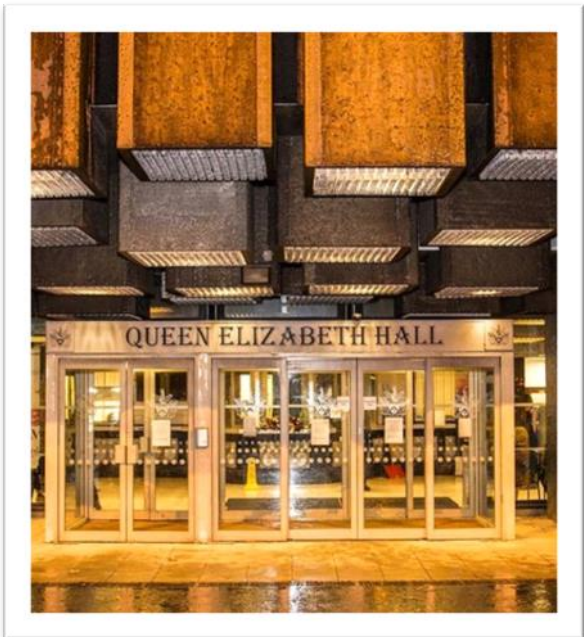
Throughout December 2023, I took part in *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham. I was cast as part of the ensemble and performed from the 13th- 30th of December. Also performing in the pantomime, in leading roles, were Mark Labbett from the gameshow *'The Chase'* and Phil Mealy who stars in *'Early Doors.'* During the run of the pantomime, I performed in seven shows, in each I performed in a total of 8 dances including the finale. During the show there were many dances, but my favourite was to *'Believe'* by Cher, I also really enjoyed performing to the song *'Price Tag'* by Jessie J. There were four ensemble casts, and I was truly honoured to be selected to perform.

I really enjoyed performing in such a great show and I hope that I can partake in many more in the years to come.

Although panto season is over for now, I hope to take part in the pantomime again next Winter. This year I will also be representing Team England in the Dance World Cup which will be held in Prague. I will compete as part of several group dances and a trio.

Already this year, I have performed in an opera (*Madama Butterfly*) at Manchester Opera House with my team and have competed in many competitions with my most recent event earning me a gold, silver and fourth medals. I can't wait to represent my country, dance schools and Crossley Heath in many more events and competitions in 2024.

Lilly Stead 8C





Rome Experience 3rd–6th June 2024

Crossley Heath year 10 students had an incredible trip to Rome. Mr Smith, Miss Catterson, Mr Charlesworth, Mrs Mallinder and Mr Garbutt accompanied 39 students to the historic city of Rome, Italy.

We explored the key historic and religious sites within the city. This included a visit to The Vatican, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill, Trevi fountain and the Spanish Steps.

A lot of walking and exploring was done in the very sunny climate where the students enjoyed a break and a delicious taste of Italian cuisine- Pizza and gelato of course!

A student comment to sum up their experience-

“It was the best trip and experience of my life” CS

As staff, we are very proud of all students who attended. We are happy we got to experience Rome with you, making such fantastic memories which will be with you for a lifetime.



Year 12 Cambridge Open Day Trip



Our ambitious Y12s had a fantastic day exploring Cambridge at the university's open day in early July. After a very early departure in the minibus, they were confident in getting the feel of the city and heading out to see different colleges.

Students attended subject taster lectures and departmental tours including in Medicine, Maths, Computer Science plus English and Psychology, as well as clocking up a huge number of steps exploring the historic colleges - although a favourite for many was Selwyn which is actually our school's link college. We're looking forward to returning to Cambridge for a residential visit in September with a group of our new Year 12s!

Public Speaking Training for Year 12



Year 12 Chemistry Society Competition





A Mystery, a Star Pupil and a Tragedy

This is the story of three children who came to The Crossley Orphanage when their father died in the late 19th Century.

Hans Paul Stocken was born in Berlin in 1850. In 1878, he married **Mary Beet** of Sculcoates, Hull. They had three children **Dora** born 1879, **Carl August** born 1881 and **Margarete** born 1882. Hans died in 1887 and the two elder children were sent to The Crossley Orphanage in 1888 with Margarete following in 1891.

Dora left the orphanage in April 1890. It had been noted that she was a delicate child and prone to rheumatism. So, whilst still recovering from her third attack of rheumatic fever and possibly on the advice of Doctors, she returned to Hull to live with her Grandparents. In 1905 shipping passenger lists indicate that she sailed from Liverpool to Quebec in Canada and remained there until June 1910 when she sailed back on the RMS Tunisian from Montreal to Liverpool and after that we lose track of her.

Carl August left the orphanage in 1896 having gained a scholarship to Bradford Grammar School. During his time there, he was awarded many monetary scholarships as well as receiving a gold medal for commercial subjects from the Bradford Chamber of Commerce. He won a scholarship to Queens College, Oxford in 1900. He appears on the 1901 Hull census listed as an undergraduate living with his Mother and Stepfather, his mother having married a William Howes in 1898.

On leaving Oxford, Carl obtains a teaching position at Wellington College in Berkshire. In 1915, he is living in masters' rooms until he leaves to join the army. He serves with the 4th Hampshire Regiment and the 11th Royal Sussex Regiment with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. In 1918, he is serving in Northern Russia during the Russian Civil War as part of the Allied intervention who were fighting a number of defensive actions against the Bolsheviks. He returned to Wellington College after the war and in 1921 aged 40 he married Eileen Mary Tribe who was 27 and remained at Wellington until he retired in 1941. He died on November 14th 1948 in Thurlestone, Devonshire.

The Crossley Heath School's extensive Archives collection is housed and maintained in the LRC (Library) Such a wealth of information is of value and interest not only to the school community but also to external researchers who can arrange to consult the collection during term time. One such group, The King Cross Local History Group, have recently been able to discover vital, if also somewhat tragic, details in the story of the following fascinating family, whose members attended the Orphanage in the late 19th century...

Margarete was sent to the Orphanage on 16th January 1891 and drowned there 6 days later on 22nd January 1891 aged 8.

Apparently, it was standard practice for the girls to have a bath once a week and Margarete, along with several other girls were at the baths. The girls all had a number and had to wait until their number was called then they could enter the water and remain there for about 5 minutes. Margarete was standing on the second step with another girl who went into the water when her number was called leaving Margarete holding onto a rope and waiting for her number. The teacher called out her number (406) and assuming that Margarete had gone in she ticked her off. No one appeared to miss her until one of the girls said that she thought that someone was under the water. There was a lot of steam about and it was quite dark but the girls were told to feel around and Margarete was discovered. She was pulled out unconscious, a nurse was called and everything possible done to revive her but to no avail. At the inquest, the Medical Officer said that she might have had a fainting fit and just slipped into the water. The Coroner said that he did not see what better precautions could have been taken against such a calamity. The jury recorded a verdict of accidental drowning.

The Stocken family went through some distressing times with the Father dying at the early age of 37, the children going into the Orphanage, the Mother being left on her own and taking in boarders and then the most tragic thing of all Margarete being drowned.

Fortunately, Carl went on to have a very distinguished academic career and became a successful teacher in one of the most prestigious colleges in the Country. Dora's later life is still a mystery, which might be uncovered following further research. It is hoped that she had a full, healthy and happy life.

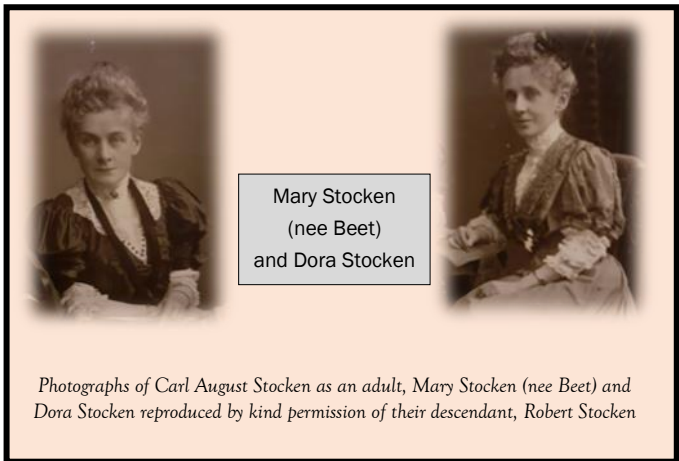
*Graham Bradshaw, Jennifer Burton & Dani Dolan
King Cross Local History Society*



Carl August Stocken
(boy 683)
20th December 1895

Carl August
Stocken

Mary Stocken
(nee Beet)
and Dora Stocken



Photographs of Carl August Stocken as an adult, Mary Stocken (nee Beet) and Dora Stocken reproduced by kind permission of their descendant, Robert Stocken



Words on a successful completion of a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award



During my time doing Bronze DofE I have really improved my navigation, teamwork, and leadership skills. Our expedition was a fantastic opportunity to develop friendships and outdoor skills. We all really enjoyed cooking our own meals, having as much time to do what we wanted and navigating the wonderful West Yorkshire countryside. Whilst volunteering at the local swimming club I have been able to get better at teaching and improve the swimmers strokes along with my own. I have also really liked the skills section further developing my piano ability achieving grade 5. I would recommend Bronze DofE to anyone who is thinking of achieving something truly unique. I will absolutely be looking to doing Silver and maybe Gold after.

Will Bell (year 9)



Another successful Crossley Heath book exchange ran again by Student Leaders from the LRC on 12 July 2024 at break and lunchtime!

Book Exchange



It's a great way to share the love of reading, discover exciting new books, and also give children the opportunity to choose a book for themselves that excite them and start to build a lifelong love of reading.





Invigilating Excellence



With the last exam on the 25th June, our amazing team of Invigilators are celebrating the end of another busy exam season.

Since Health & Safety guidance will not allow the exam schedule to be set on fire in celebration, a good old shredding has to suffice!

The last 6 weeks has seen us manage 127 exams, handle 4938 exam papers (double that when you include packing them all too), supervise 30 clash students, endure an office move in between and still get 100% exam board inspection...the fabulous Headless Chicken Squad has survived another season!



The Old Library

Did you know that the Skircoat Library - now called The Old Library - just down the road from school, is back open and they would love to see you and show you around!

As well as books they have opened a cafe selling hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits.

You can pick up your library card, grab a coffee, chill with friends in the cafe, use the printer and public PC.

And mid-week they have "Wacky Wednesdays" between 3.30pm and 8pm, when anyone can come along and buy a cake and drink for £2.50.



China Trip to Shanghai

On 30th June ,23 Y9 students of Mandarin Chinese left Crossley Heath in the early hours on the long journey to Shanghai, China. Students at Crossley Heath study Chinese as part of the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP), a Department for Education initiative to encourage more students in England to reach a high level of Chinese. Our Year 9 students were the guests of Shanghai International Studies University who organised and supported our activities in China.

On arrival we were greeted by our hosts and shown to our accommodation at the SISU Hotel and shown some of the campus. Later we were joined by two other MEP schools and we then participated in an Opening Ceremony at which we were welcomed by senior leaders from the university and by the British Consul General in Shanghai. Most days we had morning lessons with a native speaker from the university and in the afternoon we did more practical activities, often with Chinese pupils our age from a local school. Throughout the stay the weather was very warm (40 degrees most days!) with the occasional tropical thunder storm.

We also had plenty of opportunity to explore the city – whether that be the local shopping centre, the supermarket or taking in the sights of Shanghai such as the Yu Gardens, Shanghai Zoo, The Urban Planning Museum and a visit to the top of the Oriental Pearl Tower. Following a Closing Ceremony at which Crossley Heath students delivered musical performances and speeches in Chinese, we returned to school on 11th July after 10 days on the other side of the world having made new friends, explored Chinese cuisine and culture, learnt more of the Chinese language and seen real life pandas! It was a truly unforgettable experience.





Reunion 2024

Old Crossleyans Reunion 2024

This year's Reunion took place on Saturday 6th July and was another well-attended and popular event.

Three Special Reunions took place this year: of those for whom it had been 50 years since leaving (1967-1974) , 50 years since starting (1974-1981) and 40 years since leaving (1977-1984)

The School Archives were once again on show in the Library, with many artefacts, photographs and memorabilia on display, stimulating shared reminiscences and animated conversations about school life.

One such conversation centred around the girls' uniform, with a sixth former's scarf and 'pork pie' hat kindly donated by Catherine Moore (now Stone) who attended from 1967 to 1974. The hat was worn from 1st to 5th form and had to be worn when out in public in uniform.

This also prompted a memory of Hazel Magson from the same era: " I used to walk up the Moorside, my boyfriend was at Heath walking down. Miss Thompson (Deputy Head) used to walk across the Moor to school. I took my hat off to greet my boyfriend and she saw me - detention 'til 5pm!"

The Crossleyan magazine of the late 70s was produced by students, several of whom, gathering as part of the 1974-1981 cohort, included the editor and the artist responsible for some of the illustrations – Radha Mocherla and Claire Jackson.

There was also interest in the Archives from former pupil Miles Rucklidge, who has a long family association with the school, having started in 1943. His father, W A Rucklidge, had attended the school as an orphan, and subsequently became the Chemistry teacher at the school from the 1920s to the 1940s. Miles was delighted to find himself and his father on the whole school photograph of 1947.

It is hoped next year's Reunion will once again prove to be an enjoyable occasion.

Any queries regarding this can be made via the Old Crossleyans Association website: <https://www.oldercrossleyans.org.uk>



Music News 2024



Instrumental lessons in school

It is great to see so many students accessing our instrumental lessons in school. For any student who is interested in having lessons on an instrument, please scan this QR code. Biographies from our wonderful staff and details of how to sign up can be found here...

CROSSLEY HEATH MUSIC EXTRACURRICULAR

Instagram

Sign up for instrumental/vocal lessons at Crossley Heath

We offer lessons in: Voice, Piano, Woodwind, Strings, Brass, Drums, Acoustic/Electric Guitar and Classical Guitar

For more information and to meet the staff and access their contact info please scan the QR code below.

LEADERS OF TOMORROW

KINDNESS ✦ COURAGE ✦ EXCELLENCE

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ABRSM exams

Well done for all of the following students who have passed ABRSM exams

First name	Last name	Instrument	Grade
Faria	Ahmad	Piano	2
Isobel	Anderson	Alto Saxophone	1
Karam	Atwal	Piano	2
William	Bell	Piano	5
Henrietta	Clements	Piano	1
Yasmeen	Dababsa	Piano	1
Dinuli	Devasurendra	Clarinet	2
Dinuli	Devasurendra	Piano	4
Ahmed	Fazal Hussain	Piano	2
Imogen	Gill	Piano	6
Anqi	Guo	Piano	8
Katherine	Harling	Piano	1
Ollie	Hunt	Piano	2
Myra-Sofia	Iftikhar	Piano	1
Asawir	Ismail	Piano	1
Jayden	Jairath	Piano	2
Kamissa	Kouadio	Piano	2
Kamissa	Kouadio	Piano	3
Anjishnu	Maiti	Piano	1
Tego	Marsh	Piano	3
Jessica	Marshall	Flute	1
Hiba	Maryam	Piano	1
Chris	Moore	Piano	3
Neve	Murphy	Piano	1
Lewis	Nimmo	Clarinet	1
David	Nimmo	Flute	1
David	Obhielo	Piano	1
Beatrice	Pedley	Flute	5
Hara	Ramana	Flute	2
Miles	Rowland	Clarinet	8
Prithiv Jith	Shiva Deep	Piano	4
Ayan	Siddiqui	Piano	1
Shivraj	Singh	Piano	4
Nlna	Slyman	Piano	5
Keira	Slyman	Piano	2
Lilly-May	Stead	Piano	4
Stanley	Stuart	Piano	2
Matilda	Walker	Piano	3
Eleanor	Wickham	Violin	1
Violet	Wilson	Piano	1
Evelyn	Woodhead	Piano	1
Evelyn	Woodhead	Flute	1
Emily	Wray	Piano	5

Particularly well done to Dinuli Devasurendra (clarinet), Evelyn Woodhead (flute), Karam Atwal, Prithiv Jith Shiva Deep, Emily Wray, Anqi Guo, Yasmeen Dababsa, Miles Rowland, Jessica Marshall, Isobel Anderson, William Bell and Kamissa Kouadio (grade 2) who all passed with merit. And, also to Beatrice Pedley, Kamissa Kouadio (grade 3), Katherine Harling, Keira Slyman, Nina Slyman, David Nimmo, Lewis Nimmo and Eleanor Wickham who all passed with distinction!

It is amazing that there have been 59 successful ABRSM exam undertaken this academic year in total. There are another three exam sessions planned in for next academic year. Well done musicians!



Music News 2024



Concert Tour Trip to Belgium



In March 2024, the Music Department embarked on an unforgettable concert tour to Belgium, offering students a unique opportunity to showcase their talents on an international stage. The trip was a resounding success, featuring performances from the String Group, Saxophone Group, Big Band, Choir, Brass Group, as well as soloists and student-led ensembles. Over the course of the tour, the students performed two concerts, one indoor and one outdoor, to enthusiastic audiences, creating lasting memories and fostering a deeper love for music among participants.

The heart of the tour was the two remarkable concerts held in Belgium. The first concert took place indoors at the Sint-Jozef residential care centre, Sint-Michiels. The second concert was an outdoor spectacle, drawing a large and appreciative crowd at the sea-front in Nieuwpoort.

In addition to the musical performances, it also provided students with enriching cultural and recreational experiences. A visit to the famous 'Choco-story' museum was a sweet highlight. Students learned about the history and production of chocolate, and the best part was the 'all you can eat' chocolate tasting. This delicious experience allowed them to indulge in Belgium's finest chocolates while gaining knowledge about this beloved treat. The group enjoyed a picturesque canal boat cruise through the historic city of Brugge. The cruise offered stunning views of medieval architecture, charming bridges, and scenic waterways. It was a relaxing and educational journey through one of Belgium's most beautiful cities, providing a perfect balance to the high-energy performances. For a dose of adrenaline and fun, the trip included a day at Plopsaland theme park. The students thrilled at the various rides and attractions, from roller coasters to water rides. It was a day filled with laughter, excitement, and team bonding, allowing the students to unwind and enjoy themselves.



The Belgium concert tour was an invaluable experience for the students involved. It not only enhanced their musical abilities but also broadened their cultural horizons and strengthened their camaraderie. The success of this trip has set a precedent, and the Music Department is already looking forward to making such tours a regular feature for our extra-curricular music students.



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Ensembles Showcase

On the evening of May 9th, our Music Department hosted an enchanting Ensembles Showcase concert, featuring performances from various student groups, including the Samba Club, Guitar Club, String Group, Big Band, Choir, and Brass Group. This concert served as a fantastic opportunity for parents and friends to witness the remarkable talents of their children and to enjoy the exceptional performances that had previously been showcased during the recent concert tour to Belgium.

The concert kicked off with the **String Group**, who delighted the audience with a series of short folk pieces. **Choir** took the stage, delivering an inspirational rendition of "The Climb." The **Saxophone Group** followed playing a number of short but beautiful arrangements including the jazzy classic "All That Jazz." **Guitar Club** rocked the stage with a lively rendition of "Born to Be Wild," featuring the talented Maisie as the lead singer. The **Big Band** followed, showcasing their impressive range with a series of thrilling pieces, including the iconic themes from *Mission Impossible* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. As the sun began to set, the evening culminated in a vibrant outdoor performance by the **Samba Group**. The group brought the concert to a lively conclusion, playing energetic rhythms that resonated throughout the grounds of our historic building. The warm sunshine and festive atmosphere created the perfect backdrop for this finale, allowing parents and friends to appreciate the joyful spirit of samba music.

The Ensembles Showcase concert was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. The diverse range of performances allowed the students to shine individually and as part of a group, while also giving parents a glimpse of the musical journey their children have embarked upon this year. The success of this event underscores the importance of the arts in our school community. We are incredibly proud of all our performers for their commitment and talent and we look forward to more opportunities to celebrate our talented students in the future.



Visual Arts Department



The Visual Arts department's annual Creative Colour Wheel Competition was won by Hajra Saghir for Savile House. Hajra took it to the next level by building a colour wheel out of Minecraft blocks and then created a video tour for us.

It can be viewed [here](#). [Ctrl and click to view.]



In the build up to Diversity Day 2024, students from different year groups have been supporting the event by creating paper flower garlands as well as other decorations.



We have also launched two new extracurricular clubs. Our photography and textiles clubs have been an instant hit with students who wish to improve confidence in their creative skills.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Come and work with Mrs Henson to improve confidence in your photography skills.

STARTS 04/06/24

TUESDAYS 12.30 – 1PM VA1

TEXTILES CLUB

Come and work with Mrs Tomlinson to improve confidence in your textiles skills.

STARTS 07/06/24

FRIDAYS 12.30 – 1PM VA1

Learning Support Department

Our Crossley Heath Learning Support Department celebrated Pride for Diversity Day.

Mrs Haigh, Mrs Twibill and Mrs Abram are pictured with decorations that the students helped make.



Head Boy and Girl

Introducing our new appointments to Ria Tandon, Head Girl and Luke Harling, Head Boy.

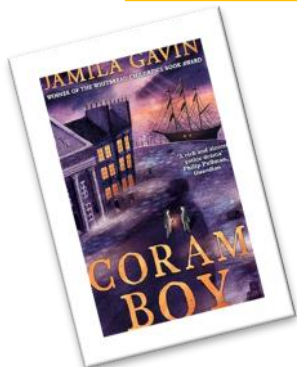
Congratulations to them on their appointment!



Recommended Summer Reading



KS3



Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin
A stunning period drama of deception, child stealing, mistaken identity and searching for long-lost families. An amazing piece of historical fiction.



Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
An orphaned young girl and her governess travel thousands of miles from boarding school to South America with distant relatives. An exotic and wonderfully described adventure.

KS4



Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo
Criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker leads a group of young criminals on a daring heist to breach an impenetrable fortress in this engrossing tale of resilience and cunning.. A dark and witty adventure with anti-heroes, witches and gang wars; Six of Crows is an epic tale of heists, justice and redemption.



Last One to Die by Cynthia Murphy
16-year-old Niamh arrives in London, looking forward to summer in the city. But she soon finds out there's been a series of attacks on young women who all look just like her. Caught between drama school and her new friend Tommy, she gets entangled in a chilling mystery with ties to the past. A blend of horror, suspense and a dash of local mythology.

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ATHLETICS

This year we took a year 7, 9 and 10 squads to the Calderdale Athletics Championships, which were held this year at the Princess Mary's stadium,

Cleckheaton. Unfortunately our year 8s were out on a residential and several of our year 9 students were out in Germany and France on school trips. So whilst we didn't do as well overall team wise as in the past, there were still some excellent individual performances, with over 20 of our athletes winning medals in their individual events. A special mention to our year 7 team who finished third overall out of 11 schools who took part. Well done to: Katherine Harling, Bernice Edwin, Sophie Horn, Evelyn Strong, Madeleine McGill, Oscar Marshall, Frankie Peacock, Edward Thirkell, Ayaan Kamran, arjun Nayyar, Sriven Pasika and Mathew Royal. A team of year 7s and 8s also took part in a friendly competition V Rishworth School and enjoyed the experience of competing in a range of track and field events, with Crossley Heath, winning the event overall.

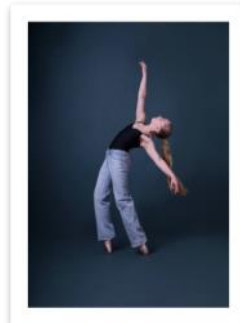
ROUNDERS

Rounders is always a popular summer sport at Crossley Heath and this year has been no different. We have had a lot of girls from year 7- 10 attend rounders practices this summer. We have taken part in the annual Calderdale schools' tournaments for each age group and they have had some friendlies. We have also seen a fantastic display of our students rounders skills in House rounders.

Our U12 squad have been fantastic at attending training, they have been very competitive and enthusiastic in their training and games against other schools and have really shown a big improvement in their skills and game play. In the Calderdale tournament they lost their first game to North Halifax B team, but then went on to win games V Ryburn, Brighouse, Rishworth and Lightcliffe to qualify for the semis where they played Brighouse again and won by 6 rounders to 4. In the final they played local rivals, North Halifax and despite batting and fielding well, just lost in a close and exciting match by 2.5 rounders to 3.5 rounders. Well done to all the squad; Sienna Hanson, Madeleine McGill, Evelyn Strong, Alanah Ashton, Evie Burrows, Maisie Rana, Florence Farmery, Lola Abdy, Charis Selvaraj, Sophie Horn. Zoe Zhang, Bernice Edwin, Riyaa Sabari-Anand, Imaan Ali.

Our year 8 team have had a great season. With one loss and one win in their friendly games. In their tournament they won two out of their three group games which meant they went on to the semi -final where they just missed out on a place in the final losing to Rastrick. There have been some excellent performances from the squad and also in their House rounders.

Our U14 and U15 squad have been fantastic at attending training, they have had to mix across the two age groups this year due to trips and other events going on. However it has been really good to see students that don't normally come to some of our other sports, attend rounders training particularly in year 10.



The year 9 team plus Hanna our only year 10 left went to the year 10 tournament this year, they played a round robin and won 1 of their 4 games. They had some very close games and only lost by half a rounder in some of the games.

TENNIS

Unfortunately some of the tennis matches we arranged this year were hit by poor weather and clashes with other activities, in what was a very congested term. We did manage 3 matches however, 2 against Huddersfield Grammar School and one against Rishworth.

In the U13 match v Huddersfield GS a number of Y7 stepped up and performed incredibly well, winning both of their sets and the team won the match count comfortably overall.

In the U15 match v Huddersfield unavailability of some players due to clashes with other activities meant that younger students once again stepped up to help out and did not let the team down at all, with a similar result to that of the U13's.

In the U15 match v Rishworth the team once again were comfortable winners, bringing a very satisfying end to a highly successful season. Well done to all who participated in the teams across the age groups!

SPORTS WEEK

This year, boys competed in inter House cricket and tennis across all the age groups, whilst girls competed in rounders and tennis. There were some exciting and closely fought competitions, with our students enjoying the opportunity to compete with the rest of their House team mates. Good sportsmanship was shown throughout.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Three of our athletes were selected to represent Calderdale in the West Yorkshire Athletics Championships held at Beckett Park and all three reached the final in their respective 100m metre events. Hasnain Ali clocked a respectable time of 12.73s to finish in 5th place overall, Oghenemaro ran a fast time of 12.2s and Reshem Noor finished in 8th place overall.

Our athletes of the year were awarded to Hasnain Ali and Reshem Noor for their commitment and performances in athletics, well done.

WORLD DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are very proud of two of our students, Lilly Stead (yr 8) and Filip Malinowski (yr 7) who were selected to compete in the World Dance Championships held in Prague. Lilly took part in several dance categories including contemporary and ballet and Filip took part in the Break Dance Category. Both students did really well and were super ambassadors for school and their country.

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SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING

This year we celebrated our Sports Presentation Awards at school when students were awarded with their sports colours. Trophies were also awarded to player of the season and most improved player. Sophie Cox, alumna and Olympic Judo player, joined us to hand out the awards and gave an inspiring talk to our students. An enjoyable evening was had by all, which included a pie and peas supper, a raffle and auction and dance performances. It was great to celebrate with our students who take part in extra curricular sport and who regularly commit time and energy to training and competitions and who have been excellent ambassadors for the school.

STUDENT AWARD/TROPHIES

Year 7A Netball

Player of the Year – Madeleine McGill

Most improved - Aimen Amini

Year 7B

Player of the Year – Riyaa Sabari-Anand

Most Improved - Florence Farmery

Year 8A Netball

Player of the Year - Clara Burgess

Most improved - Isobel Anderson

Year 8B Netball

Player of the Year – Violet Wilson

Most improved -Abigail Simpson & Amelia Young

Year 9A Netball

Player of the Year -Darcy Farnell

Most Improved – Elodee Walker -Watene

Year 9B Netball

Player of the Year -Eliza Akhtar

Most improved – Imogen Gill

Year 10 Netball

Player of the Year – Olivia Bolton

Most Improved – Meher Usman & Iris Peers-Webb

Year 11 Netball

Player of the Year – Olivia King & Iris Kerrigan

Most Improved – Maryam Adeel

U13 Girls football

Player of the season – Belinda Christofides

Most improved – Sara Raziq

U15 Girls football

Player of the season -Reshem Noor

Most Improved – Hannah Beilby

Year 7 Rugby

Player of the Year - Sriven Pasika

Most Improved - Archie Johnson

Year 7 Football

Player of the Year – Leo Tat

Most Improved - George Price

Year 8 Rugby

Player of the Year - Ethan Murphy

Most Improved - Jonah Leeming

Year 8 Football

Player of the Year - George Stewart

Most Improved - Max Vandervelde

Year 8 Cricket

Player of the Year - Aayan Khan

Year 9 Rugby

Player of the Year - Zak Ameen & Matthew Dakin

Most Improved - Henry Aigbogun & Ben Cooper

Year 9 Football

Player of the Year - Osho Benster

Most Improved - Isaac Musgrave

Year 9 Cricket

Player of the Year - Sebby Hawke

Year 10 Rugby

Player of the Year - Pad Muxlow

Most Improved - Oscar Donlan

Year 10 Football

Player of the Year - Jim Wheale & Leo Gill

Most Improved - Adam Ahmed & Shivraj Singh

Year 10 Cricket

Player of the Year - Oscar Grimes

Year 11 Rugby

Player of the Year - Oliver O'Connor

Most Improved - Marcel Robinson

6th form Netball POY – Evie

Hemmingway & Catherine Ogden

6th Form Rugby POY - James Duffy

Girls Tennis -Player of the season – Clara Burgess

Boys Tennis -Player of the season – Archie Johnson

Male athlete of the season -Hasnain Ali

Female athlete of the season -Reshem Noor

Year 7 Rounders

Player of the Year – Evelyn Strong

Most Improved – Alannah Aston

Year 8 Rounders

Player of the Year – Sohana Podapati

Most Improved – Ella Hardy

Year 9 Rounders

Player of the Year – Zara Blanchard

Most Improved – Isla Smart

Year 10 Rounders

Player of the Year – Hana Suleman

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR- YEAR 7, YEAR 8, YEAR 9, YEAR 10, YEAR 11

Year 7 – Sriven Pasika

Year 8 – George Stewart

Year 9 – Monty Ramsden

Year 10 – Padruig Muxlow

Year 11 – Lakshya Kaushik

6th Form – Owen Lodge & James Duffy

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR -YEAR 7, YEAR 8, YEAR 9, YEAR 10, YEAR 11

Year 7 – Madeleine McGill

Year 8 - Harriet Ayres

Year 9 - Zara Blanchard

Year 10 – Jessica Sanderson & Caitlin Phillips

Year 11 – Olivia King

6th Form – Seleena Ren

Sports Leader of the Year

Katie Waters



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CRICKET

Following the indoor cricket season success for our Y9 boys team, in being crowned Calderdale champions, we looked forward to the Summer Term Yorkshire Cup competitions. After our Year 7 and 10 teams lost their first round matches to strong opposition, it was down to our Year 8 and 9 teams to lead the charge.

The Year 8 team, captained by powerful all-rounder Aayan Khan, had an excellent first round victory against North Halifax Grammar and went on to beat Ryburn in round two, with Finlay Ellis excelling with bat and ball. A tough away draw against Kirkburton School in round three, for a place in the quarter finals, came next. Batting first, a total of 99 was always going to provide a test for the home side in their 16 overs. However, with their Yorkshire County top order batsman in great form, despite some aggressive bowling, Crossley's couldn't prevent him scoring with assured confidence to win through.

Our Year 9 team produced the best cricket of our short Summer season when they beat a strong Heckmondwike team in their opening game. Yorkshire representatives Monty Ramsden and Sebby Hawke both scoring half centuries in a dominant performance with bat and ball. This was backed up by a convincing win against South Yorkshire side Kettlethorpe, with Ramsden and Matt Dakin scoring well.

A third round tie, away at Woodhouse Grove, was next and always a step up. 40 runs from Year 8 Aayan Khan helped Crossley Heath to a competitive total and the game was always in the balance. With 3 balls to go Crossley Heath were still in with a chance of a quarter final place until a Woodhouse Grove boundary saw them through.

Congratulations to our representative cricketers this season. Monty Ramsden (Yorkshire U14), Sebby Hawke (West Yorkshire U14), Matt Dakin (Huddersfield U14) and Oscar Grimes (Huddersfield U15), Mohammad Hasan (Bradford U15), Aayan Khan (Halifax U13), Ayaan Akram (Halifax U14).

The passion for cricket within our student body is clear and we look to increase our provision for both boys and girls cricket in the future, with investment in both facilities, staff and time.



BASKETBALL

Year 10 student Lukasz Kostka has been invited to train with the Poland National Basketball Team. A fantastic opportunity that could lead to him representing the country on an International level.

Lukasz with the Crossley Heath U15 team.





Heath Archives Event



The Heath Archives event took place in the School's Main Hall, once again showcasing the wonderfully rich heritage our school is based on, ranging from artefacts such as the original 16th century seal matrix and the acknowledgment of illustrious alumni, to photographs and other memorabilia, all of which stimulated fascinating conversations and reminiscences.

The Papa Johns Community Cup was also proudly on display, brought in on behalf of the winners, Heath RUFC, by Chris Moore and John Hall (President). Mr Jon Hamer, Vice Chairman & Secretary of the Heath Old Boys Association, whose help on the day and with the promoting of the event has been invaluable, gave an introductory welcome speech, thanking all concerned for hosting and preparing the event.



Headmaster Mr Dean Jones also warmly welcomed those attending, encouraging a continuing involvement with both the Heath Old Boys Association and Heath RUFC, emphasising the underlying shared heritage and values of striving for excellence, community engagement and being inspirational examples for our students.

Mrs Marie-Rose Fielding, Mrs Debbie Gallimore, Mrs Gaynor Fisher, Miss Louisa Batley, Head Girl Ria Tandon and Mr Mike Bunn and the site team of Crossley Heath, along with John Hudson, the archivist of the Heath Old Boys Association, all played their part in making this a successful and enjoyable event.



Term Dates

2024 Autumn Term

Inset Day (School closed to students): Monday 2 September

Re-open (Year 7 and 12 only): Tuesday 3 September

Re-open (All Year Groups): Wednesday 4 September

Closes Half Term: Friday 25 October

Re-open: Monday 4 November

Inset Day (School closed to students): Friday 22 November
(Disaggregated)

Sept / Oct Calendar

2 Sept	Staff INSET Day - school closed to students
3	School open to Y7 and Y12 only
4	School open to all students
4-7	Y12/Y13 Rugby Trip
9	Y7-10-12 photos (Gillman & Soame)
11	CHPTA AGM meeting 6.30pm
12	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening
17	Y12 Parents' Information Evening
18	Y13 Trip to Durham University
21	11+ Entrance Exam
23	Y12 Cambridge residential (Mon-Tues)
24-27	Y13 Exams
25	Maths Challenge
26	Y12/Y13 Trip to Durham University
1 Oct	Senior Maths Challenge
2	CHPTA meeting 7.00pm
3	Y10–Y13 Future pathways / aspirations event
3	Y13 Parents' Information Evening
7	National Poetry Day
8	Y8/Y9 Poetry event
10	Y7-Y11 Flu vaccinations
10	Calderdale Get Inspired event
16-17	Y7 Trip (TBC)
18	CHPTA Quiz Night
25	Swimming gala (am)
25	Diwali celebrations
25	School closes for Half Term

Student Leader Team



Congratulations on our new appointments to the Student Leader Team: Arissa Ali, Ethan Wells, Amelia Khan, Aditya Kanetkar, Ria Tandon, Luke Harling, Amelie Baker, Sam Johnson, Katherine Ogden, Ben Andrews and Maryam Rehman.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

The Crossley Heath School Open Day
Come along and visit this iconic building
Saturday 7 September 2024
Open 10.00 am until 2.00 pm

As part of the 160th anniversary of this beautiful building we are taking part in the National Heritage Open Day programme on 7 September and a warm welcome is extended to all who wish to step inside this listed treasure.

Our exciting new heritage timeline project, which will be erected on the ground floor over the summer, depicts our rich history from Heath Grammar School days to the present time. We would love to share this with you. You will also have the opportunity to view important historical documents, artefacts and archive material. We will write again after the holidays.

Hellos and Goodbyes

We say goodbye this term to Ethan Thomas (PE), Catherine Johnson (Science), and Kris Ogden (Maintenance).

Wishing them all the best !

Fond farewells go to Mrs Schofield (Head of Religious Studies), started 1991, Ms Johnston (Science Teacher), started in 2012, Mrs Batley (Food and Nutrition Technician), started in 1995, Kathryn Baldwin (PE Teacher), started in 2009 and Nora Binns (Cleaner), started 2001, who begin their retirement and are looking forward to a steadier pace of life.

We look forward to welcoming our new staff in September:

- Sarah Hillam - Department Leader of PE
- Nicola Greening - Department Leader of RS
- Cadence Dollive - Teacher of Science
- Christopher Priestley - Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages