

Dispatches

THE CROSSLEY HEATH SCHOOL NEWS

October 2017



A Word from the Head...

We started the new school year with excitement and celebration when our former Year 13 and Year 11 students received their excellent examination results. We were delighted that our Year 13 leavers were able to move on to their chosen universities, further study or career pathways and we wish them well as they venture into adult life. We look forward to seeing them again at our Prize Giving in December.

We also welcomed our new Year 12 and Year 7 students and have been hugely impressed with how smoothly they have settled in and with the contribution that they are already making to school life.

Students have enjoyed a range of fantastic events already, including a work-related learning day for Year 13, an action-packed team building day for Year 7 at Mixenden, the ever-

popular House Swimming Gala and the Visual Arts Creative Careers Week.

In between their studies, trips and activities, our students have also generously given their time and money to raise funds for several different charities including Macmillan Cancer Care, Oxfam and our sponsored Dalit Child programme in India.

In the next half term, we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students, together with prospective students from many other schools, to our 6th form Open Evening on November 21st. Please do come along and find out about studying A level courses and what makes being a 6th form student so very different from being a Year 11 student!

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable half term holiday.

Lynnette Cassidy



YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

Once again (don't ask us how!) we managed to get the one and pretty much only dry day at the end of September to visit the Yorkshire Sculpture Park with our new Y7 students. It has now become customary that the entire year group, along with a host of staff, venture down to Bretton to do some site studies and to learn about the various sculptures in situ. Sadly, a couple of the sculptures that have been there for many years, such as Henry Moore's 'Draped Seated Woman', had moved to pastures new leaving us with a blank space to fill in the work booklet... but there was nothing to worry about as there were sculptures-a-plenty to find to study instead. The day was once again a success with the dry and sunny weather adding to that significantly.

Students enjoyed their experience and were able to learn lots about a variety of sculptures and artists whilst doing a series of creative drawings to record their observations.



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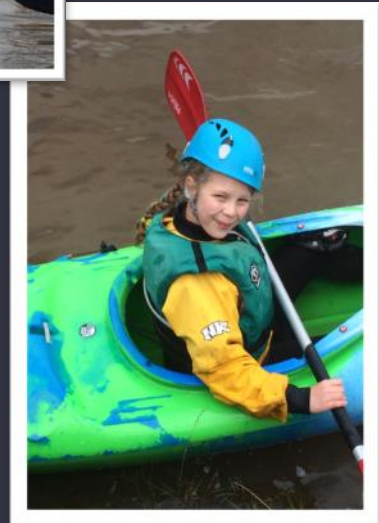
MIXENDEN ACTIVITY DAY



Y7 students enjoying baking bread sticks over an open fire

As part of their induction as new students to the school, our 2017 Y7 cohort spent the day taking

part in a whole host of activities at Mixenden Outdoor Centre in September. In a change to the usual team building challenges, this year's students were able to enjoy learning to kayak as well as bushcraft type skills, including making basic bread which they wrapped around sticks and cooked over open fires. They also had a raft building challenge and in the afternoon took part in physical and mental challenges that got them to work on their teamwork skills. It was a great day all round for getting to know each other!



CREATIVE CAREERS WEEK

CROSSLEY HEATH in VA5

WEEK in VA1

Y8 GCSE Taster Sessions

<p>MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER</p> <p>Anna Woodcock Northumbria University BA (Hons) Interior Architecture "Having been architecture and the surrounding disciplines, what is the best subject and what it is like to work as an architect and interior designer"</p> <p>Amyc-Wade Smith University of Liverpool BSc Psychology "Using my art education alongside my passion for Psychology and becoming an Art Therapist. Currently working for health/Minds in Halls and delivering confidence workshops"</p> <p>An introduction to FINEART 12:30pm - 1:10pm</p>	<p>TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER</p> <p>Amanda McDermott University of Bradford BA Architecture & Landscape "Currently working as a Commercial Landscape Architect at 28 Landscape Consultancy Ltd. We talk with her about this career path and looking at how landscape architecture is a way to design and influence the built environment"</p> <p>Harriet Lawton Manchester School of Art Freelance Artist and Art Lecturer at the University of Hull "I will discuss how my Art education at University enabled me to access my University course and into my chosen career path - including what this entails, day-to-day"</p> <p>An introduction to PHOTOGRAPHY 12:30pm - 1:10pm</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER</p> <p>Amy Hartley University of Tereade BA Computer Animation & Visual Effects "I am currently working as a Facial Animator for Cable Motion, a media company based in Manchester. The most rewarding factor for me is the creative freedom and the 'Call of Duty' franchise"</p> <p>Jessica Morgan Kingston University London BA (Hons) Graphic Design "I am a Graduate Designer at Media Design in London. I currently work in branding and digital design and we talk about my path from GCSE to my current work in how art & design education can get you into the field and what it's working on the other side"</p> <p>An introduction to TEXTILE DESIGN 12:30pm - 1:10pm</p>	<p>THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER</p> <p>The Big Draw 12:20pm - 1:10pm</p> <p>This is a National Drawing Festival that we are going to be involved in all day. The Visual Arts Studio will be open all lunchtime with lots of fun drawing based activities for you to come along and get involved in!</p>
<p>FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER</p> <p>Tom Brown Bournemouth University BA Computer Visualisation and Animation "I am now a 3D artist working in Film VFX at Double Negative Visual Effects Ltd in London. I intend to explain what a VFX artist does, what we do at Double Negative and talk about some of the jobs I have done so far, which include Heaven's Creed and Wonder Woman"</p> <p>CROSSLEY HEATH ART ALUMNI STUDENT TALKS MONDAY - THURSDAY First talk 12:25 - 12:45 Second talk 12:50 - 13:10 FRIDAY 10:45 - 12:15</p> <p>An introduction to GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION 12:30pm - 1:10pm</p>	

CREATIVE CAREERS WEEK

In today's educational climate with a Government that is pushing hard for students to study EBacc subjects and to enter into academic-based professions, the Visual Arts department have been proactive in organising a week-long event to balance the options students are presented with, and focusing on creative careers. Each day both Art studios have been bustling with activity providing our students with opportunities to learn about different careers and creative fields and to find out what is on offer to them if they choose to study Visual Arts at GCSE level and beyond.

Y8 students have been given the chance to come at lunchtime to take part in taster sessions and sample activities that they would expect to do at GCSE level. Each day has had a different focus; Monday they learned about Fine Art, Tuesday gave them an opportunity to explore photography, Wednesday was given over to Textile Design and Friday was the chance to learn about Graphic Communications. In addition, in the other studio, several of our Art A-level alumni students were invited back to give presentations to students in Y8 through to Y13 about their career path and why studying art was important to them and to their success. Students were able to hear about a whole host of occupations including Architecture, Animation and Gaming Design, Freelance Art and Art Educators, Graphic Design, 3D Visual Effects and Computer Visualisation, Landscape Architecture, Art Therapy and Fashion Design. Our ex-students travelled from far

afield including Newcastle, Manchester and London, to be able to give back to our school community and hopefully make a difference to those who are also interested in studying art beyond KS3, GCSE and even A-level.

Amidst all of these amazing opportunities, the VA department also found time on Thursday lunchtime to observe the national Big Draw event offering lots of additional art, design and photography activities linked to this year's theme, 'Living Lines', with the help of some of our current Y12 Fine Art and Photography students.

All in all this week has been absolutely incredible and has certainly given our students food for thought. Hopefully many of them will have gained some inspiration and information to help them make those important choices about their futures and careers when the time comes.

Y7s spent another fine day enjoying lots of activities at the beautiful National Trust site at Fountains Abbey near Ripon in October. As part of their History studies, the students took part in some fascinating activities including some role playing as Henry VIII and his team of advisors discussing the dissolution of the monasteries. Later they had the opportunity to go through a Day in the Life of a Monk, where they were able to wear hooded robes and took



EXPLORING FOUNTAINS ABBEY

Fountains Hall. They also enjoyed peaceful walks around the deer park, imagining what life would have been like for the people who lived there centuries ago.

a vow of silence. Having eaten their lunches outside in the picturesque surroundings of the Cistercian ruins, the students used their artistic talents to draw different features of the Abbey and to visit

MUSIC CLUBS 2018/18

Please find below information on the various music clubs offered this year. All groups are free to join and open to all (instrumental groups obviously require pupils to be learning the relevant instrument). The school has had a proud record of music participation over the years!

- Mon: String Group, M1, 12:40
- Tues: Guitar Group, Conference suite, 12:40
Intermediate Theory, M2, 12:40
Junior Band, M1, 12:40
Senior Band, Boys Gym, 3:30-4:30
- Thurs: School Choir, Conference suite, 12:40
- Fri: Glee club, Conference suite, 12:40
Samba Band (open to all), M1, 12:40

In addition, we are looking to start grade 5 and beginner theory groups after half term.

We are proud of the quality of our music ensembles and are frequently working towards school or external commitments. It is important that we have consistent attendance at all rehearsals to ensure they remain purposeful and allow students to get the most out of our groups - we ask for parents' support with this.

STUDENT COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS



Many congratulations to the following students who have been elected as representatives to this year's Student Council. Nominees had to submit a letter of application outlining their skills and what they thought they could bring to the role, and then attend an interview where they were questioned on their aptitude and motivation.

- Y7 Alexander Marshall and Krish Nair
- Y8 Sai Karumuri, Praneetha Bharath and Ethan Thomas
- Y9 Haris Bilal and Amna Ali
- Y10 Malvina Karuna and Isabel Lote
- Y11 Sean Gan and Isabel Castelow
- 6th Form Faisal Arshad, Faieza Baig and Abby Harlow

Student Council meets six times per year with the Headteacher and governors and is an important contributor to student voice and feedback in school.

Alpine Ski Simulator
 Apple Blossom Home
 Bearly Art
 Bev's Bath Boutique
 Books etc.
 Cards & Wrap
 Catherine's Creations
 Children's Crafts
 Chocolate tombola
 Christmas Grotto Photobooth
 Crossley Heath School Band
 DM's Bookworms
 Ecolife Gizmos
 Every Cloud Boutique
 Fan Boy Three - gaming destination
 Frenz Fashion
 Games Zone
 Galea Belinscaia ceramics
 Glitter Tattoos
 Grand Prize Draw
 Guess the weight of the cake
 Handmade & Hammered in Yorkshire
 Harvey's of Halifax
 Hearts of Mine
 Heather's Photographic Prints
 Henna Tattoos
 Home Designs
 Home produce
 Homemademillisime art prints
 Jean Marshall Crafts
 Lizzie Dripping handmade crafts
 Miriam Murch Handmade Jewellery
 Mulled wine
 Overgate Hospice Christmas Shop
 Partylite home fragrance & candles
 Pat's Handmade Fabric & Silk bags
 Pinit
 Ripponden Christmas Tree Farm
 Snug Aromatics
 Student Festive Competition



A bumper range of stallholders for our 2017 Christmas Market



We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 25 November!

The Prom Gallery
 The Vintage Bobbin
 Tigerlily
 Twelve Days of Christmas Trail
 Vintage Bling
 Watson Woodcrafts
 Webblo Pebble
 Weleda 10min back & shoulder massages
 Wicked Gen Crafts
 Yorkshire Garden Planters

In the Temujin Food Hall ...

Candyfloss & Chocolate Fountain
 Carmela's Cupcakes
 Chapelbank Smokehouse
 Christmas Puddings from The Crossley Heath Girls Sports Development Fund
 Denholme Gate Honey
 Halifax Food Assembly
 Little Cupcake Company
 Lottie Shaw
 Luddenden Valley Wines
 Nut Wood Cheesemongers Ltd
 Nicola's sweet store
 Oat Cuisine
 RachAls Kitchen Ltd
 Simply Gingerbread
 Temujin Restaurant
 The Larder Deli
 The Little Yorkshire Biscuit Company
 Udders Orchard Cider Company
 Vintage Jams Yorkshire
 Whiteheads (1858) Coffee
 Woodhall Hills Yorkshire Honey
 Yorkshire Dama Cheese
 Yorkshire Orchards

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Join Film Club. Every Tuesday. 12.30 in B7

Learn the effects and techniques of some of your favourite Hollywood movies and make professional films using just your phone.

Master digital editing and turn simple videos into Hollywood blockbusters. Everyone welcome.



AUTUMN CHARITY ROUND-UP

Since September we have supported our four sponsored children in India (Free a Dalit Child) and raised £180 for each of them. This helps their

education until they have graduated and secured a good future for themselves and their families. Thank you all for your support!

We also had a bake sale for Macmillan Cancer Care, raising an amazing £254.22. The Lameera Society also ran a bake sale which was for Oxfam. They raised an impressive £235.36! Thank you to everyone who baked or bought in cakes - we couldn't do it without your time and generosity.



Coming in November we will be running a poppy appeal for the British Royal Legion as well as taking part in "Movember", with male staff being sponsored to grow a moustache to support and raise awareness of male cancers. We will also be doing events in December, including a non-uniform 'Sparkle' day, so watch this space.

Y11s Fabrizio De Vito and Yolan Noszkay were invited to attend the Modern Foreign Languages Taster Day at Girton College, Cambridge on 18th October. They spent the day with other invited GCSE students from around the country, as well as MFL lecturers and university student ambassadors.

The day included taster sessions in studying foreign literature and an introduction to linguistics, as well as the opportunity to learn about MFL degree courses and the year abroad. Fabrizio and Yolan thoroughly enjoyed the experience and feel they have gained a real insight into life at Cambridge and the benefits of learning languages.

Mrs Hazelton will be nominating two more keen GCSE linguists for this experience again next year.



CAMBRIDGE CALLING

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS & DANCE CLASSES

If you are interested in taking up an musical instrument or getting involved in the Y7 or 8 dance classes, please complete the following survey: [surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JB3F5KK](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JB3F5KK)

Lessons would not begin until after Christmas but by completing the survey you will be on our list for the New Year.

Many thanks to all the 'new' parents who have activated their ParentPay accounts, and are now successfully using the system.

Can parents who have not yet activated their account please do so to enable payments to be made for the students when items fall due.

Please ensure that you check ParentPay regularly for new trips, resources etc., which will require paying for, and also keep your child's catering account topped up.

There is a facility for an alert from ParentPay to advise you of a low balance on catering. To set this, Click on 'Communication' on the top bar on your home page, and then click on the blue box 'Change alert settings' and follow the instructions.

Many thanks
from the
Finance Team

FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL VACANCIES

We are currently advertising 2 posts – one for Head's PA and one for Clerk to the Governing Body. Full details and application forms are on our [website](#).

TENNIS

Our tennis teams have had much success with the U13 boys winning their Division 2 District league, qualifying for the West Yorkshire Tournament in which they finished in a close 2nd behind Bradford Grammar School. They then qualified for the District tournament at John Charles Tennis Centre, Leeds. The team were given a bye in the first round then played a strong team from Calday Grammar School, losing narrowly by 4 rubbers to 6. In the 3rd and 4th place playoffs, our players won all their singles and doubles games to beat Nelson Thomlinson school comfortably by 12 rubbers to 0. Well done to Jacob Chadwick, Abel Jackson, Alex Ackroyd, Joe Hinchcliffe and Abhinav Vadlamani for finishing in 3rd place overall.

The U15 girls also won their Division 1 District league, qualifying for the knock out stage of the National Schools competition. They played Dronfield School, Midlands and won comfortably all their singles and doubles matches. In the next round, the team were due to play St Peters School, York, but due to the injury and unavailability of some key players, we were unable to play the match. Squad members: Lucy Margetson, Charlotte Margetson, Emma Wardle, Anna Brierley, Mahirah Hasan, Breanna Cockcroft and Bethany Rayne.

Our tennis club which takes place at Queens Sports Club every Thursday from 4- 5pm is proving popular, with many students attending coaching sessions run by Head Pro, Simon Taylor. There are still a few spare places. Anybody interested should contact a member of the PE department.

HOCKEY

he participation in hockey over this past term has been record breaking at Crossley Heath. With



approximately thirty girls attending Y7- 8 hockey practice on Monday lunch times. The enthusiasm within these lower years has enabled the school to field two teams in their first U12 tournaments, which saw both teams winning a few games and drawing a few games against schools that have notoriously been known to have strong hockey sides. A few Y7 girls have also been strong enough to play up a year group for the U13 team who recently beat Rastrick in a convincing 3 - 0 game. For any girls who would be interested in joining a hockey club, Halifax U12s train on Thursdays at Park Lane Academy from 6- 7.15pm, U14 girls train after from 7.15-8.30. Please come

and speak to Miss Vials if you would be interested or want to know more about club hockey near to where you live!

The U15 girls have also had success, beating Ryburn 2 - 0 in the opening game of the season. The team also experienced their first eleven a-side game against a very well organised Rishworth side with the aid of many of the U14s and two experienced year 11s. They unfortunately lost 2 - 0, however they all played exceptionally well and adjusted to the difference in pitch side remarkably and should be extremely proud of their performances individually and as a team. Weeks later, they faced a strong North Halifax side, going 1 - 0 down at half time, but with grit, determination and teamwork they came back to win 3 - 1.

The U14 team have yet to play their first league game of the season due to matches being postponed, however many of them have played up a year group and have been playing exceptionally! Congratulations to Anna Nevison who is currently attending England Hockey PC sessions (equivalent to North West Hockey). The U19 team

also recently played in the first Calderdale U19 tournament for a few years. Although success was limited, lots of great hockey was played under the leadership of captain Cara Casson, with many Y11s playing two year groups up from what they usually play. A massive well done to Hannah Robson who stepped into the goal last minute and had an absolute stormer!



U15 Netball: The U15 squad have started their season well, beating Brighouse and Calder High in their first league games. Players of the match have been Uschi Depledge-Miller and Alethia Cryne. They will be playing their rearranged Calderdale tournament on November 23rd.

U14 Netball: The U14A and U13A squads have also made good starts to the season and won their first games of the season against Brighouse and Calder. The U13B lost their first game.

NETBALL

After qualifying for the West Yorkshire invitation tournament from last season's success, the U16 squad went in to the tournament fresh from the 6 week holiday. It became apparent from their first game that they hadn't lost their qualities as a team over the summer. They played a round robin against 7 teams from around West Yorkshire and won every game, which placed them 1st and tournament champions. Players of the tournament were Anna Brierley and Megan Holmes.



U12 Netball: We have had an excellent turn out at Y7 netball practice with up to 53 attending. It's been fantastic to see so many girls attending netball club this year. The U12 played their first game against Sowerby and won 15 - 0. Player of the match was Harriet Hankinson.

The team also achieved 2nd place in the recent Calderdale schools tournament. They won all their games apart from one which they just lost to Brooksbank. They narrowly missed out on first place, losing to Rishworth and Brooksbank who were joint winners. Players of the tournament were Mahirah Hasan, Lucy Margetson and Alethia Cryne.



The following students have made selection at various levels for their netball. Well done to all the girls on this fantastic achievement.

Regional selection: Anna Dickie, Anna Brierley, Alethia Cryne, Niamh Kerrigan.

County/Satellite Selection: Lucy Margetson, Charlotte Margetson, Mahirah Hasan, Alice Hutchings, Betsy-Jane Codd.

U19 Netball Squad: The U19 squad went to the West Yorkshire qualifying round of the National Schools competition. We took a strong squad of Y11, 12 and 13 students. We started off well beating Brooksbank 5 - 3 but just lost out narrowly to Woodhouse Grove 5 - 7 and Bradford Grammar 6 - 7. We went on to beat Wakefield Girls 6 - 4 and confidence started to rise again, just in time for one of the big games against GSAL. We got off to a good start scoring the first goal and holding their attack out of the circle well, but then just before half time Anna Brierley was knocked to the floor in a mid-air clash with another player, which unfortunately put Anna out of the game. We struggled to hold them off and GSAL went on to win and win the tournament. The girls played well against some very tough teams and they can be proud of their efforts.



District selection: Vaneesa Patel, Hema Singh, Breanna Cockroft, Anna Nevison, Ava Jackson, Henna Parmar, Sasmita Thiyagesh, Niamh Woodhouse, Fatima Sadiq, Molly Stevens, Mae Wadsworth, Jessica Bennett, Rosa Austin.

At the U19 Calderdale tournament the results were a different story. We won all of our matches as well as winning overall. Players of the tournament were Sophie Jackson and Hannah McQueen.



ENGLISH SCHOOLS FELL RUN

The English Schools Championships took place on 24th September at Giggleswick School. We had 5 students take part from Y7 and 8. James Duffy did extremely well, coming in 5th position in the Y7 boys category, Ben Scholey came 54th and Elijah Peers-Webb was placed in the top 50. For the girls, Iris Palmer came in 14th position and Isabel Richardson came in 19th with their combined effort putting the school in 20th position. Well done to all the students that took part.

Re-opens: Mon 6 November

Closes: Thu 21 December
Re-opens Mon 8 January



Closes Fri 16 February

Re-opens: Mon 16 February

Nov - Dec Calendar

6 Nov	School opens. Y12 Geographers in Arran this week
8	CHA meeting 7:00
9	Parent Focus Group 6:00
13	Y11 English Orals this week Y10 Mock exams this week
16	Y9 PSHCE Careers Day
21	POST 16 OPEN EVENING
23	Y13 Psychology Trip to London
25	CHA Christmas Market
28	Y7 Meet the Tutor Day
29	Y9 Meet the Tutor Day
30	Y8 Meet the Tutor Day Y12 Parents Evening
1 Dec	Y11 Taster Day
5	Y11 Interviews with Senior Leadership
6	CHA Meeting 7:00
7	CHA Wreath Making
8	House Drama semi finals
11	House Drama Finals 6:30
15	Non Uniform Sparkle Day
19	Prizegiving 6:30 (early closure)
21	Carol Services - school closes



CHA NEWS

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the CHA (Parent Association) Fashion Show this term - we raised an incredible £1000. A fabulous start to our fundraising year for resources for Crossley

pupils!

There are lots of ways we need help at our Christmas Market on Saturday 25th November to make it our biggest fundraiser of the year! And don't miss our other events: on Thursday 7th December 2017 make your own Christmas Wreath; get a team together for CHA Family Quiz Night on Friday 9th February 2018 and don't miss our gorgeous Spring Ball on Saturday 12th May 2018.

Supporting the CHA is the best way to support your child's education and meet other Crossley families. Please come along to our meetings or email cha@crossleyheath.org.uk for more information on how you can help.

As always, many thanks for your fantastic support.

The CHA Committee Registered Charity Number: 1043362



Simple ways to help ...

- Donate books, CDs, DVDs, jewellery, bags & fashion accessories, raffle prizes & chocolates
- Volunteer (employee match-giving?)
- Sell raffle tickets for the Grand Prize Draw – who will win that 48" TV?
- Bring your friends and family along on Saturday 25th November!

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