

# STAY IN TOUCH



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## Incredible successes from our GCSE and A Level Results Days!

Looking back a little to before this half term started, the 15th and 22nd of August were both big days of celebration for Crompton House Students.

The 15th was all about our Sixth Form students. There was an air of excitement about before the students had even arrived, as the staff organised and decorated the main school hall. Nervous discussion whispered through the halls as people began entering, waiting for the clock to strike 8am and the results to begin rolling out. Needless to say, the nerves were misplaced - the results were a roaring success!

Crompton House Sixth Form students have once again achieved an outstanding set of A Level results, with 42% of students achieving at least one A\* or A grade and 75% of grades awarded A\*-C. This resulted in well over 90% of students who applied being successfully offered their first or insurance choice of university. Many other students have been successful in their offers for Degree Apprenticeships or Apprenticeships, including Amy Jakeman, one of CHS's top-achieving students (A\*, A\*, A\*, A) who was offered a highly competitive Degree Apprenticeship at top London Law Firm Osborne Clarke.

Mr Smith, Head of Sixth Form, commented "the hard work of our students and staff over the last two years has resulted in this fantastic set of A Level results, but also in our students leaving us

with the skills they need to be successful in whatever they choose to do in the future. We are exceptionally proud of all of them and wish them the very best."

One week later and it was time for our GCSE students to show everyone just how hard they'd been working too. The same location, the same pre-result nerves, the same rip roaring success!

76% of all grades were 4-9 and 70% of students achieved at least 5 passes including English and Maths. Over half of students achieved strong passes in English and Maths with over 60% of students entered for the English Baccalaureate. Individually there are lots of students to celebrate. Top achievers included Katie Barnett (8 x grade 9, 2 x grade 8), Katie Elphick (8 x grade 9, 2 x grade 8), and Abigail Evans (6 x grade 9, 4 x grade 8).

Mrs Hegarty, Head of School, commented "Today, we have celebrated the incredible achievements of our GCSE students, whose hard work and determination have truly shone through. Each grade represents not just academic success, but also perseverance and resilience. We are immensely proud of all our students, and we know that they will carry the values and lessons learned here into the bright futures that await them."

Once again, congratulations and good luck to all as you take your next steps forwards!

### *The one that you want to see!*

Our Upper School Production is approaching faster than Grease Lightning and you're invited to come and be blown away by it!

For those who haven't been before, our students know how to put on an incredible show year on year, and this one's coming together like Danny and Sandy!

The cast of 100+ students will be performing the show on the evenings of the 27th and 28th of November and tickets will be available to buy through ParentPay. More details will be communicated via the school's social media platforms closer to the date!







## From the pool to the pitch!

Sixth Form student Ruby Crossman signed for the Oldham Athletic Women's Football Team over Summer and has enjoyed multiple starts for the team since doing so.

Speaking to Ruby recently she told us, "I went for a trial in May and found out I was successful a few days after the trial. About 100 people trialled and the squad includes 20 of us. I'm amongst some of the youngest on the team with there being four 17 year olds.

I play right wing but have played up front and on the left over the course of pre season and our first 3 league games.

A bit of a fun fact is I only started playing football when I was 15 having grown up as a competitive swimmer - so this is only my third proper season and it's definitely a bigger challenge than the u16s and u18s leagues I played in during my time at Crompton FC.

I'm loving my time at Oldham so far though!"

Everyone at Crompton House wishes Ruby and the team all the best going forwards and hopefully we will be able to see a few goals and assists padding out her stat sheet when May comes around!



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

At the start of October both Main School and Sixth Form students alike took part in a Macmillan Coffee Morning event across Crompton House.

With coffee, cakes and other baked goods on offer in the Sixth Form Centre and juice instead of coffee for the Main School students - the morning(s!) were a great success.

Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of the event, it's a simple concept with a brilliant thought behind it and it was very well received by the students.



## Jeans For Genes

Continuing with the trend of supporting great causes, our now annual Jeans For Genes Day was celebrated towards the end of September.

With students and staff all welcome to partake, the day encourages people to wear a pair of jeans with the rest of their normal uniform and make a small donation to help increase awareness and raise funding for families of those who are affected by genetic issues.

We think it's a great way to have a little fun and give a little back.



## Harvest Festival 2024

This year, our Harvest Festival celebrations and collections are taking shape at Crompton House. Mother Bec has led our Harvest Festival assemblies with each year group, better explaining to the pupils the religious values intertwined within the harvest celebrations. Harvest is a tradition rooted in faith and community, where we reflect on God's provision and give thanks for the food that sustains us. It's important to remember during this time that the essence of the charity and justice is prevalent through many religions and in school we like to acknowledge through scripture the teachings of other religions also, including Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism.

Seeking support and encouraging goodwill from within and externally, our foodbank collection drive is a key focal point during this time. We are gathering for Oldham Foodbank, who are set up to assist those in crisis and most needing in society. With any donations being gratefully received until October 24th we encourage anyone who is able to consider making a donation of anything mentioned on our list below to do so, regardless of amount. If each student and staff member brought in just a single item each, the difference would be huge!

Thanks to all those who have helped to make the celebrations, teachings and collections a success so far - though an additional mention must be reserved for our brilliant maths teacher Mrs Ahmed, who has really committed to making this initiative a success.

## WHAT COULD I BRING?

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Cooking sauce
- Jars of paste
- Cordial/squash
- Honey
- Jam
- Soup
- Pot Noodles
- Tinned food
- Dog food (dry & wet)
- Wet wipes
- Baby milk
- Biscuits







## Dance Winners!

Recently two Crompton House representatives achieved brilliant recognition for their dancing achievements.

Year 10's Lucy and Year 11's Carnella are part of the same dance team and recently performed in a competition where they took the 1st place award against several other teams!

The main group dance routine was called 'Medusa' and the above is a picture of our two pupils just before they performed the winning routine.

Congratulations again girls, keep doing what you're doing!

## Trust INSET Day

Before the latest school year had started, Crompton House welcomed all staff from across the CHS Multi Academy Trust to our first Trust INSET Day.

Previously these INSET days would be carried out in separate schools but we always seek to increase connection and synergy throughout the trust.

The day included a range of talks and presentations, introducing new

guidelines and ensuring staff training remains at the forefront of what's available. The keynote speaker for the day was an ex-pupil named Andy 'Wack' Walker whose incredible story captivated the hall. He's very much worth a look up online!

As the trust continues to grow there will be more instances of collaborative sessions to ensure the highest standards of teaching are available for all students throughout the trust, for a list of schools within the trust please refer to our website.



## Year 12 Work Experience

Above are a few images of just some of our brilliant year 12 pupils as they undertook a work experience program last year. The students worked with a broad range of employers from Oldham & Royton Wellbeing Centre to Manchester Cathedral and a wide range in between. Every employer reported back positive comments about the pupil they worked with, and the school are incredibly proud of our students as we hope they are of themselves. A special thanks to the many employers who afforded the time and care to make this possible too, from GMP, to Croft End Farm, N&P Autos, the many primary schools and so many others - you've helped to make a huge difference to a pupil's education and development! If you're reading this and are able to offer a pupil a week of work experience this year, please email our careers officer at [a.fraser@cromptonhouse.org](mailto:a.fraser@cromptonhouse.org) and find out how you can help.



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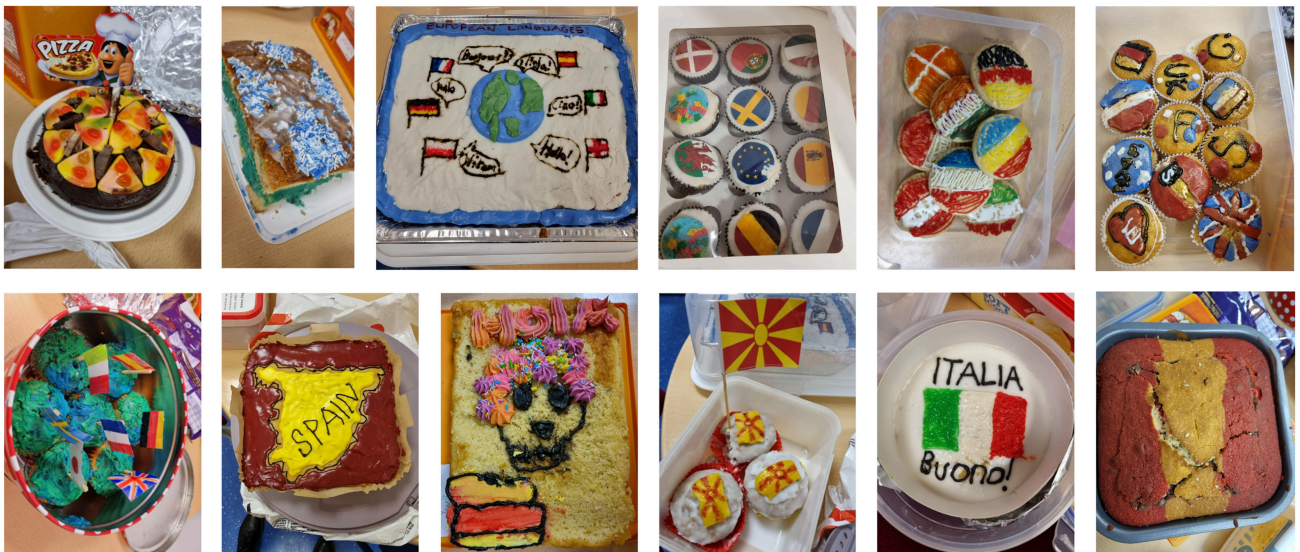
## Crompton House receives the Rainbow Flag Award

We are extremely proud to announce that we have been awarded with the Rainbow Flag Award. The Rainbow Flag Award recognises Crompton House's commitment to positive LGBTQ+ inclusion and our whole school approach that develops strategies to effectively challenge phobic incidents.

The Rainbow Flag Award is a year long program whereby the school is monitored to ensure all relevant criteria is achieved and upheld to ensure all pupils are safe, seen, and made to feel included.

Last academic year, staff and pupils worked hard to submit evidence for the six sections of the award below.

The Rainbow Flag Award gives us a framework to better support LGBTQ+ inclusion across all of our provision, improving the lives of pupils, staff and families, and is fundamental to the Crompton House vision of wanting everyone to know that they are made and loved by God who longs for them to experience life in all its fullness through Jesus Christ.



## European Day of Languages

Every year, on 26th September, the European Day of Languages is celebrated Europe-wide. The European Day of Languages aims to raise awareness of the wide variety of languages in Europe, promote cultural heritage and linguistic diversity, encourage people of all ages to learn languages and promote language-related professions.

At Crompton House, we celebrated with our annual international bake-off, a form quiz showcasing the language talents of our CHS staff, a Y9 careers talk from employees at Futbolloingo (an app designed to help footballers, coaches and managers with football specific vocabulary) and a Y7 poster competition about why learning languages are important. Lots of prizes were awarded for the amazing cakes and posters that were received. See some of the creations of our pupils above.



## Last Night of the Proms

On Saturday 28th September the Crompton House Senior Choir took part in a 'Last Night of the Proms' event at St Mary's Church with the Uppermill Brass Band and soprano Elizabeth Phillips.

It was a fantastic evening of music making ending with traditional patriotic favourites. The choir gave their typically excellent performance and truly did the school proud.



## From Crompton House to Ewood Park!

Crompton House alumni, Leo Duru has worked incredibly hard to develop himself to the highest standards and has as a result earned himself his first professional contract with Blackburn Rovers. Leo has represented Blackburn since joining at the Under 10's level and has progressed right the way through the ranks to the senior squad.

To paraphrase from his interview with the club announcing this, Leo said *"It's a massive day for me and my family, having been at the club for nearly nine years now, it's a very joyful situation and I think it shows that hard work pays off,"* said the 18-year-old after signing his new deal at Ewood Park.

*"Travelling an hour from Oldham to Blackburn most days of the week, it was obviously very tough some days. You'd be eating your food in the car just to make sure you were on time, but I've had a lot of good coaches and good people around me, who believed in me, and finally all that hard work has paid off."*

*"And whilst hopefully today isn't the most exciting part of my career, it's a very big part to finally sign that first professional contract, which makes myself proud and my family proud as well, and hopefully I can hit the ground running next season."*

*"I'm very grateful to all the people – players, coaches, staff – who have helped me along the way, both as a player and as a person off the pitch. They've been a very important part of my development throughout the years."*

This is an astounding achievement and highlights everything we try to represent at Crompton House, through consistent work and desire to improve, all students can achieve excellence. A standout line from Leo is in reference to hoping to achieve even more, a desire of which he's already started to achieve.

Leo recently travelled to Santiago in Chile where he represented the USA U-20 side in a 3-0 debut win, with him also registering an assist. Students and staff alike will continue to follow his journey wherever he undoubtedly progresses to and want to recognise his excellent achievements.

Keep it up!







## Oldham Debating Champions!

Friday 18th October introduced the first ever running of the Oldham Debating Championships with Crompton House and multiple other local Sixth Forms competing for the inaugural title.

We are delighted to say that our Sixth Form students took first place, seeing off strong competition from the likes of Bluecoat, Hulme and Oldham Sixth Form. The four strong willed competitors were, Briany, Brooke, El and Lola and each of them debated incredibly well! Both pairs of debaters won as well as a personal honour awarded to Brooke who was chosen as the Best Individual Debater!

We asked Brooke about her individual debate, how the team prepared, and for her thoughts on the event, this is what she had to say *"I personally debated that phones 'should be in the allowed in the classroom' (we were not able to choose which side we wanted to argue for) and the other topic was 'should humanity fear AI?'"*

*"We were aware of the competition for a week which was a bit of a surprise but Mr Mason and Mrs Horrocks helped us prepare at dinner times and even after school! I absolutely loved it but I was terrified at first and I thought it was an amazing opportunity."*

*"The girls were all incredible and we worked together really well and cheered each other on - I couldn't have done it without Briany next to me. El and Lola's fantastic performance was the reason we were competing for first place!"*

*"We had only done one debate in debate club so this was my second time debating ever so I really didn't know what to expect but I felt I had done enough research to feel confident."*

*"I hope there will be another opportunity to debate with the girls soon!"*

On behalf of everyone at Crompton House we want to once again congratulate the girls on their excellent performances and now historic achievement, there can only be one first time winner of the competition!



## Development beyond the classroom

As you will undoubtedly be aware, part of what makes Crompton House such an incredible place to learn and grow is our wide range of fantastic extra curricular offerings.

From Ancient Greek Club, to Football, to Chess Club, there is almost certainly something for everyone, and we urge all pupils to try something even if they are unsure, you are missing the chance to learn a whole new skillset!

Sign-ups for extra-curricular clubs are still open and we will always do our best to accommodate new requests, if there's a club you want to see that doesn't exist already - let somebody know.

We've routinely had success in all manner of competitions and fields, to name a few recent examples just included within this edition of the newsletter there are the Sixth Form debaters, dancing winners, football success stories and many more you will almost definitely see throughout future editions of this newsletter.

If you haven't had chance to have a look yet, a full list of our current open extra-curricular activities can be found on posters around school or on the school website - and there's something on every single day!



# Crompton House Open Evenings: Year 7 & Sixth Form 2025 Intake

September and October saw us host our annual Year 7 and Sixth Form Open Evenings.

Gratefully, our Year 7 Evening saw record numbers of visitors turning up to hear the presentation and see the school. This is a positive sign for the school as it shows we are continuing to perform to our own very high standards and that this is recognised by the community.

Each department hosted their own space within a room or area of school whereby they could demonstrate departmental activities and inform the parents of potential future pupils about the processes that are undertaken.

We value an interactive and hands on approach to learning and so encouraged visitors to join in with activities such as penalty shoot outs, hook-a-duck and a broad range of science experiments and displays. Business studies hosted price guessing quizzes based around advertising and challenged people to identify companies from their logo. The history department set up an interactive challenge, giving people clues to solve a mystery within the room. The most visually impressive presentation of the evening though had to be in one of the Science labs where methane bubbles were gathered and ignited to create an impressive airborne blaze!

The Sixth Form Open Evening followed a few weeks later with talks given by our Executive Head, Head of School, and Head of Sixth Form. This evening was a great opportunity for anybody considering applying for next year's intake to have a look around the facilities and to ask any questions and discuss in detail with our incredible staff.

Chemistry again crossed swords with magic as through titration two completely clear liquids combined to create a striking pink solution. Drama displayed their skills and the progress they're currently making on the upcoming 'Grease' production, and the students themselves took part in multiple football matches on our brilliant 3G pitches. Heading back inside to the Sixth Form Centre and the catering team had prepared samples of their mega-popular and varied menu, needless to say the crowds congregated to enjoy that!

The effort everyone involved put into both evenings was easy to see and led to an incredible couple of nights where Crompton House was really able to show why we're held in such high regard both academically and pastorally.

For anyone who missed out on these evenings and would still like to apply to Crompton House please refer to our School and Sixth Form websites for further information.







## Drop Everything and Read!

Research shows that reading for 10 minutes every day can have a huge impact on our mental health. On World Mental Health Day 10th October, we carried out a DEAR 'Drop Everything and Read' activity where whole school staff and students stop what they were doing and read a book of their choice for 10 minutes.

This will be accompanied by our CHS #WriteASmile student lead video combining literacy and reading for pleasure with awareness of mental health and wellbeing. Year 7 have been writing postcards to their old primary schools and all other students and staff can pick up a postcard in the library and send a positive message to someone in need.



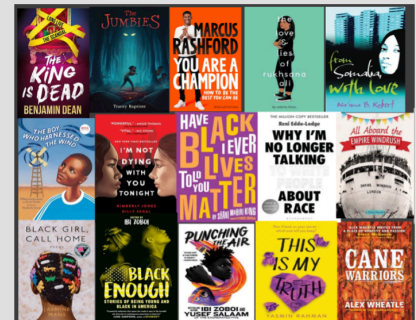
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## Summer Reading Challenge 2024

The Staff Summer Reading Challenge returned in force for 2024. Staff request a reading preference and I select a middle grade or young adult title based on what they enjoy often with a few surprises thrown in!

Books are read over summer, reviews written and a 'Book selfie' taken in their favorite places to read. Some of the books and recommendations have travelled all over the world and then brought back to school along with photos and reviews to be displayed and shared in our school library. This enables colleagues to create a dialogue about the books they have read and recommend to our young people.

This year, Mr. Wroe teacher of Mathematics won the challenge for the most creative reading photos.



## Black History Month

October is Black History Month, intended to recognize and celebrate the contribution and achievements of those with African or Caribbean heritage. It's also an opportunity for people to learn more about the effects of racism and how to challenge negative stereotypes. October is also home to World Mental Health Day raising awareness about mental health around the world to mobilize efforts to support those experiencing mental health issues. I have put together a collection covering both topics in our school library and detailed below some of the books you can access at home 24/7 on our online library Sora.





**MOTHER BEC**

**REVEREND ANDREW**



## Our in-school chapel receives renovations and a new blessing.

Over the Summer break we established our school chapel / inter-faith zone in the atrium near the main hall so that it is central to the school and easily accessible for students and staff. The area has been repainted, carpeted, fitted cupboards installed, and furnishings including chairs and communion table.

On Tuesday 24th September the chapel was blessed and dedicated by Mother Bec. This was recorded and shown to the school during our 98th Founder's Day Worship assemblies on 2nd, 3rd and 4th October. The chapel is set apart as a sacred place for staff and students to reflect, find peace and quiet, seek spiritual support and guidance, and as a focal point for the school's charitable work.

Chapel programme includes Tuesday lunch time drop in, Wednesday Chapel Chats when over 100 students visit the chapel to engage with the question of the week.

These sessions have been run by Mother Bec over the last year, and we are very grateful to her for the time and support she has given to the school. Mother Bec is moving on soon to a new appointment as Vicar of St Andrew the Apostle in Catford, Southwark Diocese. We will miss her involvement in the chapel, as well as leading monthly whole school worship and end of term Eucharists; but we wish Mother Bec every happiness and success in her new role.

In August, Reverend Andrew Holt stepped down as school Deputy Head and took up the post of School Pastor.

Reverend Andrew attends 5 days over the 2-week cycle and will continue the chapel programme Mother Bec has started and develop a student-led Chapel Rep group, coordinate the school worship programme, liaise with the local and Manchester Diocese, and champion the spirituality and faith journey of all students.

**Please remember foodbank donations are accepted in the chapel too!**

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## Upcoming evening and weekend school events:

- 21st November** — GCSE Presentation Evening
- 27th November** — Upper School Production / Grease
- 28th November** — Upper School Production / Grease
- 7th December** — Christmas Fair
- 16th December** — Christmas Concert
- 19th December** — Speech Night

Further details for each event will be communicated by usual channels.





## Jayden hits a treble!

Over summer Year 9 Student Jayden took part in the European International tournament hosted by the World Martial Arts Games and represented Team GB.

Reaching that in itself is an incredible feat but it gets even better as Jayden took home a huge **THREE** medals!

Jayden secured a bronze medal in Kata, a bronze in Weapons Kata, and won gold in Kumiya/Fighting, that's an amazing three categories entered and three prizes won!

Everyone at Crompton House is incredibly proud and we can't wait to see what comes next.

Jayden, keep up the fantastic effort!



*Thank you for reading!*



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