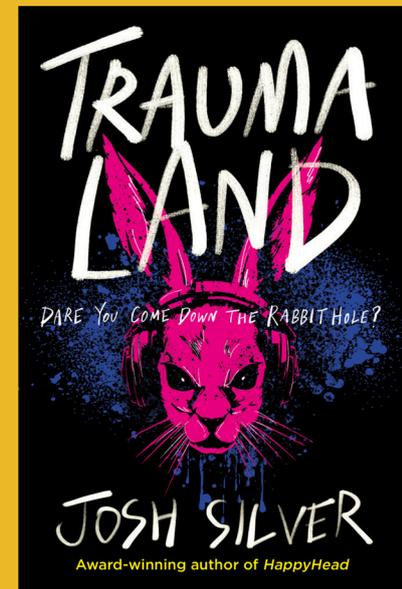
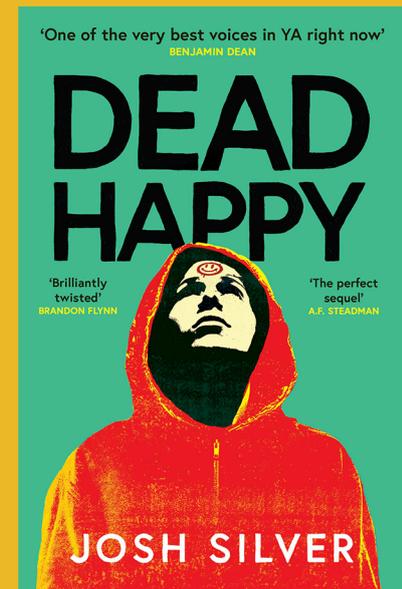
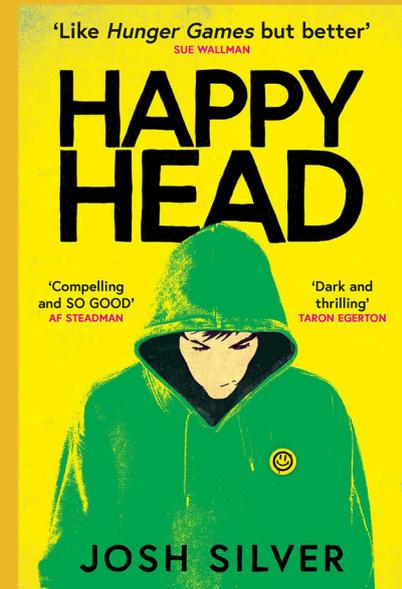


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Crompton House welcomes award winning author **Josh Silver!**

Tuesday 11th of February saw a busy day in Crompton House headlined by a visit from the award winning author Josh Silver.

With an already broad reaching career Josh has maintained a constant thread throughout his time as an actor, mental health nurse and author in that creativity and matters of the mind are always present. His acting experience includes roles on Broadway and the West End and his written portfolio currently consists of three Young Adult books, the latest of which releases in May 2025. His initial series of Happy Head and Dead Happy have been purchased by Golden Globe winning actor Taron Egerton for an on screen adaptation produced through a USA based company.

Josh brought all of his passion and enthusiasm for what he does in to a range of workshops throughout the school day, helping to instil some of his experiences into the academic futures of the students in attendance.

In addition to the workshops he spent break and lunchtimes chatting informally with any students

who wanted to come and ask questions. His day here culminated with an assembly for each of Year 8 and 9 in the hall where he delivered an interactive presentation, encouraging the students to give their all and pursue their dreams.

Many of our Young Librarians were particularly interested in taking their chance to speak to a published author and many were especially excited to hear details of the on screen adaptation and how that was taking shape!

This was the second time we have gratefully welcomed Josh to Crompton House and we all look forward to seeing what his future pathway looks like and wish him all the success he deserves.

If you haven't already read his books, be sure to check one out either physically or from our digital library on Sora or for anybody outside of school, they are all available for purchase online.

Additional special thanks have to go to Mrs Cullen in the Learning Zone for making sure the day became the success that it was!

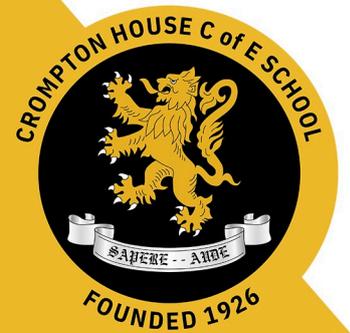
In December 2024 our year 11 students undertook a week of Work Experience in a professional setting. It was a massive step for them to go outside of their comfort zones, to work with people they didn't know, and to complete tasks they weren't used to. This was a massive logistical task to organise but thanks to parents, students and Ms Rourke in The Hub, we can happily report this was a huge success!

Many students came and visited our careers advisor on their return to say that they had their eyes opened to new possibilities. They felt motivated and inspired by their experiences and of course most students reported it was tiring! The best news was that everyone spoken to had enjoyed it and learned something. We had some great feedback from some students and just as importantly we have had some fantastic feedback from employers, which is a real credit to the students. The next section of this article features some of our favourite student quotes regarding their positive experiences.

Amelia had the following to say about her placement - "I have completed my work experience at Musculoskeletal clinic (MSK) in Oldham - I chose this placement because I am interested in physiotherapy. I have worked in various departments, my favourite part of the week has been completing an ultrasound on a patient's hand injury and working in the specialist pain clinic. I also loved working with the sports physio watching the steroid injections being administered."

Angelin spent the week working in a residential home. "During my work experience, I enjoyed interacting with the residents and taking part in activities like gingerbread decoration, table tennis, and baking. I also assisted staff by helping residents to the dining room. It was a valuable experience, and I truly enjoyed spending time with the residents and contributing to their day."

"During my week of work experience I have received a profuse amount of new knowledge while learning new skills which will undoubtedly help me in the future. I have been able to experience able to experience work life and get a first-hand perspective of how my



future life will look. I have had to follow a strict dress code, learn time management skills and improve on my communication skills. Indubitably, I have enjoyed my week as it has been a change of scenery and has widened my views of my working future. I have been enabled to meet new people who have taught me all I need to know, and I have also been able to think in depth about my future ahead. This week has installed a sense of maturity and confidence in me as I have been useful and a big help to staff."

We've also had some brilliant feedback from employers with just a few examples included in this article, "We had some trepidation in taking part in your work experience program as flooring can be a demanding job physically but also from a customer service standpoint ,as we were somewhat worried about having a child on site because it's a very busy environment and we wouldn't be able to constantly supervise the candidate in people's homes ,as it turns out our fears were put to rest by your student, from the start got stuck in with the team and payed attention to instructions and was at all times polite and willing to learn, his time management skills are already brilliant and his customer service was excellent, he honestly impressed us all , I would not hesitate in offering this young man a full time job in the future although I do believe he has his sights set on bigger things"

"All 5 pupils were exemplary and a delight to have with us. They dressed smartly and were punctual, professional and respectful. Our young pupils thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the older students and they proved to be excellent role models. A credit to themselves and to your school."

"It was a pleasure having him join our team for his work experience placement. His attitude throughout was positive and he was happy to undertake anything that was asked of him. He asked insightful questions about the criminal justice system and our office procedures and formed positive relationships with all our members of staff. We assigned him a project which involved archiving completed Crown Court case files and he completed this independently. He was a very polite, thoughtful young man and nothing was too much trouble for him. He also made a fantastic coffee !!"



YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE



Congratulations Mr Cadd!

Recently voting concluded in our Staff Governor Election, with three strong contenders remaining in the final vote, it was Mr Cadd who won the majority verdict and will now join the Crompton House governing body for the next four years.

When asked for his reaction to the appointment Mr Cadd said “I’m very excited about this opportunity and I’m looking forward to supporting our students, and the school’s growth, success, and future.”

He’s sure to be a great success in the role and will undoubtedly ensure consistent improvement is always achieved.



Take your chance at the Young Artists’ Summer Show 2025

The rules are really simple and this is a great chance for anybody to get involved and try their hand at something a little different!

There’s no set theme—artists aged 4 to 19 are invited to unleash their creativity across a wide range of media! Whether it’s drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, textiles, fashion, animation, video, or something entirely unexpected, we want to see it!

Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill. Although many great artists ‘copy’ in creative ways, artworks that closely or identically reproduce another artist’s work or ideas won’t be selected. Please avoid making art with known comic, book illustration or animated characters or submitting the same artwork again year on year. They also do not accept AI-generated works.



Eurovision a la Crompton House

With Mr Dunkley standing in as the master of ceremonies for the evening, a packed audience watched an even more jam packed performance full of colour, volume and energy spanning decades of Eurovision hits.

Owing partly to the fact it was a Friday evening, the show was condensed into a whirlwind one hour performance, featuring soloists, bands and choirs - including one particular song being performed entirely in French!

Before bringing the curtain down for the evening Mr Dunkley insisted on an impromptu performance of Waterloo involving everybody from the school and the crowd, it was quite the spectacle!



Antarctic Flag Award Winners

In Year 8 Geography, pupils have been studying about Antarctica. To conclude the topic, pupils entered the UK Polar Network's competition to design a flag representing the issues surrounding the continent. Each class had a winner, and the overall winners were Lucy Gledhill and Heidi Knight. The flags were taken to Antarctica by Alex Tate, on board the RRS Sir David Attenborough. Alex is a Senior Data and Systems Architect with the British Antarctic Survey.

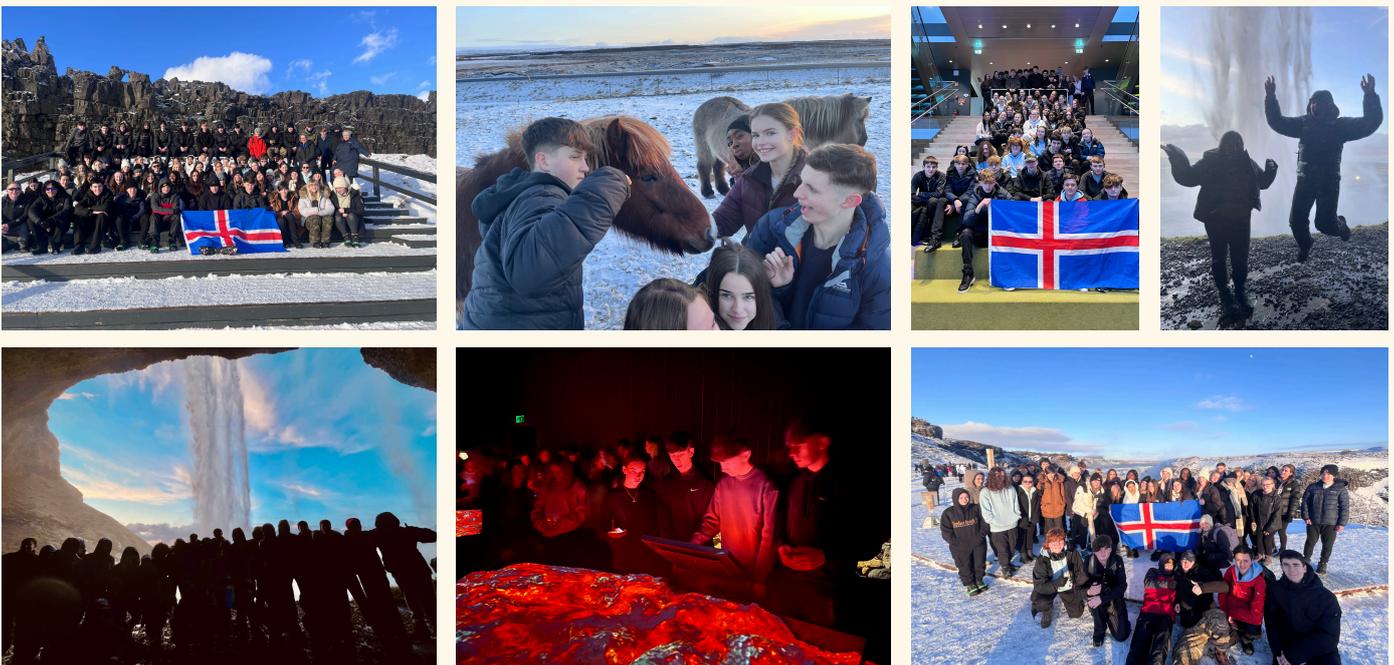


Iceland 2025

Written by Ana Toshkezi and Angel Aseno-Amayo

Just before February half term, 61 GCSE Geography students travelled to Iceland for an awe and wonder trip we will never forget. Our first day in Iceland was slightly disrupted but we visited the Bridge between 2 continents – a decent way to get familiar with the tectonic setting of Iceland. The next day we started with a glacial walk on the Solheimajokull Glacier, where we saw picturesque views and learnt about the challenges that glaciers will face due to climate change and a forthcoming eruption of the Katla volcano. Moreover, we visited the black sand beach that allowed us to see remarkable views, mostly due to the strong winds and waves, whilst further developing our geographical knowledge of coastal landforms and their processes. Our third day we were able to experience the iconic Golden Circle's beautiful elements of natural geysers and the

Gullfoss waterfall and the Thingvellir National Park. These sights were astounding and many of us didn't expect views like the ones we witnessed. On the final day we visited the Blue Lagoon, which was truly a surreal experience as it is such a beautiful, bucket – list destination. Then, we were fortunate enough to experience and explore Icelandic culture through our trip to the capital city of Reykjavik. This allowed us to comprehend both the natural and architectural assets of Iceland. Overall, everyone loved the trip and feel very grateful that we were given the opportunity to explore such a mesmerising country. Therefore, we would like to thank all the staff who allowed this trip to occur as it was truly a once in a lifetime experience.



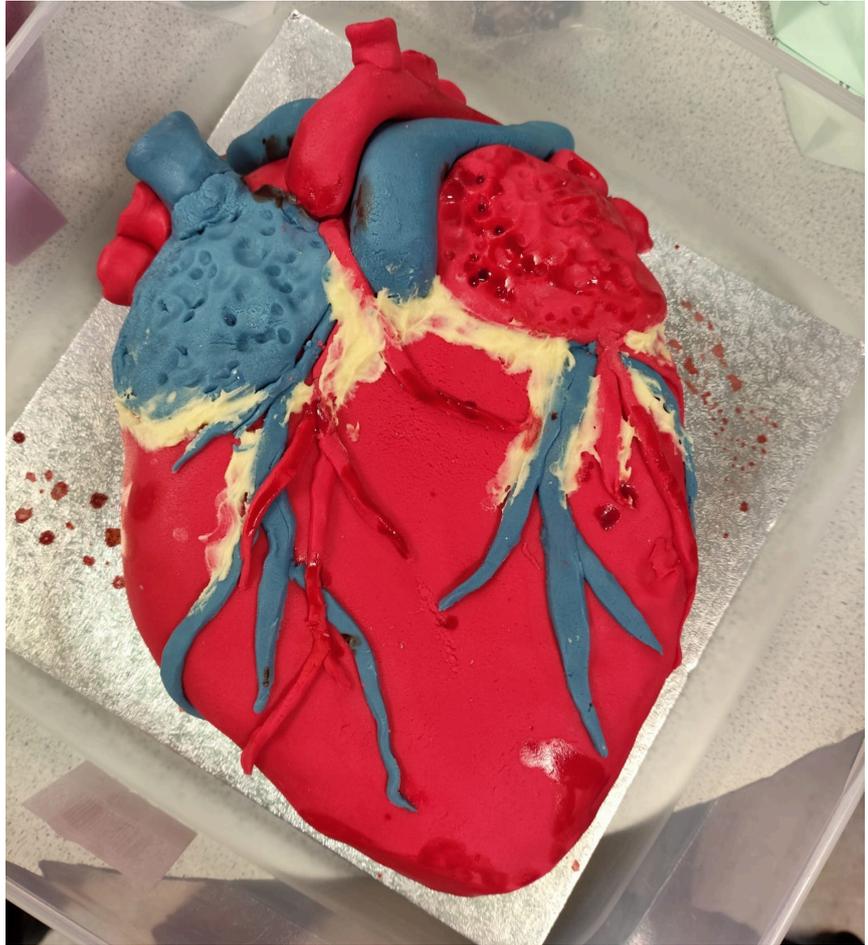
Matters of the heart

Here's an incredibly impressive alternative take on a heart, coincidentally produced by a student this Valentine's Day.

Inayah from Year 12 has created this astonishing detailed model of a heart entirely out of cake!

The baked showstopper was brought in and presented to a blown-away Miss Jones in science as Inayah showed Miss what the subject they were studying this week had inspired her to go home and create.

There's not much more we can say about this other than 'Wow!' and keep your eyes out for a potential star baker coming out of Crompton House Sixth Form in the not too distant future!



Maths Feast Masters

Miss Charnock recently took four Year 10 students to Manchester University to attend Maths Feast 2025.

While there, students competed in four rounds of challenging problems matched against 14 other schools from the Greater Manchester area. Delightedly, Crompton House's students won an excellent three out of the four rounds, and ended up finishing in second place against Altrincham Grammar School for Boys.

They also won the Special Teamwork award as voted for by one of the other teachers attending the event.

The students had an amazing day, fully engaging in the activities and making the most of the opportunity. They conducted themselves with professionalism, respect and enthusiasm, showcasing the values of the school and leaving a positive impression.

All of us here are very proud of their efforts in all that they do inside and outside of school. Congratulations on doing so well!



CHS STUDENT COUNCIL



Meet the new council!

Our 2025 student council are now in session!

The council is made up of students from each year group with an individual head of each year in place also.

They help to deliberate on a range of topics across the school and the aim is that the experience helps to continue to develop their individual progress also as they learn a range of new skills and a sense of responsibility.



Three teams move on to the quarter finals!

The teams at Crompton House School are making history this season with impressive performances, as they await their upcoming quarter-finals.

For the first time ever, the school has had three teams reach the last 8 teams in the English Schools at the same time.

The Year 9 girls have made it to the quarter-finals of the English Schools competition, finishing in the top 8 out of over 500 teams, and are now set to compete at Boundary Park after winning all of their league games.

The Year 10 girls are also in the quarter-finals of both the English

Schools competition and the Greater Manchester Cup, while the Year 8 boys have advanced to the quarter-finals of both competitions as well.

These remarkable achievements highlight the skill, determination, and teamwork of each group, and Crompton House School is excited to see how far they can go in these prestigious tournaments.

To add to the excitement, these teams will also be heading to Holland in April to represent the school in the Holland Easter Open, marking an incredible opportunity to showcase their talents on an international stage.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2025

The 27th of January 2025 marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, which was the biggest individual camp and site of mass horror.

The day marks a sombre reminder of the atrocities of the holocaust, and it's important to be aware of the passing of each year. Crompton House staff and students will annually take part in some form of activity or learning around the history as an act of remembrance and to pay respects to those who suffered or lost their lives.

This year, pupils from Crompton House School attended a memorial event hosted at the Crompton War Memorial alongside members of the community and students from our sixth form and also from Beal Vale Primary School as they too represented the Crompton House Trust.

It was a very brisk morning at the well-attended event and all of the students were brilliant ambassadors for the school as they listened to readings and prayers before partaking in the ceremony of the laying of the stones which traditionally acts as a sign of respect and protects against disturbance.

Back in school, students participated in presentations during morning form time where they gained insight into the events and were signposted to available reading options on the subject from the school library.



Look out for our vibrant new menu, fresh for this term!



Welcoming everyone back from the first Half Term Break of the year is an all new menu to see you through until the end of term!

The always fantastic catering team have been hard at work and have produced an all new broad spanning menu full of big flavours and brilliant nutrition.

The menu will run on a rolling three week cycle, ensuring every day feels different and exciting. With inspiration from across the world, there will be a range of ingredients used to create dishes that hopefully encourage pupils to try something a little different to their norm.

With everything from red lentil, chickpea and tomato dahl, to marinated jerk chicken or vegetable pad thai finished off each week with 'Fish & Chip Friday' the canteen is sure to be buzzing this term!



A Technicolor MAT Musical Extravaganza!

In the final days of the last half term Crompton House welcomed a host of pupils from across the trust into the school to deliver an energetic performance of the timeless 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'.

With hundreds of pupils attending from Beal Vale, Thornham St James, Holy Trinity Dobb Cross, St Pauls, St Thomas and St Hughs, the hall was awash with colour from the different uniforms perfectly befitting the show.

Parents from pupils from each of the schools were welcomed to the matinee performance, giving them a chance to see the brilliant group efforts on display and to have a brief look at what could be their child's future secondary school.

To say the children had only that single morning to learn their songs (and dances!) their overall ability to accurately perform them in front of such a large group in a new setting was very impressive. The show ran near flawless for around 2 hours, a brilliant success when considering the logistics alone of shuffling so many bodies around the hall and stage alongside the constant repositioning of microphones throughout for solos, groups, and instruments.

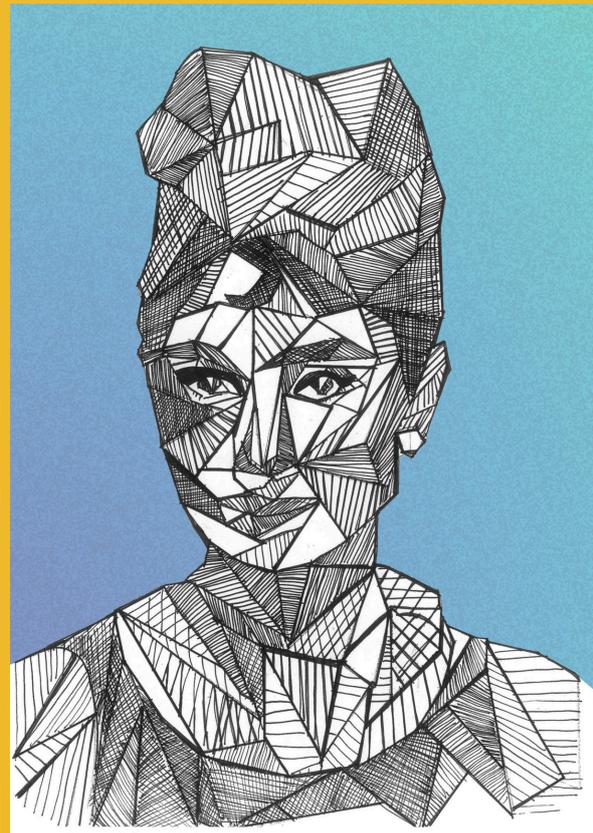
If you're reading this and you attended, we hope you enjoyed being part of it as much as our pupils did and we really look forward to being able to invite you back again in the future for our next Extravaganza which is certain to be even bigger and better now we've got the first one under our belts!



SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE



ARTWORKS OF THE WEEK



MARCH / APRIL 2025

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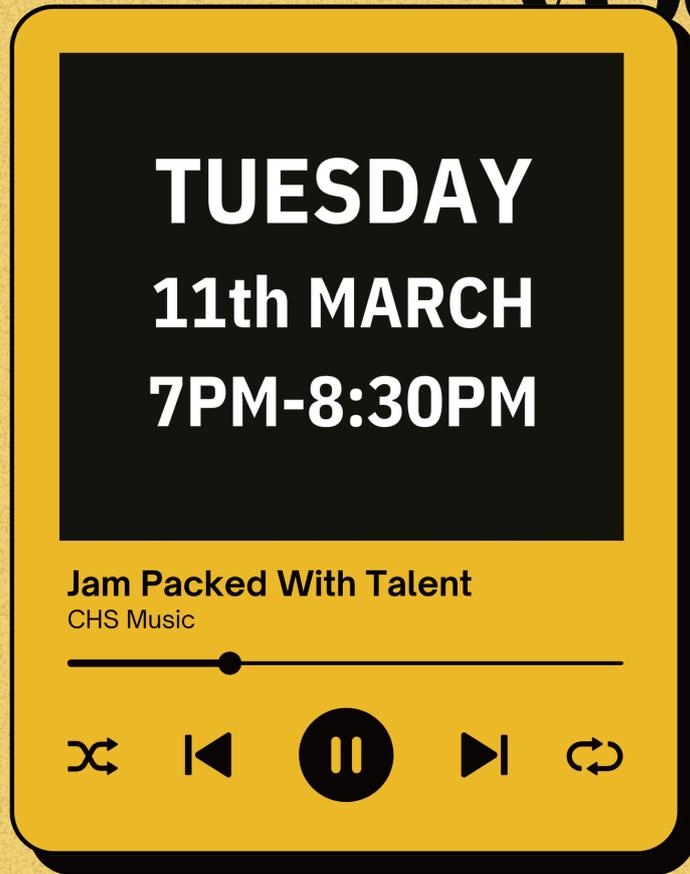
Upcoming evening and weekend school events:

5th March	—	Year 9 Pathways & Careers Evening	25th March	—	Year 12 Parents Evening
10th March	—	PIE - Year 11 Final Weeks	2nd April	—	PIE - Sixth Form Student Finances
11th March	—	Totally Vocal Concert	4th April	—	School Closes for Easter Break @ 1:25pm
12th March	—	Year 10 Parents Evening	4th April	—	Austria Ski Trip (4th-12th)
17th March	—	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (17th-19th)	17th April	—	Holland Football Competition Trip (17th-22nd)
18th March	—	Year 10 Parents Evening	22nd April	—	School Re-Opens to Pupils
20th March	—	DofE Presentation Evening	27th April	—	DofE Silver Practice Expedition (27th-29th)

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

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