

# Dispatches

THE CROSSLEY HEATH SCHOOL NEWS

May 2017



## A Word from the Head...

It is a perfect day for saying farewell to our lovely Y13 students as they start their study leave on the hottest day of the year so far. After an emotional assembly from Mr Donlan, they departed to enjoy the sunshine. We wish all students in Years 11 and 13 who are taking exams the very best of luck and hope they get the grades they have all worked so hard to achieve. Results Day will surely be a time of celebration. As usual, it has been an eventful half term with Crossley Heath students achieving wide-ranging success in the academic, creative and sporting fields. Our exceptional students are winners in diverse sports ranging from fell-running to tennis, from martial arts to horse-riding. Look out for star appearances from students who auditioned for parts in the new Channel 4 school drama, Ackley Bridge – sure

to be a clear rival to Waterloo Road (take care - not entirely suitable for younger viewers). I approach my final half term at school with mixed feelings – working hard to ensure a smooth transition to my successor, Mrs Lynnette Cassidy, but also determined to enjoy every moment. I am delighted to accompany Y10s on the Battlefields Tour in June, thanks to a kind invitation from Mr Davies. The trip will create many lasting memories, I'm sure.

Ramadan starts on Saturday and many of our students will be observing this important part of their religion. Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and enjoy the weather while it lasts.

*Wendy Moffat*



In the Easter holidays, 87 students joined the Music department for a fabulous week long trip to Barcelona. The students performed two fantastic concerts, one at the hotel and one on the beach front and had a great reception from local people who came to listen. The weather was glorious and students enjoyed sightseeing around Barcelona, the aquarium, zoo and theme park with some fun at the beach too. Thank you to everyone who came - it was a huge success!

## BARCELONA MUSIC TRIP!



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## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Here are just a few of our students who have recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh awards and collected their certificates during a special assembly at school. Most students received their certificate and badges at Bronze level, some achieved Silver and Annie Garside was congratulated on achieving her Gold Award. She will have the opportunity to collect her award at either Holyrood Palace or St James' Palace.

A number of parents have been in touch with the school to enquire whether it would be possible to run a dedicated school bus along the A646/Burnley Road to Crossley Heath School (via Sowerby Bridge, Luddendenfoot, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge, Todmorden). In the past there used to be a dedicated school bus on this route but this was withdrawn some years ago due to lack of use, and currently students on this route make use of the public buses which set off from the King Cross area of Halifax.

The school has made enquiries with West Yorkshire Metro/My Bus to see whether the school bus route could be revived but this seems unlikely to be viable. However, it may be possible for parents to contract a private coach service on the route. Such arrangements are already in place and operating successfully on routes from Brighouse and Huddersfield.

In order to ascertain the likely demand for such a service on the A646/Burnley Road route, we would ask that parents register their interest by emailing Sue Woolliscroft at the school: [sue.woolliscroft@crossleyheath.org.uk](mailto:sue.woolliscroft@crossleyheath.org.uk)

Should there prove to be sufficient demand, the school will facilitate contact between relevant parents and the bus companies. If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact Jonathan Brownlie, Deputy Head.

## PROPOSED NEW BUS ROUTE?

Branching Out is a confidential alcohol, drug and tobacco service provided by Lifeline. It is aimed at anyone under 21 in Calderdale. The agency works with young people who are using alcohol, drugs, tobacco or solvents at any level, and those at risk of using substances, including standalone stop smoking services for under 18's.

Branching Out offers a flexible service for young people with a wide range of services on offer. They provide honest, accurate advice and information, and support people they work with to achieve their goals. This includes one to one support, positive activities, clinical treatment, advocacy, C-card, Chlamydia screening, and signposting.

Here in school, we use Branching Out to support our PSHCE work and to deliver assemblies to year groups on relevant topics. There is also a drop-in session for students where they can access confidential advice and support on issues which matter to them in the safe environment of school.

## BRANCHING OUT

Thanks to parents for keeping their child's catering account up to date. Don't forget to use an alert to your email through ParentPay - this will advise you when your child's catering balance is running low and prompt you to top up. You can access this by clicking on View/Edit Profile on the main page and then click on Alert Settings. Also please don't forget to ensure that there is a credit balance on catering for when school starts again after the holidays on 5th June.

Please keep checking ParentPay for new Payment Items relating to your children and keep checking the items for instalments due on trips and so on.

Many Thanks - The Finance Team

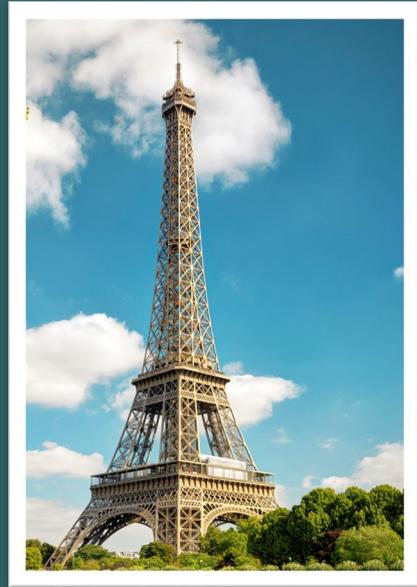
## FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

In April, Y8 had their residential trip to Condover Hall in Shropshire. The hall boasts a beautiful Elizabethan manor

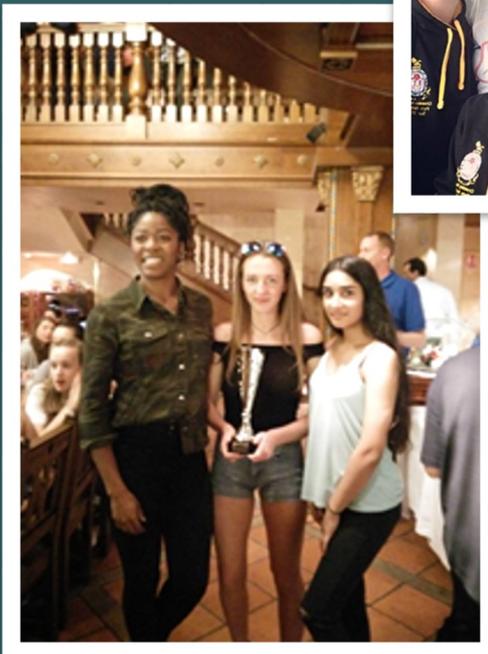
## CONDOVER HALL

house together with a modern, well equipped activity centre and offers a wide range of exciting indoor and outdoor activities including high and low rope courses and a laser maze. The students were accommodated in spacious dormitories set within the picturesque grounds. Over the three days they got to try their hands at lots of different activities including an aerial trek, climbing walls, sensory trail, laser tag, a gladiator wall, tunnelling and vortex. All activities were supervised by qualified instructors with the support of school staff and students experienced valuable team-building skills and improved their self-confidence, not to mention the tremendous fun they all had in the process! Evening activities included a sing song camp fire and league toppers. Some staff had such a great time that they have already signed up for next year's trip!





After months of training and selecting teams it was finally time to get on the road to Disneyland Paris. Taking forty year 8 and 9 girls all the way to Paris was never going to be easy, but all of them were a credit to the staff and school. The first day of netball saw mixed results as the standard of netball was extremely high, however after a somewhat shaky start all teams stepped up to the mark and played exceptional netball. Sophie Bingham displayed outstanding shooting skills, scoring left, right and centre; Lauryn Gregg showed amazing composure and Isobel Oldroyd was a crucial link between the attack and defence in the Y8 team. In the afternoons and evenings the girls were able to explore the Disney parks; Ms Mallinder defied all expectations and conquered the Indiana Jones rollercoaster. On the second day, after an inspirational karaoke bus journey led by Miss Vials, the girls took part in a coaching clinics and masterclasses delivered by England Netball. They also had the opportunity to be coached by one of the England netballers who has recently turned her focus to athletics and now competes in the triple jump for Great Britain. The final competition took place on the third day; all teams were placed in the appropriate leagues, competing against teams from all over the county and even as far as Abu Dhabi. The results followed: the B team finished 4th and the D team 7th in the U14 Showdown plate competition. The A team placed 4th in the Showdown Shield competition and the C team finished 7th in the U14 Challenger Shield Competition. After an intense three days the girls stayed and watched the incredible firework display, the perfect end to a successful tour.



## Y8 AND Y9 PARIS NETBALL TOUR

# Y9 ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

Our Y9 students are working on Active Citizenship Campaigns during the summer term. Each form has been given a cause that they are to promote and raise awareness for in small groups.

9A are focusing on Women's Human Rights and 9E on Children's Education. Both of these campaigns were launched by Paul Neill from Amnesty International who gave the students great motivation to address these global inequalities.



9B will be campaigning for Men's Mental Health and had an inspirational visit from Luke Ambler, who launched the hugely successful "It's ok to talk" social media campaign and set up Andy's Man Club which is gaining more and more support.

9C were visited by Aidan Hallett from Refugee Action and will be raising awareness of the plight of refugees, a project with significant relevance with regards to Syria at the moment. In 9D, students are looking at Teenage Self Esteem with many focusing on the impact social media can have



on this. Tara Guha from Healthy Minds Calderdale launched this task with a really practical lesson about self esteem. Finally, 9F are campaigning for Homelessness and Poverty and were joined by Emma Greenough from the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield which supports people in poverty with a food bank and other services.

All the external guests were hugely inspirational and Y9 are really motivated to highlight the issues and causes they have been given and make a really significant impact. Already students have set up social media accounts, made online petitions, contacted charities, written letters to people of power and importance, and created presentations, videos and posters to share with other students in school. There are plans for collections, protests and social experiments as well!



The whole project will culminate in our Citizenship Day on the 10th July, where students will see their launch guests again and present what they have achieved in their campaign. Winners will be chosen from each form and these groups will present to the whole year and guests to battle it out to win the overall Citizenship Prize for the year!

## NETBALL

### U14 Netball Tournament:

The girls got off to a strong start beating Trinity 15 - 4. They continued their reign of good form over Rishworth, Halifax Academy and Calder High. The team just lost out to Brooksbank in the group in a nail biting game. The girls were runners up in the group putting them through to the semi-finals against North Halifax. It was a tight game and the girls played well but North Halifax proved to be the stronger side on this occasion with North Halifax taking the win and putting us out of the tournament.

There was a fantastic squad performance by all players but some notable performances were from Alice Hutchings, Alethia Cryne and Georgina Holmes.

### U13 Netball

The U13 netball squad played in the Calderdale tournament. They played well in the group stages and their confidence grew with each game. They lost to Brooksbank and drew to Rishworth which meant they just lost out on a place in the semi-finals. It was a strong team effort by all of the squad.

### U12 Netball

The Y7 squad have performed strongly all year and went into their tournament with a good advantage. Their effort and skill payed off as they went on to win all of their games apart from one which they drew to Brighouse. Unfortunately the girls just lost out on first place based on goal difference and so qualified as runners up for the West Yorkshire Games.

The Games took place at Leeds Beckett University and the girls turned up full of anticipation for the day which didn't disappoint. They were strong in their group matches and got through to the final where they played GSAL. In a tense game they just lost by two goals.

The girls also travelled to Sheffield EIS to take part in the regional final of the Y7 netball competition. They were competing with the best 8 teams across the county so the competition was tough. They played really well and won 2 out of their 7 games, putting them in 6th place in Yorkshire.



## CLIMBING COMPETITION

The 22nd March saw the Depot host the Schools Cup 2017, an eagerly anticipated competition which drew competitors from a variety of schools across the region. The competition provided an excellent atmosphere and although challenging, was accessible for all ages and allowed competitors to truly test themselves against the high standard of setting.

The climbers that represented Crossley Heath School demonstrated an excellent performance against some tough competition. Individually we won KS3 Girls and KS4 boys. As a whole team everyone contributed to an amazing result of 3rd place out of 10 schools that were taking part in the competition. We also had Robin Casey and Sam Allen finish in 1st place in their age categories.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Isabel Richardson took part in the National Cross Country Championships finishing 16th overall. Max Burgin took part in the English schools Cross Country final coming 189th. Well done to both students on representing at National level.

## ATHLETICS

A squad of girls and boys went to Wakefield Thornes Park to take part in the English Schools Athletics Cup. The competition focuses on each student taking part in two events to accumulate points. There were some excellent performances from all pupils that took part and real sense of team effort.

The Y9 and 10 girls and the Y7 and 8 boys have qualified for the Regional B final taking place after half term and the junior girls have qualified for the regional A final also taking place after half term. Well done to all the students who took part.

## INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

**Robin Casey 9D** - Following on from Robin's performance at a GB selection event last month, she has now been selected to

represent her country in two bouldering events abroad. This is the same type of event that Shauna Coxsey competes in and is attracting coverage from BBC Sports.

Robin was selected for events in Soure, Portugal on 20 & 21 May, and L'Argentiere, France on 18 & 19 July.

She was placed 11th in the Portugal event, thereby finishing in the top half, itself an amazing result, but even more impressive considering she was one of only three girls in the bottom half of her age category.



school rugby careers. Well done to both boys, and good luck for the future!

Senior rugby awards for the season were as follows

1st XV Player of the Year - Jamie Highley

Most improved player - Callum Bell

Best newcomers - Sam Ives and Charlie Nendick

2nd XV Player of the Year - Alex Lee

**Sophie Jackson** in Y12 competed in the EU 10 Nations water polo tournament representing the England team in Prague. In the group stages they qualified top of their group having won all four matches: Switzerland (32-4), Czech Republic (21-1), Germany (23-1) and Denmark (18-1). This put them straight into the finals where they met the winners of the other group, South Africa. It was a hard fought match but England managed to maintain a lead throughout. They eventually won 12-7 and came home with the trophy and the title of U17 EU 10 Nations Champions! Well done to Sophie and the team.



### TENNIS RESULTS

The tennis teams have had some good results so far in their respective LTA Aegon leagues. The U15s boys and girls teams both convincingly beat strong and experienced players from Holmfirth High School in their first game of the season. The U15 girls then went on to play Bradford Grammar and again won convincingly, however the U15 boys team lost on this occasion, in spite of Jacob Chadwick winning his singles game in a closely fought battle. In the Aberdare National Cup competition, our U15 girls were again drawn against Holmfirth High and again were victorious, playing girls older than

themselves They are now due to play Wakefield Girls team in Round 4. Members of the squads are: Lucy and Charlotte

Margetson, Emma Wardle and Anna Brierley (U15 girls) and Jacob Chadwick, Andrew Coates, Jamie McCormack and Fab De Vito (U15 boys).

In the U13 league, our girls team (Anna Nevison, Beth Wood, Olivia Judge and Fatima Sadiq) won their first game against Rishworth School, whilst the boys team, (Abhinav Vadlamani, Spencer Butterworth, Oliver Clegg and Jai Dhillon) drew 6-6 against Hipperholme Grammar, but then lost 7-10 in the shoot out.

### RUGBY - NORTH OF ENGLAND TRAINING CAMP

Tom Georgiou and Jacob Pollard represented school on the two day England North training camp held at Weetwood Campus in Leeds.

They are part of the Yorkshire Carnegie 30 man junior development squad who played in a 6 team tournament on Bank Holiday Monday at Sheffield against Sale Sharks, Leicester Tigers, Northampton Saints, Worcester Warriors and Newcastle Falcons.

From this tournament 12 players from each squad were selected by the England coaches to go forward to the 2 day training camp in Leeds (36 players in total). Hopefully this exposure, at the highest level, will bode well for their prospects of international recognition later in their



### SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

This takes place at Queens Sports Club every Thursday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm with a professional coach from the club. There are places available so if interested, please see a member of the PE Department for further details. Rackets and balls are provided.

**Re-opens: Mon 5 June**

**Closed INSET: Fri 30 June**

**Closes for summer: Fri 21 July**

**Closed INSET: Mon 4 September**

**Re-opens to students: Tue 5 September**



## June-July Calendar

5 June	Y10 Iceland trip departs
6	Y10 Battlefields departs
8	Y12 internal exams commence (to 16 June) 7A-7B-7C Zoo trip
9	7D-7E-7F Zoo trip
15	Parent Focus Group 6pm
19	Y12 Berlin Trip (to 22 June)
22	Summer Concert
27	Y12 UCAS Fair in Leeds
28	Y12 Psychology Zoo Trip
29	11+ Open Evening (early closure)
30	INSET DAY - school closed
5 July	7A-7B-7C Theatre trip CHA meeting 7pm
6	7D-7E-7F Theatre trip
7	New intake transition day
10	Y9 Citizenship day
11	Sports Day
12	KS3 Prizegiving
14	Y12 Conference in School Y12 Biology Field Trip depart
17	House Music Heats
19	House Music Final after school
21	School closes 12.30pm



## CHA NEWS

CHA invite you to our 'Sing-a-Long-a-Grease' for one Summer Night only at The Rex Cinema, Elland, HX5 0DF on Friday 7th July 2017.

Brought to you by the producers of "Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music", this is a brand new sing-a-long screening of the classic film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

Just sit back and watch Danny, Sandy and the gang, while singing and dancing along to the lyrics as shown on the screen. With classic songs like "Summer Nights", "Hopelessly Devoted to You", "You're the One That I Want", "Beauty School Dropout", "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee", "Greased Lightning", "Tears on My Pillow" and "We Go Together" it couldn't be easier... or more fun!

So if you ever wanted to know what it's like to be a T-bird or a Pink Lady, well, here is your chance to don those pink jackets, grease up those quiffs and let your inhibitions go for an evening! Fancy dress is very optional but we will be awarding prizes on the night for best female/male outfits!

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Film starts at 7:00 pm. Bar & refreshments beforehand and during the interval. Child & concessions - £6.50 / Adult - £7.50 / Groups of 4 - £25. Please book your tickets now from [www.buytickets.at/crossleyheathassociation/99078](http://www.buytickets.at/crossleyheathassociation/99078)

This fundraiser has been generously sponsored by GSG Pianos and we would now really appreciate your support of our only event this term, enabling the school to purchase much needed educational equipment and textbooks for our children.

The CHA

**Crossley Heath Association**  
presents ...



**Sing-a-Long-a-GREASE**



The new **SING-A-LONG** version of the classic Grease film starring **John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John** couldn't be more fun!

Just sit back and watch **Danny & Sandy** with the gang, while singing and dancing along to the lyrics as shown on the screen.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
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