



# Dispatches

## The Crossley Heath School News

Summer 2018

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## A Word from the Head

We have come to the end of another very busy year at Crossley Heath. Over the year students have enjoyed fantastic

achievements and have taken part in a myriad of activities with their usual verve and enthusiasm.

I would like to thank all of our staff who have encouraged, supported and challenged our children in lessons, and in providing so many opportunities and experiences for them.

This term, students have enjoyed many exciting trips, visits and exchanges as you will read. Y9 students have been actively engaged in a Citizenship competition to design projects to help others in the community. We were delighted to welcome our local MP, Holly Lynch, into school to meet students and discuss the issues with the group over lunch.

Sports, as always, featured highly in the term's activities. Particular highlights for me were our sports day at Spring Hall and the Girls' Sports presentation evening where I was honoured to hand out colours and trophies to many of our talented and dedicated sportswomen. In early July, we were thrilled by the achievements of Max Burgin in the European Junior Championships where Max won gold in the 800m. His dedication and commitment to his sport is an inspiration to us all. Indeed, many of our students manage to achieve highly at school whilst taking part in sporting activities, with all the effort, organisation and commitment that this brings.

More informally, it has been delightful to observe mixed groups of students taking advantage of the fine weather out on the Moor at lunchtimes by playing impromptu games of rounders. It brought back fond memories of my own schooldays and also reminded me that whilst the school years may roll by, some things never change.

The summer term saw a number of cultural highlights too with a hugely enjoyable run of 'We will Rock You' and an impressive summer concert. We enjoyed a very successful Open Evening, with lots of very positive feedback from current and existing parents. The evening was enhanced by the fantastic displays of artwork around the school.

The work to repair the roof and install replacement windows continues. This is a long project that will significantly enhance the school environment for students and staff. Our contractor, Bermar, is conducting the works with great respect for the historical significance of the building and its listed status. Their conduct around school has been exemplary throughout. Inevitably, such a large project has necessitated cooperation, flexibility and patience to allow the school to operate effectively whilst the work continues. I would like to thank everyone involved, particularly those who vacated classrooms and work spaces, or, as in the case of the LRC, moved lock, stock and barrel to another part of the school for a period of time. Students have been magnificent in respecting both the works and construction staff, and have taken in their stride occasional changes to classrooms or routes.

This year sees the introduction of the new 9-1 grading system to the vast majority of GCSE subjects. These changes bring increased unpredictability this summer, with uncertainty about grade boundaries and standards. Consequently, we have focused on supporting students to make progress and continually improve their performance so that they achieve as highly as possible under the new system. Our Y11 students have responded well to the greater challenges of the new courses. We wish them, and Y13, every success with their results in August.

Finally, can I wish everyone a lovely break over the summer.

Best wishes

*Lynnette Cassidy*



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Y10 History students venture to the memorial sites of northern France and Belgium



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One of our biggest ever musical productions wows sell-out audiences!



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Y11 student Max wows the crowds in Hungary with his world record beating 800m time



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# Maths Challenges

44 students received certificates in the recent national Maths Challenge competition and 16 scored highly enough to get through to the next rounds, the Kangaroo or Olympiad papers.

**Bronze:** Praneetha Bharath, Zehn Ayoub, Arnav Kanungo, Phoebe Verry, Ethan Queenan, Rithvik Ramkumar, Hiba Hussain, Daniel Mcleod, Lee Youde.

**Silver:** Ar-Rayyan Amin, Ethan Thomas, Michael Imadiyi, Ismaeel Azhar, Evelyn Mills, Finlay Harrison, Haider Ali, Lauren Bone, Himat Nijjar, Manahil Niazi, Joseph Brown, Hasnain Ali, Miles Rowland, Sai Pallavajjala, Francesca Hoult

**Gold:** Ryan Harrison, Razi Ali, Sarah Dean, Aisha Shah, Amna Khan.

**Gold and through to Junior Kangaroo:** Tom Simpson, Theo Hawes, Silas Shaw, Aryan Bhuskute, Fatima Sadiq, Mia Ghosh, Sai Karumuri, Mohammad Shahid, Hamzah Ali, Eric Qiao, Morgan Still, Alex Price, Aryan Bilal, Nikash Shinde, Bilal Waheed.

**Kangaroo paper :** Alex Price, Nikash Shinde and Morgan Still all received Certificates of Merit (scoring more than 96 out of 135).

**Olympiad paper:** Ali Ikram achieved a Certificate of Merit.



## McKinsey Leadership Academy

*Callum being congratulated by Economics and Business Studies Head of Department, Mark Schofield*

Callum Bell in Y13 has been chosen to participate in the prestigious McKinsey Leadership Academy at Wellington College in Berkshire this summer. He was selected following a rigorous application process, competing with students from over 250 schools in the UK and Ireland for a place on this prestigious training programme.

McKinsey & Company is a highly respected global management consultancy firm, which will open up access to a range of networking opportunities for Callum in the future.

The two-day residential will bring together 100 high-achieving Sixth Form students with McKinsey & Company professionals and Future Foundations facilitators for an intensive leadership programme of experiential workshops, presentations, challenges and one-to-one mentoring.

Callum is one of several applicants from Crossley Heath over the last five years that have successfully gained a placement at the Academy and we hope he finds the experience truly rewarding and inspiring.



*From Mr Charlesworth:*

Y10 had another successful visit to France and Belgium as part of their History GCSE in June. I had the privilege of supporting the trip, and what an experience it was. I found myself truly enthralled and eager to learn as much information as possible at all the sites that we visited, and I'm sure the students absorbed just as much.

Visits on the itinerary included Thiepval, Vimy Ridge, Ypres Salient and Tyne Cot, to name just a few. I found the next location just as

## Battlefields Tour 2018

powerful as the last. To see the resting place of more than 11,900 servicemen of the British Empire from the First World War at Tyne Cot, was especially compelling, and an experience that I will remember for years to come.





# New Student Leaders



Newly appointed KS3 and KS4 Student Leaders have already been a real asset to the school; speaking and guiding at our busy 11+ Open Evening, assisting tutors and welcoming families at the recent New Intake evening.

They worked extremely hard on Y6 Transition day, supporting our incoming students and the staff in what was an enjoyable and busy day.

We are already seeing impressive leadership skills and envisage them leading assemblies, welcoming visitors to school, supporting younger students as well as tackling a project of their choosing next year.

*Our Y7 and Y10 Student Leaders are keen to start making a difference in school.*

## Y9 Campaign Discussions with MP Holly Lynch

Our students have been creating campaigns in Y9 Citizenship lessons around various different issues including Women's Rights, Food Banks, Refugees and LGBTQ rights.

Several members of the year group were successful in contacting Halifax MP Holly Lynch and invited her into school for a meeting.

The students did a superb job of presenting their campaigns and Holly offered some

very helpful advice to them so that they could raise awareness of the issues they were campaigning for.

They found the experience inspiring and did a wonderful job representing the year group and school. Well done!

*See page 6 for an full report of the students' Citizenship projects for the year and their final presentations.*



# Exploring Medical Careers

On 27 June, four Y12 students, including myself, visited Manchester University to attend a taster day on medical professions available beyond being a doctor.

Sessions were available on optometry, midwifery, pharmacology, speech and language therapy and audiology. Each sessions' content was put into context with 2 case studies that we were given at the start of the day. The sessions were based around how two patients would be affected physically by their medical condition, how the symptoms of their condition could be identified and how it could be treated and of course background knowledge in each of the fields the sessions were about. Each session was very informative and well-explained; having used the case-led approach typical of Manchester University, each session was practical and applicable to a specific situation; meaning that the information we were given was in-depth but clearly understandable.

I went on the visit with very little pre-knowledge of the different career options that the taster day covered. I came out of each session with a greater knowledge about each profession and a greater respect for the professionals who are often stereotypically considered as the "side-kicks" of doctors. I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and learned a lot from it, and I would recommend this trip to anyone considering a career in the medical field, whether they have chosen their desired career path or not. The day provided a fantastic opportunity to broaden career horizons, speak to people at the university and get direct information about admission processes as well. An event not to be missed.

Georgia-May Codd

*Y9 students have a first look at the new milling machine and the Hexy robot.*



## Stunning Team GB performance for Max

Y11 student Max Burgin delivered another fabulous display of front running as he stormed to victory in the boys 800m final at the European U18 Championships in Gyor, Hungary on 8 July.

The 16 year-old opened up a gap in the early stages and victory was barely in doubt as he led from the start to finish before crossing the line in a personal best time of 1:47.36. It was also a championship record and world U18 lead for Max as he further lowered his European age 16 800m record.

Despite several calls for Max's world record breaking performance to be put forward as his official house entry for sports day, sadly Queens House had to do without him at the Halifax Spring Hall track the following day.

## New Machines for DT

The DT department would like to say thank you very much to the CHA who have provided funds to purchase two new pieces of equipment to support the delivery of the popular GCSE Engineering course. The first is a milling machine, which allows us to demonstrate how pieces of metal can be accurately shaped and cut to a very high tolerance, which is an essential aspect of any engineering process.

The second is a 'Hexy' robot, a six legged hexapod which can be programmed to move and perform various tasks like an insect. It is an ideal introduction to the world of robotics, again a major part of most modern engineering processes. These two new pieces of kit should prove to be invaluable over the next few years.





# Schools Will Rock You

On 25-27 April this year we staged the schools version of the West End smash hit, We Will Rock You. A huge number of students took part in the show, making it one of the biggest casts involved in a school production for many years.

The musical tells a story of a group of Bohemians who struggle to restore the free exchange of thought, fashion, and live music in a distant future where everyone dresses, thinks and acts the same. Many of Queen's greatest hits are used in the musical and our cast and band performed all of them incredibly well.

This was the last opportunity for our current sixth form students to be involved in a school production and many of them took lead roles, performing exquisite solos and duets. It was also great to see so many talented students in Y7-10 involved as well in the chorus groups and as dancers. At times it was hard to fit them all on stage!

The musical was a huge success with praise coming from parents, staff and other audience members each night. We could not be any prouder of the students involved in the production; the months of rehearsal that goes into the production as well as three long, late nights shows the hard work and commitment our students have as well as the talent they all possess.

A huge well done and thank you to every student who participated in the show (cast, band & crew). It was an amazing show and you should all feel very proud.



*Our main star cast:*  
Galileo - Jonny Newman  
Scaramouche - Adelaide Taylor  
Killer Queen - Hannah Swallow  
Khashoggi - Connor Tankard  
Britney - Zachary Smith  
Meat - Emily Hought





## Y8 at Condover Hall

In July, 166 pupils from Y8 spent three days in Shropshire at JCA's Condover Hall Activity Centre.

At the end of Y8, form groups are split up so this is a great chance for everyone to mix with other pupils who might be in their new forms next year. The trip also focused on improving confidence and team building in line with the school's encouragement of growth mindset. The weather was fantastic with clear blue skies and a slight breeze to help keep us a little bit cooler.

*The Y8 students enjoy trying out climbing and abseiling activities*



Once at the centre the students got straight into activities including climbing, abseiling, problem solving, a sensory trail and gladiator wall and also enjoyed a camp fire in the evening. Tuesday evening saw England's World Cup quarter final match against Finland and more than 130 students came together to watch the game on a big screen. The atmosphere was electric - although we were a little worried whether the old windows would stand the noise made when England scored the winning penalty. On the Wednesday we returned home with 166 tired but happy pupils. Huge thanks to all the staff who generously supported the trip, without whom the activities could not have gone ahead.

## Active Citizenship Day

From the end of April, our Y9 students have been working on projects and campaigns as part of their Active Citizenship projects. After a term of focusing on their causes, it was finally time to Y9 to celebrate all their work on Active Citizenship Day on 10 July. In the morning, every group had to present their campaign to the guests who had launched the Active Citizenship term back in April. The guests were all really impressed by the work that had been achieved in just an hour a week. The guests then had to choose a winner from their form who would go forward to the final.

Examples of work the students completed during their campaigns included posters, leafleting, petitions and presentations, running social media accounts, letters to MPs and Ministers, holding food bank collections, volunteering and attending events outside of school.

In the afternoon, the final was held and each winning group for the forms presented their campaigns again, this time in front of the whole year group, guests and governors and senior leaders from Crossley Heath. Nerves were high but the students kept their composure and were incredibly professional. Our guest judges, Mrs Martin (who ran Active Citizenship last year), our previous Head boy and girl Matthew Shaw and Sammun Mumtaz, as well as two of the previous year's winners Gem and Ummama, had the difficult decision of which group should win overall.

In the end, the prize went to Akifah Ameen, Maha Ashar, Ellie Chiles-Chamley, and Evelyn Kitson from 9C. Their work on refugees and asylum seekers was really interesting to find out about and they created social media sites, birthday boxes and collections for their cause. A huge well done to all who participated, especially the groups who made it to the final.



### Form Causes:

**9A** – Child Education with Paul Neill from Amnesty International

**9B** – Poverty & Homelessness with Emma Greenough from The Welcome Centre

**9C** – Refugees & Asylum Seekers with Cate Bell from St Augustine's

**9D** – LGBTQ+ with Kate Auker from Barnados

**9E** – Women's Rights with Anne-Marie Gallagher from Women's Centre

**9F** – Young Carers support with Catherine Rhodes from Young Carers

**9G** – Environmental support with Anthony Rae from Friends of the Earth



# Sanctuary School

A group of sixth form and KS4 students have formed a group to work towards Crossley Heath gaining recognition as a School of Sanctuary. The School of Sanctuary concept involves making Crossley Heath a school which would feel safe and welcoming for refugees and asylum seekers, in addition to welcoming and being inclusive towards diversity in all its forms within the community.

## Community values

At a time when there is much discussion about migration in the media, this provides an opportunity for students to consider their views and understanding of the difficult issues involved.

Mrs Bell, who was a physics teacher here last year and is now volunteering at St Augustine's refugee support centre in Halifax, has been attending the meetings and helping us to make links with St Augustine's.

On Friday 29 June as part of the non-uniform fundraising event in aid of St Augustine's and a local food bank, the School of Sanctuary group organised some creative FUNdraising activities at lunchtime including a 'sponge the teacher' event (pictured above), and the

opportunity to watch Mrs Todde-Wilson have her hair straightened and Mr Davis have his legs waxed by some sixth form practitioners!

£32.50 was raised from these activities in addition to nearly £600 raised by the non-uniform day.



*What a good sport! Mr Barber on the receiving end of some accurate sponge-throwing!*

## Guest Chefs!



Miss Jones has had 2 "guest chefs" working with our Y10 Food Technology students this term. Mrs Kneebone (Teacher of Chinese, pictured above) has shown 10Z how to make traditional Chinese dumplings & Mrs Todde-Wilson (Teacher of English) spent a lesson showing 10W how to make vegan broccoli patties and gave a really interesting talk about veganism. It has been a great example of collaboration between our school departments.

## Charity Round Up

On 23 March we hosted a non-uniform day for Sport Relief and raised £858.25. Also in March we sold daffodil pins for Marie Curie which generated over £60 of donations.

In April, some of our Y7 and 8 students raised £86.24 for the British Heart Foundation by organising a sponsored healthy eating day.

In May, we held a bake sale for the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice and proudly gave them £248.95 from our efforts.

June saw our final non-uniform day, this time for St Augustine's (refugee support) and Ebenezer (homeless/foodbanks) and raised £599.70.

The Lameera Society, who independently raise money for



Oxfam have contributed £1173.99 to our overall total, which is £6616.60!

This is just the start of many more fantastic charity activities to come in the new academic year. The total raised so far is testament to all of the hard work and the generous nature of our students, parents/carers and the local community. Thank you to everyone for their support.



# Iceland Trip Gallery

Our Y10 Geographers spent an exciting week exploring the magnificent scenery and geological features of Iceland in June. Highlights included a glacier walk, Skógafoss waterfall and the Geysir hot springs. Students also loved the beautiful Jökulsárlón lagoon as well as the Secret Lagoon near the village of Flúðir which is one of Iceland's oldest swimming pools dating back to 1891. For most it was a trip of a lifetime. Thanks to all the staff who made it possible.





# German Exchange

A group of twenty Y10 students participated in this year's German Exchange trip to Aachen in March and the return leg in July.

Despite the slightly cold early spring weather, our students had a very enjoyable week visiting Aachen town hall and cathedral, and had trips further afield to Cologne and Maastricht in Holland. All the students made the most of their experience by speaking lots of German and also took part in lessons at the exchange school "Viktoria Schule".



*Above : the students visit the magnificent Cologne cathedral and (left ) York Minster*



At the beginning of July the return part of the exchange took place and twenty German students and 2 teachers from the Viktoria Schule spent a week in Halifax with their partners. Everyone enjoyed trips to York, Manchester, Bradford, the Piece Hall and they even managed to meet the mayor at the town hall. On their last day they also participated in lessons at school. The German students enjoyed our excellent weather and some great friendships have been formed.

# Yorkshire Cup Finals

Both Under 16 and 1st XV teams took on opposition from Ripon Grammar in their respective Yorkshire Schools Cup Finals last half term.

The Under 16 team performed really well, especially as they were without captain and influential outside half Tom Georgiou who had unfortunately sustained a broken arm during a training camp with Leeds Carnegie a few weeks earlier. Alfie Pollard took over the role as captain for the day and ably assisted by senior players such as Jacob Pollard, Jared Mason and Olly Cash, got the team suitably motivated and focused for the big game. An even and hard fought contest ensued with Ripon opening the scoring but Crossley's responding with a try from short range for Alfie and an outstanding team try from a cleverly worked tap penalty rounded off by pacy

fullback Osy Iyekekpolo. Ripon replied twice with tries either side of half time and it took an outstanding individual score from centre Olly Cash followed by some determined team defence to hold out for a deserved 19-17 victory.

All the boys performed brilliantly on a sweltering afternoon with particular mentions for Jamie McCormick who was voted man of the match by the Ripon players, Asiece Lalli and Olly Kenyon who carried tirelessly, Tai Armitage for some excellent work on the wing and last but not least Ivan Salter who played in a very unfamiliar position out in the centres but did a sterling job.

Unfortunately the First XV were unable to repeat the trick in their final and despite excellent effort levels from Tom Taylor and

his team were well beaten by a very well drilled and physical Ripon side. Ben Sutcliffe scored Crossleys only try of the match as we struggled to break down the very tough defensive line Ripon managed to maintain. Ben Brearley, Ali Khan, Callum Best and Cillian Neal all deserve mentions for their efforts as does Ben Sutcliffe who was awarded man of the match by the opposition.



## ... SPORTS NEWS ... SPORTS NEWS ...

**ROUNDERS**

This has been one of our most popular sports with many girls attending practice on a regular basis.

Our Under 12, 13, 14 and 15 teams have taken part in their respective Calderdale tournaments with some fine performances and great results. The U12 team came 3rd in their event, a magnificent achievement as a clash of dates meant that the A team had to attend Calderdale Athletics and the B team stepped in and stepped up. Both the U13 and U14 teams were 2nd in their respective tournaments, whilst the U15 team remain unbeaten throughout the entire season and won their tournament comfortably against Calder High School.



playoffs again against Bradford Grammar and Ackworth and had some close games against strong players, beating Ackworth overall but narrowly losing to Bradford.

Members of the squad:

U13s Sara Olbert, Beth Wood, Olivia Judge, Rithvi Dineshkuma, U13s Owen Lodge, James Duffy, Tom Simpson, George Whyton, Ben Craig, Lee Youde.

U15s Charlotte

Margetson, Breanna Cockroft, Bethany Rayne, Anna Nevison.

U15s: Jacob Chadwick, Andrew Coates, Alex Ackroyd, Sam Mindham, Frances Mackenzie, Tejas Nandish.

**TENNIS**

Our U13 and U15 boys and girls tennis teams took part in the Aegon Tennis league this year. The girls teams won their first round games against Bradford Grammar, Rishworth and Salendine schools to qualify for the play offs where they met Leeds Grammar and Ackworth. The U13 squad played extremely well to beat both their opposition, with the U15s beating Ackworth School but then narrowly losing to Leeds Grammar although they still won overall. Both age groups will now play in the Regional B finals taking place at John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds in September. The U13 boys were entered in the Division A league and had some outstanding results, beating Leeds Grammar, Roundhay, QEGS and Bradford Grammar, but then just lost narrowly to Holmfirth High to miss out on a place in the next round. The U15s got through to their



A tennis trip to Ilkley was also organised to watch semi-pro tennis players in the ATP Challenge Cup Championships. Both were inspiring trips and our pupils enjoyed watching high performance tennis close-to.

A big well done to Charlotte Margetson, Owen Lodge and James Duffy who have been training with Yorkshire tennis and to James Duffy who has been

invited to attend a training camp in Spain this summer.

**ATHLETICS**

Our athletes have had a busy and successful season this year, taking part in a wide range of competitions throughout the year.

Once again, our school entered the English Schools Track and Field Cup Competition, held at Thornes Park Stadium, Wakefield, with teams in the junior and inter boys and girls competitions. Our junior girls finished in 2nd place overall behind Kirkburton School, while the inter girls finished in first place overall, securing themselves a place in the North Midlands B final. There were strong performances and individual wins

from Niamh Woodhouse in the hurdles and hammer, Isabel Richardson in the 1500m, along with Lauryn Gregg in the 1500m and triple jump.

Our Y7 joint boys and girls team entered the Super8 Calderdale athletics event and came close runners up behind Brooksbank, which meant they qualified for the West Yorkshire

Summer Games held at Beckett Park, Leeds. An enjoyable day was had at the games, with students taking part in an Opening Ceremony before their athletics events. They finished in a creditable 4th position overall.

In the recent Calderdale Athletics Championships at Spring Hall, Crossley Heath came 3rd

overall, a good result as several of our athletes were out on school trips. There were with notable performances which included: wins for Lucy Gregg in Y7 discus, Isabel Richardson in Y8 1500 metres, Eve Thomason in Y9 discus and from Y10 Lauryn Gregg won the 1500 metres and Lucy Bowler won both the long jump and the 800 metres. Finlay Hill won the Y7 100m, Manav Sandu Y10 shot, Joe Dalton Y10 discus, James Duffy Y7 long jump, Zain Awan Y7 200m.



Representative honours: Caitie Jones, Tegan Hamilton-Adams, Iris Palmer, Isabel Castelow, Isabel Richardson, Niamh

Woodhouse, Harry Johnson, Max Burgin were all selected to represent Calderdale in the West Yorkshire Athletics Championship.

Isabel Castelow and Max Burgin were selected to represent West Yorkshire in the English Schools Athletics Championships in Birmingham. A great effort from all involved in athletics, congratulations to everyone.



## From the Finance Office

Thanks to parents for continuing to use ParentPay during the past school year. Don't forget to ensure that there is a credit balance on catering for when school starts again in September.

Also don't forget to use an alert to your email through ParentPay, as this will advise you when your child's catering balance is running low. Access this by clicking on Communication on the top bar on the main page and then click on Alert Settings.

Please ensure that you check ParentPay regularly for trips and resources that are available for the students – letters and emails do not always seem to find their destinations!

Have a restful summer and enjoy.

Many thanks - The Finance Team

From 19-21 June, Y12 German, Art and History students enjoyed a residential trip to Berlin organised by Mrs Grossova and accompanied by Mrs Hazelton and Mr Davies.

"The trip gave us all a chance to visit key sites that we had studied in our respective subjects. These included the Brandenburg Gate, the TV Tower, the Reichstag and we also caught glimpses of the famous Berlin Wall. We visited museums and art exhibitions as well as going to pay our respects to the victims of the Second World War by visiting memorials and the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

The trip was both extremely enjoyable and educational for all the students and was an experience that we will never forget. Es war wunderbar!"

*Georgia-May Codd*

## Exploring Berlin



## New School Officials



Our new team of school officials have been in action since their recent appointments and providing visible support at school events as well as duties outs. Pictured are Head Girl Georgia-May Codd and Head Boy Abhishek Subramaniam.

Congratulations also to our new 2018 House Captains:

(KINGS) Emily Hought & Owen Witchell  
(QUEENS) Hannah Wilkinson & Luke Dunne  
(PORTER) Eruvie Inije & Sarah Bradshaw  
(SAVILE) Martha Brown & Ryan Coughlan

## Governor Update

It has been a busy but productive year for governors with some disruption to the calendar in the spring term due to the inclement weather.

We held our annual governor day in school in January where we had a very useful tutorial from Mr Brownlie on understanding outcome data, enjoyable (as always) classroom visits, a fascinating True Colours exercise led by Mr Coulson identifying our preferred character and behaviour traits and lastly some small group work on self evaluation of governing board effectiveness and action planning.

Governor visits into school this year saw representative governors from committees meeting with staff and students to look at various topics from the school improvement plan – Key stage 3 assessment; the impact of the new science labs; growth mindset and rewards and sanctions. Governors have also participated in staff recruitment and selection.

By the end of term the Academy Trust Board will have appointed new governors. There will be further opportunity in September for any parents to put themselves forward for election as parent governors.

The governing body wishes the students, their families and the staff a very enjoyable summer break, hopefully with glorious weather.

## Music Round Up

As we reach the end of the year, we have been seeing the school preparing for House Music. It is always an incredible event and great to see so much participation from students across the whole school. The Y12 house officials always do such an amazing job at putting the whole thing together.

As always House Open was a highlight with this year's theme being MOTOWN! Congratulations to Porter House who after a hard fought set of heats and exciting final night performance, walked away with the trophy for this year.

We have had many students entered for ABRSM exams these past few months too and congratulate them on some great results.

In June, we had our very successful annual summer concert, which exhibited our new grand piano in the Hall. We had some wonderful music and dance performances throughout the night and a range of different ensembles and solo performances from students across the school. A huge thank you to Mr Pickles (who left Crossley Heath last July) for coming back to comper the event.

# Term Dates

Re-opens: Mon 3 September

Closes for Half term: Fri 26 October

Re-opens: Mon 5 November

Inset day: Fri 30 November

Closes for Christmas: Thu 20 December



## Crossley Heath Association News

Firstly, we'd like to wish all the very best of luck to our Y11 and 13 pupils in their exam results and thank them and their families for all their support over the years for the PTA. This year, with your support, we have raised an amazing £15,000 which staff have requested be spent on the following: Biology - microscopes and club, Pastoral care, Language textbooks, DT - machinery for new Engineering GCSE, PE - netball dresses, fitness classes and support of boys rugby.

We will also be losing some wonderfully supportive PTA parents as their children move on at the end of this school year. In particular, we must pay special thanks for long service to our treasurer Sam; events organisers Ruth & Sangeeta; Vice Chair and 400 Club organiser Fiona; and our dedicated and inspirational Chair Melanie for putting the fun into fundraising and raising the bar on PTA events! Most importantly, their voluntary commitment has meant the PTA has continued to raise more and more funds every year for the benefit of all our children.



### Can you help? If

you can help out next year from time to time, please email [cha@crossleyheath.org.uk](mailto:cha@crossleyheath.org.uk) to find out how to join our friendly band of volunteers!

**Having a clear out this summer?** Please don't forget to save any unwanted chocolates, wine and books if you're having a clear out over the summer, for our Christmas Market on Saturday 24 November 2018!

**Save the Date:** We invite you to our fabulous Fashion Show on Friday 19 October 2018 in the main Hall at Crossley Heath. We'll have stalls and a gorgeous showing of the new season's range from Moo Boutique, Yorkshire. Last year's show was a sell-out sociable event with a licensed bar, so please come along and bring your friends and family. Tickets are on ParentPay now priced £8 (inc. nibbles). And, whilst you're having fun, remember that all funds raised will help us continue to purchase much needed educational resources for every child in every year!

Finally, thank you to our 132 Easyfundraisers for Crossley Heath School, Halifax. Pupils, friends and family fundraising with CHA – you have raised £3,430! It is easy to join in [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crossleyheaths/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crossleyheaths/) and, if you use it for your online shopping and holiday bookings this summer, you'll be raising funds for school at no cost to you!

With very best wishes - the CHA

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## 2018 Calendar



3 Sep	Staff INSET Day
4	School opens to students
12	CHA Meeting and AGM Y7-10-12 Photos
14	Y7 Mixenden Trip
18	Y12 Parents Information Evening 6:30pm
19	Y8 girls vaccinations
26	European Day of Languages
29	11+ Entrance Exam
3 Oct	Y11 Parents revision Evening 5:30pm CHA meeting 7pm
19	CHA Fashion Show
25	Y7 Trip to Fountains Abbey Art Exhibition Evening
26	Y13 Parents Evening Swimming Gala - school closes at end of today

## Staff Goodbyes

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Anna Shorrocks who has been a much loved member of the English department for 31 years but is now going to enjoy at least a partial retirement! Goodbye and good luck to Linda Berridge who is taking up a cover supervisor post at a school much closer to her home. She will be sadly missed. Goodbye also to Lucy Sutcliffe (Music) who is sadly leaving us for pastures new at Heckmondwike Grammar, to Alain Fissore (Spanish) who is moving to a school in Leeds and to Lauren Vials who is taking up a teacher training position after 2 years at Crossley Heath as a PE intern. Thanks to all for their contributions to school life and best wishes for the future.

## CHA 400 Club

A big thank you to all our 400 Club supporters this year! Don't forget to join the new Prize Draw this Autumn to be in with a chance of winning big cash prizes! Latest winners:

**May** 1st Seth Gill, 2nd Niamh O'Connor, 3rd re-donated.

**June** 1st Jacob Robinson, 2nd Lauren Bennett, 3rd Amelia Myton.

**July** 1st Oliver Kenyon, 2nd Samuel Ives, 3rd Jasmine Piedad