



GCSE students celebrate great results!

## A Word from the Head



How this half term has flown!

The year started on a high note with news of our fantastic exam results, a real credit to the hard work of our outgoing Year 11 and Year 13 students and our terrific staff.

We were also delighted to welcome our Year 7 and Year 12 students to the school. Year 7 have settled in very well, enjoying a number of team building and 'getting to know you' trips, and adapting to secondary school life calmly. I have been very impressed at how quickly they have familiarised themselves with the intricacies of our buildings – certainly faster than I managed in my first half term!

Year 12 have made an excellent start to their studies, giving us some very positive feedback about their induction into the sixth form. The sixth form were also the stars of our 'Restart a Heart' day. It is a

real privilege for the school to be a flagship for this essential campaign. Our students made us very proud as they applied themselves diligently to the CPR training, and delighted us with their aplomb when interviewed by the TV and radio crews.

You may have noticed that our main building has emerged, looking rather magnificent, from behind the scaffolding in recent weeks. This phase of essential, long term maintenance work to the roof, windows and stonework draws to a close at half term. It means the school environment will be warmer and drier for everyone over the coming years. It's a very welcome respite from construction works and wonderful to see the building again in all its glory.

May I wish you all a very enjoyable half term break.

*Lynnette Cassidy*

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## Young Sports Personality of the Year nomination

Congratulations to rising star and Y12 Crossley Heath student Max Burgin who was shortlisted for the [BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year](#) award this October.

Max was one of 10 young sports people from different disciplines across the country to be recognised for their success this year in the award category previously won by the likes of Tom Daley, Ellie Simmonds, Wayne Rooney and Sir Andy Murray.

Max's successes this year have included:

- Becoming European under-18 800m champion.
- Setting a world-best time for 800m in his age group - 1m 47.36
- Being English under-17 800m champion.

For this year's award, Max was competing with athletes such as professional footballer Ryan Sessegnon and the eventual winner para-athlete Kare Adenegan. What an amazing achievement for Max! Who knows what the future might hold for this talented individual.

## Praneetha's Publishing skills

Praneetha Bharath in gD found her creative and editorial skills were in demand when her old primary school called her in to help out with a fundraising project.

Holy Trinity Primary wanted help to turn a collection of student recipes into a marketable book and Praneetha volunteered her desktop publishing skills. She has now produced a beautiful - and wipe-clean! - glossy book of recipes entitled Trinity Cooking Together, which the school is now selling to raise funds.



## Student Advice and Support



As part of our Personal Development and Well Being commitment to our students, we would like to introduce our in school Well-Being Team: Mr L Chesters, Mr N O'Connor, Mrs E Griggs and Ms J Rudman. If your child is struggling with an emotional or mental health problem they can speak to their Form Tutor, Progress Leader or any of the Well-Being Team who will assess what support we may be able to provide.

This year we have added to our provision by obtaining the services of Calderdale's 'No Worries' team. They will provide a 'drop in and see' service in school during Tuesday

lunchtimes, starting on 6th November. Any student can call in to A2S to gain advice, information and support on any health and well-being issue such as mental health, sexual health, drug and alcohol worries, sexual and gender identity worries and physical health concerns. The 'No Worries' team provide a safe and anonymous service.

Further information on how Calderdale can support your family and children in times of need can be found on

<http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/help-and-support-in-calderdale-2-2/>



# Senior Australia Rugby Tour 2018

The bi-annual Senior Rugby Tour to Australia was based in Queensland in July this year. Beginning in Noosa, one of the most exclusive seaside resorts on the east coast, the boys were treated to great weather, fabulous hosting and some tough rugby.

On the pitch used by the British Lions to prepare for their most recent game (a series winner!) in Australia, the boys struggled to get the flight out of their legs and lost a very tough match. The next stop was at the Sports Supercentre near Surfer's Paradise where intense training sessions were rewarded with a first tour win against the Nerang Bulls under floodlights.

Moving to Brisbane and old opponents and friends, Padua College, the boys faced their toughest test on the field of play and struggled with the physicality and pace of the Australian boys and lost to what was an excellent host team. This was a particularly successful stay off the field as many boys had hosted when Padua visited the UK and the hospitality was reciprocated.

The final match of the tour was against Siena College. Always a tough match, the hard work put in on the training field again showed through and the boys recorded another win. Off the field the boys had a great experience with surfing lessons, Australia Zoo and plenty of football and touch rugby on the beach being amongst the highlights. The boys were great ambassadors for school and although a shorter than usual tour it was a great success.



# Creative Writing Club

"Writers Anonymous. We are, as the name suggests, writers who write about random topics every Thursday lunchtime. So far we have written 50 word autobiographies, a narrative of Mrs Corcos's day, and unusual uses for objects with not many uses.

We are currently working on a piece of writing about over-hearing half a conversation on a bus! We are a relatively small group with around 13 members and there's one thing you are probably wondering... Who are we? I'm not telling you. It's called Writers Anon. for a reason...."

**Writers Anon:**  
**Creative Writing Club**  
**Thursday lunchtimes**  
**For Y7, 8 and 9**

Time: Thursday lunchtime from 12.30 (bring lunch)

Place B5

Facilitators: Mrs Johnson and Mrs Corcos

Purpose: To have fun (and biscuits) writing stories of adventure, weirdness and horror, also fantastic poetry and hilarious scripts!



# Fell Runners

On Saturday 23rd September a team of six of our students travelled to Giggleswick School to compete in the English Schools' Fell Racing Championships.

The unseasonably warm weather made the going tougher than ever for all competitors but nevertheless our students did extremely well with Lauryn Gregg coming third in the Y10/11 race despite racing older girls, and Isabella Richardson claiming fourth place in the Y 8/9 event.

Together with superb efforts from the rest of the team the school came 17th of the top 30 schools, beating both North Halifax Grammar School and Brooksbank School, neither of which made the top 30 in the overall results.

Very well done to all involved and particular thanks to the supportive parents and families.

## RESULTS

### Y7

Rowan Baxter  
withdrawn due to injury

### Y8/9

Isabella Richardson	4th girl
James Duffy	23rd boy
Elijah Peers-Wood	65th boy

### Y10/11

Lauryn Gregg	3rd girl
Iris Palmer	28th girl



# Y7 Activity Centre Day

The new Y7 students had a great team-building day at Mixenden Activity Centre in September.

Students were able to enjoy learning to kayak as well as bush craft type skills, including making basic bread which they wrapped around sticks and cooked over open fires.

They also had a raft building challenge and in the afternoon took part in physical and mental challenges that got them to work on their teamwork skills. Despite the damp weather, it was a great day all round for getting to know each other.



2nd Hand Books Galore  
Andrea Highley baby clothes  
Anne Humpleby Kiln Fired Glass  
Bambinos face painting  
Bearly Art  
Berrington Books  
Cheerful Charms  
Chocolate Tombola  
Craftysewandsew  
Crossley Heath Musicians  
#Crossley Rocks Children's Trail  
CWW Crafts

Deborah Wilkes Ceramics  
Diane Taylor Designer - Maker  
Ecolife Gizmos  
Fleur and Flora  
Frenz  
Galeabel Studio Pottery  
Grand Prize Draw  
Guess the weight of the cake  
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People  
Hubble Bubble  
Home Designs  
JB & Co Jewellery  
Jumping Clay  
Kim's Crafty Creations  
Linda Mort  
Lizzie Dripping Crafts  
Loft 1850  
Meg and Rosie  
Moo Boutique Yorkshire  
Mulled Wine  
Nectar Textiles  
Overgate Hospice  
Old Croc's Boys bottle game  
PartyLite Delights  
Pat Rushworth Handmade Fabric & Silk Bags  
Pollycraft  
Old Croc's Bottle Game  
Penny Thorpe book signing of "Quality Street Girls"  
Prom Gallery  
Queensbury Van Hire  
Rainbird Crafts  
Ribbon & Thicket  
Rosie Jade Accessories  
Sarah Langan  
Sewing Kits (Alzheimer's)  
Student Enterprise team  
Student Festive Competition

The Art & Creations of Lauren C Waterworth  
The Jackson Flower Co.  
Twit Twoo  
Usborne Books  
Utility Warehouse  
Victoria's Art for Volunteering  
Webblo Pebble  
Wicked Gen Crafts  
Wishing Tree  
\*\*\* Win a 50" Smart TV \*\*\*  
Wooden You Love

## 12 rooms of fabulous shopping & fun and a bumper range of stallholders for our 2018 Christmas Market



**We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 24 November!**

**Serving brunch, lunch & refreshments 10.30-3.30 pm**

### In the Games Zone

Children's Crafts  
Frog in the Bog  
Spin the Wheel  
Splat the Rat  
\*\*\* Virtual Reality Games \*\*\*

### In the Barkyard Pet Gift Room

Bentley and Friends  
Forever Living Pets  
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People Pawfectly Impawfect  
The Barkyard

### In the Temujin Food Hall ...

Brees Herbal Teas  
Bitsy Boutique  
CH PTA Chocolate House  
Chocolate Fountain  
Cryer & Stott Cheesemongers  
Denholme Gate Honey  
Dollop Choc Splat  
Ecolife Food Wraps  
Food Lady  
Four Folk Gin Co.  
Kitchen Round The Corner  
Lickle Cupcakes  
Little Badger Cider Company  
Lottie Shaw  
Oat Cuisine  
Marathon Madness Sweets  
Mike's Beery Things 3 Bags Full  
Mulled Gin  
Sweet Delight  
Sweet Surrender  
Temujin  
The Larder  
Thyme for Tiffin  
Yorkshire Dama Cheese Ltd  
Yorkshire Orchards  
Yoyo Laos Sauce

### In the Pamper Room

Alastair Bishop Massage  
Body Shop at Home  
Jade candles  
Jewellery by Genize  
Rachael's Bathtub Treats  
Neal's Yard Remedies  
Temple Spa  
Therapeutic Kneads

# #RestartaHeart

## 16 October 2018



ALL CITIZENS OF THE WORLD  
CAN SAVE A LIFE



Below: **Lizzie Jones** takes advantage of some social media photo opportunities.

**Hannah Cockcroft** chats to the Leeds TV crew and Yorkshire Ambulance Service CEO **Rod Barnes** discusses the campaign with Head teacher **Lynnette Cassidy** and Chair of Governors **Frances Millington**.

We were very excited to be the flagship school for the 2018 Restart A Heart Day – a campaign to teach lifesaving CPR skills to people across the country.

Led by the marvellous team from Yorkshire Ambulance Service, our 6th form students underwent training sessions throughout the day. We were joined by TV and media crews from Calendar and Leeds TV with presenter **Christine Talbot** joining in the sessions.

Our very special guests also included five times Paralympic champion **Hannah Cockcroft**, whose own life was saved following cardiac arrest and ITV's Woman of the Year **Lizzie Jones**, who works hard for the **Danny Jones Defibrillator fund** in memory of her husband who died of an undiagnosed heart condition in 2015. Both had very personal stories on the importance of learning CPR.



Students also heard from local heart attack survivor **Neil Davidson**, whose own son saved his life when he suffered a cardiac arrest two years ago, drawing on CPR skills he himself had learned at school.

Our 6th formers were marvellous ambassadors for the school and a few had their moment of fame when they were interviewed by the press and TV crews covering the event. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this really worthwhile campaign.



# Dish of the Day!

Take a look at some of our students' marvellous creations! (clockwise from top left: dishes by Meg Masterson, Betsy-Jane Codd, Ruby Davenport, Isabel Castelow)

The dishes opposite represent the finale of NEA2 (non-examination assessment) for the new Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE qualification. Students were asked to develop a range of dishes based upon one of three themes: fruit & veg based dishes for children, dishes representing a European cuisine or dishes for a client with a gluten intolerance.

These are the result of a 3 hour/3 dish practical a la "Masterchef" (we have it on good authority that their sessions were just as stressful as the TV show). Miss Jones is hugely proud of all the students' efforts in this brand new GCSE qualification. Well done!



## PGL Netball weekend



On Friday 28 October, 48 Y8 and 9 girls, together with 4 members of staff from the girls' PE department went to Boreatton Park in Shropshire for an England Netball residential weekend. Schools from all over England and Wales played in four separate tournaments organised and officiated by England Netball.

In between games the girls could participate in a variety of activities including quad biking, climbing, abseiling, archery and zip wire.

U14A were unbeaten in all their games and dominated their section throughout. In the finals they faced a strong team from Queen Anne's school and in a closely contested match our team won by 12 goals to 9. Player of the squad was Rosa Austin for her versatility in playing a variety of different positions and most improved player was Jessica Bennett.

U14B played some very good netball, finishing up in bronze medal position overall. There was some excellent play from shooters Jenny Grant and Sally Ezzo, backed up by great centre court play by Beth Wood and Olivia Judge. Player of the squad was Beth Wood and most improved player Jenny Grant.

U13A also had a great tournament and showed themselves to be a team to watch out for the future, with lots of players having a lot of netball potential and a competitive spirit. They cruised through to the final to meet a well drilled and experienced team from St George's RC School; despite scoring



more goals than the opposition in the second half, unfortunately the slow start meant that St. George's proved too strong and the team had to settle for silver medals. Player of the squad was Lucy Sears and most improved player was Evelyn Dagger.

U13B were a mixture of Y8 and 9 girls who had never played together so for them this was a great learning curve. By the end of the tournament they started to play well together and the girls showed a big improvement in their skill.

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

## RUGBY

The 1st XV have safely progressed to round 4 after two convincing victories against Ikley Grammar, and Silcoates School. A few notable performances with a hat-trick from Fred Woodhouse and a step up for Y11 Harry Stevens.

## NETBALL

It has been a busy but successful season so far for our netball players. The U13s and U14s were invited to take part in the West Yorkshire Invitational Tournament at Silcoates School after winning the Calderdale league last year. Both squads gained much from playing Independent school teams and improved their performance as the tournament progressed, with the U14s just losing out in a close game to Leeds Grammar in the semi-finals. Our U14s also took part in the County round of the National Schools Competition two weeks later and again played some excellent netball against the strongest teams from around the county. They won four games, lost three and finished in a creditable 3rd position overall behind Leeds Grammar and Gatesway Schools. Player of the tournament was Sasmita Thiyagesh for her consistent shooting and attacking play in the circle.

Successful trialists.

Many of our players also trialled for squads and the following girls were selected:

West Yorkshire:

Niamh Kerrigan, Sasmita Thiyagesh, Niamh Woodhouse and Fatima Sadiq

Calderdale 2nd trials:

U15s:

Niamh O'Connor, Rosa Austin, Ellis Milner, Jenny Grant, Molly Stevens

U13s

Lucy Sears, Cody Harrison, Evelyn Dagger, Olivia Conway, Harriet Hankinson, Grace Redfern, Alice Munley.

## CALDERDALE U19 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

For the 5th year in succession, our U19 netball team, captained by Sophie Wisniewski, won the Calderdale tournament after remaining unbeaten in all their games V Trinity won 36-2, Rishworth won 24-6 and North Halifax

School won 18-6. Well done to all the team: Georgia-May Codd,



Breanna Cockcroft, Betsy-Jane Codd, Lauryn Gregg, Alethia Cryne, Megan Holmes, Sophie Wisniewski, Gabby Joyce and Alice Hutchings.

## CALDERDALE U15 NETBALL TOURNAMENT



The U15s also had a successful tournament and achieved their best result in a Calderdale tournament so far, by finishing in a closely contested final match, just narrowly losing by 1 goal to Brooksbank school by 10 goals to 9. In the qualifying rounds, the team were unbeaten and played some excellent netball against Trinity, Calder, Ryburn and Trinity schools and then North Halifax in the semi-finals.

Members of the squad: Henna Parmar, Charlotte Margetson, Caitie Jones, Verity Clements, Ayshah Jansen, Ava Jackson

and Anna Nevison. Players of the tournament were Caitie Jones for her consistent attacking and Charlotte Margetson for her strong defensive play.

## AUSTRALIAN TOUR PARTY

Our Senior netball team and U16 girls' football teams also played a touring party from Gold Coast Central Grammar school and had some competitive and highly enjoyable matches against them. The Australians

dominated the first half of the netball game showing skill and a high fitness level, but in the 2nd half, our team grew in confidence and settled in to a rhythm dominating the play. Well done to player of the tournament, Georgia-May on her return to playing following her operation.



In the U16 girls football match, our team dominated throughout winning 4 goals to nil. They all played really well especially considering the wet and

slippery conditions they had to play in. Players of the game were Isobel Oldroyd and Olive Davison.



## TENNIS

Our U13 and U15 girls tennis teams took part in the Yorkshire finals held at John Charles Centre of Sport, after winning the county finals in summer. Both squads

played some excellent tennis throughout the day against some strong Independent schools to finish in 3rd place overall.

Members of the squad: U13s Sara Olbert, Olivia Judge, Beth Wood and Rithvi Dineshkumar.

U15s: Charlotte Margetson, Bethany Rayne, Breanna Cockcroft and Anna Nevison.





## Sculpture Park

On Monday 17 September, the Visual Arts department took the whole of Y7 down to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park at West Bretton, to give students the opportunity to view artwork first-hand.

The weather was again very kind to us so students could enjoy walking around the park observing the sculptures and discussing them with their teacher tour guides; whilst they also completed their workbooks with drawing and written annotations. It was, once again, a very enjoyable day for all.



## From the Finance Office

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

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

There is a facility for an alert from ParentPay to advise you of a low balance on catering. To set this, Click on 'Communication' on the top bar on your home page, and then click on the blue box 'Change alert settings' and follow the instructions. If for some reason your child finds that their account has no credit on when they go to the Dining Room, please ensure that they know to come to the Finance Office. They will need to contact you to credit money onto their account, once this has been done, they will be then able to purchase a meal.

Many thanks.

## E-Safety Training for Parents



It can be hard for parents to keep up with changes in technology which affect children.

Our free online training course for parents is a simple introduction to e-safety which provides information to help you to understand possible e-safety problems and will give you a foundation for making decisions about technology usage at home. The content in the course is regularly reviewed and updated to keep abreast with the latest technology trends and applications, if you have a spare 25 minutes, please take a look.

<https://tinyurl.com/y7jyp5nb>

## Fashion Design



On a flying visit back to the UK from New York where he studies at the world-leading Parsons Design School, ex-Head Boy Charles Royle came back to the Visual Arts department to talk to students about studying abroad and in particular, Fashion Design.

Interested students in Y11, 12 and 13 came along to listen to Charles's stories and advice and also had the chance to ask him lots of questions.

# Term Dates

Re-opens: Mon 5 November

Inset day: Fri 30 November

Closes for Christmas: Thu 20 December

Re-opens: Mon 7 January 2019

Closes for Half term: Fri 15 February 2019

## 2018 Calendar



- 4 Nov Y12 Arran Geography Trip Departs (to 9 Nov)
- 5 School Re-Opens
- 6 Senior Maths Challenge
- 7 CHPTA Meeting 7pm
- 8 Y7 Road Safety Play
- 9 Y9 Careers Day
- 12 Y10 Exams commence this week
- 13 Y13 Parents Evening
- 16 Y12 EPQ visit
- 22 Post 16 Open Evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- 24 CHPTA Christmas Market 10.30am-3.30pm
- 26 Y11 A Level Taster Day
- 27 Y7 Tutor Event 4.30-6pm
- 30 INSET DAY - school closed to students
- 4 Dec House Drama Heats; Cultural Festival 6-8pm
- 5 CHPTA meeting 7pm
- 6 House Drama semi final
- 10 House Drama final
- 13 Y13 Biology trip
- 14 Non-uniform day
- 18 Prizegiving 6.30pm - school closes early  
Art exhibition evening
- 20 Carol Services. School closes at lunchtime.



## Crossley Heath PTA News

We hope your child has made a good start to the school year at Crossley Heath.

A massive thanks to everyone who supported the CH PTA Fashion Show - we raised over £1,100! A fabulous start to our fundraising year for resources for Crossley pupils!

We're now busy planning our Christmas Market on Saturday 24th November, our biggest fundraiser of the year. We've something for all the family with our exciting Grand Prize Draw – who will win that 50" Smart TV? - Virtual Reality Games, #CrossleyRocks Children's Trail, Local Artisan Food & Drink Hall, Gifts for All – Books, Crafts, Pamper and Pets and meet Penny Thorpe, the author the Yorkshire Christmas bestseller "Quality Street Girls". Serving brunches lunches & refreshments: it's the relaxed way to kick-start your Christmas shopping!

Here are FIVE simple ways you can help us ...

**ONE** Donate raffle prizes, books & bottles

**TWO** Volunteer your time ... email [cha@crossleyheath.org.uk](mailto:cha@crossleyheath.org.uk) to find out more about the fun and friendly ways we need help with on the day or set up the night before (employee match-funding?)

**THREE** Check your child's bag! They should be coming home this week with an envelope containing raffle tickets for the Grand Prize Draw – who will win that 50" Smart TV?

**FOUR** Make savoury snacks, cakes, bakes, jams or chutneys to sell (bring to school office on Fri 23 Nov or on the day - Sat 24 Nov)

**FIVE** Come along with your friends and family on Saturday 24th November!

The PTA is the best way to support your child's education and meet other Crossley families. Please like [facebook.com/CrossleyHeathPTA](https://facebook.com/CrossleyHeathPTA) and follow us on twitter at @CrossleyPTA to keep up to date. As always, many thanks for your fantastic support.

The CH PTA Committee Registered Charity Number: 1043362

**SO WHO ARE CROSSLEY HEATH PTA ?** We are a friendly bunch of parents who volunteer to fundraise for every pupil in every year. Last year we raised £15,000 and fully funded requests direct from staff including :

French and German text books for KS3 and KS4

Geography Department - classroom displays

Biology Department - 16 new microscopes and Environmental Club

DT - machinery for new Engineering GCSE

PE - netball dresses, fitness classes and supporting boys' rugby

Pastoral Team support

"CH PTA have funded 'luxury' items in the past, but they have also helped us fund more basic items such as new textbooks for the new curricula " Crossley Heath maths teacher

We lost a brilliant team of parents when their children left last year, but thankfully we now have a new committee in place. We REALLY need more volunteers to help out from time to time, so please email [cha@crossleyheath.org.uk](mailto:cha@crossleyheath.org.uk) for more information on how you can help.



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