



Dispatches

The Crossley Heath School News

Summer 2019

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A Word from the Head

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another year, and what a terrific year it has been. Our students have enjoyed some fantastic achievements and experiences with their customary energy and enthusiasm. I would like to thank our staff who have provided a wealth of experiences, encouragement, support and care for your children over the course of the year.



Celebration evening and the whole school photograph – it makes me smile whenever I look at it.

The launch of our Vision 2021 rooted in our values was very exciting for us and I am pleased that we have been able to move the school forward this year, particularly in relation to strengthening our pastoral and well-being provision. We have also been able to go back to students in the last two weeks with progress on areas they identified as being important to them, including improving toilet facilities, providing more lunchtime study space and a dedicated reflection room. Work on these areas is scheduled for the summer.

We waved Y13 and Y11 off after their exams with our very best wishes and hopes for their success in the summer. The exam season passed very smoothly, despite some very warm weather, not least because students approached their exams calmly and maturely.

We look forward to another very busy year from September when we will continue to strive to do our very best for our students and to develop and grow the school. We also look forward to welcoming our new sixth form and Year 7 students in September.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a lovely break over the summer!

Lynnette Cassidy

This term students have returned happy, tired and with some wonderful memories from Iceland, the Flanders Battlefields, Berlin, China, The Great Yorkshire Show, Cambridge, and Blackpool. They have actively engaged in Enterprise, Sports, Musical and Citizenship activities and have raised a staggering £10,350 for charity. Staff also got in on the act this year, raising over £1500 in memory of a much-loved colleague.

Sports Day was again a closely fought contest with Kings House claiming the trophy after a nail-biting last 15 minutes of action.

Standout moments for me over the course of the year include the House Drama and Music finals, which are such fun and showcase the talent of our students, the amazing Christmas Market organised by the Crossley Heath Association, the inaugural Community



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Crossley Heath provides many fantastic opportunities to travel abroad for all year groups, but my favourite has definitely been the Iceland trip!

Every GCSE Geography student gets the chance to visit Iceland in Y10 and it is an unmissable experience; I'm so glad I went! The trip was organised brilliantly as we did so many different activities every single day. It was an amazing balance of fun and education.

On the first day we witnessed some spectacular waterfalls and one that we could even walk behind. We also visited the new Lava Centre where we watched an amazing video on the history of the Northern Lights and learned all about volcanoes. We saw the famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano that erupted in 2010 from the highest floor! In addition, we had the wonderful opportunity to walk on a glacier with ice picks and crampons which was definitely my favourite part of the entire week,

something I probably would never get the chance to do if it wasn't for this trip.

On the second day we visited a fascinating ice lagoon with multiple icebergs and we also travelled to 'Black Beach' where it was really cool to see black sand that had been smothered in volcanic ash for so many years.

The next day, we went to Thingvellir valley where the North American and Eurasian plates meet. We travelled to the Golden Circle where we saw the Gullfoss waterfall



Geographers in Iceland

which was a brilliant spectacle.

To get some relaxation time we even visited a geothermal spa with multiple pools and saunas which was another highlight. Jumping into a freezing cold lake was so much fun too!

On our last day we visited the capital city of Iceland, Reykjavik. It is a beautiful city and it was truly amazing to explore it and have some of the best views of the entire city from the top of the Perlan museum.

Overall Iceland was such an astonishing experience for myself and I'm sure everyone else on the trip. All the activities and accommodation were fantastic and I'd recommend every student took this opportunity to go to Iceland!

Saran Sarai 10C



New KS3 Student Leaders

We are delighted to have appointed twelve new Student Leaders from Y7 who have already proven to be excellent role models and representatives of the school, with students helping at both Open Evening and Transition events.



Pictured are:
 Ophelia Muxlow 7C
 Imaan Guhffar 7A
 Aminah Hameed 7D
 Bethan Phillips 7A
 Annie McKeown 7D
 Lola Bond 7C
 Matilda Francis 7E
 Isha Jayakumar 7E
 Aliyah Akhtar 7B
 Arron Sachdeva 7D
 Eesa Hussain 7A
 Jem Waite 7D
 Shreeyash Dash 7D

Great Yorkshire Show

This July we took our Y8s to Harrogate for the first time for a real rural cultural experience at the Great Yorkshire Show.

Students had three hours to explore the show and got hands-on with animals, food stalls and technology. The vast showground hosted over 40,000 visitors that day and more than 8500 animals, so we were delighted that none of our students got lost. We were also proud to discover that some even came home with seedling oak trees to plant up!

The day was helped by the fantastic weather and we are hopeful that this will become a yearly trip for Y8 and a great chance to enjoy a day out immersed in rural Yorkshire culture.



New 6th Form Team

We are pleased to announce our new 6th Form team for September 2019.

Mrs Doig our Deputy Head will be taking up the role of strategic lead of Post 16, Mr Smith will lead on curriculum and progress and Mr Schofield and Mr Weston will manage the support for Y12 and Y13 respectively for monitoring and interventions. Ms Rudman will head pastoral support, wellbeing and safeguarding and Mr Coote will be in charge of all-things UCAS. Mrs Pennington takes up a new role of Post 16 Development including recruitment, enrichment and communications.

It's an exciting time and we are very much looking forward to bringing our students the very best academic guidance and pastoral care.

Head Teacher's awards



Congratulations this term to:

- Lola Bond and Ophelia Muxlow 7C for their gruesome but artistically excellent 3D Black Death history project
- Milly Carson Y12 for success on thisislanguag.com
- Kate Patrick Y12 for English writing
- Gwen Marsden, Lauren Isherwood and Libby Teague Y10 for winning the Food Miles competition

In May, twelve members of our staff took part in the arduous Calderdale Way relay race covering over 50 cumulative miles and together raised an impressive £1013.28 for Kirkwood Hospice. Thank you and well done to everyone that took part!

In June we had our final non-uniform day of the year which raised £510.80 for the Young Minds who support children and young people who reach out for help with their mental health.

In July some of our Sixth Form students hosted a bake sale, raising funds for the people of Sudan who are facing a political crisis and raised £306.20.

Finally, at the end of term our very own Mr Ovenden, who is retiring this year, will be shaving off his long hair in aid of Cancer Research.

If you would like to support him and make a donation, please head over to [his Just Giving page](#)

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us. At the time of going to press we have so far raised a total of £911 with more hopefully to come in.



Charity Update



Y9 Citizenship Day - the big finale!

This summer term all of Y9 have been working on their Active Citizenship projects. This is an activity where each form is given a cause to champion and make a difference in. To support this, each form has a link to an external organisation who came in at the beginning of the term to launch the whole project. The involvement of outside organisations always gives the projects an air of importance and this year it was great to add a few new organisations, as well as maintaining our relationship with those we have worked with for 3 years now.

This year the groups were:

- 9A - Children's Education with Paul Neill from Amnesty International
- 9B - Climate Change with John Hudson from The Green Party – new this year!
- 9C – Poverty with Emma Greenhough from the Welcome Centre
- 9D - Mental Health with Annie Wade Smith from Healthy Minds Calderdale
- 9E – Refugees with Nikki Clarke from the St Augustine's Centre
- 9F - Women's Rights with Paul Neill from Amnesty International
- 9G – Extremism with Ted McDougall from Counter Terrorism Policing – new this year!

Students had an amazing journey through their projects and really made a difference to their causes. We have seen food and clothing collections in school, petitions, videos, board games and lots of presentations and posters on all topics. Also, MPs Holly Lynch and Craig Whitaker visited the school and faced a grilling from our students about the issues they were actively campaigning for.

The final was held on the 8 July and each group presented their project to their form. From each form a winner was chosen to

then present in the hall to the full year group.

Our form winners were:

9A – Kier and Eva. Their project focused on Disability Rights and wanted to see improved provision for disabled students in schools. They arranged a 3-legged race and invited Ravenscliffe School to watch and roped in teachers to participate. They did a great job of raising awareness of visible and invisible disabilities.

9B – Manahil, Mia and Cindy. The girls focused their project around single use plastics and how we need to reduce our use of them in school. As part of this they met with Mrs Cassidy and worked with her to come up with the target of eradicating single use water bottles in school in the near future.



9C - Evangeline, Maisy and Zara . The group gave a wealth of information about the causes and impacts of poverty on people and children in our area. In order to

make a difference the girls collected goods for the Welcome Centre and delivered them directly to the foodbank.

9D - Hafsah, Simrah and Praneetha. While looking at mental health, the girls realised that it was a huge topic and so they narrowed their focus to dealing with exam stress. To make a difference in this area, they made their own website, leaflets, posters, presentations and social media accounts to give support and advice. The amount of work they did was amazing.

9E – Safah and Saffiyah. The girls had the novel (!) idea of writing a book aimed at young children to help them understand the concept of refugees. The book was about aliens who were frightened away from their planet and had to move to Earth. The girls visited 4 different primary and pre-school settings and read their book to over 300 students! The feedback from teachers at the schools was amazing.

Well done to all for their hard work.



Mandarin Excellence Programme to Shanghai



In 2017 Crossley Heath was accepted as one of a small number of schools in the country to take part in the prestigious Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP). This government supported programme, run in conjunction with University College London, means that each year a new group of Y7 students are given the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese as their language option. As part of the project and when students reach the end of their second year of study, they take part in an immersive two week residential trip to China.



This year's 8C form group are our pioneer students and the first cohort to actually travel to China on what will be for most students the trip of a lifetime. Setting off on a very early flight on 3 July they eventually landed, tired but in good spirits, in Shanghai. Shanghai, on China's central coast, is the country's biggest city and a global financial hub. Its heart is a famed waterfront promenade lined with colonial-era buildings. Across the Huangpu River is the Pudong district's futuristic skyline, including 632m Shanghai Tower and the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, with distinctive pink spheres.



Our students spent the next 14 days exploring Shanghai and experiencing Chinese culture, as well as being supported in their learning with 40 hours of intensive Mandarin study with native teachers and opportunities to put their language learning into practice. Some of the highlights of the trip have included an opening ceremony, visiting the Shanghai Tower (the world's second tallest building with 121 floors) and museum of urban planning. Students also enjoyed the China Art Palace, city tours and a night time river cruise on the Huangpu around the bay. The students also had the



opportunity to visit the Yu Garden Commercial District where they practised bartering in the many shops and markets.

Crossley Heath has a tradition of teaching Chinese dating back to 2003 when the school was awarded Language College status. Due to our proven track record of delivering strong results at GCSE we have been approved to continue the programme and now have students completing the MEP in Y7 and Y8. We look forward to repeating the experience for next year's Y8 students in 2020.



Maths Challenge Results

This year we had 70 entrants to the UKMT Intermediate Challenge of which 7 were awarded gold, 23 achieved silver and 13 earned bronze awards. Nine students scored highly enough to be put forward to the follow up Kangaroo or Olympiad rounds: Lydia Johnson, Rayaana Ali, Amaan Hussain, Aditya Muthyala, Aryan Bhuskute, Annie Lavender, Michael Imadiyi, Ali Ikram and Tom Simpson.

Rayaana and Lydia both achieved really highly and gained Certificates of Merit for their Olympiad papers.

In the UKMT Junior Challenge we had a huge number of entrants - 101! Of those, 10 reached gold standard, 18 achieved silver and 25 earned bronze. Five students scored highly enough to be put forward for the follow-on Kangaroo round: Razi Ali, Daniel Yung, Haris Rathore, Rowan Baxter and Ismael Ahmed. Well done to Razi and Daniel who went on to gain Certificates of Merit.



Pen Recycling Scheme

There has been some excellent work done by students this year (led by the Student Council) on a project to recycle our pens in school. We also hope that by highlighting the project in the newsletter, we can encourage some of our families to join in as well!

We delivered 8.3kg of used pens, markers & highlighters to our charity partners at Northowram Primary school to be recycled and to raise funds for the Charity "Children on the Edge" which supports displaced children around the world.

In order to keep the project going we have placed recycling boxes in the LRC and various classrooms around the school. Please send any old pens you have at home in with your son or daughter next term!

Our Y10 Food & Nutrition students took part in a "Food miles" competition in April. The challenge was to work in small teams to produce a 2-course seasonal menu in 45 minutes, which showcased British seasonal produce. There was an abundance of delicious ingredients on offer including asparagus, spring lamb, scallops, sea bass, mackerel, new potatoes, broccoli & spring onions.

Teams were judged on skills, time management, presentation, seasonal menu and all-important taste. A panel of guest judges were invited to give their opinion of the dishes.

Judging the efforts of 10Z, Mr Chesters said: "I was very impressed with the presentation and the food they prepared was delicious. It was very hard scoring. I



would have been delighted to be served any of those meals". Mrs Cassidy commented that the dishes were of "restaurant quality" and was a particular fan of the rhubarb crumble, presented by the winning team; "Electric Yeast" (Gwen Marsden, Lauren Isherwood & Libby Teague).

10Y ran a hotly fought contest of which Mrs Griggs commented: "The students and their food were amazing. It was so nice to be part of something so good and rewarding in the school". The victors were: Caitie Jones, Beth Chambers & Mollie Bower.

Well done to all who took part – you were brilliant!

Food Miles Competition



Note from the Governors

Since Christmas, the governing body has welcomed three new parent governors, Mr Chris Milner, Mr Jaswinder Sandhu and Dr Angela Birt.

Governor Day in January included talks on SEN and Pupil Premium, classroom visits (always enjoyable), discussions on diversity in the governing body and group work on performance indicators.

Governor visits into school focused on curriculum review and the changes in the new Inspection Framework to curriculum and also mental health and wellbeing. On both occasions, governors spoke with students as well as senior staff and thanks go to the staff for arranging these with us. Governors have also participated in senior staff recruitment this year.

It is with regret that Kerry McDonnell has stepped down from her role as Clerk to governors. We pass on our thanks and wish her well. Early next term we will be seeking to appoint a substantive replacement but, in the interim, we are grateful to Claire Waterhouse who is currently supporting us with clerking.

The governors wish the students, families and staff a very enjoyable and deserved Summer break.



July Gallery

Above: our new Head Girl Zara Ramzan and Head Boy Fabrizio de Vito

Below: our Y13 Prom King and Queen Marmaduke Hall and Olivia Howarth



MP Visits to School

Our Y9 students met with MPs Holly Lynch and Craig Whittaker this term to discuss their Active Citizenship campaigns.

They presented a summary of their projects and had the opportunity to ask questions relating to their different topics of involvement.

Students received valuable advice and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We are very grateful to both our local MPs for having given up their time to support us.



Opera & Ballet

Two very exciting opportunities have arisen for a two Y9 girls this term. Evelyn Dale attended an audition for the English Youth Ballet in York and was successful. She has therefore been accepted to rehearse and perform with the Company for their production of Swan Lake in York. Scarlet Finlay also attended an audition with the Opera North Youth Company Young voices and was also successful, so she will be joining the company in September. She will attend one evening a week in Leeds and will receive training from this professional and prestigious company.

Well done to both girls for such outstanding achievements!

Finance Bulletin



Please ensure that you check [ParentPay](#) regularly for new trips, instalments and resources etc., which will require paying for, and also keep your child's catering account topped up. Please also make sure that there are sufficient funds on student accounts to enable them to have lunch on their return in September.

For those with new students joining the school please ensure that you have checked that you are up to date with all payments and you are fully signed up for ParentPay. Any problems during the summer please contact the Finance Office which is open during the holidays: payments@crossleyheath.org.uk. Have a restful summer break. Many thanks - the Finance Team

Battlefields Tour



In the first week back after the half term break, 56 Y10 History students accompanied by 6 staff took part in the annual Battlefields tour to the Somme in Eastern France and Ypres in Belgium to visit museums, cemeteries and preserved battlefields.

Highlights of the tour included visits to the



Thiepval memorial, Beaumont Hamel preserved battlefield and Vimy Ridge on the first full day in France followed by full day of visits in and around the Belgian town of Ypres which saw heavy fighting throughout the four years of the First World War.

The students were particularly impressed with the size and scale of Tyne Cot cemetery.

They got a very real feel for trench warfare having visited Hill 62 preserved trenches and acted with impeccable decorum at the very well attended Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres on the final evening of the tour.

All in all it was a very enjoyable and successful tour - thanks to the students and to the accompanying staff.



Biology Field Trip

44 A level biology students stayed at Rhyd y Creuau, the Field Studies Council centre near Betws-y-Coed in North Wales, along with Mrs Lea, Ms Johnston and Mr Mistry in July.

Their research included in-depth fieldwork studies of local ecosystems. For some, their sampling of freshwater invertebrates in the river Conwy was so in-depth that it came over their wellies!

Students have enjoyed studying temperate rainforest ecology in the local woodland, and succession on the sand dunes at Morfa Harlech. They also covered rocky shore ecology at Penmon Point, Anglesey, where students carried out their own investigations of limpet populations based on hypotheses they have researched. This will provide evidence for the practical component of their A level.

The field course provides a really valuable opportunity for students to experience sampling organisms in their natural habitat with support from instructors with local knowledge and a passion for ecology.



Berlin - Schönheit durch Geschichte und Vielfalt

Und so die Reise fing an...
Nach einem frühen Aufwachen und vielen Tassen Kaffee im Flughafen kamen wir endlich in Berlin an.

Es gab aber keine Zeit, Schlaf nachzuholen, da die Stadtführung sofort begann. Erste Treffpunkt: Topographie des Terrors – der damalige Hauptstandort der Gestapo während der NS-Zeit. Mit dem Thema des zweiten Weltkriegs weiterzumachen, haben wir die Gedächtniskirche besucht. Sie wurde während des zweiten Weltkriegs bombadiert. Springen wir vierzig Jahre zum Kalten Krieg vor und wir haben den Tag bei Checkpoint Charlie zum Ende gebracht.

Der Montag begann in der Himmel – nämlich im Fernsehturm. Davon hatten wir einen wunderschönen Blick aus Berlin. Danach kamen wir zum Denkmal East-Side-Gallery. Außer den bewegenden Kunstwerken hat es uns so komisch gefühlt, am damaligen Epizentrum der Weltgeschehnisse zu sein. Nachmittags



haben wir eine Street-Art-Führung gemacht und wir haben viel über die Street-Art-Kultur Berlins gelernt. Obwohl viele müde waren, sind ein paar Studenten später mit Herr Davies in die Stadt gegangen, um die Siegessäule zu besuchen.



Dienstag war unserer letzter Tag aber vielleicht unserer beschäftigster. Wir waren erstens bei dem Reichstag, wo die deutschen und europäischen Flaggen prächtig im Wind flogen. Wir sind dann zur Brandenburger Tor, zum Sowjetischen Ehrenmal im Tiergarten und zum Denkmal für die ermordeten Juden Europas gegangen – eine sehr ernüchternde Erfahrung. Unsere letzte Aktivität war, eine Bootsfahrt durch Berlin zu genießen.

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Vielen Dank an Frau Grossova und Herr Davies, die einen sehr tollen Ausflug organisiert haben!

Fabrizio de Vito
Y12



Earlier this year a much loved member of our office team, Helen Richards, sadly passed away.

Mrs Thristan, Ms Rudman, Mr and Mrs Masters plus Monty the labrador joined Helen's family to take part in the Kirkwood Hospice Midnight Walk event in June in Helen's memory.

Huge well done to the team - they raised a total of £880 for the wonderful people at Kirkwood.

Midnight Walk



Biology Olympiad

In an international Biology competition for y9 & 10 pupils, 22 students entered from Crossley Heath this term. Almost all of those who entered have been awarded certificates for Highly Commended or above and two students achieved a Gold Award – in the top 5% of results worldwide!

Well done to Ben Styan and Gwen Marsden who achieved gold. Ben went down to London to be awarded his certificate at the Royal Society of Biology's Education Awards Ceremony in London.

eHNA Conference

A group of our sixth form students who are part of the Youth Counter Terrorism Advisory Network (CTAN) have been spreading the word about the work they have been doing. On 11 July they attended the Calderdale Secondary Schools eHNA conference, held at the site of the Akley Bridge school filming location!

At the conference the students were able to practice their public speaking as well as share best practice with other Calderdale schools, looking at preventing and helping young people who may be exposed to extreme views. They presented several real life case studies of how individuals have been supported by the local Prevent team using various methods to improve their own situations and outlook. We hope that schools will get in touch with the students to use their session in the near future.

INNOV8



On 21 June, 15 of our Y10 students headed over to Kirklees College to compete against lots of schools in the annual INNOV8 Enterprise Competition.

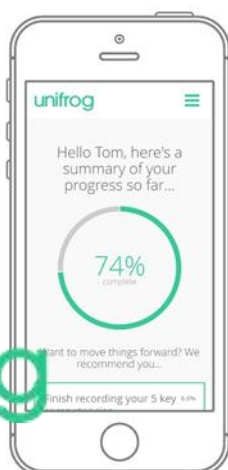
The competition takes place over 3 days and on the day we attended, there were a massive 17 teams competing! The teams had to solve enterprise related problems including coming up with a money making idea for a lemon, as well as building a castle out of balloons. The final task was to come up with a problem solving device, a very open brief which allowed the teams to really think outside the box.

Out of all the schools who took part, we are really proud to announce that one of our teams (HIMJA) came 3rd! Well done to Iona Chisholm, Josie Huyton, Ayshah Jansen, Maia Bourne and Harris Bond. They were just 2 points away from coming second. Thank you to our other two teams who attended - you all represented the school very well.



Careers with Unifrog

unifrog



In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog, the award-winning, online careers platform. All students in Years 7 through to 13 now have access to this excellent website.

Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, MOOCs and colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education

courses for them. They can also explore exciting opportunities further afield by looking at English taught undergraduate programmes available in Europe and the USA.

Additionally, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities by writing their personal statement, applications and CVs and guiding them through the process, allowing teachers to give live feedback.

Once your child has a login in September, you will be able to access this all at home. Current Y8, 10 and 12 already have their own login so they can get started right away!

Political Blog Awards



We are very proud of Head Boy Fabrizio de Vito, who was a finalist in a national competition run by the Political Studies Association and the Financial Times newspaper.

Fabrizio's blog discussing "Is British politics broken?" hugely impressed the judges and he and Head of Economics Mr Schofield were invited to The Speaker's House in London in June for an award ceremony.

The pair also managed to witness business being conducted in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords before returning to Yorkshire.

2019 saw the launch of a new multi-lingual talent contest, aimed to promote KS3 students' enjoyment of and creativity with foreign languages across Calderdale. Students took part in the Crossley Heath auditions at the end of June, singing, reading and playing instruments along to music in different languages.

Three acts were successful in reaching the Calderdale Linguafest final which was hosted this year by Ryburn Valley High School on July 10th. Tayjus Bhan-Mistry (8D) performed a solo of a French song whilst Ruby Noszkay (7A) sang a Hungarian lullaby which she had listened to when she was younger. Lola Bond, Lilya Barnes and Megan Harling, all from 7C, translated several songs from English

into Chinese and performed these as a 'mash-up'. They were competing against students from Ryburn and Brooksbank who sang, danced and performed magic and short plays in a wonderful afternoon of languages, talent and music. We were very proud and pleased to announce that Tayjus won the Calderdale Linguafest trophy and £50 of vouchers with a unanimous decision from the judges! Congratulations and well done, Tayjus!

This was a highly successful and enjoyable event where our students demonstrated their linguistic and musical talents. We will look to expand this event to involve more Calderdale schools and older students in the future.



Calderdale Linguafest



MAX BURGIN

Max Burgin was the June cover star for Athletics Weekly following his record breaking recent form. Max ran a personal best and record-breaking time at the British Milers' Club Grand Prix in Loughborough on 23 June breaking a record that had stood for 46 years.



Our 17-year-old Y12 student ran the 800m A race in **1:46:80**, breaking Steve Ovet's UK under-18 best time of 1:47:34, which he set in 1973. If you would like to see just how phenomenal a performance it was, you can see it here: <https://www.runjumpthrow.com/videos/33499/>

Max, who runs for Halifax Harriers, beat a field which included a number of senior runners and he has now moved to the seventh fastest athlete in the under-20 UK all-time rankings.

He is also an incredible sixth-fastest runner in any age group so far this year.

Congratulations Max. We will be watching his future running career with anticipation!

BOYS TENNIS

Two teams were entered into the Aegon National Tennis Cup this year. The U15 team played in Division B whilst the U13 played in Division A. Both teams were incredibly successful, winning their respective leagues and now go on to represent West Yorkshire in the later

stages of the competition in September. Of the 7 matches played, only one was lost, and this was whilst 3 of the 4 regular team players were on school trips and 3 other boys valiantly stepped in to help out.

The U13 boys lost only 1 set out of 24 played and should be in contention to reach the final stages of the competition, although they will need to beat schools with tennis academies on their way. The U15 team have a tough Yorkshire semi final against Grammar School at Leeds but the way they have played this season suggests they have a very good chance of progressing.



This has been the most successful season for boys' tennis since the format of the competitions changed 15 years ago and all 11 boys who have played should be proud of their contributions to this.

GIRLS TENNIS

We entered 4 teams into the Aegon Tennis league with some great results. The U13 girls consisted of Sara Olbert, Lilya Barnes, Isabel Harrison and Libby Haley. The



girls narrowly lost to GSAL 4-8 and Woodhouse Grove following a shoot out. They then won comfortably against Salendine Nook. It was a great success for the girls as it was for most of them their first time playing in a competitive environment, coming through the school's link with Queens Sports club.

The U15 girls had an outstanding season winning all their matches v Bradford Grammar and Woodhouse Grove Schools. In the west v east county play offs, the squad again won all their double and singles games v Ackworth school to qualify for the regional finals in September. Well done to players Charlotte Margetson, Anna Nevison, Olivia Judge, Rithvi Dineshkumar and Beth Wood.

ATHLETICS

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

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 senior girls qualified for the regional A finals that took place in Derby. There were some strong individual performances and individual wins. Niamh Woodhouse threw a PB 31.56m to take first in the discus and also qualified for the English



U15 GIRLS RUGBY

Our U15 girls rugby squad took part in the Northern Project Rugby Festival held at Sheffield Hallam University and enjoyed the experience of playing against teams from all over the north of England. There was some great play from all the girls especially

Our Y7 team played well together considering it was only their second competitive fixture. They came runners up in their group which put them through to the 3rd and 4th place play off. They met Calder High in the play off and came 4th place.

schools competition. Isabel Richardson won the 1500m in a time of 4.49. Verity Clements came in 2nd place in a time of 5.06.55. The team finished in 8th place overall.

Our Y7 joint boys and girls team entered the Super8 Calderdale athletics event and came third overall, narrowly missing out on a place in the West Yorkshire finals.



In the recent Calderdale Athletics Championships at Spring Hall, Crossley Heath came 2nd overall, a good result as quite a few of our athletes were out on school trips.

There were some notable performances from the following students in Y7:

Evie Lee won the long jump, Rowan Baxter won the 1500m and Adam Dakin won the 200m. In Y8 Evelyn Dagger won the girls 1500m and Finlay Hill won the 100m.

In Y9 we had Ollie Patrick who won the triple jump, Niamh Woodhouse who won the shot put and Isabel Richardson who won the 1500m. In Y10 Tegan Hamilton-Adams won the long jump, Seb Fahey won the 800m and Ted Grogan won the high jump event.

Well done to Isabel Castelow (senior girls 800m) and Niamh Woodhouse (junior girls discus) on their selection for English Schools Athletics Championships to represent West Yorkshire and came 8th in the final.

Safiyyah Akhtar who played competitively for the first time. The girls faced some hard competition but still managed to play excellent rugby.



The Y8 team were unbeaten in their group then went on to win their semi-final, however despite their fantastic run of form they met their match in the final against North Halifax and came runners up.

Our enthusiastic Y9 team had a slow start to their tournament losing their first two matches against North Halifax and Ryburn. They showed a big improvement in their third game however to beat Rastrick comfortably by 7 to 1 rounders. There were some great catches by Olivia Judge and Amelia Bizley in the outfield and strong batting by Rithvi Dineshkumar and Beth Wood.

The Y10 team were a mixture of Y9 and Y10 girls due to many of the usual Y10 players being absent on a residential trip.

The squad performed very well, reaching the semi-finals and then just losing by one rounder to a strong

Ryburn team. There was some excellent batting by Anna Nevison and Charlotte Margetson and sound fielding from Isobel Oldroyd and Ayshah Jansen. Well done to all.

ROUNDERS

We have had a busy and successful year in rounders this year with many girls coming to practice at lunchtimes. Unfortunately several of our matches were cancelled due to the persistent rain, however each age group took part in the Calderdale Rounders tournaments.



Term Dates

INSET Day: Monday 2 September
Re-opens: Tuesday 3 September (Y7/Y12 only)

Closes for half term: Friday 25 October
Re-opens: Monday 4 November

Closes for Christmas: Friday 20 December

2019 Calendar



2 Sep	Staff INSET Day - school closed to students
3	School open to Y7 and Y12 only
4	School open to all students
11	Y7-10-12 photos
13	Y7 Mixenden activity centre trip
17	Y12 Parents Information Evening
18	Y8 Safer Online Workshops . CH PTA meeting 7pm
19	Y9 ICT Day Trip
23	Y8 Vaccinations
26	Y7 Art Trip
27	Macmillan Cake Bake
28	11+ Entrance Exam
2 Oct	CH PTA meeting 7pm
3	Y11 Exam Support Evening (Tim Milner)
7	Y11 Speaking and Listening exams begin
9	Y12 EPQ visit
11	Y11 Careers Event
16	Re-Start a Heart Day
18	Rugby Trip to Canada. Non Uniform Day. PTA
21	Y7 Road Safety event p5
25	Y7-8-9 Swimming Gala Y10-11 Personal Development activities. School closes for Half Term



Crossley Heath PTA News

We are looking to recruit new committee members to help in future events. Please get in touch and come and see us on at one of our meetings on the first Wednesday of every month during term time in the sports hall from 7pm.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CrossleyHeathPTA> where we make announcements and mention forthcoming events.

We welcome any suggestions for events particularly if you have been involved in the PTA of your child's Junior school.

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Welcomes and goodbyes

This year we say goodbye and good luck to Head of Science Ms Hanson (16 yrs at CHS) and Chemistry teacher and former Assistant Head Mr Coulson (17.5 yrs) who are both hanging up their teacher hats to retire and move northwards. We are very sorry to lose them but hope they will enjoy their retirement and have lots of outdoor time involving cycle rides along the river and some walking.

Sad goodbyes also to Mr Ovenden (Head of DT - 17yrs) and Mrs Mathison (Maths - 21yrs) who are also both starting their retirement this summer. We may see them both back in school occasionally next year to help out with cover from time to time but we will allow them to take a bit of a holiday first!

We wish much success to Mrs Lovatt (French) who will be greatly missed by all her students as she relocates with her family over to Northern Ireland. We will also miss Mrs Martin (Economics) who has led our careers, citizenship and PHSCE programmes to great success. She is moving schools to be much closer to home so we wish her well. We will be very sad to lose Mr Johnson in the SEN team as he leaves us to take up a place on an English teacher training programme. We are sure he will have a bright future ahead of him! Thanks also to Mr Herries (Science) who has worked with us for the past year but is returning to a position at his previous 6th form college. We wish everyone much success and happiness in their new ventures.

A very big welcome to our new starters in September: Duncan Pritchard (DT/Engineering), Adam Cartmell and Matthew Brown (Maths), Joanne Griffiths, Jennifer Norcliffe and Adam Lea (Science). We look forward to having you all on board!