



# Dispatches

The Crossley Heath  
School News

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## A Word from the Head



Christmas is upon us at last! It has been a long and busy term although the last few weeks seem to have flown by with lots of activities, visits and experiences for students.

We have continued to strive towards the achievement of our vision with a focus on the values at our heart: respect, self-belief, aspiration, challenge, responsibility and purpose. We have had a focus on understanding, supporting and celebrating the increasing diversity of our school community. This term it has included a hugely successful evening in November where Crossley Heath was proud to host 'Calderdale Interfaith'. Our students performed brilliantly, our visitors were fascinating and the food was wonderful. Thanks to the many parents and supporters who attended.

In other activities, our teaching staff enjoyed an 'awareness raising' event about Muslim culture, kindly led by two of our parents and the senior team have visited a local mosque. This focus on embracing our wide diversity will continue, with more activities for staff and students to follow over the coming year.

I am pleased that we have further strengthened our pastoral and well-being provision.

Our new transition processes for Y7 and Y12 ensured that all students were warmly welcomed and were able to settle quickly. The

very positive feedback we have received is much appreciated. We are delighted to have been joined by Nicola Holmes who will look after students' medical needs and first aid. You will find more information about our provision in this edition of Dispatches, and please check out our new 'Wellbeing' tab on the website.

In the run up to Christmas, the House Drama competition, won by Porter, was great fun and our wonderful catering staff served delicious turkey, vegetarian and vegan Christmas dinners to hundreds of students. This year we were able to utilise our new school day arrangements to provide an extended lunchtime from 11.50 to ensure that all diners got their dinner with plenty of time to eat it in comfort in the hall while enjoying Mr Hirst's music and karaoke experience. Students were also able to enjoy Mr Chesters' Christmas film and music experience in the Sports Hall.

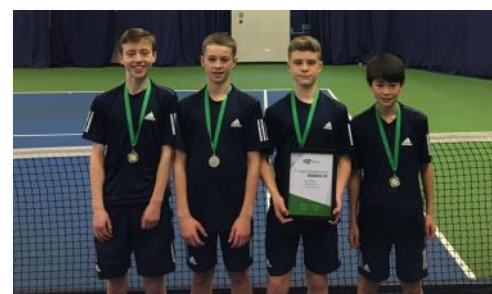
I know you will enjoy catching up on all our news in the following pages. Thank you to all our staff and students who make our school such a special place, and of course, our parents for their magnificent support. I wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday.

*Lynnette Cassidy*



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All the fun from the 2019 House Drama finals



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Our boys are runners up beating top tennis academies



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Y8 and Y10s shine at the technology tournament



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## Rotary Technology Tournament

**Date:** - Tuesday 19th November

**Time:** - 9.00 AM

**Venue:** - North Bridge Leisure Centre

**Your mission should you accept it:** - To design a vehicle powered by a 200g weight alone, that can travel at least two metres up a slope and knock over a barrier.

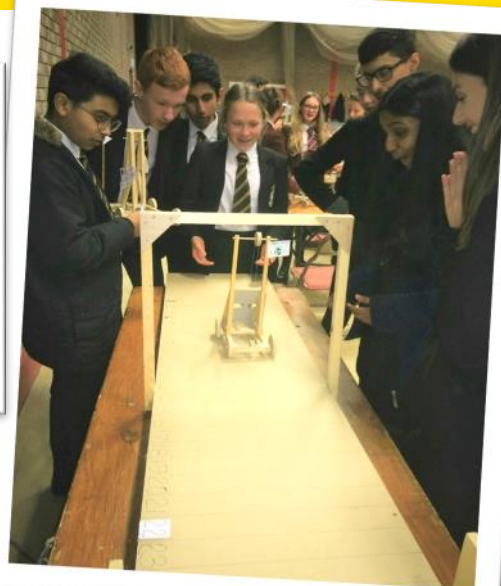
Step up our intrepid teams, two from Y8 and two from Y10. The challenge is on.

A busy morning planning, problem solving and modelling; a quick lunch, then time to fine tune before testing. Can we successfully complete the

mission? Well to be honest very nearly. One of the Y8 teams got up the slope, full distance and nudged the barrier but up it stayed. So close was the competition that they were beaten by just two points into second place.

The Y10 challenge was that little bit harder: a greater slope and having to raise a flag as you travel - again an incredibly close call. With just 6 points separating 1st to 4th, unfortunately it was fourth, but an interesting adventure to be sure.

Roll on next year, and we'll snatch that last few points for a victory.



## University visit for EPQ students

Y12s have the option of undertaking an Extended Project Qualification as part of their sixth form enrichment and our current students have now begun their journey into academic writing.

Some of this year's projects include whether students studying moral philosophy at A-level behave more ethically than those who do not, techniques in the design of modern computer games, and how the development of robotics is changing treatment in heart surgery. We certainly have a diverse group of interests this year!

Students had an excellent day at Leeds University with a series of intense but very informative sessions on how to approach the course. The event was supported by current Leeds students who had successfully completed their EPQ and answered a wide range of questions as well as giving some very insightful advice.



## Physics students out and about

Our A-Level Physicists have been out and about this term. On 13 November a group of students travelled over to Leeds University for the annual Bolton Lecture in Physics. This year the subject was "New

Worlds in our Galaxy" by Professor Giovanna Tinetti from UCL. The lecture was fantastically attended with hundreds of people coming out on a cold November evening to hear the speaker.

Students rounded off their trip with some food from the lovely German Christmas markets and others stopped off at Five Guys for a well-earned burger.



# Hustings Coup for Crossley Heath

When Head Boy Fabrizio de Vito asked for permission to contact the candidates standing for election in the Halifax constituency, we were happy to give the go ahead but were not convinced anything would come of it. With just seven days before the election itself, we assumed the would-be politicians would be on the campaign trail and far too busy to come in to school to attend a Question Time-style grilling from our students.

To Fabrizio's credit, not only did four of the five candidates agree to attend, but we filled the conference suite to bursting with students from our lower school politics group, the student council plus huge numbers of sixth formers, staff and former students from years gone by. In the end there was standing room only and every windowsill became a perch.

Fabrizio chaired the event with pre-organized questions and candidates were given just three minutes to

respond to student questions on a range of topics from Brexit to climate emergency, and from action on mental health to funding for schools.

We are grateful to all the candidates who attended and engaged with our students in the political process which we all agree is so vital:

Holly Lynch (now re-elected MP),

Kashif Ali, James Baker and Sarah Wood. Bella Jessop, the Green Party candidate, had a prior engagement but sent a statement about their policies which was read to the audience.

Huge well done to Fabrizio and Ollie Gee who organized the event.



*The Halifax parliamentary candidates pictured with event organisers Fabrizio de Vito and Ollie Gee.*



## Mock Election

A mock election was held in school on the week of the national general election. Students volunteered to stand for a range of parties and spent time campaigning for votes across the school.

We were proud of the way students engaged with the process and got involved in discussing important issues. Students voted after the final canvassing and unlike the national picture, Labour, led by Y11

student Ben Styan, had a convincing win on the day claiming 48% of the votes.

Well done to all students who put themselves forward and took part in the mock election:

Liberal Democrats	Alex Ackroyd
Green Party	Jane Howard
Communist Party	Vihar Reddy
Conservatives	Sam Mindham
Labour	Ben Styan

## Governor Update

We were delighted this term to welcome a new clerk to governors, Mrs Dianne Chapman, who joins us from Calderdale Council.

The governing body committees have all met twice this term. In November we met with the auditors to go through the annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st August 2019. Also in November, after comparative data was available, we met for a detailed presentation and in depth discussion around the GCSE and A-Level results from the summer.

Governors have also participated in mentoring and mock interviews with students, met with prospective VI form students and parents at the VI form open day (and judged the House Bake Off competition – what a treat!) as well as supporting and judging the House Drama final.

Governors are now looking forward to the Annual Prizegiving and carol service and wish students, staff and families a very happy Christmas.

*Frances Millington, Chair of Governors*



## Healthcare Assistant

We're pleased to welcome new member of staff Nicola Holmes to the school this term. Nicola is a registered nurse and comes from a background in front line medicine and orthopaedics so brings a huge number of years' experience to Crossley Heath.

Her role in school is to support students and staff with incidents requiring first aid and those with individual medical needs as well as improving Health and Wellbeing education, including Mental Health First Aid.

## Charity Roundup

Each house has been assigned a charity to fundraise for during the academic year. Queens has been assigned "War Child", Kings "Young Minds", Porter "Woodland Trust" and Savile "Calderdale Smartmove". These are ongoing and we will give totals at the end of the year.

In September, thanks to generous donations from our parents and staff, £238.63 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Care from a whole school bake sale.

In October, £675.96 was raised for the *Buddy Bag Foundation* non uniform day and £99.47 was raised for the *Carolina for Kibera* charity by some of our Y8 students. Throughout November, students have been raising money for

the Kashmir earthquake appeal which is still ongoing. Also the school's charity committee raised £60.36 at our annual Christmas Market for St Augustine's refugee centre.

December has kicked off with the annual Rotary Shoebox Appeal with all your donations meaning that more than 100 boxes have been filled by school to be given to the appeal - more than we have ever donated before. Our non-uniform day also raised over £700 for the local homelessness charity, Calderdale Smartmove.

Thank you as always to all our lovely parents and students for your support in our charity appeals.

## Life after Crossley Heath

Our Post 16 students have taken part in two events recently aimed at preparing them for life after sixth form.

On 21 November we invited students and their parents to our evening event. We hosted a range of visitors from local universities who delivered valuable sessions covering student finance, labour market information, university admissions and the UCAS process, plus degree level apprenticeships and how to navigate the university clearing process. Sessions were run on a carousel basis and parents and students were able to drop in to the talks that most suited them.

On 12 December our Y13 students took part in an Interview Skills day. The morning consisted of a programme of different sessions delivered by experts in their fields. We welcomed personal development coach Martin Haigh from Lattitude7 who ran some excellent team building sessions, as well as Hays Recruitment who spoke to students about successful job seeking. Other guests included Huddersfield University, who gave advice on admissions interviews, Linda Beever Apprenticeship IAG Consultant and CK Careers. In the afternoon we were joined by over 40 professionals who helped provide each student with an individual mock interview.

## Y9 at Tate Liverpool



On 6 December we took a group of Y9 Art students to the Liverpool Tate Gallery on Albert Docks. They were able to explore a wide range of artwork from film and video installation to traditional painting, looking at the work of many different artists such as Jasper Johns and Damien Hirst, Barbra Kruger and Patrick Caulfield.

Students produced some fantastic studies of the work they saw which will form part of their GCSE Art and Design coursework. Overall we had a brilliant day out and hope the students enjoyed themselves.



# House Drama

We had a fantastic showcase of dramatic and creative talent in this year's House Drama competition. Kings were first on stage with their version of *Harry Potter*, followed by Queens who performed *The Wizard of Oz*. Porter had chosen *Alice in Wonderland* and Savile did our first ever version of *Home Alone*. After the heats, Porter and Queens were chosen to go through to the finals. Congratulations to our two overall award winners whose individual performances were outstanding - Best Actor, Y13 student Abdul Rahman as "Harry" in *Home Alone* and Best Actress, 7A's Myla Watts as "The Dormouse" for Porter.

It was a tough competition but well done to Porter who took the best performance on the night. Thanks to absolutely everyone who took part and a huge well done to all the house officials who directed, coached and orchestrated the process. We couldn't have done it without you!



Clockwise from top:  
Queens "The Wizard of Oz",  
Kings "Harry Potter",  
Savile "Home Alone"  
Porter "Alice in Wonderland"



## Debating team success

Our school's debating team, made up of students Amna Khan, Tayjus Bhan-Mistry and Alexander Marshall in Y9, have made a strong start and got through to the second round of the English Speaking Union's Debating Competition.

Around 400 teams (each comprising a speaker, questioner and a chairperson) enter the competition. The different roles allow students to practise and excel in different skill sets, and the competition's format, which pairs the speaker from one school with the chair and questioner of another, encourages quick thinking and relationship building. The second round will be held in early next year. We wish them lots of luck and look forward to hearing how it went!

## GCSE & A Level Exam Certificates

If any students did not attend Prize Giving to collect their exam certificates, please make sure you come to collect them from the school office as soon as possible!

Due to new legislation, we will soon not be able to keep paper files or exam certificates that have not been collected by students who sat their exams this summer or from previous years.

Getting a replacement copy of your qualification from the exam board can cost £40 per certificate, so this is a good time to check that you have collected everything.

The school office is open during school hours from Monday 6 January.

## Support & Advice

We hope you are looking forward to the festive break. We understand this time of year can be difficult for some children and their families. Please be aware that advice can still be obtained during school breaks via [links on our website](#) as well as the following:

[www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk](http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk) advice, support and signposting on local and national services that help children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing. The site also has a section for parents, carers and professionals.

[www.Kooth.com](http://www.Kooth.com) online counselling and emotional wellbeing platform for young people aged 11-25 in Calderdale. Anonymous access to advice, support and guidance on any issue that is affecting their wellbeing.

[www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk) offers support for a variety of targeted emotional and wellbeing support to young people.

# Canada 2019

Before October half term, 55 Y9 and 10 rugby-playing students undertook a 12 day trip to British Columbia on the west coast of Canada. The boys had a fabulous experience, combining nine matches with a range of sightseeing experiences.

Starting off in Surrey, near the U.S border, the boys were hosted by Earl Marriott School and played two games at Bayside Rugby Club. The games were both won and the boys gained their first experience of Canadian hospitality with their host families for the first 3 nights of the trip.

The next stop saw the party split, with Y9 travelling to Brentwood College School and Y10 to Shawnigan Lake School, both on Vancouver Island.

The U15 travelled north to play GP Vanier High School, the first school to host an international Crossleys tour in 2000. In dreadful conditions the boys overcame a very physical team for their second win.

The U14 had a day trip to Victoria and some free time in the city. Matches against the two host schools were also won on the last day on the island.

Returning to the mainland, the party reunited and met their third hosts, Collingwood School. Here they had one of the sightseeing highlights with a whale watching tour on which they were able to

get up close to humpback whales, something few people ever experience. Both matches against Collingwood were won, with Crossleys capitalising on the training they had been able to undertake with their guest coaches since departing.

The final stay of the tour was with old friends St George's School in Vancouver, one of the strongest schools in Canada. Both matches were once again won, maintaining the 100% record for both teams - a first for a Crossley Heath international tour.

The boys had two days to relax and sightsee with their hosts who treated them to some great experiences, including some lucky students who got to see the Canucks NHL team play Washington from a private box!

Throughout the tour staff received positive feedback about the politeness and friendliness of students from both hosts and members of the public.

Special thanks must go to Mr Allan, Mr Riley and Mr Dunne who gave up their own holiday time to assist with the trip even though they are not members of staff, and without whom a tour on this scale would not have been possible.

## Results:

### U14

*Bayside Rugby Club v Crossley Heath W 22-14*

*Brentwood College School v Crossley Heath W 36-15*

*Collingwood School v Crossley Heath W 46-17*

*St. George's School v Crossley Heath W 44-24*

### U15

*Bayside Rugby Club v Crossley Heath W 10-5*

*GP Vanier High School W17-7*

*Shawnigan Lake School v Crossley Heath W 27-12*

*Collingwood School v Crossley Heath W 33-27*

*St. George's School v Crossley Heath W 26-20*





## New Interfaith Council

Following on from the success of Interfaith Week and other events which the RS department have been involved in helping to organise, we have now established an Interfaith Council in school.

Pupils from different year groups met for the first time in December to discuss some ideas about the types of things we would like to do in school. These included delivering assemblies, organising school celebrations for different religious festivals, discussions and arranging important speakers to visit.

The council will be lead by students and the elected Council Leaders who are Noorayni Ali, Sean Gan and Mehnoor Azhar from Y13. Shivani Gopal in 10G said "I think learning about different faiths is important because it helps people understand, appreciate and embrace diversity. I feel this is very important in the multi faith society we live in."



This year we hosted Calderdale Interfaith's Annual Celebration Evening in school. Special guests, students and families and other members of the local community were invited to take part and join in the sharing of some delicious food provided before the evening began.

The Mayor of Calderdale and Chair of Calderdale Interfaith, Dot Foster, opened the evening which was a varied and colourful event with guest speakers and performers adopting the theme of the event. Dr Harriet Crabtree OBE, Chair of the Interfaith Network, talked about the importance of local interfaith work and Kate Jowett from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner talked about building safer and more integrated

## Interfaith Celebration evening

communities. Dr Anand discussed the work of Gandhi and the importance of peace. Several of our students performed on the evening: one shared her interpretation of the Quaker way of life and how it links to the community; another gave a fascinating overview of Hinduism, and a group of students performed Hindu songs linked to the theme of co-operation and understanding. In addition some students who are also part of the 51st Pellon Scouts group performed a recitation of the Holy Quran.

The Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire, Chris Harris, concluded the evening by saying she had found the evening 'heart warming' and 'inspiring'.

## Mandarin Excellence Programme

Five students from our Y8 and Y9 MEP Chinese groups put their linguistic skills to the test on 9th December in the London regional heat where they took part in the British Council's annual Mandarin Speaking Competition. Crossley Heath students competed with representatives from 88 other schools for the chance to win a fully funded trip of a lifetime to China.

Ismael from 8C and Sara from 9F participated in the individual competition which involves giving a short presentation in Mandarin, as well as answering questions from the judges and translating sentences from English into Mandarin. For the intermediate competition, students also needed to talk about a topic that was presented to them on the day.



Ismael and Sara joined Sarah (9E), Evan (9F), and Amna (9F) for the group competition where they performed a sketch which they had written themselves based on their travel experiences in Shanghai.

This competition provides an opportunity for students to put their language skills to use outside of a classroom setting. It has also inspired the students to continue studying the language at a higher level.

After their fantastic performance, Ismael and Sara were thrilled to find they had won the regional heat and are now through to the national final in London on 5 February 2020.

## Philosophy Conference

On November 12th Ms Rudman and Ms Catterson accompanied Y13 RS students to a Philosophy Conference in Manchester.

The event was chaired by Dr Peter Vardy, a philosopher, theologian and author, and covered philosophical issues and religious language and ethical questions. Students had a chance to take part in debates and at the end of the conference were able to meet Dr Vardy. The day was enjoyed by all and was valuable in reinforcing key issues within the A-level course.



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

**TENNIS**

Having won the West Yorkshire league of the LTA National Cup, our U13 team of Owen Lodge, James Duffy, George Whyton and Jack Drummond went through the Yorkshire and Northern Finals, dropping only 1 set on the way.

This incredible performance put the boys through to the National Finals at Bolton Arena. Alongside Crossleys were 3 famous sporting schools, Millfield, Trent College and Reed's School, all independent schools with tennis academies who offer scholarships.

Reed's and Millfield were ranked 1 and 2 due to their players' LTA ratings and we were due to play both on the first day of competition. The first match was against Reed's and the boys struggled to get going, losing the match 1-5. They showed great spirit to bounce back and take a win against Millfield with the number 1 doubles pairing of Owen and James playing some devastating tennis to seal the win.

Day 2 saw us lying in third place to start the day. If the results went to form there was potential for us to come second. Facing fourth placed Trent College whilst Millfield played Reed's, Crossleys were in a great position after the singles in the morning, winning 3 of 4 matches. One doubles win from the two would seal victory and guarantee second place if Reed's also defeated Millfield.

First up, George and Jack who played impressively and with great confidence as a team were comfortable winners to give us victory with one rubber to spare. It was a great team performance with everyone making a massive contribution to becoming the second best tennis team nationally from almost 3,000 schools who entered!

**NETBALL**

Our U15 netball team continue their great run of form and they remain unbeaten in the Calderdale league. They beat Rastrick 13-7 and North Halifax 10-4. There has been some excellent play from the whole team which includes Niamh Kerrigan, Niamh Woodhouse, Molly Stevens, Mae Wadsworth, Rosa Austin, Fatima Sadiq, Ellis Milner, Niamh



O' Connor and Sasmita Thyagesh.

Our U14 team have also played well beating Trinity 10-5 and beating Brooksbank 21-16 but just missing out to North Halifax in a very close game. The U14B team also played their first games this term. They started off a little tentatively but after a few goals and a pep talk they began to show what they could really do.

The U13 team had a slower term of fixtures due to a few postponed games with only one game against Trinity where they played well but lost out 9-19.

The U12 team finally got their season underway with two very good games that demonstrated a lot of promise for

the future. They managed to beat North Halifax as well as Trinity Academy. After Christmas we have a busy term of fixtures for our U16 and senior girls which we are looking forward to.

**U13 HOCKEY**

We have continued to have a great turn out at U13 hockey practice this half term, with over 30 students attending to improve their skills and tactical awareness. This has really started to pay off and the girls are improving game by game. We unfortunately suffered a heavy loss against Rishworth School but soon got back on track with a very competitive 1-0 loss against NHGS, with Madeleine Smart having a fantastic debut performance in goal. We then played Ryburn in another very competitive fixture but again unfortunately lost out 1-0. The stand out performances in this game came from Lottie Eccles and Evie Hemingway.

**GIRLS RUGBY**

Monday evenings have seen the girls rugby team develop at a rate of knots. Numbers have barely dwindled and the girls have excelled greatly. The first term has been about developing skills with a few fixtures and the girls have mastered the basics, with those who already played developing their already high levels of skill.

A few comments from parents who have seen the after school training sessions include 'I can't believe how much they have developed week to week'

'They are such a ferocious bunch! I am surprised at how involved they get in contact'

It has been an excellent term that has also seen both the u13 and u15 teams win their fixtures, with the u13's winning emphatically against Whitcliffe Mount.

Next term is set to be even better, with more training and fixtures to come. Our new Director of Girls' Rugby, Mr Ramsey, is extremely proud of their commitment and enthusiasm.



# Languages at Cambridge

Maisy Langan and Safiyyah Akhtar in Y10 attended a Modern Foreign Languages Taster Day at Girten College, Cambridge in October. They spent the day experiencing what it would be like to study MFL there and participated in workshops about language, culture and aspects of society.

They had a very interesting and informative experience. Safiyyah entered a subsequent writing competition in French and won first prize! She was awarded a book token and a certificate for her high level of language. Well done, Safiyyah! Here's what she wrote...

"J'ai commencé la journée en apprenant à propos de l'année à l'étranger. C'était tellement intéressant! Je veux étudier le français et j'ai toujours rêvé de visiter un pays francophone, donc vivre là-bas pendant un an serait incroyable. Ma partie préférée de la journée était la session de langue. J'ai eu une longue conversation en français avec le professeur qui m'a dit qu'il vivait en France depuis 26 ans! J'ai appris que dans différents pays, par exemple au Québec, le français est parlé avec une prononciation différente. J'ai tellement aimé la journée que je ne voulais pas partir à la fin! C'était mon anniversaire et c'était vraiment le meilleur anniversaire de ma vie. À Girton, votre origine ou le revenu de vos parents important peu, car tout le monde est traité de la même manière. Vous pouvez vraiment être ce que vous voulez être. Si seulement toutes les universités étaient comme ça!"



# Science Journal Club

Once each half term, our A-level scientists are invited to join science staff to enjoy presentations by students about subjects that interest them from their wider reading around their A level subjects.

The session is very informal (and includes doughnuts!) and students always come up with interesting questions at the end of each presentation.

This term we have had some fascinating and well-researched talks: Amelia Carson introduced us to an unusual sea slug that may - or may not - use chloroplasts absorbed into its cells by phagocytosis to carry out

some of the reactions of photosynthesis, giving a good summary of conflicting research ideas; Hifsa Noor-ul-Huda explained some of the manifestations of Alice in Wonderland syndrome, and theories about its possible causes and treatments; and Louis Graham gave us a dizzying tour of the concepts and implications of parallel universes.

**We would love to welcome Y11 students who are considering science A-levels to our next session on 27th January so please do come along! We meet in the Conference Suite after school from 4pm on a Monday.**

# From the Finance Office

Please check ParentPay regularly for new trips, resources etc. We are still finding students using the dining room with no credit on their account. This results in time wasted by catering staff noting food that has been requested and then by the finance staff having to chase parents to credit money onto their children's accounts. Please ensure that your child's account is in credit before they go to the dining room. ParentPay will shortly be launching an Auto Top Up facility so look out for the notification.

Finally, to all Music Tuition students a reminder that Spring Term fees will be due in January.

# Successful Music Funding Bid

Ms Peers is thrilled to announce a successful bid from Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (formerly EMI Music Sound Foundation).

With the planned Music tour to Belgium at Easter in mind, we have been successfully awarded a grant and have invested in a new Pearl Roadshow drum kit and Yamaha P-45 stage piano. This is fantastic news for the students and the department.

# "Six" at Salford Theatre

Ms Peers, Miss Gillespie & Miss Bondtoft took a coach party of Music students to see the brand new hit show *Six* on it's critically acclaimed tour across the UK. With its sound-track storming up the UK pop charts, the sell-out intoxicating Tudor take-off was certainly a hit!

From Tudor queens to pop princesses, the six wives of Henry VIII took to the mic to tell their tales, remixing five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an 80-minute celebration of 21st century girl power.

# Term Dates

**Closes for Christmas: Friday 20 December**  
**Re-opens: Monday 6 January 2020**

**Closes for Half term: Friday 14 February**  
**INSET: Monday 24 February**  
**Re-opens: Tuesday 25 February**

**Closes for Easter: Friday 3 April**  
**Reopens: Monday 20 April**



## Crossley Heath PTA News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Winter Fayre and other recent events. We will have news of our totals raised very soon.

Wishing all our families a very happy Christmas from all at The Crossley Heath PTA.

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## 2020 Calendar



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| 6 Jan | School re-opens  |
| 8     | Y11 exams and study leave commence (to 17th)<br>CH PTA Meeting 7pm                                   |
| 16    | Y10 Parents' Evening   |
| 20    | Y13 exams and study leave commence (to 24th)   |
| 24    | Non-uniform day  |
| 27    | Governor Day in school   |
| 28    | Y10 Art trip   |
| 31    | Y11 mock results morning<br>German exchange students in school                                       |
| 4 Feb | Y9 vaccinations  |
| 5     | CH PTA Meeting 7pm   |
| 6     | Intermediate Maths Challenge   |
| 7     | Y13 mock results morning<br>Y11 Food & Nutrition practical exam                                      |
| 11    | Y9 Vaccinations  |
| 12    | Y11 Parents' Evening   |
| 13    | Y9 Personal Development Activities   |
| 14    | Y11 Food & Nutrition exam<br>Closing date for Sixth Form Applications<br>School closes for half term |
| 24    | INSET day - school closed to students  |
| 25    | School re-opens  |
| 28    | Quiz Night   |
| 4     | Y8 Geography trip<br>CH PTA Meeting 7pm  |
| 5     | Y8 A-B-C Parents' Evening  |
| 9     | Y12 Work Experience Week   |
| 10    | Y8/10 Personal Development Activities  |
| 11    | Y8 D-E-F Parents' Evening  |
| 13    | Non Uniform Day - Comic Relief   |

## Instrument Amnesty!

Do you have any unwanted musical instruments lurking on top of the wardrobe or in the attic at home? If so, please consider donating them to the Music department!

Looking ahead to 2020 we are hoping to offer more opportunities for students to engage with the department and we would like to build up our library of instruments available for student use.

If you have any queries please email Ms Peers  
[s.peers@crossleyheath.org.uk](mailto:s.peers@crossleyheath.org.uk) or donations can simply be brought to the music department or to reception.

## Welcomes and Goodbyes

We say goodbye and good luck this December to Ralph Pallister who is taking up a new role as Head of Academic Music at the prestigious Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire. Mr Pallister joined us in 2008 and took over as Head of Music three years ago and has led music trips abroad as well as organising many concerts and shows in his time with us. We send him off on his new venture with all best wishes.

We also say goodbye to Alastair Baigent in the Finance Office who will be hanging up his calculator as he starts his retirement in the new year. Mr Baigent has been with us for just over 10 years and will be greatly missed by all the team.