

# CRGS Main School

# NEWSLETTER



## Introduction

As we reflect on a busy and productive term, we are delighted to share the many achievements and activities that have taken place. From engaging extracurricular events and student-led initiatives to exciting school trips and impressive sporting successes, our students have truly excelled. We hope you enjoy reading about their accomplishments and the vibrant life of our school community.

## Extracurricular Highlights

### Active in Mind and Body Week

Our recent Active in Mind and Body Week was a tremendous success, filled with a variety of engaging activities that brought our school community together. Highlights included:

#### Beat the Teacher Chess Competition:

Students challenged their teachers in intense chess matches.

#### Beat the Teacher Table Tennis:

A fun and competitive table tennis showdown between students and staff.

#### Cross Bar Challenge:

Students tested their football skills in this exciting challenge.

#### Staff Singer Behind the Curtains:

A mystery singing competition where staff members showcased their vocal talents.

#### Active Bongo Bingo:

A lively and energetic bingo session with a twist.

#### Gardening Club Poppy Making:

Students crafted beautiful poppies as part of our gardening club activities.

#### Halloween Crafts:

Creative and spooky crafts to celebrate Halloween.

We are proud to announce that this week of activities raised over £2000 for the charity HARV! A huge thank you to everyone who participated and contributed.



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## Enterprise Adventure - Grow a £1 House Competition

This half-term, students kicked off the exciting first round of our "Grow a £1 House Competition". Each house formed mixed groups, bringing together students from Year 7 to Year 11. Every group was given £1 with the challenge of using it creatively to generate profit. The school was buzzing with energy as various fun activities took place, including a sweets guessing game, baby picture quiz, flour-the-teacher challenge, fortune telling, cutest pet competition, car wash, penalty shoot-out, bingo, lemonade pong, and a photo booth.

A special congratulations to Turing (Group 4), who took the top spot with their staff car wash, raising an impressive £38, an outstanding achievement! Looking ahead, planning for Round 2 will begin in the first week after Christmas, students will use their profits for their next activity. House captains will work together to decide how the proceeds from this fantastic initiative will be put to use.

## CyberFirst Girls

The CyberFirst Girls competition is run by the National Cyber Security Centre and is open to girls in year 8. The aim is to inspire girls interested in technology to pursue a career in cyber security. Competitors have a week to complete challenges relating logic and coding, networking, cyber security and cryptography. This year, we had 15 girls take part in the competition across four teams: Poppy Hutchinson, Ava Baron, Ruby Lorek, Lilly Daniels, Eiliyah Nawaz, Hajrah Zafar, Aisha Younis, Anna Barton, Aisha Munshi, Haifa Manzur, Eloise Lang, Zubaydah Mangera, Jennifer Colley, Eliza Khan and Inaaya Ali. As a school, the teams came 8th in the North West region – an amazing result for our first entry into the competition. All of the girls have been awarded a certificate and a prize for their excellent work.

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Achievers

Congratulations to our 46 Year 11 students who will soon receive their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award certificates. This achievement reflects their hard work, dedication, and commitment to personal development. Well done to all!



## UK Bebras

The Bebras Challenge introduces computational thinking to students worldwide. This exciting challenge takes place in schools, under the supervision of teachers, over a two-week period every November. Last year, over 3 million students from more than 80 countries participated! This year almost 500 students from CRGS took part, completing the challenge in their Computing and Computer Science lessons.

93 students received the gold certificate, awarded to students who came in the top 10% nationally. 'Best in school' certificates, for students who achieved the highest scores in their age category, go to: Charlotte Greenwood (year 7); Sophia Wadley (year 7); Finlay Wood (year 7); Katie Hennighan (year 9); Karan Francis (year 10) and George Fishwick (year 13)

Several of our 'best in school' winners scored full marks, a feat achieved by only a fraction of a percentage of competitors, and many of our high-scoring competitors will be receiving invitations to take part in the Bebras Coding Challenge next March. Well done to everybody who took part.



# Exciting School Trips This Term

This term has been packed with enriching and educational trips, providing our students with a variety of experiences beyond the classroom. Here are some highlights:

## Year 7 Outdoor Elements Visit

Our Year 7 students enjoyed an adventurous time at Outdoor Elements, where they participated in team-building activities and outdoor challenges. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their teamwork and leadership skills.

## Music, Drama and Textiles trip

Our 2-night, 3-day trip to London was an unforgettable blend of textiles, music, and drama. We kicked off our adventure with two spectacular West End shows—*Mamma Mia!* and *Mrs. Doubtfire*—both offering unforgettable performances and vibrant sets. The magic continued with a visit to the Harry Potter Studios, where we explored the enchanting costume department and got a behind-the-scenes look at the iconic outfits that brought the wizarding world to life. We also ventured to the Victoria and Albert Museum, where we admired an impressive collection of fashion, textiles, and design. From captivating theatre to fascinating history and the world of wizardry, our trip to London was a perfect mix of culture, creativity, and entertainment, leaving us inspired and eager for our next adventure.

## Year 7 Geography Field Trip to Clitheroe

Year 7 also ventured into Clitheroe for a geography field trip. They explored the local area, conducted fieldwork, and gained hands-on experience in geographical studies.

## Harrogate Knitting and Stitching Show

A group of our students attended the Harrogate Knitting and Stitching Show, where they were inspired by a wide range of textile arts and crafts. They returned with new ideas and techniques to apply in their own creative projects.

## Art Visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Our art students visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, where they had the chance to view and study a variety of contemporary sculptures. This visit provided them with valuable insights and inspiration for their own artistic endeavours.

## Y10/11 'Blood Brothers' trip

*"I greatly enjoyed my recent trip to view Blood Brothers at the Blackpool Winter Gardens theatre. I found it to be emotive and compelling, with excellent acting and well-*



*designed sets. Smooth transitions made for an easy watching experience, and the storyline - while not what I expected - was an emotional rollercoaster, making me both laugh and cry. The plot focuses on two twins separated at birth with no knowledge of their connection to the other. One of the brothers, Mickey, grows up in a large family with little money and the other, Eddie, lives with only his 'parents' who are much wealthier. The storyline follows the twins' friendship and, while subtly showing the differences in their upbringings, their lives up until eighteen years old." (Review by Lola Nutall)*

## Year 11 Geography Visit to Grasmere

Year 11 geography students travelled to Grasmere to study the area's unique geographical features. They conducted fieldwork and gathered data for their coursework, all while enjoying the beautiful Lake District scenery.

## French Exchange Visit

Our French visitors from Perpignan came to Clitheroe to reunite with their English partner students. Despite the British weather, they had a brilliant time experiencing British culture, school and daily life with our families. The whole group visited Liverpool and had a traditional meal in the evening together. Our students have really enjoyed forming friendships with our French counterparts and we hope that they will have these connections long after they are students here at CRGS.

## German Exchange

Our German partners paid their return visit to Clitheroe! Students had a very busy week in lessons, making scones and playing cricket and experiencing family life with our students. They journeyed to Liverpool together, enjoyed a meal at the Emporium and played Pass the Parcel – something our German students had never heard of! Wonderful connections were made by our students with our partner school and we hope that many of them will remain friends for many years to come.



# Sporting Successes

This term has been filled with outstanding sporting achievements for our students. Here are some of the highlights:

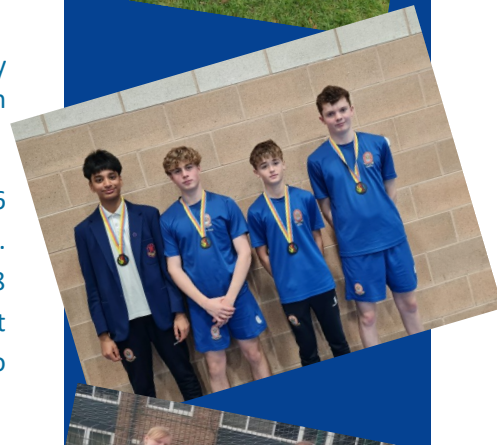
**District Cross Country Champions** We are thrilled to announce that CRGS has been crowned District Cross Country champions for 2024-2025! A special congratulations to Aggie Taylor and Marnie Nelson, who both finished in first place in their respective categories.

**Girls District Football** CRGS proudly hosted the Girls District Football tournaments for Years 7, 9, and 10. All our players represented the school superbly, with many participating for the first time. We eagerly anticipate the start of the girls' football league in the new year.

**U16 Boys Badminton** Our U16 boys badminton teams performed exceptionally well, with both teams reaching the knockout stages of the competition. The A team brought home the gold medals, showcasing their skill and determination.

**Sportshall Athletics** The Year 7 team boasts some fantastic athletes, and all 16 competitors represented the school superbly in their first athletics competition. This boys team finish in 3rd place, while the girls came in 2nd. The girls' Year 8 Sportshall Athletics team finished an impressive 3rd place at the district competition, while the boys' team were crowned victors. The boys will go on to represent the district at the county finals after Christmas.

**Netball Achievements** Both the U14 and U16 netball teams competed in Round 1 of the National Schools competition. The U14s had some superb results but narrowly missed out on the semi-finals. The U16 girls went unbeaten all day and celebrated a convincing win, progressing to Round 2 in the new year. The district league is currently underway. So far, each year group has competed against 5 schools. The Year 7's have begun their season brilliantly, losing out to just one team. Their most convincing win was 24-7, and they have scored an amazing 94 goals in total! The Year 10 season is a similar story, with just one loss, but over 100 goals scored! The Year 8 team have had some really close games and have drawn on two occasions! They Year 9's are looking like they will win Netball Team of the Year though, winning all of their games and sitting at the top of the league table. We look forward to the tournaments in the new year.





**U16 Girls Badminton** Our U16 girls badminton teams also enjoyed great success at the district competition, both progressing to the knockout stages and finishing in 2nd and 3rd place.

**Girls Football Cup Competitions** The U12 girls are through to the 2nd round of the Lancashire Cup. The U14 girls have progressed to Round 2 of the Lancashire Cup and Round 3 of the English Cup.

**Boys Football** The boys' district league is underway, with final results expected by Easter. The Year 8 1st team is through to Round 5 of the Lancashire Cup, while the B team has progressed to Round 3 of the English Cup. The Year 9 1st team has also advanced to Round 3 of the Lancashire Cup. Although the Year 11's were knocked out of the Lancashire Cup, they remain in the English Cup. A special mention goes to the Year 10 1st team, who have not lost and only conceded in two games all season! They are through to the 2nd round of the Lancashire Cup and are in the last 32 of the English Cup.

## Individual Achievements

**Archie Lorimer** represented Wales in football at the U16's Victory Shield.

**Salahudeen Butt** brought home two gold medals from Germany after representing Great Britain in the United Nations of Ju Jitsu.

**Imogen Clarkson** represented Lancashire in swimming at the National County Team Championships, achieving personal bests in the 100m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke.

**Poppy Hutchinson** and **Izzy Cutting** have been selected to represent Lancashire in netball, with Izzy also selected for the Player Pathway at Manchester Thunder.

**Layla Garner** has been selected to represent Lancashire again this season in football, playing a year up in the U14 age category.

**Chloe Smith** and **Marnie Nelson** have been selected to represent Lancashire in hockey.

**Aggie Taylor** and **Charlotte Smith** competed in the National Team Road Relays, with their team finishing in an incredible 17th place.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to more sporting successes in the future!



## Student-Led Initiatives

This year, our students have shown incredible initiative by setting up their own clubs, adding to the vibrant array of activities available at lunchtimes. In addition to the support sessions, music, drama, and sporting activities run by our dedicated staff, students now have even more options to explore their interests and passions.

The variety of student-led clubs is truly impressive, reflecting the diverse interests of our student body.

These clubs include:

**Chess Club:** A place for strategic minds to challenge each other and improve their chess skills.

**Public Speaking Club:** Helping students build confidence and hone their oratory skills.

**Coding Club:** Encouraging budding programmers to develop their coding abilities and work on exciting projects.

**Art and Crafts Club:** A creative haven for those who love to make and design.

These student-led clubs, alongside the numerous staff-run activities, contribute to a bustling and engaging school environment. Lunchtimes have become a hive of activity, with something for everyone to enjoy. We are proud of our students for their enthusiasm and leadership in creating such a dynamic and inclusive school community. A list of clubs available at lunchtimes can be found at the end of this newsletter.





## Up and Coming Events for the last week or so of term:

Date	Main School
Every morning until the end of term	Christmas Karaoke!
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert 6:30pm Main Hall Deadline for Christmas Shoe Box appeal for the local Charity Night Safe
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service 7pm St Mary's Church House Quiz in the Hall – period 4 (Year 7) and period 5 (Year 8)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Delivery of student made Christmas cards to local residents Christmas Lunch-Years 9,10 and 11. (Food will be available in the Pavilion for Years 7 and 8 but packed lunches are advised to avoid longer queues!). Periods 4 (Year 7/8) and 5 (9/10/11) Rewards Events for Students with no behaviour points/incidents (Main Hall) Please bring games (no screens) you may wish to play with friends and enjoy some festive music and time socialising
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch-Years 7 and 8. (Food will be available in the Pavilion for Years 9, 10 and 11).
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive Jumper Day- Please wear something festive! CRGS Has Got Talent – Main School period 5 (in the Sports Hall)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Period 1- Normal lessons Period 2- Form Time (decide with Form tutor what activities you will do!) Period 3- Form time to include: Christmas Assembly (11:45am-12:15pm) Lunch- 12:15pm-12:55pm Afternoon Registration 12.55pm – 1.05pm Students dismissed at 1.05pm

As we approach the festive season, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. May your Christmas be filled with joy, peace, and cherished moments. We hope you have a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming our students back in January, refreshed and ready for the new term.

Warm regards,

The Staff at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School



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## WHAT I CAN DO AT LUNCH TIME

Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1			Mindfulness Club		Link Club All Years
2					
3					
4			GCSE Art Support C4 2.30pm-3.30pm		
5	NEA DT 11D-DT1 and 11C-DT1	GCSE DT NEA 11A-DT1	GCSE DT NEA 11D-DT1 and 11C-DT1	GCSE DT NEA 11A-DT1	
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7	Study Club Year 11 (Maths)		Drawing Club	Poetry Club	
8	Environment Club Years 7,8,9	Pokemon club	Arts and Crafts		
9	Card Games	Zentangle Club		Card Games	
11				Middle Earth Club – Lord of The Rings	
12	Origami/ Paper	Model Making		Loom band club	Coding Club
13		Middle Earth Club – Lord of The Rings Year 7	Poker / Blackjack Club		
14		Language Clinic / GCSE Languages			
21			GCSE Food Preparation Chess Club		GCSE Food Preparation
23		Booster Sessions (Classical)	Student Support Booster Session		GCSE History
28	Student Support	(Week A) GCSE Geography Booster Sessions D & D Club	Warhammer		
29	Warhammer				GCSE PE
30	Debate Club				Film Club (Week B)
31	Film Club (Week B)		Film Club (Week B)	Film Club (Week B)	Reflection
33	Reflection		Reflection	Reflection	
34	Bible Studies		Hnefatafl Clun (Viking Chess)	RMPS Student Support	
35		Podcast Club	Science Club Year 7 & 8		
38		GCSE Physics			GCSE Physics
41			Knit/ Crochet		
			Science (Booster Sessions)		
			Quotes Club & Public Speaking	English (Booster Session)	
			Just Dance		Book Club
ARC				Pokemon Club	
DRAMA					

