

# CRGS Main School

# NEWSLETTER



## A Message from Miss Renold, Deputy Headteacher (Head of Main School)

As we reach the end of a vibrant and action-packed spring term, I'm filled with pride reflecting on all that our Main School community has achieved. From our inspiring *Connect and Communicate Week*—which has brought students and staff closer through shared stories, cultures, and creativity—to outstanding accomplishments in sport, music, the arts, and academic challenges, CRGS continues to be a place where talent thrives and kindness leads. Our students have represented the school with passion and purpose, whether on stage, on the slopes, in competition, or in the classroom. Their achievements, both big and small, are a testament to the values we live by every day. I hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights of this term. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a restful and refreshing Easter break.

## Extracurricular Highlights

### Connect and Communicate Week

The final week of term has been 'Connect and Communicate' week at Main School. As part of our commitment to an inclusive, diverse, and happy school we hold three main charity events a year based on our CRGS Way and Basics ethos. Earlier in the year we raised money for 'HARV' during our Active in Body and Mind Week and in the final half-term we will once again have our Serve Others Week. Connect and Communicate Week has raised a whopping **£2096.14** for the charity Save the Children.

During Connect and Communicate Week students are encouraged to speak to new people, try new activities and learn more about their peers and their lives outside of CRGS. During the week we have had mixed year house groups finding out about each other and year group assemblies focusing on what connects us and celebrating our differences. Staff have led bespoke one-off clubs (such as karaoke and calligraphy) based on their interests outside of school and lessons have had a focus on culture and identity.

For the first time we have held our 'Who Am I?' student presentations (in the style of Ted Talks). Students from multiple year groups spoke in front of Key Stage 3 audiences. They were extremely brave to do this and personify our theme of Connect and Communicate.

The highlight of this week is our annual Cultures Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear something that represents who they are. A huge number of students bring in home baked food and come together to sample the various cuisines from around the world. As part of the day students all contributed their ideas about what makes them the person, they are in the form of a house coloured hexagon. The hexagons will be put together to create a piece of artwork that celebrates our wonderful school community.







### CRGS wins GRAB 2025

Nine of our young people took part in the GRAB Talent Show event at The Grand. We had four outstanding acts representing CRGS in the semi finals: Darcey L, Danylo B, Lucas H & Austin M and Xander N as well as our wonderful 'forum team' who worked tirelessly in marketing and event co-ordination from January as well as backstage on all evening events: Innis, Olivia, Harry and Rebecca. We were over the moon when two of our acts got through to the final—Xander singing 'Electricity' from Billy Elliott and Austin & Lucas singing 'I Wanna Be Like You' from The Jungle Book. Both acts placed in the final four and Xander came out triumphantly as the winner!



### Royal Academy Young Artist Exhibition

Many entries were submitted by our students in Years 7 and 8 and we now have the tense wait until May to find out if any of our submissions have been successful! Good luck to everyone who submitted their artwork. (Photo below of Olivia Robinson Year 8's work, titled, 'A Jar of Jelly')

### World Hijab Day

The RMPS Department hosted a lunchtime event to mark World Hijab Day. Students from across the year groups came together to explain why they wear the hijab and what it means to them, with the aim of raising awareness and educating others.

### CRGS Annual Music Festival

This term we held the annual CRGS Music Festival featuring talented young musicians from both Main School and Sixth Form. As usual, the standard of playing was incredibly high and it was extremely difficult to pick a winner in each category! Junior Class Winner: Jack H, Senior Class Winner: Karan F, Young Musician of the Year: Saanvi R.



### UKMT Team Maths Challenge

A team of 4 students from Years 8 and 9 entered the UKMT Team Maths Challenge Regional Finals, held at Bolton School. This is a very prestigious event, and the team was selected to represent CRGS based on their exceptional performances in the Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenges. The team consisted of Akariya C (Y8), Jason C (Y8), David E (Y9), and Nathan W (Y9). They were in contention for winning the whole competition after 3 rounds, having only dropped 2 marks up until that point, but unfortunately the final round, the relay, proved decisive and they finished an admirable 4<sup>th</sup> out of 27 schools, in an extremely strong field. The team displayed some impressive athletic skills during the relay round, alongside their fantastic Maths skills! The winning school will go on to the National Finals in London in June; something to aim for next year perhaps! Well done to all involved, you represented CRGS brilliantly!

### Year 10 Maths Feast

Two teams of year 10 students competed in the Maths Feast at Blackpool this week. The competition consisted of 4 rounds. The team of Karan F, McKenzie F, Emily D, and Hannah H came first!



### Intermediate Maths Challenge

114 students from years 9-11 took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge at the end of January. This was a 1 hour test for students across the whole country. 23 students were awarded a Gold certificate, 37 achieved a Silver certificate and 32 achieved a Bronze.

The following students had the best results in their year; David E (Yr 9), Muhammad Isa U (Yr 10), Dylan A (Yr 11). 17 students scored highly enough to reach the next stage of the competition, the UKMT Kangaroo. This took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March and we expect to have the results after Easter.

### Liverpool Maths Challenge

Students from years 7-13 were invited to take part in the Liverpool Maths Challenge. It is a set of 8 questions that have to be completed over the February half term. Marks are awarded for well explained solutions, just getting the correct answer is not enough. We had some fantastic entries from Eddie C, Hawwa M, Haifa M, Emily M, James W, Abeera A, Michael A, Felicity LC, Jack B, Riley D, David E, Bethany T, Alfie J, Logan H, Yamin Z, Daood H and Rachel V. Hawwa M, Year 8, has been awarded a certificate of Merit, an amazing achievement as there were over 900 entries from years 7 and 8. Davis E, Year 9, has been awarded Highly Commended in the years 9 and 10 category. Again, an amazing achievement as there were over 600 entries. Both students have been invited to Liverpool University for a prize giving evening in May.

### Grow a £1 House Competition - Round 2

We had an incredible week with a range of activities, ranging from over a hundred students competing in the CRGS Games, to the longest queue ever seen for 'Mega Milkshakes', it was a whirlwind of excitement! With bake sales, raffles, 'Flour the Teacher', Classroom Karaoke, tuck shops and so much more, it was a joy to see students from all year groups coming together for a shared purpose. The energy and teamwork was amazing and we can't wait for the final round in the summer term!



### Student Leadership Team

We are extremely proud that over 80 students have successfully been appointed to our Student Leadership team. Students will help support younger students as Teaching and Learning Prefects, Peer Mentor Prefects and Sports Prefects. We know they will do a fantastic job!

### National Reading Champions Quiz

Two teams made up of Year 7 and 8 students represented CRGS at the National Reading Champions Quiz. The students answered 75 questions over two hours and competed against 17 other teams from various local schools. Izzie, Darcey, Noah, and Holly came 2<sup>nd</sup> and won £80 worth of book vouchers. Myles, Hannah, Georgina, and Zubaydah came 1<sup>st</sup> winning £100 worth of book vouchers and will be heading to London to compete in the national quiz in the summer!

### Young Chef Competition

Aaminah and Charlotte in Year 9 entered a Young Chef competition at Blackburn College where they received 1st place for their sustainable dish! The judges were very impressed with the flavour and presentation of their curry, naan bread and cucumber salad. They also spoke highly of how the girls explained the sustainability of their dish. They are now in the final in May which will be judged by Nigel Howarth.

# Exciting School Trips This Term

This term has been packed with enriching and educational trips, here are some highlights:

## Iceland 2025 visit:

During the February half-term break, 26 Year 11 and Year 13 students and 4 members of staff took part in an action-packed trip to Iceland during the break.

Students got to walk on a glacier; visit huge waterfalls; see geysers and hot springs; visit the rift between the Eurasian and North American plates; visit the evacuated town of Grindavik, walk up to and touch icebergs in glacier lagoons; go to a lava show and enjoy a Flyover Iceland experience and much more.

The trip was amazing and the students were great ambassadors for our school and our country. Mr Powell, Miss Ashton, Mr Smith & Mrs Spencer all very much enjoyed the experience as did our students

## English Trip to 'An Inspector Calls':

In February, 66 of our Drama and English students attended the Grand Theatre Blackpool to watch the National Theatre's production of 'An Inspector Calls.' This was a highly original and inventive performance and our students were challenged by the non-conventional take on J.B. Priestley's classic play where we saw highly emotive performances, as well as exploding sets. Some of our students enjoyed it so much that they attended again the following weekend!

## Fine Art and Textiles trip to London:

47 Year 11 Fine Art and Textiles students enjoyed a sunny day in London collecting primary sources for their Component 2 Artwork. After an early start on the train from Preston they arrived at Euston Station, making their way to the Tate Gallery, stopping for a photoshoot by St Pauls Cathedral. After exploring the wealth of modern art at the Tate, students loved viewing the contemporary and ever-changing artwork in the Leake Street Graffiti Tunnel. Afterwards they headed up to Trafalgar Square where students could sketch in the National Portrait or the National Gallery before heading back on the Tube to catch the 6.30pm train back up to Preston. An excellent day out with our fantastic students offering plenty of opportunity to get inspired!

## Year 10 Work Experiences at James' Places:

Year 10 students visited Holmes Mill for a workplace experience activity as part of our Careers Programme. They were given a presentation about the James' Places group and a tour of the different parts of the Holmes Mill site. Students learned about how the business is working with universities and recruiting graduates into various roles, as well as the many part-time opportunities for young people.



## Religious Studies trip:

Year 10 Religious Studies students visited Preston Minster and the Vajravara Kadampa Meditation Centre. They gained insight into the beliefs and practices of both religions and had the opportunity to ask questions. At the Minster, they explored its architectural features and learned about its significance. Later, at the Meditation Centre, they listened to engaging Buddhist stories before taking part in a short meditation session.

# Sporting Successes

Here are some of the sporting highlights from this term:

**Handball** Huge congratulations to our unbeaten District U15's Handball Champions!

**Football** The Year 10 football team lost their semi final 5-2 yesterday despite their valiant efforts. We are extremely proud of the team and their exceptional progress! Thank you to Mr Ha, Mr Davies and Mr Shah for giving the team such a wonderful experience. The U19 football team have progressed to the County Finals, which will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Darwen FC. The Main School leagues and cup competitions are currently drawing to a close, so we will update you in the next newsletter.

**Skiing** The CRGS Ski Team competed in the NSWF Schools Race at Pendle Ski Club. Josh P was the fastest on the day, closely followed by Jamie D and Lauren D, making them the overall champions. The juniors had some new team mates and showed they had great potential.

**Badminton** Our U16 boys represented both CRGS and Lancashire in the North Badminton Finals. Some incredible talent on show, but the singles match with our very own Neel V was the game of the tournament which drew the crowds. A great achievement for the team no matter what the result!

**Swimming** 28 students attended the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley District Swimming Gala at Accrington Academy. Students took part in both individual and relay events against other schools, with 17 first place medals going to CRGS students across the competition.

**Tennis Table** A huge well done to Dyfan who recently won the Lancashire U16's schools' Table Tennis Competition. After progressing from his initial group of four, he then made it through the knockout rounds before claiming overall victory! He will now progress to the National Finals in April.

**Netball Achievements** The U16 team were crowned Lancashire Champions and went on to the North West round of the National Schools competition. They were drawn in a very tough group, as they beat a team in the group who went on to the finals! But luck wasn't on their side on the day and they came away in 5<sup>th</sup> place. The players were disappointed, but the school is extremely proud of their 5<sup>th</sup> place final ranking. The Year 9 team have been crowned both league and tournament champions! All the teams have reached the league finals this year, with the Year 7, 8 and 10 events still to take place.



**Cross Country** A number of CRGS students represented the district at the Lancashire Schools Cross Country Championships. There was some brilliant running in all age groups. The district had a number of runners qualify to represent the county in the next round.

**Sportshall Athletics** The Year 8 boys team were the stand out athletes this year as they were crowned District Champions and went on to represent Ribble Valley at the County Finals where they finished 4th.

**Handball** Both the U15 girls and boys teams have progressed through to the County finals, to be played later in the year. The U13 girls team also became district champions and represented Ribble Valley at the county finals. They made it through the knock out stages and through to the final, which was an absolute nail biter! In the end they conceded in the final seconds of extra time to finish in second place.

**Girls Cricket** The U15 team progressed through to the county finals where they finished in an impressive 6<sup>th</sup> place.



## Individual Achievements

Jacob (Year 7) has been climbing for the last two and a half years and was recently scouted and selected at a GB climbing selection event. We are immensely proud of his achievements and his selection for the GB squad.



Congratulations to Evie and Sasha (Year 10) as they represented the Lancashire U15's Hockey Team at the inter counties tournament. Winning three out of the four matches to ensure qualification to the next round in Yorkshire! Great achievement girls!

A huge well done to Marnie (Year 9) for achieving PB in the U15 Girls 200m final at the Northern Athletics Indoor Championships, placing her second overall.



Congratulations to Dylan and Dom (Year 11) for being selected for the Lancashire U16 Football Team. A tough team to get in to. Well done!



## Lunchtime Clubs



### Knitting and Crochet Club -

Students have been having a wonderful time at the lunchtime Knitting and Crochet Club with Mrs Wright and Miss Illingworth this term, busy building on their skills

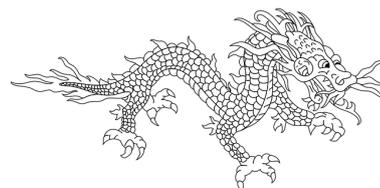


### Book Club -

Students have been busy preparing the next edition of the Bookworm Bulletin, recommending books for students in each year group. They can be found chatting about books and doing quizzes every Friday lunchtime.

### Link Club -

Link Club is a fun lunchtime club where students can meet new friends, play games, chat with each other and do many crafts such as bracelet making.



### Dungeons & Dragons -

The Dungeons & Dragons Club have been having lots of fun story telling to navigate challenges where they battle creatures and interact with the world. They encourage creativity, teamwork and strategy.



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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	
6				Poetry Club	
7	Study Club Year 11 (Maths)		Drawing Club		
8	Environment Club Years 7,8,9	Pokemon club	Arts and Crafts	Card Games	
9	Card Games	Zentangle Club		Middle Earth Club – Lord of The Rings	
11				Loom band club	Coding Club
12	Origami/ Paper Model Making	Jewellery Making Year 7			
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	Student Council / Diversity Club (Week A)	Warhammer		
29	Warhammer	GCSE Geography Booster Sessions			
30	Debate Club	D & D Club			
31	Film Club (Week B)	Film Club (Week B)	Film Club (Week B)	Film Club (Week B)	GCSE PE
33	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Film Club (Week B) Reflection
34	Bible Studies	Podcast Club	Hnefatafl Clun (Viking Chess)	RMPs Student Support	
35		GCSE Physics	Science Club Year 7 & 8		
38					GCSE Physics
41			Knit/ Crochet		
			Science (Booster Sessions)		
			Quotes Club & Public Speaking	English (Booster Session)	
			Just Dance		Book Club
ARC				Pokemon Club	
DRAMA					

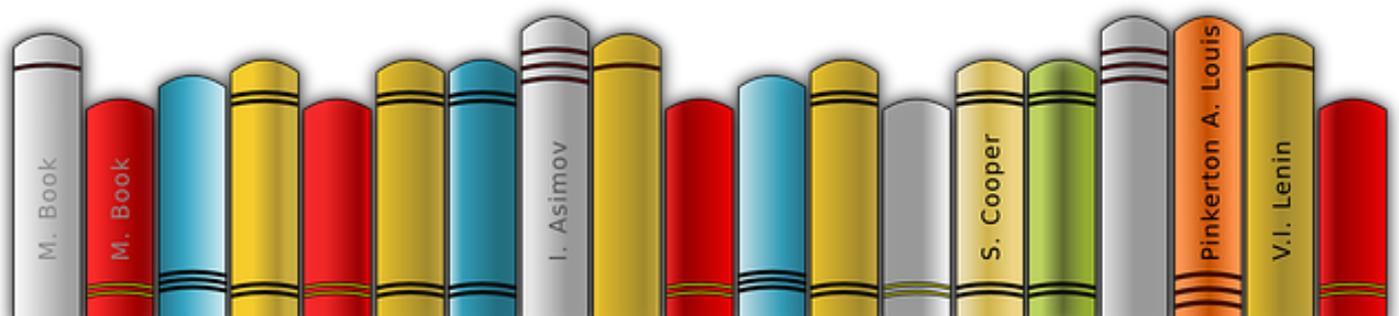


# Congratulations to our MILLIONNAIRE READERS!



7C	7R	7G
Emily Goodwin	Georgina Batty	Abeer Ali
Harvey Lin	Myles Chambers	Syeda Ali
Leo Wong	Emily Mann	Fatimah Ghalib
	Emily Pound	Esa Khan
	Darcey Selby	
	Hannah Wilkinson	

7S	7A	7T
Hafsa Arif	Fajar Jalal	Safiyah Adam
Edward Russell-Blackburn	Georgie Phillips	Jamie Frost
	James Woolford	Robert Galbraith
	Isaac Wright	Kaelan Prickett
		Azaan Qasim
		Edward Tucker



# BOOKWORM



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## Bulletin

Issue 5

Curious Readers Great Stories

Year 7

Historical Fiction



Year 8

'Eliza Rose' by Lucy Worsley

Eliza Rose Camperdowne is young and headstrong, but she knows her duty well. As the only daughter of a noble family, she must one day marry a man who is very grand and very rich.

But Fate has other plans. When Eliza becomes a maid of honour, she's drawn into the thrilling, treacherous court of Henry the Eighth . . .

Year 10

'Elizabeth of York: The Last White Rose' by Alison Weir

The first in a captivating trio of novels spanning three generations of history's most iconic family, the Tudors. Mother. Trailblazer. Queen.

The spellbinding story of Elizabeth of York, the first Tudor queen.

'The Chestnut Roaster' by Eve McDonnell

12-year-old Piaf can remember everything that has happened since the day she was born. When everyone in Paris has forgotten the entire last year, 1887, Piaf and her twin brother Luc embark on a dangerous journey.

Riddle in the Middle

If there is a Yellow house on Bluebird Lane, a Green house on Orange Street, a Pink house on Kitten Road, a Black house on Whitehorse Pike and a Purple house on Firebird hill, where is the White house?



Year 9

'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier and will be busier still. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow: The Gravedigger's Handbook, left behind there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery.

Year 11

'London: A Travel Guide through Time' by Dr. Matthew Green

This book explores the sights and sounds of London through history. From Shakespeare to the plague, medieval London to the swinging 60s, readers can totally immerse themselves in the sights, sounds and smells of our capital at each moment.

Competition time.....

Author Study

Create a profile of an author you have read. You could include background, achievements, quotes, and recommendations.

Hand in completed tasks to Mrs Fish.

