

# Crown Hills Community College

*From Aspiration to success*

# CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS



## Awards Evening 2015/16

Our GCSE Awards Evening is always a special event in the school's calendar; students, parents, staff and governors gather together to award subject, performance, effort and pastoral achievement prizes to recognise the students' success and encourage them to strive further to achieve their goals. We also award special prizes to those students who have excelled in their performance. Comperes for the evening were Year 11 students Bilal Waraich and Azad Raja, and they did a sterling job typifying the values and skills we wish for our students to have adopted by the end of their tenure at Crown Hills: care, confidence, community spirit, respect and self-belief. During the evening a key note speech was delivered by another student, Nameera Khan. Her words echoed with all the staff at Crown Hills which was to believe in yourself. The evening closed with the announcement of Crown Hills' Students of the Year 2016 award. These were awarded to Haseena Ajj and Bilal Waraich. We wish all our students every success beyond Crown Hills and look forward to hearing of their future accomplishments.

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of a very busy academic year. It has been the first full year where we have been able to enjoy the new building and its surrounding landscape without any major work still having to be completed. We continue to be delighted with our new facilities.

All staff have worked extremely hard with our Year 11 students. We have adopted the motto "Better than you think" with them to encourage all students to have high aspirations and to work to the best of their ability. There has been an intensive programme of revision and intervention for all. We wish all Year 11 students every success in whatever they choose to do in the future.

The college has also continued to deliver a thriving enrichment programme including: visits to the theatre in Wolverhampton, Leicester and London, visits to Loughborough, De Montfort and Cambridge Universities, residential trips to France, and Geography fieldwork trips to Shropshire. Additionally, on Wednesday afternoon for 5 weeks in the last half of the summer term we ran our WECA activities (Wednesday afternoon extracurricular activities). Through WECA students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were able to choose from a range of exciting activities, including: golf, swimming, pottery and poetry to name just a few. Year 10 students have been out on two weeks' work experience to help them acquire and understand the range of skills they will need once their education is complete at Crown Hills. We have moved Work Experience from Year 11 into Year 10 so that the final months here can be devoted entirely to GCSE preparation.

At the end of term we say goodbye to:

- Mrs Hewitt (Head of Humanities) retiring after 19 years at the college
- Ms Rana (English) leaving after 18 years to take up a post at Roundhill Academy
- Mrs Mellor (Assistant Principal) leaving after 6 ½ years to take up a Deputy Head Teacher post at Beaumont Leys School
- Mrs Stephenson (Head of History) leaving after 3 years to work part time at Fullhurst Community College
- Mr Allen (History) leaving after 4 years to work closer to home in Coventry
- Mrs Lewis (PE) leaving after 6 years to work in Loughborough
- Mrs Harris (Dance) leaving after 3 years to work part time
- Mr Crawley leaving after 18 months to pursue new opportunities
- Ms Bracey (English) leaving after a year to relocate to Birmingham.
- Ms Bhatti (SEN) leaving after a year to pursue academic studies
- Mr Singh leaving after a year's temporary contract to take up a post in Coventry
- Ms Bamkin leaving to start maternity leave

Each one has made a huge contribution to the college with a combined total of 66 years! We thank them all for their dedication and commitment to Crown Hills and wish them well for the future.

College closes on Friday, 15th July at 12.35pm and reopens on Tuesday, 30th August at 8.30am for Year 7 students and 10.45am for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and co-operation this year. We would not be able to achieve any success with our students without it!

I hope that you all have an enjoyable summer holiday.

*B. Green*  
Bernadette Green  
Principal

# "Better than you think"

Recently we said goodbye to the Year 11 after completing their exams. We wish them success in August when they collect their results and see if their efforts have paid off. They have worked hard and have been supported by the school in many different ways this year.

All subjects have completed a thorough approach to the exams which includes detailed diagnosis to identify areas to improve. Students have had access to a quiet study area each lunchtime which has been well attended. One to one tuition, coaching and intervention groups have continued in Independent Study lessons. Year 11 have attended revision sessions and staff have targeted particular sessions for individual students based on the diagnosis of their work. Literacy time in the morning has been used to support English and Maths as well as some other subjects. Help has been given to the Year 11 to prioritise subjects and manage workload, including stress busting workshops. Speakers from colleges came in when the school held a Mock Results Assembly and highlighted the importance of this stage in their education before moving on.

A group of students were selected to come up with ideas to help motivate their peers. One initiative was creating a league to show progress which the students valued and another was making pledges with simple actions they could take to improve. Many assemblies have been focussed around the growth mindset idea of being 'Better than you think' and this has become a slogan for Year 11. Let's hope it comes true!



## New Online Parents' Evening Booking System

We introduced this new online booking system to our parents this year. Our Parents' Evening attendance went up by 20%. We had lots of feedback messages from parents saying how quick and easy it was to use this system and also how much they liked it. As a result of this very successful trial, the college has now bought a licence for this online booking system and all future Parents Evenings will be run using this system. Thank you to all the parents/carers for their time and patience whilst the trials were taking place.

Please visit <http://www.crownhills.com/parentsbooking.html> for more information

# AWARDS EVENING 2015/16



## Students of the Year



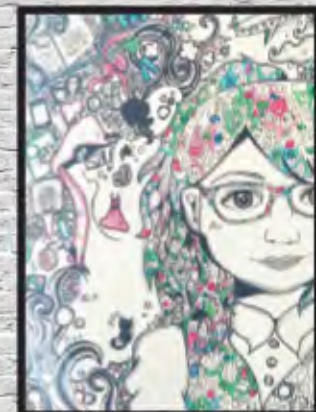
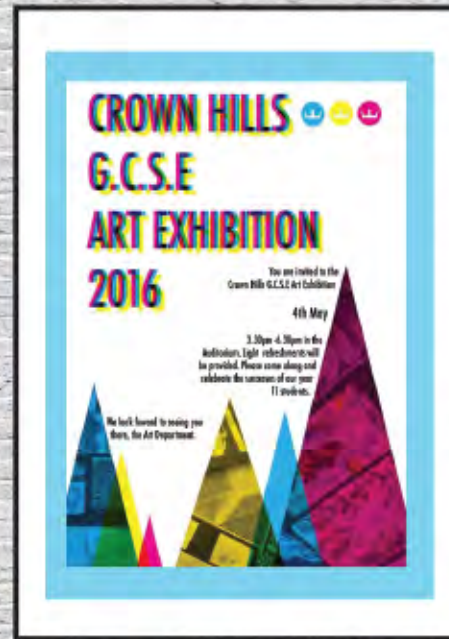
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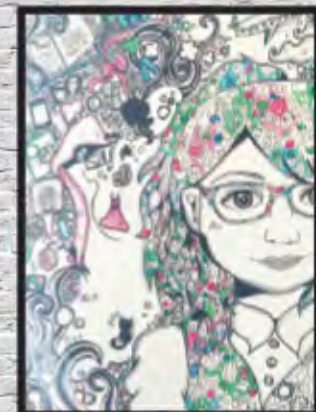
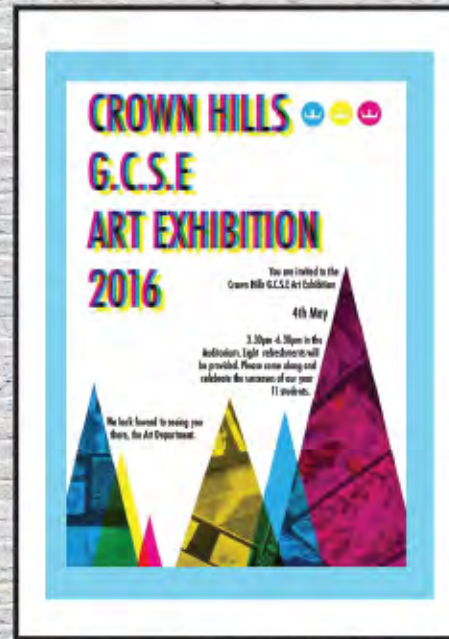
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# Successful Exams

Mrs Boyce directed Frankenstein, Crucible, Macbeth and Blood Brothers for the final Drama GCSE exams. All students put 100% effort into their performances and all we can do now is sit and wait for the results in August!



# CROWN HILLS PARIS<sup>in</sup>



YEARS 8 AND 9 TRIP TO PARIS AND LA SOMME 2016



44 students went on a joint History and MFL trip to France in March. They spent the first day in La Somme learning about World War One, where they visited Lochnagar Crater, Thiepval Memorial, Newfoundland Park Beaumont Hamel and also Musée Somme 1916. The second day consisted of a tour of Paris with stops at the Eiffel Tower, Trocadéro, Stade de France, Place du Tertre, Tour de Montparnasse and Montmartre. The students also went on a river boat tour along the Seine. It was great to see the students practising their French with other young people who were also on school trips. The students spent the final day at Disneyland, which they thoroughly enjoyed.





## The Arkwright scholarship.

Partiv Bica (11I) applied for an Arkwright scholarship. Past scholars from other schools have gone to study engineering at some of the top universities in the country including Oxford and Cambridge.

This scholarship is really prestigious and very important for Partiv as it provides support and opens doors that will really benefit him. The Engineering Scholarships are supported by industry, universities, professional institutions, trade associations, the Armed Services, charitable trusts and personal donors.

I am pleased to announce that he has been successful in the first stages of the process. He has done extremely well to get this far as the examination was very challenging and not many candidates make it through to this stage. He has had his interview at a top university and we will know whether he has achieved the scholarship in July.

He needed to show what technical skills he has demonstrated in the design and technology field. He has completed a fantastic project which really impressed the judges in his initial application and at the interview stage.

Well done Partiv and good luck!

Miss Bains



As part of the Get Set for Community Action, Crown Hills hosted a Fun Food and Fitness Festival to celebrate our local community. The day was a huge success with hundreds of local people taking advantage of the free activities that we had to offer. People of all ages took part in basketball, football, rugby, table tennis and cricket. We also offered a range of inclusive sport such as Indoor Curling.

In addition to the activities on offer, stalls offering henna, face painting and candy floss were overrun with customers. The day was organised by our very own SSOC group; they did an amazing job organising and running the events. A huge thank you to all parties involved! The day would not have been the same without you. Look out for a bigger and better festival in 2017!!

## Wipers at the Curve Theatre

On Thursday 21st April 30 Year 8 students went to see the new play 'Wipers' at the Curve Theatre in Leicester. The play was set in 1914 and was inspired by the real life story of Khuddadad Khan, the first South Asian soldier to be awarded a Victoria Cross for his extraordinary bravery at the First World War Battle of Ypres. The play was intended to honour the contribution of the million South Asian soldiers who fought alongside the British soldiers during the First World War. The highlights of the play included the real time cooking of Daal on stage as well as the interesting ways that the actors changed their accents to show when they were speaking in English or their native language. The students really enjoyed the experience and were also able to take part in a post-show discussion with the actors themselves which was really valuable.

A special congratulation goes to Hamza Patel in 8S who won the prize linked to the theatre visit for writing the best review of the play. Within his review he said he learnt particular lessons from watching the play such as the importance of supporting and helping other people.



# CROWN HILLS SPORTS NEWS

## Area Athletics

The annual Area Athletics Championships took place on Tuesday 17th May at Saffron Lane and Crown Hills had its most successful year yet with seven students qualifying for the County Championships on Saturday June 11th. Qualifiers on the track were:

*Yr 9 Remiya Waldron (won her 100m event with a time of 13.09)*

*Yr 9 Aatif Mangera (came second in the 200m with a time of 27.28)*

### In the field

*Yr 7 Raj Tandel (won his Javelin event with a winning throw of 16.29m)*

*Yr 7 Mohamed Ali (won the Shot Putt with 6.95m.)*

*Yr 9 Chelsea Farr (won the Shot Putt with an 8.26m throw)*

*Yr 9 Riaynk Faquir (won the Discus with 22.34)*

*Yr 10 Vishvas Punja, (won the Triple Jump with 10.74m)*

We also had three second place athletes and four 3rd placed athletes. Congratulations to all our winners and we wish you the best of luck in the County Championships.

A huge well done to all the competitors on the day. All the students were commended for their behaviour throughout the day.



## Football

- Year 9 having a party at the King Power!

Six Year 9 boys were selected to play in a tournament on the hallowed turf of the newly crowned kings of England, Leicester City. The boys played with a number of students from other city schools and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing on the same pitch that Messrs Vardy, Kante and Mahrez have graced all season. The boys were also a credit to the school. Thanks to LCFC for giving our students the opportunity and Andre Samuels (Crown Hills mentor) who accompanied them on the day. The students who took part in this great experience were: Masih Richards, Hasneyn Patel, Faizan Saiyad, Azaan Khan, Amil Master and Uwais Patel.

## Rounders

The Year 7 Girls Rounders played their first ever competition since joining Crown Hills but were unfortunately beaten in their games. There are lots of positives to take from the performances though as they look to improve and progress in the next competition. Congratulations to the Year 8/9 Girls Rounders who were more successful as they won their competition comfortably. They will go on to compete at the County tournament later in the year. Also coming up is the Year 8/9 Mixed Rounders tournament where we also hope to do well.

## Softball

Hoping to replicate last year's success in the Boys Year 9 Softball, the new team travelled to Hamilton to take on Rushey Mead, Judgemeadow and City of Leicester College. The tournament was highly exciting and played in a great manner. The boys came exceptionally close to winning again but lost on the final play of their last game, therefore falling short of retaining their title. They finished runners-up of the east Leicester competition.

## Tennis

Teams have competed at Year 8/9 and Year 10 competitions. The Year 10's unfortunately lost their first game but bounced back to a brilliant win over John Fernley winning 4-2 in games. The team consisted of: Tushar Mohan, Abdurahman Hassan, Abdurahman Salah, Vishvas Punja

The Year 8/9 team was commended by the opposition in their loss to Leicester Grammar school, but had a great experience against a much higher rated team. Keep up the excellent work.

## Boys Cricket

The cricket season is in full swing with all 4 teams in action in the short and heavy fixture load. The Year 7 boys squad have played two games and unfortunately had two games conceded by the opposition. They beat Hamilton. The Year 8 have had a good season winning 3 of their four matches. They have beaten Leicester Grammar, Rushey Mead and Soar Valley. The Year 9s have also won three of their 5 games, defeating teams such as Rushey Mead, City of Leicester and Hamilton. Unfortunately one of their 5 games was abandoned due to poor weather. The Year 10 team are undefeated so far having won two games against Rushey Mead and Soar Valley respectively. They have had two games conceded by the opposition and one game abandoned due to poor weather. They have qualified for the County Cup semi-finals where they will play Loughborough Grammar by beating Robert Smythe Academy. So good luck for the upcoming game.

## Visiting Coaches and Instructors

To further supplement the hard work of teachers we have had a variety of different coaches and instructors delivering a range of sessions in the past few months at Crown Hills. This includes tennis coaches as part of the Leicester City Community Trust who have delivered tennis sessions after school on a Monday. Also as part of the Leicester City Community Trust, LCFC coaches have been delivering sessions of Soccerise, a new form of exercise class using a football to music. Kickboxing after school on a Wednesday has been a knockout with some students. A Pilates instructor has been coming in to our Year 11 girls PE lessons as they prepare for their exams. This has been part of the Health and Well Being scheme that our PE teacher Mrs Newcome is actively involved with. The girls in these sessions said that they felt more relaxed and more flexible after just two sessions.