



CROMWELL NEWS

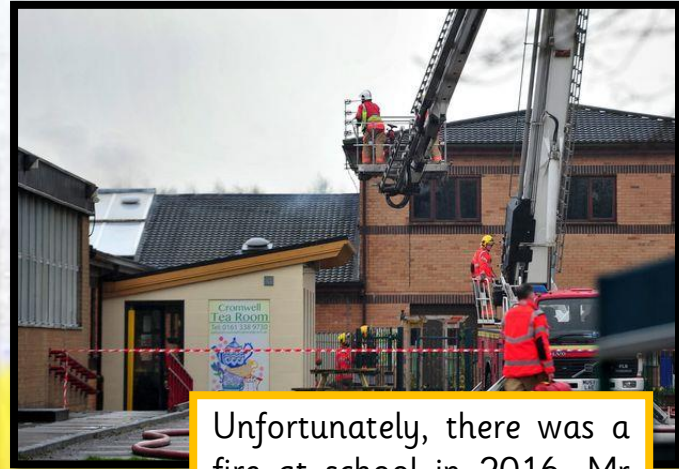
SUMMER 2023

HAPPY RETIREMENT

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After 20 years of Headship at Cromwell, we are sad to say goodbye to Mr Foord who is retiring this Summer. From everyone at Cromwell, we would like to wish Mr Foord a very happy and well deserved retirement. We would like to share with you a selection of some of Mr Foord's achievements during his time leading our school....



Mr Foord has led the school to not only achieve an 'outstanding' Ofsted report, but to also maintain it through his commitment to the pupils and drive to continually improve.

Unfortunately, there was a fire at school in 2016. Mr Foord worked tirelessly to ensure the pupils had alternative provision whilst the school was relocated to Inspire Academy and re-opened within 4 days.



We have recently had a whole school celebration to mark Mr Foord working at Cromwell for 20 years.





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Looking back ...

Other achievements include;



An onsite tearoom to increase opportunities for our pupils to develop their communication and work based skills.



A conversion of our garage to a wood workshop to enable us to offer Enrichment activities to our pupils.



The introduction of a Sixth form at Cromwell so our pupils can now stay until they are 19.



Thank you Mr Foord from everyone at Cromwell for all you have done for the school, staff and pupils. You will be missed!

Letter of thanks from Mr Foord

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole Cromwell community for the opportunities I have had over the last 20 years. Working in Special Education is so much more than simply a 'job'. It is a way of life.

Leadership colleagues

I have been blessed to work with some of the best, most dedicated, professionals in our goal of developing and improving our school over my time as Headteacher. I would particularly like to thank Yvonne Hart, former Assistant Headteacher, Julie Koziarski, former Deputy, Joanna Macdonald, former Head of School, and, of course Nicky Read, excellent current Deputy. They have contributed so much to Cromwell and supported me and our journey to strive to do our best for the pupils, learning from experience and continuing to develop our provision. They are so very much appreciated. I would also like to thank our governing body over the years. Always offering the perfect balance of constructive challenge to do our best, and support to get that job done. Chaired by Albert Hatton for so many years and now by Jane Bates, parent of a former pupil, their input has been most valuable.

Support team

I would like to thank Ronnie, Ali and all the support team throughout my time here; admin, technical and site, who make the school possible through their hard work. I know that they all do the best they can because they relate everything they do to making things right for our fantastic pupils.

The education and care team

In particular I would like to thank all the education and care staff I have worked with. Nothing happens for pupils without their skill, understanding and hard work. We have, over time, developed what I believe to be a fantastic team of professionals dedicated to an ongoing self-evaluative mission to do our absolute best for our pupils. I am reminded every day of their commitment to pupils and students that always goes well over and above anything that could be expected through a normal job. They really show their vocation and sense of duty to do their absolute best for each and every pupil. I am so proud to have been the Headteacher of a school with such an amazing team.

Our parents

I would very much like to record my appreciation of our parents. We have, over the years, enjoyed excellent support from our parents and families and it is always humbling that you entrust your precious children – with such complex, intensive needs – into our care. Your trust in us places such huge responsibility on us that has always been a core motivation to drive to do the very best we can. I have unlimited respect for everything that you do for your children including all the challenges you manage and overcome and all the successes and achievements you celebrate.

Our pupils

In particular I would like to thank and appreciate our fantastic pupils and students. Of course, they are the heart and centre of absolutely everything for our school. We are honoured to have such a wonderful group of young people with so much to offer to the world, and every one of their needs is a fantastic opportunity for us to rise to meet the challenge and provide what they need to thrive. Remembering all the fantastic personalities and needs, the achievements and the challenges overcome is surely the ultimate reward for any school-based career. Of course, the most difficult aspect of special education is those pupils we have lost to ill health over the years, my thoughts remain with their families; yet another reminder, should it be needed, to achieve as much as possible for pupils each day.

Best wishes

Finally, I would like to wish Suzanne the very best for her Headship of Cromwell High School. I hope that she finds the school in good order, values the team that has made that possible, and advocates for their achievements within the forthcoming academy trust. I hope that she enjoys and appreciates as much as I have done the privilege of leading such a team of people in pursuit of such an important and valuable goal.

Very best wishes to you all

Andrew Foord

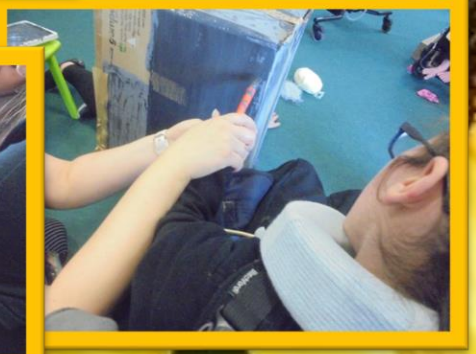
Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes. I'm overwhelmed by your generosity of spirit, and some wonderful cards and gifts. You are very special people, thank you and best wishes- Andrew

MATHS CURRICULUM DAY

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On 25th May, we had our Maths Curriculum Day, focusing on 'junk modelling'. All classes (secondary school and Sixth Form) worked together to create their very own robot out of cardboard as well as other arts and crafts. All of pupils really thought outside of the box (no pun intended), with so many robots of different sizes and colours. They were proudly displayed in the hall and the sensory garden as the pupils were leaving. Well done to you all!





More robots from the Maths day.



YEAR 11 RESIDENTIAL

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On 10th-12th May, our Year 11 pupils have their residential trip to Ghyll Head, where they explored the wilderness, roasted marshmallows on an open fire and went on a zip wire and a kayak. It was wonderful to see them enjoying themselves and experiencing the Lake District with maturity, curiosity and happiness!



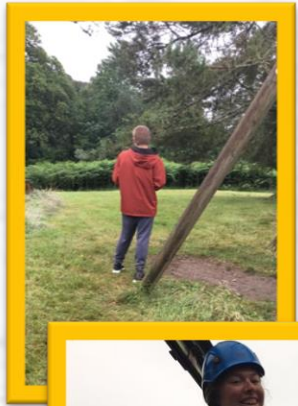
SIXTH FORM RESIDENTIAL

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Some of the sixth form students went to Ghyll Head Outdoor Adventure Centre for the leavers residential during this term.

The students and staff had a great time, taking part in different outdoor activities including ziplining, climbing on the low ropes and roasting marshmallows around the campfire. We even went out on the lake. Some students helped to build a raft and then sailed out on the lake, working as a team to row from one end to the other while the rest of the group went on the powered boat enjoying the beautiful views.

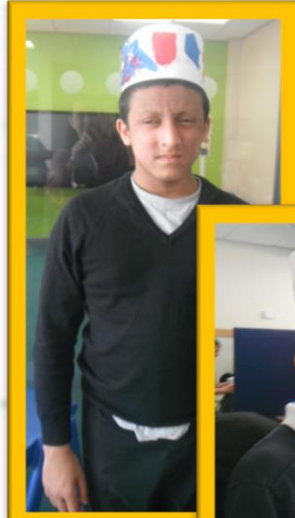




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Here at Cromwell, we celebrated the King's Coronation with a special lunch in the hall, where we had flags, cake and our very own cardboard cut-out of King Charles III! We hope you enjoy looking at the above photographs, where our pupils made their own party hats and 3C pupils had their own coronation, where they were crowned King or Queen.

6C and 6D have been up to a lot this summer! This term, they have visited the workshop, where they have created wheelbarrows and birdboxes.

They have visited the Together Centre each week taking part in gardening activities and getting creative with arts and crafts.

Both classes have all really enjoyed their time at Linnet Clough, preparing and cooking lots of different meals from curries to pizza to 'Subway' style sandwiches. It has been great getting outside in the fresh air going for walks and completing nature hunts around the grounds.

In class, they have been thinking about construction workers and building their own models with various materials in Professional Life. In Social Life, they have thought about gifts, parties and festivals and have all been looking forward to C- Fest.

In Creative Life, they have been creating their own music using an app on the tablets. They have researched the steps it takes to create a track and then used these steps in creating their own. Well done!

6C AND 6D



During the last term, 6A have been visiting the cycle track in Ashton as part of their healthy life topic- Outdoor exercise. The pupils experienced different peddle and arm bikes and communicated whether they wanted fast/ slow, and go/stop. The favourite bike seemed to be the one where the pupils could sit up front and be cycled round enjoying the ride. Well done everyone in 6A.



6A

6A have been very busy during the year at Linnet Clough, working towards and gaining their RSPB wild challenge award after successfully completing 22 challenges! The pupils have connected with the natural world in brave new ways, helped wildlife, explored nature and enjoyed lots of wild, fun activities. Some of the challenges have included; Sensing the world, Weather wizard, Wild writing, Big Schools Birdwatch, Fundraising and many more. Well done to everyone in 6A, and keep looking after wildlife over the summer break.



TRANSITION VISITS

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Transition visits are going very well with Key Stage 4 students visiting Key Stage 5 classes and Key Stage 5 classes visiting Post 19 Educational settings or Adult Day Service settings. Students are returning back to School/Sixth Form with smiles on their faces and happily sharing their experience with their peers and staff. We would like to wish all our leavers all the very best for the future in whichever pathway they go along in preparation for adulthood. You will always be welcome to visit us and let us know how you're doing. We're all so proud of all your achievements and are confident you will succeed in your new placements.



ENRICHMENT

In the last six weeks of term, 4C have been spent undertaking activities outdoors at Linnet Clough. The students have worked so hard on their team building, they are now amazing at erecting a tent. The birdsong and wildlife at Linnet Clough has been amazing, the students have been so relaxed in this environment. Working as a team they have been able to problem solve, and use their thinking skills in a variety of outdoor learning. The group have been amazing and it has been fantastic to end the Enrichment curriculum cycle on such a high. Each student has exceeded expectations.



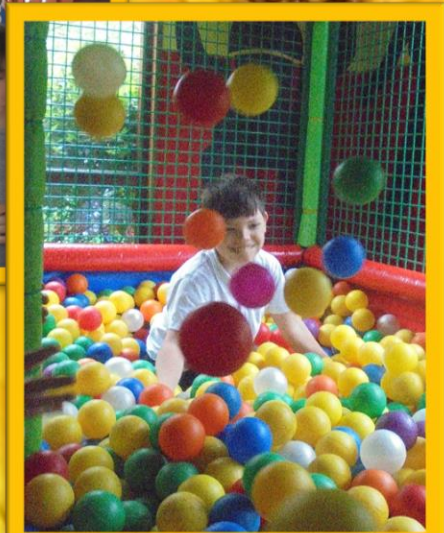
ENRICHMENT

SD, for their Enrichment, stayed at Cromwell, but had Linnet Clough come to them to work on their gardening skills in the playground. Here you can see them removing the weeds, adding fresh compost, using a variety of gardening tools and carefully adding new plants, such as thyme and spearmint, and watering them. They listened to instructions incredibly well and were very sensible with the tools. Linnet Clough also brought a hammock with them, so SD had a fun time swinging and relaxing. Well done, SD!



3B were kindly gifted tickets by the Variety Club to visit Gulliver's World in Warrington. The pupils were treated to lunch and a pirate show as well as having access to the rides and meeting the park's mascots. The pupils (and staff!) had a fun day and were very grateful to the variety club for kindly donating the tickets.

GULLIVER'S WORLD



SC also visited Gulliver's World for their end of year trip!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH – HISTORY MAKERS!

A huge congratulations to Kian, Oliver, Morgan and Freddie, who have completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The 4 pupils have worked incredibly hard for the best part of a year working towards the award and completed the expedition section of the award at 'Longendale trail' during summer term one.

Cromwell are extremely proud of the Kian, Oliver, Morgan and Freddie and have cemented their place in the history book at Cromwell High School as they are the first to do it at the school.

We hope that next year's Year 9s will take motivation from this and we can have an increase in the number of pupils wanting to work towards the award when we return in September.



SPORTS DAY

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Sports Day was a great success and one to remember. All pupils worked extremely hard, displaying lots of energy and enthusiasm to gain as many points as possible for their class team. Each class accessed three activity stations which included: throwing, kicking and passing- fantastic skills were on show! This was then followed by a series of races.

It was also nice to welcome back parents to Sports Day and we would like to thank them for the support shown to each pupil! Finally, huge congratulations to all medal winners and to this year's Sports Day winners: AA1, SC & 4C!



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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

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It is that time of year where we celebrate the achievements of our pupils. Our end of Key Stage pupils receive their accreditation and Records of Achievements and there are trophies for special awards such as Ruby's Kindness Award and Pupil of the Year – voted for by the staff of each department. We also gave Mr Foord his ROA and his retirement gifts. Well done to all of our pupils, staff and parents/carers for an amazing year – you all should be very proud!



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Shaheem Chowdhury
Jawad Choudhury



C FEST 2023

On 14th July, our Sixth Formers had their very own festival – C Fest 2023! We had a barbeque, an ice cream van, popcorn, a magician, a bubble guy and games! There was also live music from local bands, Jonny Brown who toured with Oasis, finishing off with our school band, the 1-3-1s, with our Andrew Foord on the bass, Mike Doyle on the lead guitar, Cordelia on the violin, Matt on the drums and Sarah Dockray the lead singer! Our Sixth Formers and staff had so much fun, it was an incredible evening. Thank you to Trudi and Sarah for organising the event and Sam for making the t-shirts and caps.



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Our prom took place at Oaklands Hall. It was a beautiful venue with food, balloons, a DJ, face painting and many photo opportunities with funny hats and a superhero cut out made by our own Derry! Each one of our Year 11 and Year 14 leavers had their own goodie bag with a trophy to celebrate their time at Cromwell. Everyone, both pupils and staff, had such a fun time!



Letter of thanks from Mrs Dockray

Farewell speech by Sarah Dockray 20.7.23

I am feeling very sad leaving Cromwell High School, it has been an absolutely fantastic journey for me from the minute I started to even now that I'm leaving.

I started here in April 2018, having come from a mainstream secondary school for 8 years, I decided to take a new challenge and take the role of the Welfare Manager at Cromwell High School.

Although I had lots of experience with Pastoral Care and Safeguarding and some experience of teaching children with English as an Additional language (EAL) and Moderate Learning Disabilities (SEN), nothing quite prepared me for the challenge that lay ahead.

I had to learn very quickly all the terminology related to children and young people with disabilities and everything that is involved in providing the absolute best and personalised care for each and every individual student in school.

I remember the feeling of being overwhelmed at first and the thought "I can't do this", I was petrified that I wouldn't learn everything and be able to deliver the service that our young people deserve. Through determination, perseverance and resilience, I battled on until I became in a place where some things became more familiar, however I also had to remember that I was never going to learn everything and that everyday was a learning day. The job role itself is very rewarding in terms of being able to support students and families who need support at that time. It's a central role in school that allows me to work closely with staff, students, parents and Carers and a multidisciplinary team of professionals.

Now, 5 years on, as the school and college Welfare Manager, I feel that I achieved so much and most importantly that I can put my hand on heart and say that I tried my best for every single student in the school and college that I worked with. I have admired watching and learning from the dedicated and committed staff team here and love how they share their knowledge and experience of how best to support our students. Every staff member here has the student at the heart of everything they do.

I think, at some point over the years, that I have almost had some form of interaction with the student or the family.

This year I started my teacher training course at Cromwell with the idea in mind that I would progress within Special Educational Needs Education and in particular in the Sixth Form sector. The opportunity then came about where I found a suitable role that would fulfil my ambition. I decided to not let the opportunity slip away and took the leap in gaining a new role. I will always be grateful to Cromwell Senior Leadership Team for giving me that opportunity to learn and allowing me to mould the role into how I felt it would work best. They have trusted me to develop ideas and knew that I would always work hard to provide the best outcome for our students.

I have absolutely loved getting to know all the students, each person here is so unique and special, as they all have their own shining personalities that could light up the sky like million stars.

I hope to keep in touch in the future with Cromwell students, staff and parents and hear about all the great stories that are happening here.

I wish all the families, staff and students all the very best for the future at Cromwell.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

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Important Notices

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Academisation update

The 'due diligence' stage of getting to know each other is now completed after 8 people from the Kingfisher Trust visited school for a day to find all about our Curriculum and Teaching and Learning. They were very complimentary and their feedback was appreciated. The formal administration processes have also been proceeding but at a pace slightly slower than hoped for – there are lots of schools academising at the moment and all the administration services are at full capacity. The expected date for the change is now **1st October** if governors confirm the final agreement.

Amazing governors depart

School owes a special debt of thanks to two departing governors who have done so much to offer constructive challenge and support to the school and all members of management over many years. School would like to say a huge thank you to **Claire Bibby** and **Linda Lester** for their passion and commitment to the pupils and our school and everything they have done to help us develop and improve our school and our provision for pupils. **Please will any parents willing to join the governing body contact school through admin@cromwell.tameside.sch.uk or speak to any member of the Senior Leadership Team. Parental contribution and judgement really matters – please consider if you are able to help our school in this way.** Training and support will be provided.

Comings, Goings, & changes around

Goings:

As well as Mr Foord we thank the following staff who are leaving us after working hard for our pupils:

- Sarah Dockray, moving to a promotion
- Heather Hughes, moving to work closer to home
- Rashi Parry (6E) and Fal Patel (SA) end of contracts

Thank you so much for everything you have done for our pupils and students.

Welcome:

Of course school particularly welcomes our new Headteacher for September, Mrs Suzanne Pass.

Changes:

Enormous thanks to Mike Doyle for being our Acting Head of Sixth Form for a crucial year in the development of the department as it came out of Covid restrictions. Mike is going to stay with school and teach in the Conceptual Department at least until Christmas. Congratulations to Symon Dewsbury for his promotion to be the new substantive Head of Sixth Form.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

If your child is moving from Secondary to Sixth Form, please remember the change in start and finish times.