

Cronton Sixth Form College news

CRANTON
SIXTH FORM
COLLEGE

Winter 2022

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THE POLAR EXPRESS



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Mathletics Success!

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- Fundraisers

and much more!



**FOR ALL THE
LATEST NEWS**



A Festive Welcome to the Latest Edition of College News

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We have had a hugely successful winter term at Cronton Sixth Form with Year 1 students settling into College and Year 2 students considering their next steps and completing their UCAS applications.

Following on from the success of the students on the High Achievers Programme last year, students are now preparing for their interviews for the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge and medical, veterinary and dentistry degrees. They are also taking part in various prestigious university programmes and schemes.

We are delighted to see the return of College trips this term, with students venturing around the country and lots of international trips planned for the spring term, including Berlin, CERN, Florence, Iceland, Amsterdam, and Skiing in France.

The Cronton Playhouse has been buzzing with talent during December with the Centre of Excellence for Performing Arts wowing audiences with Dolly Parton's 9 to 5: The Musical, followed by amazing productions from the talented dance, drama, and music students.

Enrichment has been as popular as ever with students getting involved with extra and super curricular activities from The Duke of Edinburgh's Award to sports teams, Professional Programmes in Science, Teachers and Lawyers and Animal Club with the new edition of 10 new hens and Floppy and Peach, 2 new rabbits.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing break and best wishes for 2023.

Outstanding Results in 2022

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For the first time in two years, A Level and Level 3 Vocational students were able to celebrate their exceptional results in person with their friends and teachers at College.

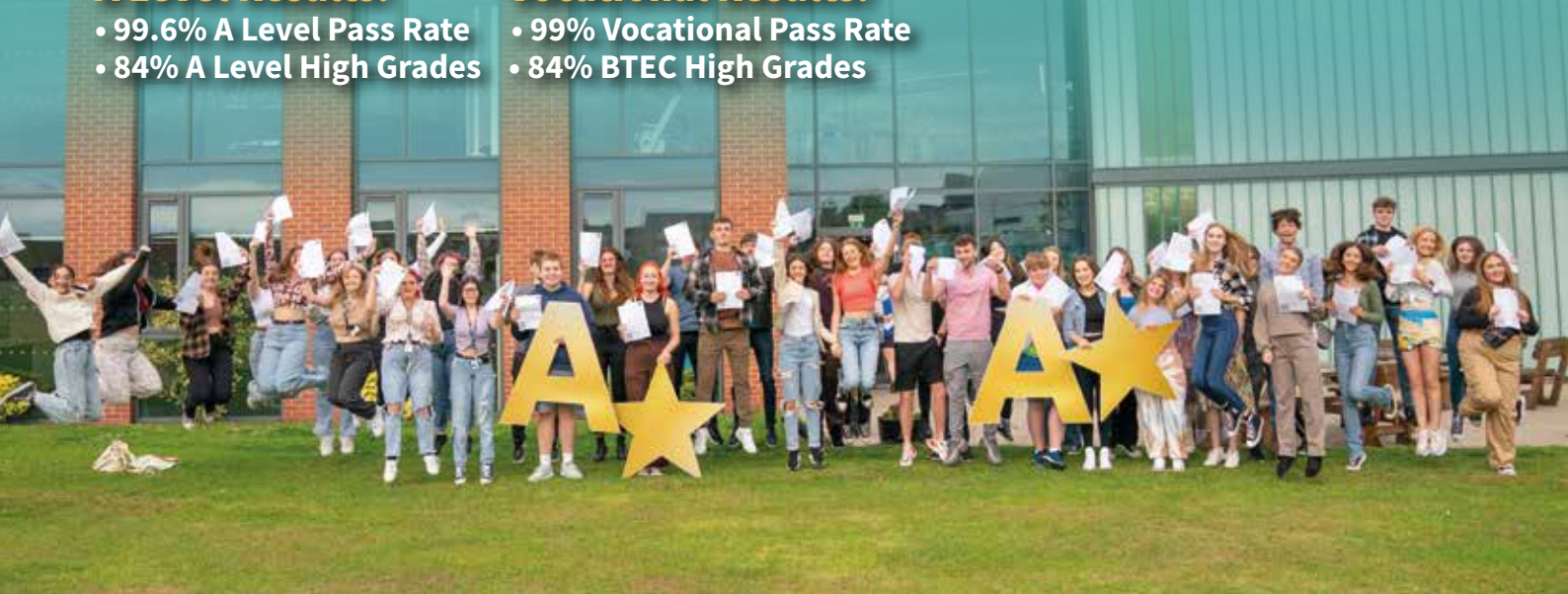
The Class of 2022 achieved exceptional results, with many going on to prestigious universities, competitive degrees, and degree Apprenticeships.

A Level Results:

- 99.6% A Level Pass Rate
- 84% A Level High Grades

Vocational Results:

- 99% Vocational Pass Rate
- 84% BTEC High Grades



Trips & Visits

Trips and visits have returned to Cronton Sixth Form with students excited to visit some of the great UK cities, landmarks, and possible future universities.

A Level Film Studies students had three wonderful days at the Aesthetica Short Film Festival in York, attending masterclasses, screenings of short films, a ghost walk, and a trip to the York Dungeon.

Our STEM students attended the 'Future of Science Conference' hosted by Animal Aid and XCellR8 at Sci-Tech Daresbury. The students heard from leading academics, industry, and those at the cutting edge of in vitro research and development as alternatives to animal testing.

Our Public Services students recently had two fantastic days out when they visited Delamere Forest and Manley Mere for their Outdoor Activities and Uniformed Protective Services units.

Year 1 Physics students went to Jodrell Bank to analyse data from the third largest fully movable radio telescope in the world and also had a planetarium tour of the solar system and some nearby stars.

During ASPIRE Week vocational business students had a great time visiting universities, including Lancaster University and Liverpool John Moores University, to experience their wide range of degree courses.

A Level French and Spanish students enjoyed a great trip to the University of Liverpool's Sydney Jones Library this week where they took part in a session on how to conduct academic research. Later, the Spanish class enjoyed a great meal of tapas and churros at Lunya, while the French class enjoyed French cuisine at Côte. The group then spent the afternoon at the Tate Liverpool gallery where they viewed Hispanic and francophone paintings and reflected on art in Spanish/French.

The Centre of Excellence for Performing Arts traveled to London to see Helen Hunt in Eureka Day at the Old Vic Theatre.

Cronton students are now looking forward to some amazing international trips next term including, Berlin, Cern, Florence, Iceland, Amsterdam, and Skiing in France.



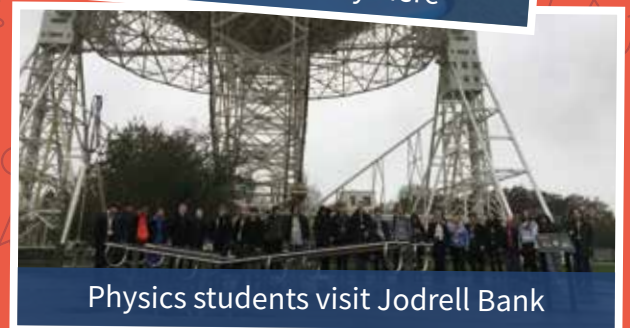
Film Studies students visit the Aesthetica Short Film Festival in York



STEM students attend the 'Future of Science Conference'



Public Services students visit Delamere Forest & Manley Mere



Physics students visit Jodrell Bank



Vocational Business students visit universities during ASPIRE Week



French & Spanish student trip to Liverpool

HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAMME

High Achieving Oxbridge Success



Before they headed off to university, this year's Oxbridge students met Stephen Young, Chief Executive of Halton Council, and Milorad Vasic, Strategic Director, People.

Congratulations to Jacob Powell, Max Barnes, Freya Richardson-Fay and Ben Cooper. Good luck in your first year at university.

Students on the Student Leadership Team and the High Achievers Programme have had many fabulous opportunities during the first term to get involved in lots of activities, guest talks and external schemes.

Applying to Universities & Specialist Degrees



The students applying to universities and specialist degrees with an early application deadline worked hard to submit their applications. Over 50 students on the High Achievers Programme (HAP) have applied to the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge and medical, veterinary and dentistry degrees this year.

The High Achievers Programme was created to support students in applying to some of the top universities and degree apprenticeships. Year one students have had a successful first term at Cronton after being accepted onto some of

the most prestigious schemes and programmes in the county including:

STEM Smart



Six talented students have been accepted on to the University of Cambridge STEM SMART Programme, which will support the students in raising their attainment and developing their confidence to apply to study physical or biological sciences and engineering degrees at top universities.

Lucy Cavendish Scheme



Eight talented students have been selected to participate in the Lucy Cavendish Scheme with the University of Cambridge. They will now

attend weekly online subject-specific enrichment classes with Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge, which will strengthen their skills and knowledge.

Student Leadership

The Student Leadership Team students have also been working towards The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold award and have been excellent Student Ambassadors at the busy Open Events at the college this term.



Alfred H Knight



Students have also had the opportunity to attend presentations and inspirational talks from employers including Alfred H Knight who spoke about degree apprenticeships.

Find out more about HAP at Cronton:



SCHOLARSHIPS

CRONTON SIXTH FORM CLASS OF 2022



Sixteen Talented Students Awarded Scholarships

Sixteen exceptional students at Cronton have enjoyed a wonderful start to college after being presented with a prestigious scholarship of up to £2000 to help them fulfil their potential and support them with their studies.

The talented students impressed during a series of interviews which took place earlier in the year and were ultimately selected for scholarships in one of the College's three Centre of Excellence subject areas: STEM, Performing Arts and Sport.

STEM Scholar Libby Edge commented, "I was over the moon when I found out I had been awarded a Scholarship and was filled with pride as I'm really passionate about STEM." Performing Arts Scholar Emily Wielebski commented, "I was overjoyed, and it was such an honour to receive a Performing Arts Scholarship at Cronton." Sports Scholar Jake Davies commented, "I am really excited to represent Cronton as a Sports Scholar. My tutors at Cronton have provided fantastic support."

Ben Barton, Deputy Head at Cronton Sixth Form, commented, "A big congratulations to the scholarship student class of 2022, these are all very well deserved. The scholarships will support these outstanding students and provide financial assistance towards fulfilling their full potential in their chosen fields."

"The students have impressed during their first term, they have excelled in their studies and have been fully involved in all aspects of College life, including participating in the Student Leadership Programme and representing the College in sports teams and at Open Evenings."

Find out
more about
Scholarships





Faye Presents on World Cup Rugby for the BBC

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Sports Tutor and TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) lead Faye Gaskin has been commenting on the Women's Rugby League World Cup 2021 on the BBC. Faye, who represented England herself with 8 caps between 2015 and 2019, has commented on 5 of the international World Cup fixtures including the England vs Brazil game and the England vs New Zealand game.

Teamwork Success

Well done to all the Cronton sports teams who have had a great start to the season.

The football A Team is top of the league going into the Christmas break and the B team are 2nd from top.

12 Cronton footballers have represented the college at the recent AOC regional competition where they reached the quarter finals.

The Rugby team recently won a RFL 9s competition.

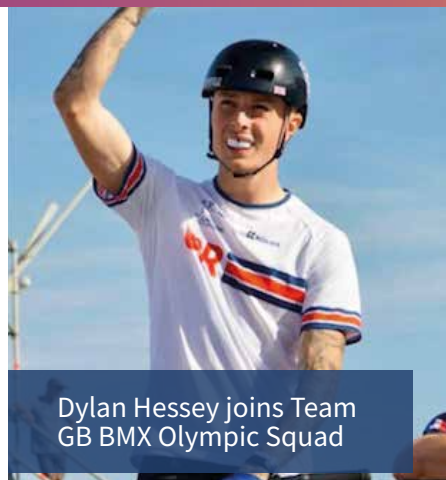
It was also great to see the female rugby team win the first ever female tournament hosted at Cronton with some outstanding performances.



CENTRE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE



Grace Barnett wins karate gold, silver and bronze medals



Dylan Hessey joins Team GB BMX Olympic Squad



Caitlin Conroy receives football scholarship to study at Georgia Southern University, USA

Sporting Success for Talented Athletes

Well done to all of the Cronton Sports Scholars and TASS students who are working hard in the classroom and competing at a high level both nationally and internationally.

Congratulations to previous Sports Scholarship student Dylan Hessey who is now an official BMX athlete of the Team GB Olympic Squad.

Sports Scholar Caitlin Conroy has received an amazing offer and a full football scholarship to study at Georgia Southern University, USA. She is now looking forward to majoring in Sports and Exercise Science at the Division 1 American university in September.

A huge well done to Sports Scholar Grace Barnett, who won a gold, silver and bronze medal in the 12th WUKF European Championships in Florence. Grace will now be working extremely hard for the World Championships in Dundee next July.

Best of luck to Scholar Sophie Weston who is preparing for her first international swimming meet in Canada after her success in the Winter Nationals where she competed in open age and junior age.

Congratulations to A Level student Megan Williams on her selection to play for England DiCE. Meg is also part of the TASS programme at Cronton and plays for SALE RU and St Helens Women in the WSL.

It was great seeing our Level 2 Sports students demonstrating their leadership skills at the recent Halton School Games.



Sport scholars with Iain Douglas, Head of Sport and Public Services

Scan the QR Code to find out more about the Centre of Sporting Excellence at Cronton, including the new sports facilities opening soon, as well as the outstanding tutors, Sports Scholarships, and the TASS programme of support.



Students demonstrate leadership skills at Halton School Games



Megan Williams selected to play for England DiCE



Sophie Weston prepares for international swimming meet in Canada

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS

Workin' 9 to 5

The students in the Centre of Excellence for Performing Arts were incredible with their two-night performance of Dolly Parton's 9 to 5: The Musical.

The talented also had the opportunity to impress the audience with numbers from the popular show at the Knowsley Education Awards at the new Shakespeare North Playhouse and were greeted with a standing ovation.

The Centre of Excellence will return to the Cronton Playhouse in March 2023 with their next major show, 'The Hired Man'.



The Polar Express

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The Cronton Playhouse has had a magical December with a performance of 'The Polar Express' by the talented dancers from the Professional Dance Programme.



PTP Playhouse Shows

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The brilliant Professional Theatre Programme students performed 'Romeo & Juliet' and 'Ellipsis' at the Cronton Playhouse in December.



Music Gigs at The Studio

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The talented musicians from the Professional Music Programme have also taken to the stage in The Studio, Widnes with 'What a Wonderful World' and 'Jingle Bell Rock'.





Mathletics Students Win Gold, Silver & Bronze at UKMT

47 Talented mathematicians from Cronton have excelled in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) competition with students winning gold, silver, and bronze awards, leading to an invitation to compete in the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo competition for the gold winner Nicholas Smith.



Alder Hey Innovation Hub Talk

It was great to welcome ex-student Alex Bowman back to Cronton with the team from Alder Hey who talked to STEM and Health students about their Innovation Hub.



They discussed how people from across different medical disciplines send problems to them, ranging from how they can successfully operate on tumours using 3D printed models, to developing applications to increase the likelihood of patients attending appointments.



ASPIRE Week Engineering & Digital Built Environment

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Students had a great practical week of activities, support sessions and trips during ASPIRE Week this term. As well as sessions about possible careers in the industry, students learnt about professional careers and chartered professional status. Year 2 students also attended support sessions about UCAS and applying for degree apprenticeships.

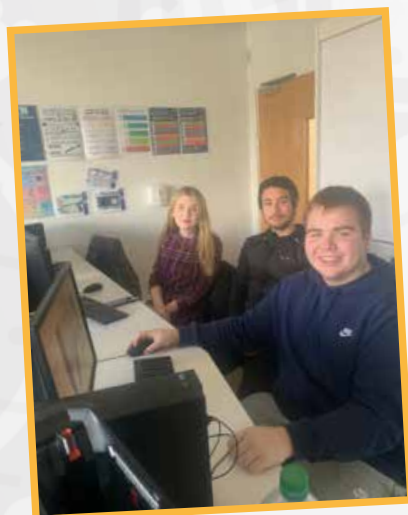
The Engineering students had a great trip discovering the hidden secrets of the Mersey Tunnels on an underground tour. They explored the history of the docks in the Maritime Museum and reached new heights with a tour of the Radio City Tower.



They also went on a trip to Edge Hill University. After a tour of the impressive facilities at the university, the students took part in activities in Robotics, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering.

Students on the Digital Built Environment course went on a RIBA Walking Tour of Liverpool City Centre. This gave them the opportunity to take in the sites of the city. They appraised a range of buildings and structures in the city; photographing and sketching the environment as they went. In the afternoon the Year 1 students travelled to the Littlewoods Building, which is the site of their Year 2 construction design project. They completed a full site walkover and exploration of the local area to give them a head start on their project.

It was great to welcome last year's 'Vocational Student of the Year', Daniel Tildsley, back to Cronton to speak to Year 2 students about his first term at university and also lend a helping hand and support students to develop and hone their skills in using industry standard software, Autodesk Revit, to produce detailed design work for their portfolio.



Starbucks Opens at Cronton

It was great to open the brand new Starbucks coffee shop in the Brasserie at College.



Enrichment Fair

Students had the chance to sign up to new extracurricular and super curricular activities at the Enrichment Fair. The event gave the students an insight into the activities on offer outside of their timetable. During the day students signed up to join the sports teams, Centre of Excellence productions, Esports and Animal Club and many more clubs and societies.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Enrichment at Cronton Sixth Form.



ROUND UP OF 2022

Children in Need Show

A huge well done to all our talented Performing Arts students who hosted the first Cronton Talent Show in the Cronton Playhouse and raised over £200 for BBC Children in Need!

Congratulations to Libby Marshall, who won the competition with an outstanding performance.



Creative Arts Careers Talk

Staffordshire University visited the Creative Arts students at Cronton as part of the ASPIRE WEEK events. They talked to the students about the wide range of Creative Arts courses at the university and offered advice to the students about future careers in the Arts.



Health & Social Care – NHS Restart a Heart Day

Health and Social Care, Health Studies and Nursing Cadets students learnt how to do CPR on a child with North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust for Restart a Heart Day



Esports Success

New for 2022: The two new Esports Teams have been a huge success. The Cronton Crusaders and Cronton Cobras have been competing in a Esports league against other colleges and schools across the country and are currently specialising in the “Valorant” and “Rocket League”.



The new teams have been a great opportunity for students studying different courses at Cronton to come together, develop new teamwork skills as well as new friendships.

Watch the Cronton Crusaders and the Cronton Cobras every Wednesday LIVE from 4pm on Twitch, playing Rocket League and Valorant.



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ROUND UP OF 2022

IKEA Fashion Show

The Fashion students showcased their creativity with their latest catwalk show at IKEA. The annual Sustainability Fashion Show in Warrington gave the students an opportunity to show off their talents as well as raise an incredible £464, which will go towards equipment for local schools to host creative arts workshops.



Therapy Dogs Visit

Cronton students welcomed Therapy Dogs Nationwide into College. The students loved meeting the friendly dogs.



New Facilities

New facilities opening in 2023 at Cronton Sixth Form include:

- Futuristic Simulated Nursing Training Rooms
- Sensory & Immersion Rooms
- Simulated Hospital Ward
- Modern Gym
- Sports Hall & Changing Rooms
- State-of-the-art Mathematics Suite



What Happens Next?

Make sure you have completed your application form.

Scan the QR Code to apply now if you haven't already.



If you have applied, you will hear from us with a date and time for your college interview. This may take place in school or after school at college.

New Student Day

This will take place in July after you have completed your GCSE's. You will have the opportunity to sample your course and meet your tutors and fellow students to prepare you for starting college.

Our Next Open Evening

Tuesday 21st March 2023
5.30pm - 7.30pm