



CROWN HILLS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A Specialist Sports College

PROSPECTUS

2019/20

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will thrive in the best possible career
and contribute positively to society."*



SUCCESS

*Be ready to take
on the world*

Welcome

I am delighted to invite you to consider Crown Hills Community College as your preferred choice of secondary school for your child. You will find that Crown Hills is a college that is based on the highest of expectations for both academic achievement and personal development.

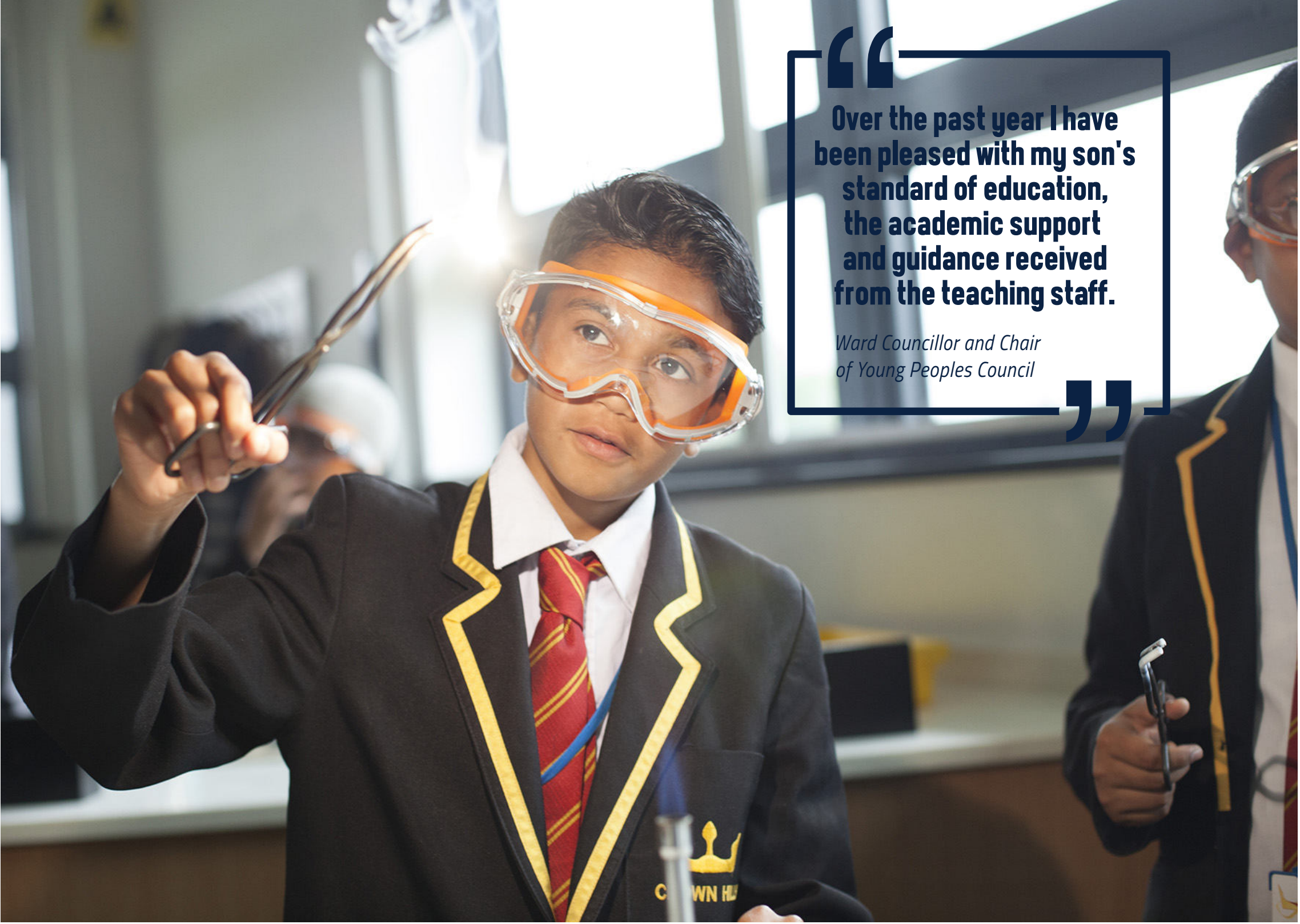
In this prospectus, you will find all that you need to know about our college: its history, its values and its vision for the future. This prospectus will give you an insight into what it means to be a student at this amazing college, the richness of the classroom experience, the range of activities open to all and the care that we take of our individual students.

Our mission is very simple: we want every student to be the best they can be, thrive in the best possible career and contribute positively to society. We have three key values that drive this mission. The three values are: aspiration, commitment and success - you will see these demonstrated throughout the college on a daily basis as we, the college's governors, staff and students, live our everyday lives by them.

This is a college where your child will fulfil their true potential and emerge as confident and articulate citizens, proud of who they are and ready to contribute globally. We would like to thank you for considering Crown Hills Community College and wish you well for the future.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Farhan Adam', is positioned above the name and title.

Farhan Adam - Principal



**Over the past year I have
been pleased with my son's
standard of education,
the academic support
and guidance received
from the teaching staff.**

*Ward Councillor and Chair
of Young Peoples Council*

ASPIRATION

Be the best that you can be

We truly believe and have the aspiration that a future Prime Minister, Gold Medal-winning Olympian or captain of an England sports team will have attended Crown Hills!

We ask our students to look beyond their current locality and treat the world as their back garden. Every child has a special and natural talent that is unique to them and we will support and nurture it so that our students become the best that they can be. We passionately believe that a child's background should not impact on their life chances and we make it our job to ensure that all the barriers to success are removed.

There is a Middle Eastern proverb which states that actions should be judged by their intentions. It is therefore our intention to support your child to be the best that they can be and we will do everything that we can so that they can.

Our results in 2018 placed us in the top 25% of schools nationally for student progress. However, our aspiration is to be in the top 5% of schools nationally within two years.





**You are highly aspirational
for the school and ambitious
in enabling pupils to
reach high standards**

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COMMITMENT

Do what it takes for as long as it takes

It also takes commitment for students to be the best that they can be. Commitment is often the least rewarding and most difficult part of the journey that makes you successful. We are clear with our students that success has nothing to do with intelligence, skill or ability but everything to do with hard work and whether you are prepared to do what it takes for as long as it takes. Therefore, at Crown Hills we are very particular about how we start the day, how we start and finish lessons as well as how well presented students should be.

This is a place of learning and students need to be prepared for the world of work. We have a back-to-basics philosophy with a focus on the little things so that the bigger things take care of themselves. We will support and challenge your child throughout their five years with us so that they are relentless in the pursuit of success.

Having your child attend Crown Hills is a responsibility we take very seriously. We look forward to a supportive working relationship with you over the coming years.





Pupils have plentiful opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities. They say that they appreciate these opportunities, which add to the distinctiveness of the school's culture.

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SUCCESS

Be ready to take on the World

Everybody views success differently. Our job at Crown Hills is more than just ensuring that your child has every opportunity to choose whatever they want after they leave us; they also need guidance and support to be politically-literate British citizens with a full appreciation and understanding of their global responsibilities.

We know that while the world is becoming smaller, it is also becoming more challenging. Therefore, your child will require the resilience to cope with an ever-changing world and with whatever life throws at them so that, together, we can ensure that the world becomes a better place. We want our pupils to take on the world, not just fit into it.

At Crown Hills, the experiences your child will receive will place them in a prime position to be successful in the future. Currently, over 96% of our students remain in education, employment or training when they leave us, which is much higher than the national average.

Our results in 2018 placed us in the top 25% of schools nationally for progress and 8th in the county of Leicestershire. We are expecting further improvements in 2019. We were also inspected by OFSTED in 2019 and all aspects were judged as good with Leadership and Management of the college being regarded as outstanding.





**“The schools’
regular newsletter
demonstrates the
enjoyment pupils have
in their learning”**

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Happiness, Safety and Well-being

The core purpose of Crown Hills Community College since it opened in 1950 has been to help students learn. We do this by developing comprehensive and detailed teaching and learning strategies that facilitate excellent academic progress. Since its inception, Crown Hills has been child-centred and every decision that is made is done with them in mind. We, therefore, take their safety, happiness and well-being extremely seriously.

We provide:

- a strong core curriculum that supports literacy and numeracy;**
- a range of learning pathways to offer support and challenge to the more able;**
- innovative and stimulating learning experiences.**

How students are supported?

Crown Hills values students' well-being and their opinions as well as their achievement. All students are individuals and have a variety of needs, some of which are complex. Students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), those who are more able and, indeed, the majority of students that fit into neither of these categories all need support and challenge. Therefore, we employ a team that includes social inclusion workers, psychologists, counsellors, welfare officers, assistant heads of year, heads of year and tutors, all of whom offer their time and support. In addition to our teachers, this team ensures that students are not only protected from bullying but are equipped with the skills that they need to protect themselves from things like cyber-bullying, sexual exploitation and radicalisation.

“Pupils told inspectors that they felt safe and well cared for in school. They know who they can talk to if they have any worries or concerns and this information is displayed permanently around the school

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The Crown Hills Way



Students at Crown Hills are taught in an environment that promotes the academic, sporting, creative and linguistic development: this is the Crown Hills Way.

ACADEMIC We will not compromise on students achieving exceptional levels of academic progress. We are rigorous in our teaching while engaging with our students' interests and inspiring them to achieve the highest academic standards. Behaviour is exceptional; classrooms are focused and students are required to complete their classwork, and the regular homework which we set them, to the best of their ability.

SPORTING As a designated Sports College, we are committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging wide participation in sport and sport leadership. We have student leaders of sport who support the delivery and development of physical activity with pupils with disabilities as well as in partnership with local primary schools. We also deliver a bespoke fencing programme for top athletes as we aim to take part in international competitions.

CREATIVE Learning experiences are promoted across all subjects and the creative subjects are regarded highly in our college. Every student has access and an entitlement to a wide range of creative opportunities through the formal curriculum, including trips, performances and productions.

LINGUISTIC Speaking another language is an invaluable skill in the 21st Century. Our students must be ready to take on the world. For that reason, every child will have the opportunity to study at least one foreign language and will also be given the opportunity to travel to France as part of their studies. Some of our more able students will also have their pastoral/tutor time taught to them in French over their five years here with us so that they master the nuances of the language.

You have also reviewed the schools curriculum and taken decisive action to ensure the breadth of pupil's learning experiences...You have monitored the schools commitment to sport and physical activity in support of prioritising pupils healthy lifestyles.

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A Welcome from the Student Council

We are delighted to welcome you to our college. One thing you will notice when your child starts in Year 7 is how much the staff here care - they genuinely want you to do well and they will do what it takes to make you feel comfortable and to make you feel as though you belong.

There are also so many things for you to do from learning how to swim to being part of the French-speaking tutor group every morning.

This school will look after every aspect of your life as you grow over the five years and we, as Student Councillors are pleased and proud to call Crown Hills our school.

We really do hope that your child will join us here at Crown Hills as it is a very special place to go to school.



“Pupils are happy and proud to be part of the school's harmonious community and report that they feel well looked after.”
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SCHOOL DAY

The college opens at 7.30am for those students that wish to attend extra-curricular activities and our ever-popular Breakfast Club. The day formally begins at 8.28 am when pupils line up in their registration groups before they enter the building. At this point, we deal with lateness, check uniforms, punctuality and inform students of any key messages.

UNIFORM

We have high expectations for all of our students at Crown Hills and every student is expected to dress smartly and wear every item of uniform. We have made some allowances for pupils to wear certain items of religious clothing but it is also expected that these items fall within the policy to ensure that all students are treated fairly.

Our uniforms are available from Uniform Direct or online at www.uniform-direct.com



LUNCH

Students will be provided with a student ID card, this acts as a means of identity but also allows pupils to store their money. We therefore strongly recommend that parents pay online using Parentpay so that any chance of your child losing money is reduced significantly. We cater for all the needs of our students: from vegetarian to halal to specific allergies. It is important that you share any of these requirements when your child starts with us so that we are able to make the appropriate arrangements in time.



THE CURRICULUM - BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Crown Hills Community College is proud to be an official Duke of Edinburgh Licensed Organisation. We offer an opportunity for students from years 9 and 10 to take on their Bronze D of E Award. Valued by employers and universities. Completing the award requires students to demonstrate commitment across four different elements over a period of 6 months.

Being able to work as part of a team is crucial to being successful in this element. Our experience tells us that the award provides our young people with new insights into their capabilities. Putting themselves outside of their comfort zone by trying new things, it really helps them to grow in confidence. Additionally, they develop a plethora of new skills through the activities they undertake.

Expressive Arts – Music

Crown Hills is committed to providing a high quality music education for all students and has been awarded a national Music Mark Award as well as achieving a Gold Music Quality Mark from the Leicester-Shire Music Education Hub for its commitment to music in and out of the classroom as well as the wider community.

All students at Crown Hills are welcome to attend extra-curricular music tuition and ensembles (before school, lunchtimes and after school). Students can choose from Bass Guitar, Bassoon, Clarinet, Dhol, Drum Kit, Electronic Keyboard, Flute, Guitar, Music Technology, Pitched Percussion, Saxophone, Steel Band, Tabla, Trumpet, and Violin. Students learning to play a musical instrument also have the opportunity to take graded music exams for their specific instrument.

International Student Leaders

Our World Leaders Club provides the opportunity for students to expand their knowledge of the World around us. Students have explored the traditions, cuisines, national dress for different cultures from all corners of the World.

They have increased their knowledge of the changing political situation in this country and how countries around the World are ruled. Students are then 'ready to take on the world'.

Leadership Academy

The Leadership Academy has students from all year groups and they play an integral role in supporting key events at Crown Hills such as Open Evenings, Parents Evenings, tours of the school, and sporting and Musical Performances.

If your child has the leadership potential, we will nurture and grow it by providing the appropriate and accredited training.

Inclusive Sport

We very much pride ourselves on the inclusive nature of our college and we therefore enter all of the Inclusive Sport Competitions which are Inclusive Sportshall Athletics at KS3 & KS4, KS3 & KS4 Boccia and Disability Athletics. We also attend the Level 3 Finals, SEND Championships and DSE National Disability Athletics Championships with teams or individuals that have qualified for these events.

The House System at CHCC

Our Four Houses are named after iconic global figures represent our strong ethos.

Malala Mandela Martin Luther King Mother Teresa

The House System at Crown Hills Community College is designed to encourage team participation and to ensure all students leave us as fully rounded young people, both inside and outside of the classroom. Students will have a sense of ownership for their House and will be provided with a wide range of events, including sporting and cultural, to promote teamwork, independent learning, skill development and community spirit.

Drama at Crown Hills Community College

Students learn how to respond, develop and evaluate through drama movement, techniques and skills. They will have opportunities to study drama in all years and can also join in with the KS3 Drama Club and the school productions. They will develop their understanding of the world around them, different cultures and traditions and develop social skills through communicating, collaborating and teamwork.

What our community thinks of our college

I am proud to have attended Crown Hills as a student and to now send my children to the same school. It is wonderful to have a school that cares about the children

A Parent

Commitment is persevering; never giving up until you have reached your goal.

Yusuf Valli

If you aspire then you are starting to build a bridge to success. You just have to choose whether you commit to building and finishing it, which is the most difficult part. When you get to the other side, that's success.

Sonit Dhansukh

Aspiration leads to commitment, which leads to success. Without aspiration, commitment doesn't happen and success would be meaningless.

Aasimuddin Saiyed

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