

# CRGS Main School

# NEWSLETTER

A message from Miss Renold,  
Head of Main School

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, it is a pleasure to share our Summer Newsletter and celebrate the many achievements, experiences and special moments that have taken place across Main School.

This term has once again demonstrated the talent, enthusiasm and generosity of our students. From outstanding performances, sporting successes and academic achievements to exciting trips, creative activities, fundraising and opportunities to serve others, our students have embraced school life with energy and commitment. I am incredibly proud of the way they have supported one another, represented the school and contributed so positively to our wider community.

I would also like to thank our staff, families, Friends of CRGS and everyone who has supported the school throughout the year. Your time, encouragement and dedication make such a difference to our young people.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of the many highlights of the term. I wish all our students, staff and families a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

## Extracurricular Highlights

### Serve Other Week

A huge thank you to all the students who took part in Serve Others Week at Main School. Throughout the week, students demonstrated our school values through a wide range of activities that supported both our local community and those within school. Students gave their time generously by helping in lessons, assisting at our Open Evening, and taking part in a sports day at a local primary school. Many students also helped to improve our local environment by litter picking around the school site and along Chatburn Road. One of the highlights of the week was a visit by more than 40 students to High Brake Care Home, where they spent time with residents playing music, chatting, and enjoying games together. The visit was greatly appreciated by residents and provided a wonderful opportunity for students to build connections across generations while bringing joy to others. As part of the week, students also collected donations for a local food bank, helping to support individuals and families in our community who are facing challenging circumstances. We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed. We are raising money for Positive Action in the Community, a local charity that provides vital support for young people experiencing mental health difficulties and offers assistance to victims of domestic abuse. Serve Others Week has been a fantastic example of our students' commitment to helping others, showing kindness, and making a positive difference in the community. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the week such a success.



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## Whole School Production

Our recent production of *Legally Blonde Junior* was a fantastic success, delighting audiences across three wonderful evenings. With a cast and crew of more than 65 students, the musical showcased an incredible amount of talent, hard work and teamwork both on stage and behind the scenes.

Based on the popular film, *Legally Blonde Junior* follows Elle Woods as she defies expectations and enrolls at Harvard Law School in an effort to win back her former boyfriend. Along the way, Elle discovers her own strengths, challenges stereotypes and learns the importance of believing in herself. Filled with catchy songs, humour and heart, the musical proved to be a hit with audiences of all ages.

The lead role of Elle Woods was superbly performed by Tabitha in Year 12. Showing exceptional determination and resilience, Tabitha battled through the performances even whilst struggling with illness and delivering a memorable portrayal that captured Elle's energy, warmth and confidence.

Despite performing during a spell of exceptionally hot weather, the whole cast demonstrated remarkable adaptability and professionalism throughout the run and highlighted what can be achieved when a team comes together and supports one another. Their enthusiasm and energy never wavered and they clearly enjoyed every moment of bringing this fun-filled musical to life.

A huge 'thank you' goes to all the students, staff, families and supporters who helped make the production such a memorable event. Everyone involved should be extremely proud of what they achieved – it was a wonderful celebration of creativity, dedication and 'CRGS spirit'.



## Grow a Pound

Forms took part in Round 2 of Grow £1 during the week commencing 6th July, and once again students showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm in their fundraising efforts. There was a brilliant variety of events and activities taking place, including the sale of lemonade, ice pops and sweets, alongside fun challenges such as sponging Mr Shooter, car washing and treasure hunts. It was wonderful to see students working together, showing initiative and creating exciting opportunities for their forms. The money raised from last year's Grow £1 challenge has been put to great use, funding the new Wellbeing Bags and providing a snack and drink for students attending rewards events throughout this year. The Wellbeing Bags have been a fantastic addition, especially during the recent hot weather. Each form was able to select items to include, with choices ranging from chocolate and lollies to tennis balls, footballs, UNO and more. We hope students enjoy using the items in their Wellbeing Bags and look forward to seeing the creativity and teamwork continue in future rounds of Grow £1!

## Manchester Metropolitan University Multi-lingual Poetry Competition

This is the second year that CRGS students take part in the prestigious Manchester Metropolitan University Poetry competition 'Mother Tongue Other Tongue' for which students have to write a poem in either a language they speak at home (other than English) or a language they are learning at school. Students must also write a 100-word commentary about why they choose to write in a specific language and what the poem meant to them. This year the four talented students who entered were: Tia Silin Zheng in year 7; Haifa Mansur and Arwa Mansur in year 8; and Hawwa Manzur in year 9. All received a small prize from the MFL department.

There were entries from thirty North-West schools in thirty eight languages, and each poem was read by at least three MMU multi-lingual student judges. The following entries were selected to be designed as a postcard and included in the digital anthology:

Arwa Mansur for her poem in Spanish 'Life is a Path';  
Tia for her poem in German 'Who am I?';  
and Hawwa for her lullaby in Urdu 'Sleep well, my princess dear'.

Many congratulations to our creative and talented students for their wonderful achievement. And keep writing!

### Year 7 Accelerated Reader

Year 7 forms have been in competition with each other this year, reading and quizzing as many books as possible. The winning form on 22.8 million words is 7A!

Well done to the following students for being this year's top quizzers:

C: Benjamin, Emily, and Jessica

R: Isaac

G: Evelyn, Safiyah, and Jayden

S: Amelia

A: Jessica L, Amelie, Subhaan, Farkhanda, and Maira

T: Tia and Lisbeth

### ARC

The ARC has been a hive of activity, with students taking part in a range of exciting opportunities.

Students enjoyed a fantastic Rubik's Cube Conference, featuring quizzes, cube-making activities, themed crafts and a photo booth. The event encouraged creativity, problem-solving and teamwork, with lots of colourful fun along the way.

Year 7 students have also been developing their Study Skills, exploring the "superhero pose" as a simple technique to help build confidence and reduce stress during revision. Students discovered how small changes can have a positive impact on their mindset and approach to learning.

To finish Serve Others Week, the ARC picnic brought students and staff together to celebrate community, connection and the positive contributions made across the school.



## Lancashire Book of the Year

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 5 students along with Mrs Fish attended the celebration event at the University of Lancashire where the winning book and author was announced. Over the past 8 months, students in Year 8 and 9 have been reading a variety of texts and then voted for their favourite.

Hannah, Darcey, Georgina, Zubaydah, and Neve were thrilled when Ravena Guron and her book 'Mondays are Murder' was crowned the winner. They listened to some passionate discussions and had the opportunity to ask questions, as well as meet the authors to get books signed.

## Maths Junior Kangaroo Competition 2026

11 students from Years 7 and 8 represented the school in the UKMT Junior Kangaroo Competition, a prestigious follow-on round for high-achieving students from the Junior Maths Challenge. Students had one hour to tackle 25 challenging mathematical problems, demonstrating exceptional problem-solving skills, resilience and mathematical reasoning. We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our students:

Leo Wong (Year 8) achieved the highest score in the school and was awarded a Gold Certificate.

Nathan Weston (Year 7) was the highest performing Year 7 student, earning a Silver Certificate.

Bronze Certificates were awarded to:

Evangeline Carson  
Anushka Faria  
Riley Dahd  
Felicity Le Cras  
Hannah Wilkinson

Congratulations to all students who took part. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing their continued success in future mathematical competitions

## The Association of the Friends of Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

A huge thank you to The Friends for their generous cheque of £5,029. This amazing contribution will make a real difference to our school and help provide valuable opportunities and resources for our children. We are so grateful for the time, energy, and dedication that the Friends of CRGS and our wider school community put into fundraising throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who supported the events and activities that made this possible.

## 'Employee Encounters'

In June we hosted a morning of 'Employer Encounters' for our Key Stage 3 students. Students had two sessions during a busy hour, which involved each speaker delivering a short presentation, giving them an insight into career sectors, progression routes, skills and qualifications as well as key advice. This was then followed by and a chance to interact and ask questions.



We would very much like to thank all of our guest speakers for giving up a morning to work with our students.

**Sarah Threlfall** - Chief Executive Ribble Valley Borough Council

**David Allanson** - Business Consultancy

**Dr Eve McKenna** - Former Emergency Doctor, retrained as a teacher, now returning to Medicine.

**Will Jones** - Law Partner, Hill Dickinson

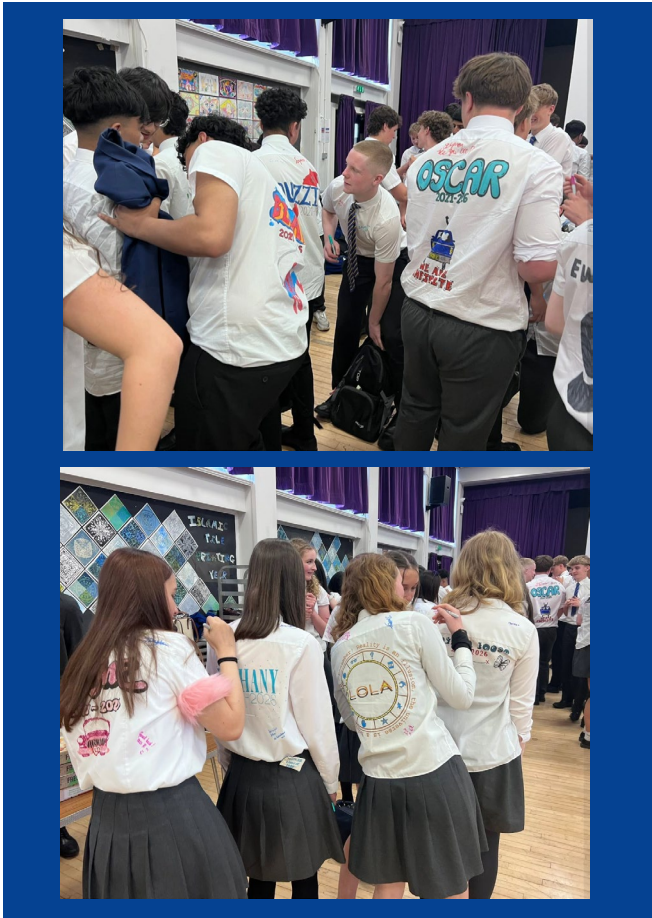
**Ben Jones** - Global Sales Manager, Cisco Systems

**Kasia Hoyle** - Adjuster Manager, Major & Complex Loss

Our students found the talks to be fascinating, and it was encouraging to see them asking numerous thoughtful questions. We hope that the sessions have helped to move their thinking on and have opened their eyes to the many opportunities and challenges of the working world.

Y11 Standdown

It was an emotional farewell as our Year 11 students left school to begin their study leave. The moment provided a chance to reflect on the incredible journey they have shared with us and celebrate the remarkable year group they have become. We are immensely proud of their achievements, the memories they have created and the positive contribution they have made to our school community.



House Competitions

Despite the summer heat in June, six House teams, representing students from all year groups, took part in our exciting Battle of the Brains quiz. The competition was full of impressive displays of knowledge, with students rising to the challenge across a wide range of questions. The atmosphere was fantastic as teams battled it out to claim victory. Congratulations to Socrates, who emerged as the winners, with Curie securing a very close second place. Well done to all teams for taking part and showcasing their incredible knowledge!

House Points for KS3

| Curie | Roosevelt | Galileo | Socrates | Turing | Angelou |
|-------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|---------|
| 1380  | 1600      | 1415    | 1520     | 1375   | 1415    |

House Points for KS4

| Curie | Roosevelt | Galileo | Socrates | Turing |
|-------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|
| 890   | 885       | 705     | 475      | 935    |



# Exciting School Trips This Term

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

## Year 7 Whitehough Trip

We were blessed with wonderful weather this year as Year 7 took part in the annual camping trip to Whitehough Outdoor Education Centre. Students challenged themselves by trying high ropes activities such as 'Leap of Faith' 'Jacob's Ladder' as well as archery and breadmaking. For many this was their first time camping and spending time away from home. We were really proud that everyone walked up Pendle Hill and conquered the large hill that they see every day from school. For some it was a real challenge but with encouragement from staff and peers they all managed it and we were very proud. Although the results didn't go our way a highlight of the trip was the open-air viewing of the England World Cup semi-final. Seeing so many students having fun cheering on their team with their friends was special...maybe in another 4 years we will do the same again but perhaps with a better outcome!

A huge thank you to all the staff who gave up time away from their own families to enable Year 7 to have such a wonderful experience; one that they will look back on fondly when they leave in Year 11 and one that many have already said has been the highlight of their first year at CRGS!

## Year 8 Trip to Nice, France

40 Year 8 students and 4 members of staff enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the South of France, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Based in Nice, students had the opportunity to explore the glamour and history of Monaco, including visits to the Prince's Antique Car Collection and the Prince's Palace. They also caught a glimpse of the iconic Formula 1 Grand Prix hairpin bend before strolling past the famous Casino. The following days were packed with exciting experiences, from relaxing along the beautiful Promenade des Anglais to sampling traditional sweet treats at Confiserie Florian, enjoying the thrills of Aqualand, and exploring the local shops. Students also embraced French culture by trying a range of local specialities at dinner, including escargots, which many bravely sampled for the first time. Throughout the trip, our students were exceptional ambassadors for the school. Their enthusiasm, behaviour, and maturity were a credit to both the school and their families.

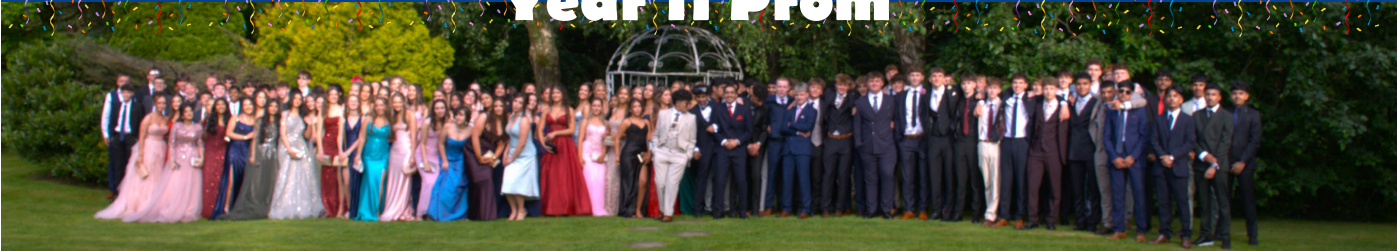
## Year 8 Trip to Rhineland, Germany

40 Year 8 pupils spent four fantastic days in the Rhineland, based in the beautiful riverside town of Boppard. The action-packed itinerary included a visit to the stunning Cochem Castle, a relaxing cruise on the Moselle River, a trip to the open-air swimming pool, and an exhilarating day at Phantasialand theme park. The adventure finished with a shopping trip to Trier, Germany's oldest city. The pupils were a credit to the school throughout, and a fantastic time was had by all.





# Year 11 Prom



## Extra-Curricular Achievements



Congratulations to Year 10 students Luke M, Finlay D, Alex K, Sam T and Louis L on an outstanding football season representing the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley District Schools U15 Boys team. The squad enjoyed a remarkable year, being crowned ESFA Lancashire Cup winners and Northwest Schools Cup winners, as well as finishing as ESFA National Champions Cup finalists. These achievements are a testament to the players' talent, dedication and teamwork throughout the season.

Congratulations to Emily in Year 7 on her fantastic achievement at the Royal Lancashire Show, where she finished 4th in the Veteran Horse Class. This is a wonderful accomplishment and reflects the dedication, commitment and countless hours of hard work that go into caring for and competing with horses. We are delighted to celebrate her success and wish her the very best in her future competitions!



A huge congratulations to Oscar in Year 11 on his outstanding achievement of being selected to play for Sale Sharks next year. Oscar continues to excel on the rugby field and has recently represented Ireland in the Four Nations Tournament. Everyone at the school is incredibly proud of your hard work, dedication, and success.

## Extra-Curricular Achievements



Earlier in the term, Year 9 sisters Violet and Lilly had the incredible opportunity to attend the Cheerleading World Championships in Florida, an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives. They performed exceptionally well throughout the competition. Out of more than 140 teams in their category who qualified, their team delivered an outstanding routine on the first day, securing a place in the finals. One of only two UK teams to achieve this in their category! Competing against some of the strongest teams from across the United States, they went on to place 17th in the world an extraordinary achievement that they are immensely proud of!

Congratulations to Year 10 student Marnie, who recently represented Clitheroe Royal Grammar School at the prestigious English Schools Track & Field Championships in Birmingham. Competing in the Under 17 Girls category, Marnie produced a determined performance in challenging conditions, racing through stifling heat to deliver an excellent run. Although she narrowly missed out on a place in the final, this was a fantastic achievement, particularly as she was one of the younger athletes competing in the age group. We are incredibly proud of Marnie's commitment, determination and the way she represented the school on such a prestigious stage.



A huge congratulations to Year 9 students Henry A, Bobby B, Ben N and James R on an exceptional football season with the Hyndburn & Ribble Valley District 14 team. The squad enjoyed a remarkable campaign, completing an impressive Lancashire League and Lancashire Cup double. These achievements reflect the players' hard work, dedication and teamwork throughout the season. We are incredibly proud of our students and the contribution they have made to another successful year for Hyndburn & Ribble Valley District Football.

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An absolutely phenomenal achievement for Year 10 student Charlotte, who recently represented Great Britain at the European Modern Biathlon Championships. Following her bronze medal at the National Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships in March, Charlotte travelled to Madeira to compete against Europe's best young athletes. After finishing the opening run in eighth place, she moved up the field with a strong swim and transition before producing an outstanding final run to secure an impressive fourth-place finish overall. Congratulations to Charlotte on this exceptional achievement and on representing both Great Britain and Clitheroe Royal Grammar School with such distinction.

We are extremely proud to share that Charles in Year 7 had the incredible honour of performing at St Paul's Cathedral during the 371st Festival of the Clergy Support Trust. A dedicated Chorister at Blackburn Cathedral for the past four years, Charles performed as part of this prestigious occasion attended by more than 1,400 guests including the new Archbishop of Canterbury.



A huge congratulations to Flo and Izzy, who proudly represented Clitheroe Royal Grammar School while playing for the Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Schools District team in the Lancashire Cup Final. Despite an excellent performance, the team were narrowly beaten 4-2 by a strong Preston side. Flo and Izzy have represented the district team with distinction throughout the season, consistently demonstrating their talent, commitment and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of both students for their outstanding contributions to both district and school football.

# Sporting Successes

**It's been an incredible Summer Term for CRGS PE Department. Here are some of the sporting highlights:**

The summer term in CRGS sport saw a huge amount of excitement, opportunity and success. There were a number of fantastic teams through the term, in addition to highly attended lunchtime clubs and we thank all of our students for their enthusiasm.

Our students travelled to Malaga for the bi-annual Sports Tour, with two football teams and three netball teams. The teams took part in training sessions, competitive fixtures and additional activities such as boat tours, pool activities and padel tennis. Every single student represented themselves and the school fantastically and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In the football, our older students experienced two hard fought wins, whilst our younger students battled brilliantly in two narrow losses. For the netball teams, tough opposition from Gibraltar saw a mixed set of results but with competitive games throughout.

Our School Sports Day was a great day for all students, with over 600 students taking part in track, field and participatory events. The weather was perfect, the records were tumbling and the crowd was on form-making it one of our best Sports Day events in recent memory. The best performing students from the event and from lessons then went on to represent the school in the District Athletics competition, where CRGS yet again came home with the overall title!

To conclude the year, our annual Sports Awards was held at school. Following a fantastic guest introduction from Premier League player Marc Pugh, the awards began; recognising the commitment, hard work and success of our students. We would like to thank all attendees for their support and offer a huge congratulations to our nominees and winners.



# CRGS SPORTS AWARDS 2026

*Celebrating Excellence in Sport*



## SPORTS DAY RECORD BREAKERS

- Marnie Nelson - Year 10 100m
- Marnie Nelson - Year 10 200m
- Lola Morton - Year 10 Shot Put
- 10T Relay Team (Sophia Hovington, Julia Biskupiak, Eloise Dawson, Lyla Pells) - Year 10 4x100m Relay
- Henry Adams - Year 9 100m
- Salahudeen Butt - Year 9 300m
- Tahlia Scott-Thompson - Year 8 100m
- Marlon Evans - Year 8 300m



## VICTOR & VICTRIX LUDORUM

OUTSTANDING SPORTING PERFORMANCE  
THROUGHOUT SPORTS DAY

- Jack Evans
- Gabby Molyneux
- Bobby Barnes
- James Rees
- Anvitha Reddy
- Teagan Lever
- Edward Russell-Blackburn
- Tahlia Scott-Thompson
- Eleanor Naughton
- Max Parker



## SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARDS

- Oliver Wyatt
- Jake Boothby



## TEAM OF THE YEAR

Year 7 Girls' Sports Hall Athletics  
Under 13 Girls' Handball  
Under 14 Girls' Basketball  
Year 10 Boys' Football



## CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AWARD

- Fraser Bramhall
- Eliza Street
- Johnny Good
- Flo Thornberry
- Jacob Burden
- Amelia Pollard
- Reuben Holmes
- Gabby Molyneux

## SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

- William Burgess
- Evangeline Carson
- Edward Russell-Blackburn
- Izzy Cutting
- Henry Adams
- Layla Garner
- Annabel Wright



OVERALL WINNER



★ ANSH NAMA ★

*Congratulations to all award winners and nominees  
for an outstanding year of sporting achievement!*



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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## HEAD STUDENTS

Freddie McLoughlin  
Aaminah Raza

## DEPUTY HEAD STUDENTS

Praise Umeaku  
Rais Malik  
Ethan Lomax  
Bea Ash

### SENIOR PREFECT PEER MENTOR

Erin Heaton  
Fatima Anwar

### SENIOR PREFECT SPORTS PREFECT

Sophia  
Hovington

### SENIOR PREFECT T & L AMBASSADORS

Layla Golding  
George Heaney

### SENIOR PREFECT HOUSE PREFECT

Frank Nelson

### SENIOR PREFECTS

Bronte Pye  
Charlotte Lewis  
Miles Wallis  
David Egbe

— • *Congratulations to all our student leaders* • —

# BOOKWORM



## Bulletin

### Curious Readers Great Stories

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Genre  
of the  
Term

Lancashire Book  
of the Year



Year 8

#### 'Strange Nature' by Mary Watson

When she was a child, she witnessed her famous, adored grandfather attempt to kill her grandmother. Now Jasmin is eighteen, watchful and curious. She hangs out at the local college, sneaking into the lectures of charismatic professor Theo Merrick and spying on an intoxicatingly cool group of older students. She can only dream of being part of their world.

Year 10

#### 'Oxford Blood' by Rachel Davis Featherstone

Eva has set her sights on studying English at Oxford University. Atmospheric old libraries; secret societies; eccentric professors – it's the stuff of her dreams. When she and her best friend (who she's also secretly in love with), George, are invited to Interview Week, it seems like those dreams are coming true.

Year 7

#### 'A Better Nightmare' by Megan Freeman

Emily Emerson has the Grimm. A disease nobody wants. Removed to a facility, she becomes property of the state, a pale shadow of her former self. Here she meets a boy, Emir, who tells her she's not sick – she's just different.

## Riddle in the Middle

"I enjoy peace, quiet, and second breakfasts in my comfortable underground home, but I was dragged on a dangerous quest with 13 dwarves to reclaim gold from a dragon."

Year 11



Year 9

#### 'Mondays are Murder' by Ravena Guron – WINNER!

Seventeen-year-old Kay left her sleepy hometown after the devastating death of her friend, Ivy. But when Kay is forced to come back, she receives an anonymous letter that turns her life upside down.

The letter tells her that there will be a thrill on Tuesday, a wreckage on Wednesday, treachery on Thursday, a fire on Friday, sabotage on Saturday, a stabbing on Sunday – and her murder on Monday.

#### 'Aphrodite' by Bryony Pearce

Naked and salt-soaked, Aphrodite is born from the waves. Knowing nothing of who or what she is, she quickly discovers that she has incredible power and the kind of beauty that makes men mad. Her blood pulses with the same call: home, home, home. Cue Olympus, the home of the gods.

### Lancashire Book of the Year

This bulletin's recommendations are taken from the shortlist of books read by students this year. The winner was voted for by students across Lancashire – we hope you find something you love!

Happy reading!

