



## Message from the Headteacher

I hope you and your families had a good summer. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to school and also welcome our new Year 7. It has been a really positive first week and a bit. All students have had an introductory assembly, they were attentive and in their correct uniform as I would expect. My main message was to participate fully and take every opportunity to learn in every sense of the word. It has subsequently been good to see students working effectively in their lessons.

This week I led the first Whole School Assembly with the theme of the UN International Day of Democracy. I made reference to recent events in the UK, Venezuela, Germany and the USA so please feel free to discuss any of these further with your children.

There are a lot of important dates coming up in the next few weeks. The Year 11 Preparation Evening has already taken place and it was good to see so many students, parents and carers present. The first Open Morning for prospective new students has already taken place and the Open Evening takes place on 25 September, I would recommend attending one of the earlier Open Mornings as they tend to be less busy.

All parent/carers have the chance to meet their child's tutor on 19 September. Somewhat further in the distance we have the Celebration Evening for last year's Year 11 students on 28 November and we hope to see as many students and their families as possible.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

## Student Leadership

At the end of the last academic year all students came together in their tutor groups to discuss the protection of their learning, and how they wanted staff to respond to their actions. After an afternoon of debate, all of the tutor groups handed their ideas to Mr Cornwall to begin the creation of the Student Charter.

A small group from Student Leadership spent the day categorising the feedback from all the students, until they had created four clear documents that represented the voice of Crispin students. These documents were entitled 'The Voice of Crispin', 'Praise Stages', 'Learning Stages' and finally 'Recognition'. I am pleased to say that this student voice sits as the cornerstone of many of our processes and we hope will encourage and motivate students to see that their voice matters and that this is a place where they truly belong.

In next week's assemblies members of the Student Leadership Team along with Heads of Year will share the final work with students in their assemblies.

The school is also in the process of designing classroom displays so students can see how their voice has been adopted by the school and is being used and enforced daily.

## Upcoming Open Mornings Tuesday 17 September (SEND Focus) Thursday 19 September

**CRISPIN OPEN DAYS  
BOOK NOW!**

See the school, meet the students,  
speak to the team.

For further details of  
dates and how to book,  
please visit our website

[www.crispinschool.co.uk/OpenDays](http://www.crispinschool.co.uk/OpenDays)

## Class Charts

We would like to welcome all new Year 7 parents to Class Charts, our attendance and recognition platform.

At present 70% of our parents/carers have signed up to this platform and we would like this to be as close to 100% as possible.

Class Charts provides all parents/carers with up to date information regarding timetables, praise and recognition, detentions and behaviour.

Having this information at your finger tips enables parents/carers to be one step ahead and support the school to achieve the best possible outcome for your child(ren).

### Attendance (year to date)

**Year 7 - 99%**

**Year 8 - 93%**

**Year 9 - 98%**

**Year 10 - 88%**

**Year 11 - 89%**



## Year 11

### Exam Information - Contingency Day 2025

The summer examination series will commence on **Thursday 8 May until Friday 20 June** with some vocational exams taking place before. A copy of the full exam timetable will be published when available on the school website.

In line with the Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual, awarding bodies have designated **Wednesday 11 June (pm session)** and **Wednesday 25 June as a 'contingency day' for examinations.**

This is an additional day at the end of the exam period which will only be used in the event of major or national disruption to exams, in which case it is possible that exam dates could be rescheduled up to and including the contingency day.

**It is important that your child is available until Wednesday 26 June to ensure they can sit all their exams.** Results will be issued to students on **Thursday 21 August.**

Further details regarding the arrangements will be available closer to the time. To view the provisional exam timetable please see our [website](#).

## Enrichment

We have some really exciting new clubs!

Check out our [website](#) to find out more information.

## School Canteen

For information regarding the school canteen, please see our [website](#). Please note there have been some price increases.

Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is kept topped up!

## Bus Passes

It is really important that all students with a bus pass remember to carry it on them daily.

The bus drivers are required to ask to see them.

If your child has lost their bus pass, please reapply to Somerset County Transport, by clicking [here](#).

## Water Bottles

Please ensure all students bring a water bottle into school, there are six water stations within school for students to refill their bottles during break and lunch.

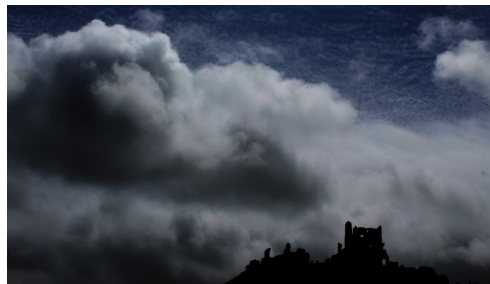
## Young Photographers Competition

Our Year 11 student, Alisha Yepis Blank has won second prize in the national round of the Young Photographers competition.

Alisha previously won the local round of the senior group and therefore was put forward for the national round.

This is the first time a Crispin student has won a prize in the national round of the competition.

As well as winning a £50 Amazon voucher Alisha will also win the trophy above. They will present to her during a Wells Rotary Club meeting.



## SCHOOL SHOP

Open every Monday & Wednesday



Lunch times  
13:30 - 14:10

## OPEN EVENTS

[www.btc.ac.uk](http://www.btc.ac.uk)

**BRIDGWATER CAMPUS**  
Tuesday 8 October | 6pm - 8pm

**TAUNTON CAMPUS**  
Wednesday 9 October | 6pm - 8pm

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# Crispin Fundraising

Each Year group will be choosing a local charity to raise money for this academic year. Any non-uniform days will contribute to the total money raised, as well as many other fund-raising events through the year.

## Year 7 Fundraising Challenge

This term, Year 7 students have been invited to try their hand at fundraising for a local charity. This is completely optional but it is the hope that all Year 7s will 'have a go'. This challenge will be supported by tutors and, where possible, resources and space can be provided to complete fundraising ideas.



Students will be asked to come up with ideas and different ways of raising funds for the 'Time is Precious' Charity. These ideas can be in school or out of school and students can work independently or within a team. We are looking for students to demonstrate imagination, drive, commitment and time management. Which are vital life skills to strengthen their own personal development. From doing chores to sponsored 'keppy-ups' to dance-a-thons and toy sales, students will have the opportunity to share their ideas and plan their fundraising. It is all part of the learning experience.

The target given for this challenge is to raise £20.24 before the end of 2024. This is of course just a benchmark figure. Students can raise whatever funds they can, in whatever way they can, before we ask that the funds are paid to school via ParentPay.

I hope that with the encouragement from tutors and the support from home lots of students will give this challenge a go and many will reach the £20.24 target.

This year's chosen charity is 'Time is Precious'. This is a voluntary run charity which has been running since 2011. It was set up by Neil and Nicky Halford in memory of their son Ben who sadly died from cancer in 2010. He was cared for at Bristol Children's Hospital, Frenchay and RUH children's ward for almost four years. Time is Precious aims to create a more comfortable and relaxed atmosphere for children and their families in hospital or at home. The charity works alongside specialists to purchase equipment and refurbish areas to support children whose illness or disability means long hospital stays for treatment. This equipment also helps family members who want to be with them because time is just that precious.

**For more information about this charity, please visit: <https://timeisprecious.org/about/>**

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Emotional Health  
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Smoking  
Alcohol

**Got a concern?**  
**If you're 11-19**  
it only takes one text to start making a difference

You'll get confidential advice from your School Nursing Team and you don't have to give your name if you don't want to.

Just send a text or scan me  
**07480 635 516**

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**ChatHealth**

Parent advice & support  
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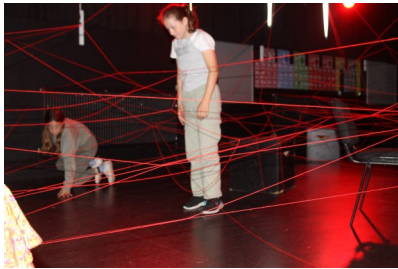
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# Summer School 2024 Fun!



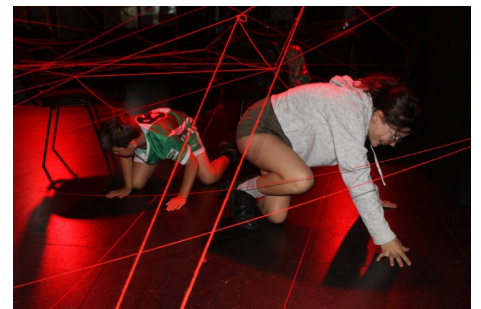
*'It was really fun, I loved Movie Madness Monday and the House Celebrations'*



*'I made lots of new friends, it was really good fun'*



*'I wish Summer School was longer, the three days went by really quickly'*



*'The staff were really nice and made Summer School great fun, I enjoyed making fake bruises and fake blood'*



# Meet our Crispin Staff!

Each week we will be introducing you to some of our staff members, so you can get to know them a little bit better!

## This week is the turn of Mr Moody

*Mr Moody is an Inclusion Support Teaching Assistant*

**Q: What made you want to be a Teaching Assistant?**

I have helped my grandchildren learn as they have grown, and can see the value and impact it has had whilst growing up.

**Q: How long have you been a teaching assistant?**

This my first week.

**Q: What are your favourite things to do in your free time?**

Woodworking, Building projects and Gaming.

**Q: Why did you choose Crispin?**

Crispin is close to home, and my grandchildren attend the school.

**Q. What job did you want to do when you were younger?**

Before leaving school, I wanted to be a Police Officer.

**Q: Do you have any siblings?**

I have a younger brother

**Q: What was your favourite subject at school?**

Science, as I enjoyed the experiments and manual tasks.

**Q: Do you have any pets?**

No pets, but my grandchildren have a dog, which my wife and I look after when they go on holiday.

**Q: What is your favourite breed of dog and why?**

Pomeranian. The one that looks like a Teddy Bear, as they look cute. But, I also like my grandchildren's dog (Shi-Tzu, Terrier Cross) as he is also cute.

**Q: What are your favourite sports?**

Rugby was my main sport

**Q: What is your dream car?**

Audi R8

**Q: What is your favourite food?**

Chicken and Chips





# PTA Meeting

**Thursday 03 October - 18:00**

The first Parent Teacher Association meeting will be held Thursday 03 October in the Main Hall.

If you would like to attend please email the office asking for Mr Horner and he will provide you with further details.

Please know that this is not a commitment to all events this year, but an opportunity to share views and help where you can.





**Wessex Learning Trust**  
We Learn Together!

**Can you spare 2 hours a month to mentor a student in your community?**

**We would love to hear from you! Come along to our information session to meet us and find out more.**

Tuesday 17th September  
9 - 10.15 or  
3.30-4.30  
Studio 4

The Kings Leisure Centre, Station Road,  
Cheddar BS27 3AH



Email us at: [mentoring@wessexlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:mentoring@wessexlearningtrust.co.uk)

Diary of events	W/C 16 September 2024 WEEK A	W/C 23 September 2024 WEEK B
<b>MONDAY</b>		Year 7 photos
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Open Morning 09.15 - 11.00	Open Morning 09.15 - 11.00
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		Open Morning 09.15 - 11.00 Open Evening, 18.30 - 20.30
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Open Morning 09.15 - 11.00 Meet the Tutor Evening, Main Hall, 16.00 - 18.00	
<b>FRIDAY</b>		

