



Message from the Headteacher

I have managed to serve as Headteacher at Crispin being relatively low-key and pretty much anonymous away from Street. However, in the last couple of months everywhere I go there are students or ex-students. First day of the holidays as I turned round the corner by the Arnolfini in Bristol, ex-student; my block at Brentford FC, student and parent; taking my ninety one year old father to a café in Marks and Spencer in the South East of England, student and walking into a shop after having my teeth pummelled by a dentist with my face all over the place and, ex-student. I couldn't quite 'get' the fact that an ex-student was working there and she must have thought from the state of me that I had fallen on very hard times. She enquired 'Are you still Head at Crispin?' with a concerned face. My response was probably fairly hard to make out.

The point of the above? When I am in another 'mode' I often cannot comprehend there are members from the Crispin community present and I am not at my most articulate. My fellow Brentford supporting Crispinites must have been told about fifteen times in two minutes 'I hope you enjoy the game'. No doubt they did as we beat Crystal Palace.

And last week I ran into a student who left last year who is doing an apprenticeship away from Street. I genuinely cannot comprehend why these chance encounters have risen so dramatically. Anyway, if I appear different away from Crispin it is not a result of being 'cold', it is function of utter incredulity. A large part of me does enjoy seeing people related to 'school life' down the years.

It has been a pleasure to see a wide range of students, prospective students and, parents and carers at the Open Mornings to date and also the Year 11 Preparation Evening. I am glad that there has been such positive feedback regarding both ventures. I am writing this just before the Meet the Tutor Evening and I hope that these sessions are equally successful.

I have been delighted to see so many students start the year so well. The level of House Points has increased markedly across the school even allowing for some changes to the system. This is true of all years. I am attempting to congratulate students who had a particularly good start but the numbers involved mean this is taking longer than I appreciated so if there is a delay it is not laziness, it is a high number of impressive starts to students' years.

If parents and carers need to contact the school in most cases the first port of call should be the tutor. However, at times the relevant colleague will be someone else. We always endeavour to reply to queries or concerns as swiftly as possible. It is very rare that communications are intemperate or abusive and there is no need for this

to be the case. The best approach is always to present a case with clarity, rationality and in a civil manner. I appreciate that dealing with many organisations is far from easy and problems can range from emails or phone numbers that cannot be found to appointments that cannot be made. I know many of you will not believe this, but where a concern is raised in a clear, and civil manner even if there are challenges for all parties the outcome is better in almost every case.

There is no doubt that schools have more pressures on their time than in the past, but our intention is always to deal with issues swiftly. Sometimes this is easier than at others. But there is both a moral and a strategic imperative to respond as soon as possible. It is rather clichéd but where students, parent and carers and colleagues at school are working in unison the outcomes are often most positive.

A reminder for any parents and carers with children in Year 6 that our Open Evening is on Wednesday 25 September from 18:30 - 20:30 and we would be delighted to see you there. Also, thank you to those who are allowing your children to help that evening.

I hope you all have a good weekend and if you are going to Tottenham on Saturday feel free to say hello as I walk back to Seven Sisters Station, but do not be surprised if I am lost for words.

Upcoming Open Events

Thursday 19 September 09:15 - 11:00

Tuesday 24 September 09:15 - 11:00

Wednesday 25 September 09:12 - 11:00

Wednesday 25 September 18:30 - 20:30

Please email office@crispinschool.co.uk to book your places.

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.



GCSE Preparation Evening

Thank you to all of the parents/carers that came along to our GCSE Preparation Evening on Thursday.

It was good to see so many of you.



Yeovil Town U15s Signing

Our Year 10 student Dylan, has been signed for Yeovil Town Football Club Under 15's Academy.

Dylan successfully completed three phases of football trials throughout the summer which led to him being signed.

A massive achievement for Dylan.



Junior Golfing Champion

Our Year 9 student Charlie played in the Wells Junior Nett Golfing Championships and won!

Charlie shot 84 gross and 63 Nett.

A huge congratulations to Charlie!



Cricket Success

Year 10 student Dillon has been selected for the Somerset Pathway U15 Boys for 2024/25 as a bowler in cricket. Winter training starts in November taking place at The County Ground in Taunton and at Millfield School.

He has played cricket at Street Cricket Club since he was about seven years old and this season has played for them in the U15 team, Adult first team on a Saturday and the Sunday Adult team. He has also played in the Shapwick U19s Team.

Last season he was selected to play in the U14 MCC Foundation Hub Programme which provided him valuable high quality intensive cricket coaching and match play.

Huge congratulations to Dillon.





School Timings

School starts at	08:30
Break time	11:05
Lunch time	13:10
School Ends	15:10

Mobile Phones

All mobile phone devices must be switched off and out of sight when entering the school site. Mobile phones are not to be used in school unless instructed by a member of staff.

Mobile phones will be confiscated and left in the Main Reception for collection at the end of the school day.

Persistent confiscation will result in parent/carers having to collect the phone.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all items of clothing that are brought into school are clearly named and labelled. It helps us to return all of the lost property to it's rightful owners.

Pre Loved Uniform

If you have any items of uniform that you would like to donate please bring them to Crispin Reception, preferably washed and in good condition.

School Canteen

Please do not forget to keep your ParentPay accounts topped up for purchases in the school canteen. The system can sometimes take over night to update, especially if it is a card payment, so please try to allow extra time to ensure that this is showing.

Household Support Fund

Due to the cost of living crisis and more families needing support, we would like to encourage families to log onto the Somerset Household Support Fund and apply if they feel they need to.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/care-and-supportforadults/somerset-household-support-fund/>

The Household Support Fund could help if you are struggling to afford things like:

Gas and Electricity – For those with pre-payment energy meters, your cards or keys can be topped up. (vouchers must be redeemed within 5 days of receipt). For help towards all other energy bills, Food vouchers can be given in lieu of payment towards fuel bills. The value of the food vouchers can then be used to offset payment of fuel bills or other direct debit bills.

Food – For help towards paying for food, supermarket food vouchers are issued which can be used in all major supermarkets (valid for six months from receipt).

You do not need to be in receipt of benefits to apply for this fund. And any existing benefits will not be affected by payments from this fund.

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](#).

Overdue Library Books

To all students that borrowed books from our school library before the summer holidays and have not yet returned them, could you please do so as soon as possible.



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



**DON'T FORGET
YOUR WATER BOTTLES**



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 Mrs Loxton

Mrs Loxton is our SEND Administrator

Q: Why did you choose to work at Crispin?

I like the ethos of the school, and it was an ideal opening for me. I love being organised and helping children.

Q: How long have you worked at Crispin?

I have worked here since February.

Q: What's your favourite thing to do in your free time?

I love being outside in nature, going for walks and spending time with my children.

Q: How many children do you have?

I have 4 children, aged between 5 and 15.

Q: What job did you want to do when you were younger (that wasn't teaching)?

I wanted to be an interior designer! There used to be a TV show on called 'Changing Rooms' and it was my favourite show to watch. I actually have a diploma in Interior Design, but never followed it through to become a career.

Q: Do you have any siblings?

Yes, I have a (very tall!) younger brother.

Q: What was your favourite subject at school?

I loved Art and Graphics, which I chose as 2 of my options when I was here at Crispin. In fact, Mrs Daw was my tutor and Graphics teacher.

Q: What is your favourite food?

I love Italian food, everything tastes better with cheese!

Q: Do you have any pets and what is their names?

Yes, I have a dog called Beau.

Q: What kind of dog is she?

She is a husky. She is a ball of energy and very snuggly!

Q: What job did you do before working here?

I used to work as management in retail, I was there for 10 years before I wanted more time to myself and for my children.

Q: Where did you last go on holiday?

I went to the New Forest and stayed in a cabin in the woods, it was so lovely and peaceful.



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We Need Your
HELP
To refill our shelves!

FOODBANK STOCK LEVELS

September 24

Some of our stocks are very **LOW**



Demand has been high lately, so we'd be extremely grateful for donations of:

- Tinned Potatoes / Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned Peas
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Chickpeas/Kidney Beans
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Soup
- Packet Soup
- Tinned Ravioli/Spaghetti
- Jars of Cooking Sauces
- Rice
- Pasta
- Instant noodles
- Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Instant Coffee
- Tea bags (packs of 80)
- UHT Milk
- Biscuits
- Crisps & snacks
- Fruit Squash
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Toothpaste
- Strong Shopping Bags

Donations can be dropped off Mon-Wed, Fri or Sun 9.30 til 1pm at
The Salvation Army, Goswell Road, Street, BA16 0GJ
(or contact us to arrange a time to suit you)



Thank you for helping us to help our local community

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Diary of events	W/C 23 September 2024 WEEK B	W/C 30 September 2024 WEEK A
MONDAY	Year 7 photos	
TUESDAY	Open Morning 09.15 - 11.00	
WEDNESDAY	Open Morning 09.15 - 11.00 Open Evening, 18.30 - 20.30	Year 9 Careers Fair Open Morning 09.15 - 11.00
THURSDAY		Year 8(X) Geography Fieldwork Dyslexia Support Group 18:00
FRIDAY		Year 8 (Y) Geography Fieldwork





Welcome to Crispin

In order to provide the best learning environment possible, schools across Street are committed to the wellbeing of all members of our community, this includes children, parents / carers and staff. We expect all staff and visitors to treat children and colleagues with the courtesy and respect they would expect to receive themselves. In addition, it is important that adults should set a good example to children at all times.

We expect all visitors to

- ◆ Respect the caring ethos at each school
- ◆ To follow all safeguarding guidelines
- ◆ To approach members of staff for assistance with any issues in an appropriate manner.
- ◆ To work with the school in the correction of child's actions, especially where it has, or could lead to, conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour

Unacceptable conduct includes

- ◆ Verbal abuse which includes swearing and shouting
- ◆ Any form, or threat of, violence
- ◆ Aggression
- ◆ Harassment
- ◆ Derogatory comments linked to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other personal characteristic
- ◆ Possessing, abusing, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances on the school site
- ◆ Sending abusive or threatening emails, texts, phone messages or letters to anyone within the school community
- ◆ Disruptive behaviour which interferes with areas such as classrooms or office areas
- ◆ Using social networking sites to single out individuals, bully or to distribute untruthful or malicious information or comments

In the event that these expectations are not met visitors may be asked to:

- ◆ Stop and consider changing their actions
- ◆ Leave the school site
- ◆ Refrain from contacting members of staff

In the event of serious or persistent breaches of these expectations we may:

- ◆ Send parents a legally approved warning letter
- ◆ Withdraw permission for visitors to enter the school premises.

In the case of bullying, untruthful or malicious comments on social networking sites, the schools may request that the comments are deleted. The governing bodies and individuals in liaison with their professional associations may also consider legal action.

This code is supported by our Governing Body and all schools in Street.

All staff and visitors have the right to work in a safe environment without fear of intimidation, abuse or assault.