



Welcome to this week's Bulletin!

As we move through the school year, there are natural moments that invite us as teachers to reflect on our work and the progress our students are making.

Recently, I've had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with many prospective parents and students who are considering joining the Crispin community in September. These conversations have allowed me to share countless stories about what makes Crispin a truly special place and why it's the school of choice for so many. It's been a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the progress and improvements we've made as a school and the positive impact these have had on our students, as well as to look forward to the exciting developments ahead.

Our new Lower and Upper School structure has fostered a greater sense of belonging, creating two smaller tight-knit communities within the larger school. For our new Year 7 students, daily interactions with their tutors have helped them settle quickly and comfortably into life at Crispin. Tutors, as the first point of contact for both students and parents, play a vital role in ensuring everyone feels supported. Each year group now benefits from a dedicated Head of Year who works closely with myself for Lower School, and Mr. Bullock for Upper School, to ensure that praise, guidance, and support are delivered effectively and in a timely manner.

At our recent Open Evening, one of our Year 7 students spoke confidently to an audience of over 300, sharing her experience of a smooth and positive transition to Crispin. She highlighted how quickly friendships have been formed and the enjoyment she's already found in her school life here.

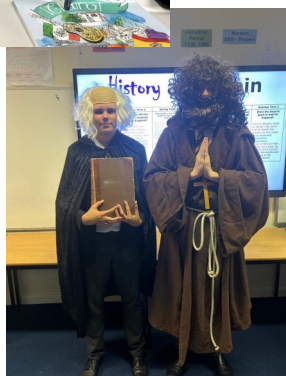
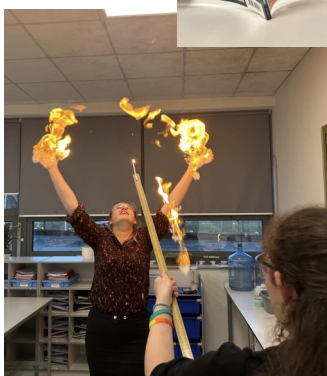
I still have a few more primary schools to visit, meeting Year 6 students who are preparing for their next big step, but if you haven't yet visited Crispin, we warmly invite you to one of our Open Mornings for Year 6 families.

After half-term, we will also be hosting open mornings for families of students in both the Lower and Upper Schools. These visits offer a fantastic opportunity to see the school in action, visit classrooms, and hear directly from our Year 8 tour guides. Parents who have joined us this year have found these visits incredibly valuable, appreciating the chance to experience the school in its day-to-day environment. If you'd like to attend, please contact us at office@crispinschool.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to Crispin soon.

Whether you are considering joining us or are already a part of our community, we are excited about the future and all the opportunities ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.



Upcoming Open Events

Wednesday 02 October 09:15 - 11:00

Thursday 10 October 09:15 - 11:00

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





Drop Everything And Read

This week is Crispin's first Reading Week, which involved all students participating in a Drop Everything And Read session period 1 on Monday 23 September within their tutor groups. Students discussed this week's Word of the Week (Algorithm) which they are encouraged to use in their verbal and written work in lessons this week for house points. They then continued to read their Crispin Reads novels and tutors spoke about the home reading which is being set for all students in the lower school.

Extended Learning will not be set for students in Year 7/8/9 and instead, students have been given a short story to read at home to promote their independent reading for this week only. Each year group will be reading five stories at home this academic year, all selected to explore a specific genre: Year 7 are reading dystopian stories; Year 8 are reading stories from the Gothic genre and Year 9 are reading material exploring the different aspects of diversity.

This week, we welcome parents/carers to join in with and/or speak to their children about this week's reading as per below:

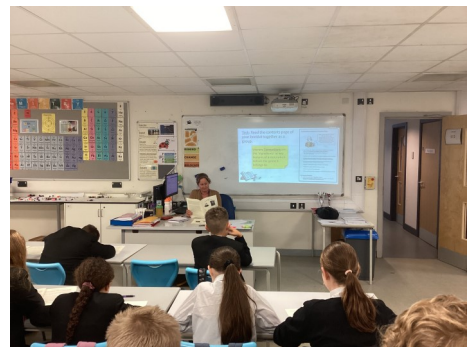
Year 7 students are reading Examination Day by Henry Slesar.

Year 8 students are reading The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allen Poe

Year 9 students are reading Games at Twilight by Anita Desai

All students will be discussing their home reading with their tutors in next week's first Crispin Reads session.

Happy Reading! Mrs. J Turner (Head of English)



Year 11

The first iteration of our After School NEA UpGrade timetable is here!

Please encourage your child to attend to maximise their NEA grade and use the UpGrade room for independent work/revision. These sessions will be added to throughout the year, we will update you as and when this happens.

After School UpGrade

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject Time, Focus, Room	IT 15:15-16:15, NEA Support, i11	Art 15:15-16:15, NEA Support, i21	Sport 15:15-16:15, NEA Support, i13/i14	UpGrade Room 15:15-16:30 Independent Work i06
Subject Time, Focus, Room		Graphics 15:15-16:15, NEA Support, i21		
Subject Time, Focus, Room		Photography 15:15-16:15, NEA Support, i21		
Subject Time, Focus, Room		UpGrade Room 15:15-16:30 Independent Work i06		



Crispin Community pledges Zero Tolerance to Homophobic, Bi-phobic and Transphobic Language

Last week all year groups listened to assemblies about the need for everyone to feel a sense of belonging in our school community, and what we can all do individually and collectively to support this.

The assemblies then considered how we can show allyship to our LGBTQ+ community, and in particular our zero-tolerance approach to homophobic, bi-phobic and transphobic language.

Throughout the week, students and staff have been invited to pledge their support by initialling our pride flag and have received a rainbow wristband as an ongoing visual representation of their allyship.

So far, we have had **over 800 pledges!**

The flag will go into the staff room now, for any colleagues who have not had an opportunity to pledge, before being displayed in school to show our ongoing commitment to inclusion and diversity at Crispin.



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STREET YOUTH CLUB

Weekly youth clubs where everyone is welcome.

Mondays & Fridays 7-9pm
Ages 10-19 | Entry £1 | Term time only

Hang out with your friends | Meet new people | Activities & games | Free food
Lots of extra events and trips too!

Venue: Street Young People's Centre, Strode Road, BA16 0AS

we welcome all young people aged 10-19



An exciting opportunity to meet new friends & join in fun activities.

To sign up please access the consent form by scanning the QR code or via the link <https://forms.gle/AvNMEj3MqWz3rux5> Consent must be provided by a parent/carer

For more information contact:
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Youth Work at Crispin with the YMCA Street Youth Team

Lunch Club: Year 7 & 8
Monday Week A, Room T16

Games & activities, hang out with friends, bring your lunch, chat with youth workers

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Celebration of Art work

Poppy Lyons (Year 11 leaver) Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating some of the amazing Year 11 GCSE Art and Photography work from the summer. Due to exam restrictions we were unable to share it before now.

First to be selected is Poppy Lyons who excelled in both GCSE Fine Art and Photography, here are just four of her many superb pieces of work from both courses. Mrs Maxfield



Help us celebrate the European Day of Languages 2024 by entering our competition

Crispin's
GREAT EUROPEAN Bake Off

To enter: choose a category, bake at home and bring in your bake before break in L03 on

MONDAY 30TH SEPT

Prizes awarded for

- 1 Best authentic European bake
2. Best European themed decoration

STRODE College

You are warmly invited to our

Open Evening

Thursday 24 October
5.30pm-8pm

- Come and meet our friendly and welcoming students and staff.
- Find out what courses, apprenticeships, enrichments and facilities we have on offer.

Register to attend our Open Evening by scanning this QR code.

Register online today!



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 9's chosen charity is School in a bag - an educational charity



What does School in a Bag do?

School in a Bag is a Somerset-based educational charity, sending SchoolBags filled with stationery and eating utensils to disadvantaged children around the world. As a donor, you fund a SchoolBag (costs include all the contents and shipping), plus they are individually numbered so you get to find out exactly where in the world your bag has gone – more often than not, donors are able to learn details and see an image of the beneficiary of their SchoolBag showing full transparency of the donation.

A SchoolBag is a simple solution, each filled with essential resources that will enable a child to write, draw, colour, calculate, express themselves, eat, drink and above all, learn. A typical SchoolBag contains: 12 pencils, 10 biros, 12 colouring pencils, a maths set, ruler, pencil case, 6 exercise books, a water bottle, a LunchBox with Spork and a hygiene kit which includes a flannel, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste.

By a child receiving these items, it means they can attend school with all the equipment they need – often impossible due to lack of money or losing all they own after displacement from their home or country. We know through working closely with our overseas partners, that by receiving a SchoolBag, attendance goes up at a dramatic rate (especially with girls), and from there, grades go up and further education becomes a much more achievable goal.

So many of these children aspire to be teachers and doctors; to better theirs and their families' lives, but without an education this is often not possible. If we, through our work of fundraising for the money to provide the SchoolBags and our partners' work in the countries we work in, can get them to the children who need them most, then we can help make this a reality.

To date over 150,000 SchoolBags have been distributed to children in 56 countries, but over 250 million children around the world don't get to attend school. We aim to help as many of these children as we possibly can and with your help, we can achieve so much more.

A SchoolBag costs just £20 to fund and if it's the same challenge as the Year 7s to raise £20.24, this would mean every student completing the task will have raised enough for a SchoolBag – which is absolutely brilliant!

Time permitting we will come into school in the New Year and the students can pack their SchoolBags to then be able to track where in the world they go – a very fitting end to their fundraising as well as making the fundraising completely transparent as to where their money is going.

We have a lovely two-minute video which sums up the work we do, plus making it more visual: [School in a Bag video](#)

The charity started initially as the Piers Simon Appeal, named after our Founder & CEO's older brother, who sadly lost his life in the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004 so with the 20-year anniversary this year, it's also fitting timing to choose the charity. During this time, we've raised over £5 million and are well on our way to raising our sixth Million, transformed thousands of children's lives through education, built three schools, with three more currently being built and we've run a successful music festival on the farm where we're based for 17 years, raising over £800,000 – not bad for a small charity!





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 Harvey

Mrs Harvey is our Assistant Headteacher

Q: How long have you been a teacher for?

I have been a teacher for 15 years and before I was a teacher, I used to work in recruitment and HR.

Q: Why did you choose to work at Crispin?

I had heard many good things about Crispin and I thought the job that was being advertised was really, really interesting.

Q: What job did you do before you came to work here?

Before here I worked at Chilton Trinity School in Bridgwater where I was head of Performing Arts and English.

Q: What were your favourite subjects at school?

Music, English and Drama.

Q: Do you have any favourite hobbies?

Yes, I do. I love going to the gym, going to the theatre, spending times with my friends and family and reading.

Q: What is your favourite movie?

The Disney film Cars because it was my son's favourite. I also love the film 'A Knight's Tale' with Heath Ledger.

Q: What genre of music do you listen to?

I like to listen to rock music and music from musical theatre.

Q: What's your favourite thing to do after school?

I like to go to the gym to do CrossFit.

Q: Do you have any children?

Yes I do. I have an 11 year old son called Michael who has just started Secondary School.

Q: Do you have any siblings?

Yes, I do. I have a younger sister called Joanna who works in London.

Q: Do you have any pets?

Yes I do. I have two long haired cats that are black and white called Domino and Oreo. I would love to have a dog but I'm just not home enough.

Q: What's your favourite food?

I like Chinese food, I like pizza and my favourite fish to eat is salmon.

Q: What's your favourite thing to drink?

I would have to say coffee because caffeine is life...

Q: What's the one thing you'd love to do?

I would love to take a round the world trip.

Q. Name a celebrity you would like to meet.

I would like to meet Stephen Fry because I think he would be very interesting.





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.

AUTUMN BOOK SALE!

5p 10p 20p
Books
CASH ONLY

Tue October 1st and Wed October 2nd

Break and Lunchtimes - E Block



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**Youth Work at Crispin
with the YMCA
Street Youth Team**

121 Support Sessions
for years 9, 10 & 11

Talk to your head of year, Mrs Drew, or Ms Charles if you need some support and they can arrange a 121 session with us.

We are here if you want to talk or need some advice, and we also offer C-card

To find out more, drop in to T16 at lunchtime on Monday Week A

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Diary of events	W/C 30 September 2024 WEEK A	W/C 07 October 2024 WEEK B
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	Year 9 Careers Fair Open Morning 09:15 - 11:00 Dyslexia Support Group, Main Hall, 18:00	Neurodiversity Parent Forum, Main Hall, 18:00
THURSDAY	Year 8 (Y) Lulworth Cove PTA Meeting, Main Hall, 18:00	Open Morning 09:15 - 11:00
FRIDAY	Year 8 (X) Lulworth Cove	

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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.