



Message from the Headteacher

We are now into the period where the last days of summer have clearly departed and many of us are having to wake up in the cold and dark. Roll on the days getting longer and the mornings warmer.

Mrs Maude wrote about transition into Year 7 in the last bulletin. We held our Open Evening last week which was very well attended with certainly the highest attendance since the Covid-19 period and quite possibly since I have been at Crispin. It was a pleasure to meet prospective students, parents and carers. We have also been running a series of Open Mornings and there is still one next week if you wish to attend. I would like to put on record my thanks to Mrs Maude for all her work in this area; all the staff who have contributed; the Year 8 students who have acted as guides and all the other students who have been involved.

Mrs Maude has also been visiting primary schools around our local area as part of the wider transition process.

I have received positive feedback on our students in a variety of areas. Year 9 students attended a Careers Day in Yeovil on Wednesday where their conduct was exemplary. I saw the first half of our Year 10 boys football team's victory in the County Cup. I wanted to watch the whole game but unfortunately some pressing, time limited tasks meant that was not to be. I have also received good reports on students involved in organising football tournaments for our local primary schools and Year 8's engagement in their Geography field trip to Lulworth Cove.

I also had the opportunity to praise Year 11 at the end of their assembly for their impressive start to the year after a presentation from Strode College.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Highest House Points (Since September)

Year 7 - Darcey Chilcott
Year 9 - Amy Hodgson
Year 11 - Thomas Squire

Year 8 - Olivia Denton
Year 10 - Poppy Chadwick

House Points

Congratulations to these students who have received the most House Points during this term.

Olivia Denton	Year 8	Darcey Chilcott	Year 7
Samuel Crosse	Year 8	Poppy Chadwick	Year 10
George Ware	Year 8	Amber Stevens	Year 10
Lily Perry	Year 8	Elsbeth Cameron	Year 10
Jacob Hunter	Year 8	Leela Farmer	Year 8
Morgana Mantovani	Year 8		
Mackenzie Bloodworth	Year 10		

Upcoming Open Event Thursday 10 October 09:15 - 11:00

Mobile Phones

The issue of mobile phones in schools is one which has been in the news in the last few months. In common with most schools the use of mobile phones is strictly limited at Crispin, largely for safeguarding reasons. They can only be used when explicit permission is given by a member of staff, otherwise they should not be seen.

It is important that parents/carers reinforce the importance of the stance. Issues coming into school from the use of social media in the community is one of the main challenges schools face and this can negatively impact the wellbeing of students.

Probably the greatest challenge for schools is when children have unfettered use of their phone outside school. It is relatively rare that a child has no limits, but some parents/carers have openly admitted that they feel unable to challenge their children in this area. The precise nature of ground rules for phone use outside of school is not our direct concern, but clearly it becomes difficult for a small minority of students to 'switch off' when their phone is their constant companion outside of school.



Visitor Reception

For anyone who has not been to Crispin this year, the Visitor Reception has moved.

The entrance is now through the first set of doors when approaching the school from the direction of Strode College.



VEX Robotics

VEX Robotics Competition is underway with the launch of this year's game, Rapid Relay <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aa0B7kNHpg8>

The students listened attentively and became familiar with the game elements including the coding system the robot parts and the parts of the new arena. Next week we will really begin building and writing in our engineering notebooks, working on the arena build so that they can start practicing their game strategies.

Dates for the diary: **Provisional Regional Competition (Crispin) Saturday 14 December 2024**



Black History Month

Black History Month is a national celebration. Black History Month aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and [Caribbean heritage](#) to British society, and to improve an understanding of Black History in general.

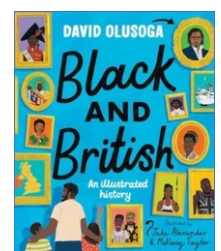
The Black History Month theme for 2024 is **'Reclaiming Narratives'** and marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.



Inspiring and Engaging Black History Month Books for Teens!

Black and British - This short, essential introduction to Black British history written by the award-winning historian and broadcaster David Olusoga will answer all your child's questions from 'when did Africans first come to Britain?' through to more comprehensive historical questions that parents dread such as, 'why did the American Civil War disrupt the Industrial Revolution?'

Olusoga's book is the children's version of the bestseller 'Black and British: A Forgotten History' and is illustrated with maps, photos and portraits. It will equip your child with a background understanding of Black British history from the Ancient Roman Africans who guarded Hadrian's Wall right up to the present day.



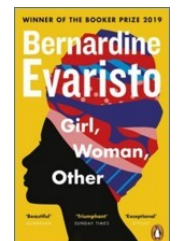
When Life Gives You Mangoes - When a quirky British girl called Rudy arrives in Sycamore Hill, she disrupts the life of 12-year-old Clara who enjoyed nothing more than eating ripe mangoes fallen from trees, running outside during the rainy season on an island that visitors call 'exotic', and escaping to her secret hideout with her best friend Gaynah. There's one other problem - she can't remember anything that happened last summer.

One parent says: 'I love that this book is about a girl with mental health issues (memory loss), and it was really well done.' The Birmingham-based author Getten is said to have added a surprising twist that will send young readers back to the start of the book to enjoy it all over again.



'Girl, Woman, Other' - The winner of the Booker Prize 2019, 'Girl, Woman, Other' follows the lives and struggles of twelve very different, mostly women, Black and British characters. They tell the stories of their families, friends and lovers across Britain and through the years. This vibrant and contemporary telling of history has been described as a novel of our times and 'celebratory, ever dynamic and utterly irresistible'.

One reader described the novel as: "Beautifully interwoven stories of identity, race, womanhood, and the realities of modern Britain. The characters are so vivid, the writing is beautiful, and it brims with humanity."





Year 8 Charity

We would like to announce that this year, our Year 8 students will be supporting the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance as their charity for the year.

Throughout the year, our Year 8 students will be organising various fundraising activities to support this charity. Whether it is supporting an event, sponsoring a challenge, or helping to lead on a project, we would like all to get involved.

This service provides life-saving, pre-hospital critical care to patients in need. Since March 2000, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance has been there for critically ill and injured people. The enhanced skills of the team, specialist equipment and drugs that they carry, along with the speed of their response, can make the difference between life and death.

The pilots use their incredible flying skills to reach patients in the local community, often in remote locations, by the roadside, in a park or on a beach. Clinical teams provide complex and life-saving interventions to stabilise and treat patients at the scene of the incident. Together, the clinical and aviation team essentially bring the hospital to the patient wherever they may be, giving them the best possible chance of survival.

We will be welcoming Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance service to visit an assembly in the next few weeks to talk to our students about what they do and to begin our fundraising journey.

<https://www.dsairambulance.org.uk/>



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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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Somerset Careers Fair

On Wednesday 02 October, the whole of Year 9 visited the Somerset Careers Fair at Westlands Leisure Complex in Yeovil. This year, the Fair had over 40 exhibitors all within one indoor area.

The Somerset Careers Fair is aimed at providing students with the latest, best, impartial advice and information from the widest range of institutions and providers – including sixth forms, colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers, employers and community sector organisations.

As a school we took half the year group in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. It was fantastic to see all of the students inquisitively looking at the broader options from a wide variety of courses. Mr Priddice was extremely keen to show his strength in a number of 'core strength activities'!

Hopefully, the time spent at the fair has given the students plenty to ponder regarding their future career choices.

Mr A Perry, Employability Coordinator



Year 8 Geography Fieldtrip

This week we were delighted to take all Year 8 students to Lulworth Cove. In class we have been learning about coastlines and the erosional processes that change these beautiful landscapes. With the Jurassic Coast on the doorstep, it is a fantastic opportunity for students to bring their geographical knowledge into the field. Students were amazing at making these connections. They were explaining what they were seeing and why the coastline was shaped as it is. We completed some brilliant field sketches and completed some questionnaires from members of the public who had visited the area. The next few lessons back at school will be focussed on using this data and developing our understanding of the location.

The students were a privilege to take, representing Crispin amazingly and throughout both days there were plenty of smiling faces, and a few very tired ones at the end of the day!





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 Miss Burridge

Miss Burridge is our First Aid Lead

Q: How long have you worked at Crispin?

I have been working at Crispin since November 2023

Q: What is the stupidest reason you have had to go to medical?

Eating hot chillies and mouth feeling on fire!!!

Q: What football team do you support?

If I had to pick an English team it would be QPR, but I support Spain when it comes to the World Cup

Q: What was your job before you worked at Crispin?

I worked for Avon and Somerset Police and also with the homeless. I have also worked in many different children homes where they are not very well.

Q: What was your dream job growing up?

I always want to be a nurse when I was younger and that is what I went on to study at Uni after school.

Q: Has there ever been a situation where you have struggled to help someone?

Within the school setting, we are only first aiders and there are times when we are unable to help but we are always here to listen.

Q: What is your favourite colour?

My favourite colour would be burgundy.

Q: Do you have any pets?

Yes I have a cat called Mittens.

Q: What music do you like?

Ska music is my favourite but I will listen to anything.

Q: What is there worst incident that has happened in medical?

We have a number of students with epilepsy in school so I have had to deal with lots of different epilepsy seizures.

Q: If you could teach a subject, what would it be?

I would teach Religious Studies or Maths.

Q: Do you have any hobbies/what do you enjoy doing in your free time?

MotoX is my hobby but I also like walking.






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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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Diary of events	W/C 07 October 2024 WEEK B	W/C 14 October 2024 WEEK A
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	Neurodiversity Parent Forum, Main Hall, 18:00	
THURSDAY	Open Morning 09:15 - 11:00	
FRIDAY		

