



Message from Mr Cornwall

I hope that you have enjoyed reading the weekly bulletins as much as I have so far, this academic year, there are moments where I truly become overcome with a sense of pride in the students and the school community that we are a part of.

With one week remaining of this first half term, it is a wonderful time to be reflective of all that we have achieved together, as well as the areas that we continue to work on to be that one percent better.

In the first half of this Autumn term the students and staff have simply outdone themselves. The highest number of house points on record (307,046) combined with a falling number of learning concerns across the school highlights the fantastic school the students are creating. A wonderful amount of news in relation to our students' involvement in the local community, football contracts, Somerset cricket, gymnastics medals, amazing golf swings, students in drama productions to name but a few – we are so very proud.

It feels like the right time to recognise everyone that is part of the Crispin community and continue to encourage the growth we are making together. Thank you to all parents and carers for your words of support as we help guide your children through their education so that they can flourish in the wider community, thank you to all the students for their willingness to take every opportunity available to them and their desire to learn and finally all of the staff at Crispin that work tirelessly to provide an environment to support and nurture the young people within our community.

There are so many things to celebrate about our students, but we pride ourselves on never settling, setting the bar high and rising to the challenge. Can I take this opportunity to encourage you to share anything that your children are doing outside of school so that we can celebrate their successes with you and finally ask everyone if you can give any time to support our PTA, I have openly said that all thriving schools have a strong supportive parent group behind it; this group needs a little support from everyone – this might be an evening here and there, but will enable more events to raise money and support the school to provide the best opportunity to our young people.

Highest House Points (Since September)

Year 7 Darcey Chilcott	Year 8 Samuel Crosse
Year 9 Tegan Nurse	Year 10 Mackenzie Bloodworth
Year 11 Matilda Patten	

House Points

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

Samuel Crosse	Year 8	Stacey Chick	Year 7
Harvey Dixon	Year 7	Alice Phillips	Year 7
Tyler Foster	Year 9	Riley Nicholls	Year 8
Iris Landrigan	Year 7	George Chadwick	Year 7
Anastasia Ibinceanu	Year 7	Isabella Neal	Year 7
Aria Hearn	Year 7	Olivia Denton	Year 8

PTA Meeting

Thankyou for those of you who attended the first PTA meeting last week.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 23 October at 18:00.

This will be an online teams meeting, so if you would like to be involved then please email office@crispinschool.co.uk asking for Mr Horner and you will be sent you the link.

Please remember by joining you are not committing to anything but to share your voice and offer support where you can would be much appreciated.



CRISPIN SCHOOL PRESENTS

A School production by arrangement with
The Really Useful Group Ltd.

THE NEXT GENERATION
**SCHOOL
of
ROCK**
THE MUSICAL

Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Book by Julian Fellowes Lyrics by Glenn Slater

STRODE THEATRE

6TH-8TH FEB '25

Tickets

Standard £14 *Under 16: £10

Available from Strode Theatre Box Office

www.strodetheatre.org.uk

*Parental discretion is advised as the show contains some occasional use of mild language



Time is Precious

On Tuesday 15 October we welcomed Nicky Halford from our Year 7 charity, Time is Precious. Nicky led an assembly to the whole of Year 7 about the charity and the huge difference it helps make to children's hospitals in and around Somerset.



Speaking with students it was clear that they enjoyed this assembly and took some valuable thoughts away from it. Libby (7CLB) commented that it was 'really interesting to find out about other people's experiences in hospital' and 'how the charity has been able to provide things to help them'.

Nicky showed the students a number of examples where children's waiting rooms, operation theatres and patient rooms had been redecorated to make them feel more comforting and less clinical. Leo (7CLB) continued, 'we got to see how lucky we are to be healthy, but also how we can help people who have to spend time in hospital'.

As well as decorating walls, ceilings and entrances, Nicky was able to talk about some of the investments of machinery Time is Precious have purchased for various children's hospitals. The majority of these being distraction equipment and games to engage young people during their time in hospital. George (7CLB) was particularly impressed with one machine, 'They had this awesome projector on the floor that was interactive. If I had to stay in hospital that would make it so much more fun'.

Following this assembly Year 7 had a drop down morning P1 and P2 on Wednesday 16 October. During this time students learnt more about our chosen charity and shared ideas and plans about their own fundraising.

A big Crispin thank you to Nicky Halford for her time and presentation on Tuesday and to all students and parents/carers for their support with this year's fundraising challenge.

Celebration of Art work

Anna Mulhern (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.

Second to be selected is Anna Mulhern who excelled in both GCSE Fine Art and Photography, here are just 4 of her many superb pieces of work from both courses. Mrs Maxfield



Traffic Disruption - Road Resurfacing on B3151

Details from <https://one.network/public>

Glaston Road from Street Inn roundabout to The Mead junction.

Traffic lights for prep work Friday 18 to Friday 25 October 09:30 to 15:30.

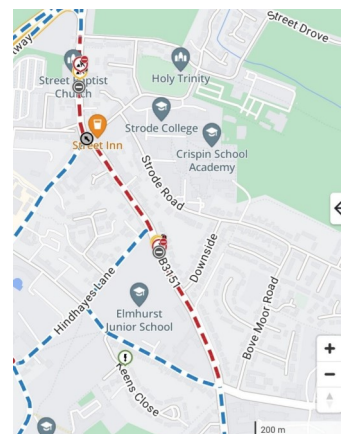
Road closure for resurfacing Monday 28 Oct to Fri 01 November 09:30 to 15:30 (half term week).

Somerton Road from Butleigh Road traffic lights to Street Inn.

Traffic lights for prep work from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 October 09:30 to 15:30.

Road Closure for resurfacing Wednesday 30 October to Friday 08 November 09:30 to 15:30.

Also traffic lights for finishing work to Tuesday 12 November.





TLE Football Tournament

A big thank you to our Year 10 & 11 football leaders for officiating at the TLE Girls Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament today. You were an absolute credit to the school.



An Inspector Calls Trip

On 09 October, we were lucky enough to take half of Year 11 to Bristol Hippodrome to see one of their GCSE texts performed on stage.

Stephen Daldry's adaptation was both interesting and engaging; with the students particularly enjoying the staging and pyrotechnics towards the end of the play that symbolised the downfall of society!

Many of our students showed off their knowledge of the play with key quotations and rigorous discussion on the coach journey home.

We even had a member of the public praise the attitude and behaviour of our Year 11s.

We are incredibly proud of them.



Kenya Student Team

HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE

£1 a cake

On sale during
lunchtimes outside S03

23rd & 24th October





Crispin had an unusual visitor!

On Thursday 17 October, a hedgehog was waiting for us as we entered the school site.

A couple of our students rescued the hedgehog and they released it into our wildlife area.



Young Writers' Competition

We are pleased to share with you that Tabitha in Year 8 is going to be a published writer for the second time, after submitting an entry to the Young Writers' Competition.

Mrs Farbus and all of 8-JFF are all so proud of Tabitha.



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Tuesday 22nd October - 6pm

1st place £20 amazon voucher
2nd place £15 amazon voucher
3rd place £10 amazon voucher

CRISPIN YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION

LOWER SCHOOL years 7 - 9

For singers, guitarists, pianists, violinists, clarinetists, trumpeters, drummers, bass players, sax players...ANYONE who wants to play or sing



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 Attfield

Mrs Attfield is our Acting Head of Science and Science Teacher

Q: Why do you like Science?

Science is a really challenging subject that keeps my brain working really hard. You have to study and work at it for years to get to the cutting edge research, which is where the really interesting stuff lies.

Q: What's your favourite part of Science?

I'm a trained Biologist, studying Animal Science at Nottingham University. As part of that my favourite modules were endocrinology and neurophysiology. In other words, the study of hormones, the brain and nervous system and how they enable our bodies to respond to the internal and external environment.

Q: What made you want to start teaching?

After university I didn't really know what I wanted to do with my degree. I applied for a reception job in school, which I didn't get because it was felt during my interview that I'd do a better job in a classroom. I worked as a teaching assistant for two years and absolutely loved working 1:1 with students and being in the classroom environment. What I really wanted to do at that point was focus purely on my subject, Science so trained to teach.

Q: Have you worked at any schools before this one?

I've been at Crispin for eight years. I was training to teach before that with my placements at Preston School in Yeovil and The Blue School in Wells. Before that I worked as an unqualified teacher and a teaching assistant at Robert Blake Science College in Bridgwater.

Q: What made you want to work here?

A maternity cover job came up for Mrs Norman the year I was training to teach so I applied. I loved my first year here because the students were really sparky and my team were so supportive. I was delighted when a full time position became available, applied for it and have been here ever since.

Q: Do you like Crispin and if so why?

What's unique about Crispin compared to the students I've taught elsewhere is that they seem more genuinely curious about what they are studying. I have had lots of really interesting conversations and questions in the eight years I've been here. The staff are really caring and welcoming here too.

Q: Were you a substitute in any lessons?

I have to do cover lessons as part of my job, so yes, I've covered lots of subjects over the years. I'm super-organised and like to be in control of my lessons, so struggle sometimes with the unpredictable nature of cover.

Q: Do you have any pets?

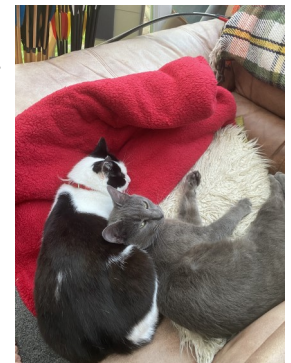
I have two cats, a grey cat called Hermes who was originally called Graham. My sister has his brothers and named them after Greek Gods (Zeus and Hades) so we followed suit calling ours Hermes. Raine is black and white and had that name when we rescued her from the RSPCA 9 years ago. I also have a fish tank filled with neon tetras, ember tetras, rili shrimp and three bumblebee horn snails.

Q: Do you have any hobbies at home?

Lots of hobbies, I do mixed martial arts and did my three hour grading a couple of weeks ago to get my deputy black belt. I also scrapbook and when I really have time I paint and bake. Painting really relaxes me, I pop on peaceful piano music and use acrylic on canvas. When I got married two years ago I painted each of my bridesmaids a canvas.

Q: What types of paintings do you do?

I paint all kinds of things, normally animals, flowers or landscapes. I feel inspired by nature.





Moorlight Theatre Productions presents

Aladdin
Script by Matthew Maisey

11th - 15th December

Meyer Theatre, Street,
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Diary of events	W/C 21 October 2024 WEEK B	W/C 04 November 2024 WEEK A
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	Year 7 & 8 Music Competition, 18:00	
WEDNESDAY	PTA Meeting, Main Hall, 18:00	Year 11 Geography Trip
THURSDAY		Year 11 Geography Trip
FRIDAY	INSET DAY	Year 11 Geography Trip

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