



Message from the Headteacher

As you will all be well aware we are at the end of the first, and longest, term of the year.

Generally, it has been a very successful term. I am pleased that Year 7 students have made an excellent start to their time at Crispin - there are some very good first reports. Year 8 students have done a very impressive job as tour guides for open events. Year 9 were praised for their excellent conduct at the Careers Fayre and will shortly have to consider their options. Year 10 have made a good start to their GCSE and VTQ courses. Finally, Year 11 are doing very well in their last year at Crispin and it is great to see them top in terms of house points.

As well as having the chance to meet prospective new students, parents and carers at the open events, I have particularly enjoyed watching the Upper School football teams in the recent weeks. The attendances for these games has been higher than one might have expected.

I hope you all have a good weekend and all our students have a good break.

Year 11 Information

This week, our Year 11 students were given their Exam Responsibility Booklet and their Mock Examination time tables.

The Exam Responsibility Booklet can be found on our [website](#).

Event Feedback

We value parent and carers feedback and input into our school events and aim to constantly improve how we work with all members of our community. Below is some of the feedback we have received following Crispin Autumn half-term events.

Year 7 Meet the Parents Evening:

A parent and carers feedback survey was sent on Monday 23 September following the Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday 18 September. The feedback was incredibly positive with some valuable suggestions for development moving forward.

The survey showed that 94% of parents that attended the event fed back that they were either satisfied or very satisfied. We have heard your thoughts on both face-to-face v's online meetings as well as the five minute time slots. This will be reflected upon and, where possible, improved going forward for future events.

Thank you for your feedback.

Revised Shop Opening Hours

SCHOOL SHOP

Open every Monday & Thursday



Lunch times
13:30 - 14:10

Uniform Labelling

Please ensure that all items of clothing that are brought into school are clearly labelled with your child's name. It really helps us to reunite lost items with it's owners.

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](#).

Highest House Points (Since September)

Year 7 Amalee Banwell 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 week.

Libby Clarke	Year 7	Amalee Banwell	Year 7
Leo Difford	Year 7	Iris Landrigan	Year 7
Naomi Allen	Year 7	Lylah Boyd	Year 7
Eliza Baldwin	Year 7	Keira Seaward	Year 7
Rachel Richards	Year 7	Myles Evans	Year 7
Samuel Crosse	Year 8	Tobias Cowlin	Year 7

ParentPay Accounts

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

Pre-Loved Uniform

If you have any items of uniform that you would like to donate please bring them in to Reception, preferably

Spanish

Year 7 and year 8 students embarked on their Spanish journey brilliantly at the beginning of this year and did really well with their Spanish infographic extended learning.

They did a lot of research about Spain and completed a blank map with places, fun facts and flags and some of their work is now on display for everyone to see their hard work.

It also adds colour and enlightening details to our classrooms/corridors.

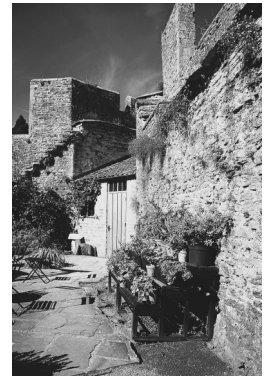


Bishop's Palace Photography Competition

Huge congratulations to our amazing Year 9 student Freya White for being awarded 1st **AND** 2nd prize in the Buildings category of the Bishop's Palace Photography competition for her 2 beautiful photos.

Freya was awarded her prizes and certificates on Friday at The Bishop's Palace, Wells.

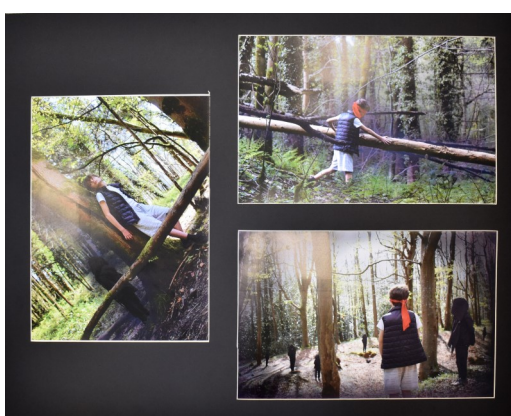
An amazing achievement, well done!



Celebration of Art work

Amelie Cook (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.

Third to be selected is Amelie 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





Year 7 Reward Afternoon

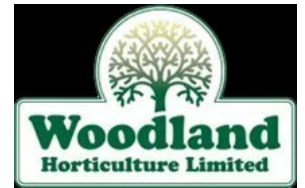
I would like to congratulate all of Year 7 students on the wonderful start they have made to the school year here at Crispin. Transitioning to secondary school is always a significant milestone, and while there have certainly been some challenging days and moments of adjustment, your children have approached this new chapter with resilience, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude. I am immensely proud of their efforts.

As a recognition of their hard work, positive house points and to celebrate this fantastic beginning, Year 7 students who had achieved over 200 Positive House Points were invited to join a private screening of a film in the Strode Theatre on Thursday afternoon. This was a fantastic opportunity to reward students for their hard work and effort as well as allow students to spend some time with their peers before the half-term break.

Well done Year 7. Have a great half-term and I look forward to celebrating more successes with you in the months ahead. Mr Weymouth

Thank you

Huge thank you to the team at Woodlands Horticulture Ltd for donating 50 bags of compost for our Green Sprouts project!



We are all very grateful and look forward to seeing all the beautiful plants and flowers that we can now grow.

Feeling Spooky!

On Tuesday 22 October, we held an Inter house pumpkin painting competition with our Year 7s after school.



Year 8

Last week, our Year 8 students had the privilege of being visited by the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Charity for an inspirational and informative assembly. This provided an opportunity for students to learn more about their chosen charity for the year. The assembly included stories about the life-saving work that the Air Ambulance does across our region, the types of roles that members of the team carry out and the equipment and skills that are required for some of the most challenging emergency situations. There was so much to take away including ideas for potential careers, and reminders of the importance of teamwork, resilience and composure under pressure.

We would like to extend our thanks to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance for taking the time to visit our school for this talk and we look forward to getting started with our fundraising missions after half term.





Inter House Drop Down Morning

We had some serious girl power when it came to our first Inter House Charity Drop Down Morning. A big shout out to our winners

A big well done to all our Year 7 students; coming up with some excellent action plans of how they will raise £20.24 by the end of 2024 for Time is Precious.

Miss Steer, Mr Weymouth and the Year 7 tutor team look forward to hearing all about your fundraising efforts!



Mandarin lessons after school

Come and learn a new language and practice your skills with Tinglan Xu

Starting November 7th every Thursday from 15.15 in L16

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



Performing Arts Fundraiser School of Rock Edition!

Get ready to rock and roll with us at our **School of Rock** fundraiser!

Rock Music Quiz: Assemble your team of music masterminds and test your music knowledge! From classic hits to modern anthems, this quiz will leave no guitar riff unturned.

Fancy Dress Competition: Dress up as your favourite rock star! There are epic prizes for the best-dressed rock legends, so bring your wildest costumes and channel your inner rocker.

Prizes: Amazing awards for quiz champions and best-dressed rock stars!

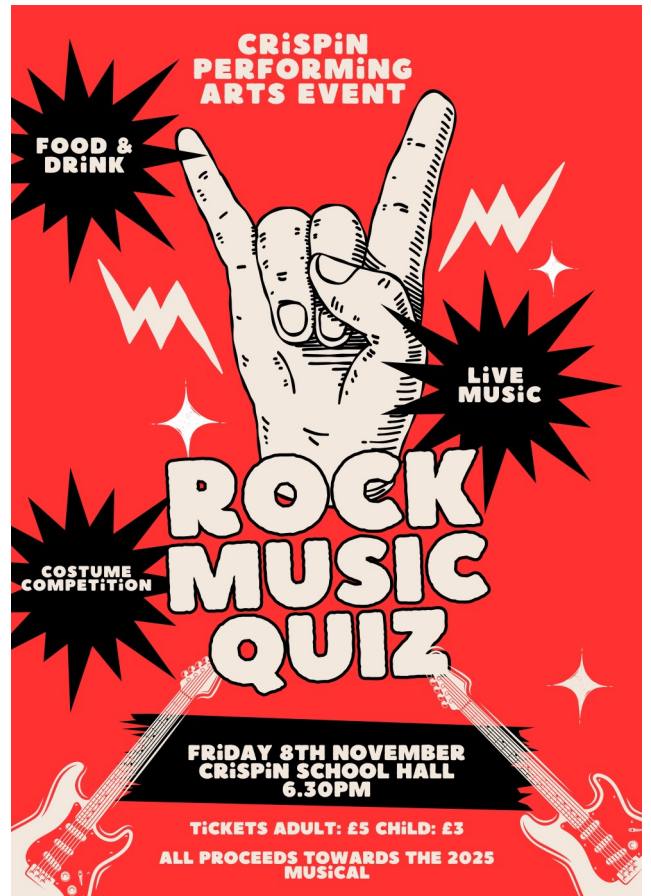
Refreshments: Available throughout the evening.

Date: 08 November from 18:30

Location: Crispin School Hall

Tickets: Available from School Reception from Monday 21 or on the door on the evening. Get yours early to secure your table for a night of rock 'n' roll fun!

It's time to crank up the volume, show off your rock knowledge, and support our School of Rock production! Rock on!



Ju Jitsu Championship

Our Year 7 student Charlie came second at the Somerset Open Ju Jitsu Championship on Sunday in Weston Super Mare.

Charlie had to fight in a higher weight category so did fantastically to achieve this.

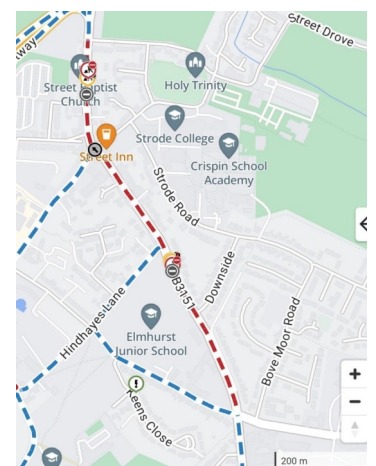


Traffic Disruption - Road Resurfacing on B3151

The dates for these works are now:

Wednesday 30 October to Friday 15 November 09:00 to 15:00.

Details from <https://one.network/?tm=139574653>





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 Cooper-White

Ms Cooper-White is our Head of Performance Faculty and Music Teacher

Q1: How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 33 years, with 27 years at my previous school and one year in Zambia.

Q2: Why did you choose to be a music teacher?

I started playing clarinet at 10 and soon realised I loved music and performing. I wanted a job where I could share that passion with young people.

Q3: Do you have any pets?

Yes, a 13-year-old dog named Simpson. He's very kind and has soft ears.

Q4: Do you have any siblings?

I have a sister named Helen, two years younger, who plays the trumpet. She performed on the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury 18 months ago.

Q5: What is your favourite holiday destination?

In winter, skiing in the Alps. In summer, Devon.

Q6: What job would you do if you weren't a teacher?

I'd be a brewer.

Q7: What have been the high and low points of being a teacher at Crispin?

High points include making great friends among the staff, teaching lovely classes, and performing in concerts like the Wells Carol Concert.

A low point was delaying my start due to illness and beginning work with no hair, which made me look a bit unusual.

Q9: What is your favourite part of being a teacher?

Working with students every day and helping them become musicians or engage with music in any form.






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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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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 04 November 2024 WEEK A	W/C 11 November 2024 WEEK B
MONDAY	Year 7 & 8 YMCA Lunch Club, T16	Remembrance Day
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	Year 11 Geography Trip	
THURSDAY	Year 11 Geography Trip	Lower School Open Morning
FRIDAY	Year 11 Geography Trip Rock Music Quiz, School Hall, 18:00	Non Uniform Day

