



Celebrating a Fantastic Term

As we approach the end of this term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students. Their hard work, determination, and enthusiasm have been inspiring, and we are so proud of the progress they have made both academically and personally.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our parents and carers. Your dedication to ensuring your children are ready and motivated to learn each day makes a significant difference. Whether it is helping with extended learning, providing encouragement, or simply being there to listen, your efforts are deeply appreciated by everyone in our school community.

At Crispin, we believe that by supporting one another, we grow stronger together. It is this sense of community that allows us to provide the well-rounded education every child deserves, helping them to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey.

Best wishes, all at Crispin

House Points

Lauren Hawkins	Year 9	Tyler Hiscox	Year 9
Amelia Larkin	Year 8	Dylan Hider	Year 10
Isaac Chung	Year 10	Molly Ardeshir	Year 8
Amelia Speed	Year 11	Olivia Robey	Year 11
Lorelei Ashford	Year 7	Ruby Marks	Year 8
Leonardo Cinque	Year 10	Zak Difford	Year 9
Elkie Forfitt	Year 10	Emily Tazewell	Year 9
Avery Cole Sucgang	Year 8		



Enrichment



The Enrichment Booking System opens **TODAY**, Friday 20 December at 18:00 and closes on Sunday 05 January at 17:00

To view the upcoming Enrichment Schedule and to book, please see our [website](#).

The clubs begin w/c 13 January 2025

Karaoke

Janu-oke

Wednesday 15 January 2025

MAIN HALL 1.30PM

Scan the QR code to enter Karaoke



Support During the Holidays

As we head into the holiday break, we want to remind all families that support is available should you need it during this period.

Below are some useful links to local, county-wide, and national resources:

Local Support in Somerset Street

Street Community Centre:

Offering food banks, holiday clubs, and community activities 4 Leigh Rd, Street BA16 0HA [01458 447248](tel:01458447248)

Street Salvation Army: Offering foodbank for those in need Goswell Rd, Street BA16 0JG, [01458 448963](tel:01458448963)

Health Connectors: Through GP services, offering social prescribing, wellbeing and practical advice and support <https://healthconnections Mendip.org/west-mendip-support/> or call [01373 468368](tel:01373468368) and select option 3

Somerset Mindline: Emotional and mental health support, open 24 hrs a day 01823 276 892 0800 138 1692

County-wide Support in Somerset

Somerset County Council Family Support: Access to family services, including children's social care, mental health support and emergency assistance. 0300 123 2224 .

National Support

Childline: 24/7 confidential support for children and young people. Call 0800 1111

Samaritans: A listening ear for anyone in distress. Call 116 123

Help and Advice to Keep Children Safe Online

With Christmas coming and new technology being received, we thought it would be a good opportunity to signpost parents and carers to helpful advice and guidance on keeping children safe online. The internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge, especially if you feel that your children may have better technical skills than you do. However, children and young people still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely.

Childnet has a really helpful 'parent and carers section' which has a range of online safety guides about parental controls, apps, digital wellbeing, online pornography and much more. A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion. By maintaining an open dialogue with your child and encouraging them to talk to you about their internet use parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online.

Visit <https://www.childnet.com/> to find out more.

What should we do if we see online abuse or inappropriate content? It may be that you, or your child, come across something upsetting or concerning online. If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the [NSPCC Helpline](#) for free support and advice.

If your child needs more support, they can contact [Childline](#). They also have lots of advice on how to report your online safety concerns in different situations which can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/>.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable holiday period.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term for more exciting opportunities and achievements.



Year 7 Fundraising Challenge 2024

This term we have challenged Year 7 students to try their hand at fundraising for a local charity. The target given for this challenge back in September was to raise £20.24 before the end of 2024. This was just a target and by no means an expectation, all funds and contributions made make a difference.

Throughout the term students have come up with lots of ideas and different ways to raise funds for the 'Time is Precious' Charity. Some of these ideas have been in school with the support from staff and some have been out of school with the support from family, friends and clubs. Some students have worked independently for this challenge and others have worked within a team or group. Students have demonstrated imagination, drive, commitment and time management. All vital life skills to strengthen their own personal development.

Students have done all sorts of activities and events to raise money for this challenge. These include, but are not limited to; Sponsored Silences, Cake Sales, Tombola's, Sweet Jar Counting, Craft Gift Making, Jewellery Making, Chocolate Hampers, Car Washes, Hot Chocolate Gifts, Sponsored Running and Long-Distance Swimming as well as various chores and helping out at home.

A massive thank you goes out to every student who has participated in this challenge. Every idea you have had and every plan you have made will have strengthened your personal skills and, potentially, allowed you to try something you have not attempted before. Every student that has contributed makes a difference, regardless of the amount. We are very proud of every single one of you. Every one of your efforts have made a difference.

Another huge thank you goes out to all the families, friends and social clubs that have facilitated some of the fundraising events above. Thank you for embracing this challenge and for constantly supporting our students in what they do.

If there are any students who have not quite finished their fundraising or have just finished this week, please ensure payments are made via ParentPay before the end of the calendar year.

For more information about this charity, please visit: <https://timeisprecious.org/about/>



Kiah-Nevaeh swam 75 lengths and has raised over £900.

Tobias and Antoine raised £70, car and van washing.



Ada raised money by washing cars and vans.

Harry organised a chocolate hamper raffle and raised £43.



Eden and Lexie raised £69.50. They shopped for prizes and made a hamper, then they sold tickets and did a draw for the prizes.





Capital Letters

During the month of December, Crispin has been shining a spotlight on the importance of using capital letters when writing. Currently, not all students are using capital letters consistently. This has an impact on their outcomes at GCSE, as well as highlighting a fundamental lack of awareness of basic written literacy.

Therefore, as a whole school focus - teachers from all subjects have been rewarding and reminding pupils to use their capital letters accurately in their work. So far this month, 11,613 house points have been awarded to students to acknowledge their efforts - which is testament to the fantastic efforts of students and teachers.

Students who have been awarded the highest number of house points in the school for their capital letter use are: Dylan Hider, Eddie Clarke, Eden Baldwin, Willow Turner, Coby Patey and Aldrin Dube. Well done to them and keep up the good work.

We would appreciate it, if you would also shine a spotlight on correct capital use with your young person at home. When they are doing homework, check they have used capitals accurately and remind them if needed. This would be a massive help and really boost their academic outcomes for the future.

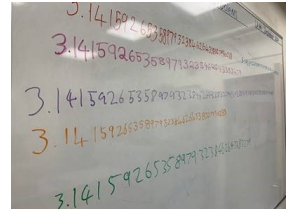
Pi Club

7x/MA1 were set the challenge of learning pi to 30 decimal places.

Their incentive was to join a 'Pi Club' and receive a slice of homemade pie.

Logan Proctor, Alex de la Oliva, Aria Hearn, Flynn Wakefield-Vowles and Juliette Rogers memorised 30 decimal places. Charlotte Holloway can recite 35 and Ada Chiplen has committed a whopping 60 decimal places to memory!

An amazing achievement!



VEX Robotics

On Saturday 14 December, Crispin played host to 14 teams from around the South of the UK from London and Hertfordshire to Somerset itself. The hall was set up with the competition field and audience area and the canteen played host to the teams as they practiced, met up with their alliances (the game, Rapid Relay, is played in randomly assigned pairs) and made alterations to robots and strategies.

Our 3 teams Crispin School A (Myles Evans, Sam Crosse and James Stephens), Crispin School B (Toby Fitch, Eliza Baldwin and James Williams) and Crispin School C (Oliver Field, Iona Graham and Morgana Mantovani) worked really hard on the lead up to the event and participated with resilience and creativity despite some very fierce competition. Crispin School A got through to the final challenges, but unfortunately were not in the winning alliances this year.

Well done to all our students, who said they enjoyed the day regardless of it being a full and hectic one. We are exceptionally proud of them representing the school and the way they conducted themselves.

A special thank you to our head judge Jada who came down with one of the visiting schools and some of our own Upper school students; Mackenzie Bloodworth, Poppy Chadwick, Isaac Hooper, Sam Smith, Will Lukins and Alfie Anderson without whom the day wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did.

Finally thank you to Mr Atfield, Mrs Chadwick and Mr Pereira who gave up their Saturday alongside me to support and set up. We look forward to hosting again next year.

Crochet Competition

A big thankyou to the students who entered the Christmas Crochet Competition.

It was lovely to see your creations. Absolutely amazing!

Crochet Club will start again in 2025.

Keep an eye out for the announcement on Teams.

Have a lovely Christmas! Miss Corr 



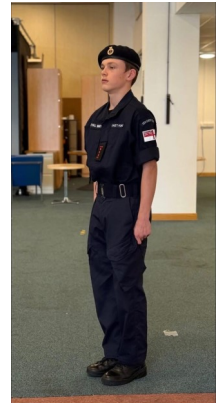


Congratulations

Our Year 10 student, Ewan has been preparing for several months for promotion to Leading Cadet within the Sea Cadets Corps.

Ewan underwent assessments on drill, colours, practical leadership tasks, a lesson delivered to his peers and an interview, he was successful in all elements and achieved his promotion.

Ewan is one of the youngest leading cadets in the area at 15 years old. This is a massive achievement.



Year 10 student joins England Futures Squad

We are delighted that Year 10 student Reece Winter, will be representing England for handball after being selected to the England Futures Squad for England Handball.

Reece trains with the Somerset Spartans, and is the 39th Spartan selected to represent England.

This is a fantastic opportunity. Reece will attend an England Handball Futures training camp in Portugal in February.

We look forward to hearing how he gets on and we wish him the very best of luck.

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. Please try to clear any debts as soon as possible.

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.

Carol Singing in Clarks Village

Some of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students had an incredible time carol singing at Clark's Village last week to raise funds for our Year 7 and 8 charities: Time Is Precious and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

We're so grateful to everyone who came along to support us and help out.

The festive spirit was truly alive as we sang a mixture of music from traditional carols to well known pop songs.

A special thank you to Clarks Village for hosting us.





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 Mr Reddick

Mr Reddick is our Headteacher

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for twenty nine years.

Why did you become a teacher?

Essentially due to my interest in History.

Why did you choose Crispin?

I was looking for a headship and Crispin came up. It was 'commutable' and I thought I could make a difference here.

What is your favourite music genre?

I like all sorts of music including independent /alternative, ambient and downbeat.

Where is your favourite place to go?

Brentford FC

Who helps you make the rules?

Senior Leaders have a big input. A range of other individuals/groups such as the Government, the Trust, other colleagues, students and parents/carers all have an input.

Why did you start supporting Brentford?

My father used to go in the 1940's when they were last in the top division. I was at a loose end in 1988 went up to Brentford and they lost 0-3. I thought 'this is the team for me'.

Who is your favourite musical artist?

That is very difficult. I am not sure I have one. My favourite album is '76' 14" by Global Communication. It was recorded in Crewkerne in Somerset.

What do you do outside of school?

Spend time with family; eat; follow Brentford and watch some other Football; Music, Films, Theatre, History and Politics. I listen to a lot of podcasts.

What is your favourite film?

Notorious from 1946.

What are your favourite and least favourite things about working at Crispin?

The least favourite things are the 'political aspects'. The best are working with students and colleagues.

What is your favourite thing to eat?

I enjoy eating lots of things. I particularly liked the risotto noir from a restaurant I could visit before seeing Brentford. Unfortunately, they changed the menu.

What are your favourite things to do with your family?

Holidays, our children visiting their grandparents, I enjoy everyday things that make me laugh.

What would you do if you were not a teacher?

Perhaps something to do with History or Politics.

How many children do you have?

I have three children.

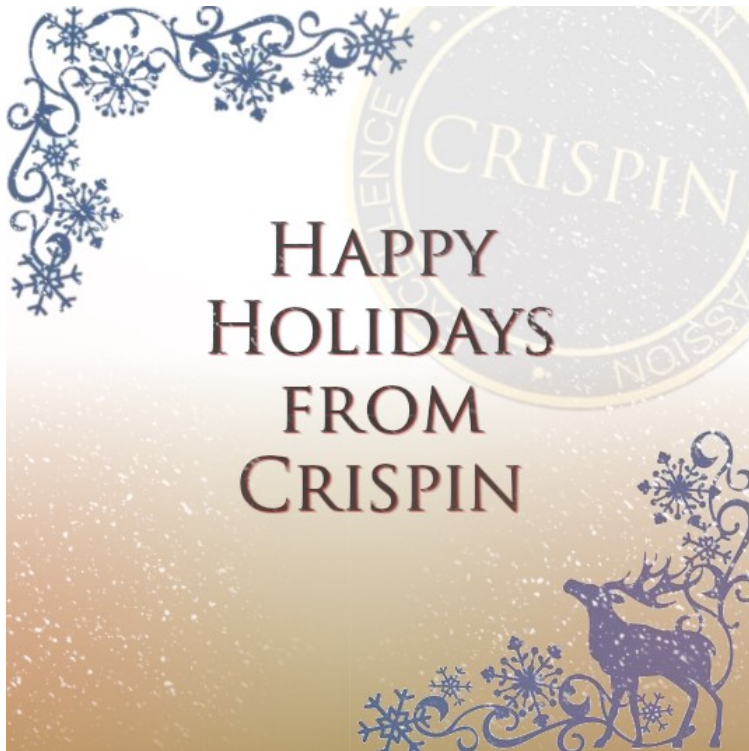
What would you most like to teach?

Modern History.

What place would you most like to visit?

Buenos Aires in Argentina.





Diary of events	W/C 06 January 2025 WEEK B	W/C 13 January 2025 WEEK A
MONDAY	INSET DAY	
TUESDAY	Term begins 08:35	Year 7 Residential Information Evening, Main Hall, 19:00
WEDNESDAY		Dyslexia Support Group, Main Hall, 18:00
THURSDAY	Year 10 Careers Day	
FRIDAY		

