



Message from the Headteacher

In some senses this has been one of the quieter weeks at school, but it has still been a pleasure to go around the site seeing the learning that is taking place and having a chance to speak to staff and students. Many have wanted to talk about Plymouth Argyle for some reason.

For a period we will be trialling separate Upper and Lower school bulletins. I am far from the genius behind this and I will be interested to see the reaction (we will be asking for feedback). Much of the content will be different but some elements, for example general pieces like this will be the same in both.

My favourite article in these bulletins is always 'Meet our Crispin Staff'. It was largely a pleasure to be grilled by students before Christmas for my 'interview'.

I found Mr Williams' answers today really interesting. Many elements were far from new, but others were, I will have great delight in telling Mr Williams I saw 'Mr Poppy' in a production at the National Theatre. If I had known about his feelings I would have happily forwarded him my ticket.

Finally, 'School of Rock' is now only three weeks away. I know all the staff and students involved have been working very hard. Crispin's productions are always well worth attending. There are very few tickets left for the Saturday; tickets are limited except for the Upper Balcony on Friday but there are more available for the Thursday.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Highest House Points (Since September)

Year 7	Darcey Chilcott	Year 8	Samuel Crosse
Year 9	Tegan Nurse	Year 10	Dylan Hider
Year 11	Matilda Patten		

House Points

Sapphira Stoodley	Year 11	Elsie-May Govier	Year 11
Jessie Witney	Year 8	Taia Lanham	Year 11
Charlie Baumgardt	Year 10	Samuel Bartlett	Year 11
Cesar Da Silva	Year 7	Amaia Valentin	Year 7
Lucy Haigh	Year 10	Evie Hooker	Year 10
Keira Seaward	Year 7	Grace McMenaman	Year 8
Lauren Benham	Year 10	Mary Budge	Year 10
Oscar Ware	Year 10	Maisy Pickersgill	Year 8



Year 8 Project

New this year, our Year 8 students are exploring the properties and uses of metal through the design and creation of metal tea light holders.

Over the past two rotations, students have done an incredible job mastering engineering tools to mark out, cut, and shape metal, while also learning to use our sheet metal bender to form their unique designs.

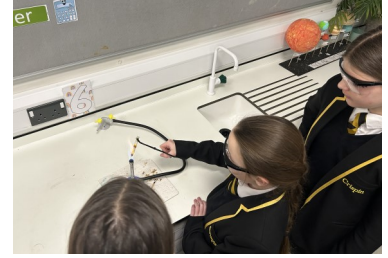
It's been a fantastic hands-on learning experience, combining creativity with practical skills in metalworking!



Year 7 Science

7yR got to use Bunsen burners for the first time in class this week. The Bunsens formed part of a wider investigation into elements and compounds, comparing how the elements look, their properties, and finally using heat to form the compound iron sulfide.

Well done to 7yR for your safe and sensible science work.



Year 7 Charity - Time is Precious

Nicola and Neil Halford from Somerset, who founded the children's charity Time is Precious, have been awarded MBEs in the King's New Years Honours list, for services to Charitable Fundraising for children with an illness in the south-west of England.



Time is Precious
In Memory of Ben Halford

The couple, who set up the charity in 2011 in memory of their five-year-old son Ben who died from a brain tumour in 2010, sent the message below to all those that support the charity, including Crispin's Year 7 students.

'We are truly honoured and want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every single one of you who made this possible by supporting us. This achievement belongs to all of you, your amazing supporters, trustees, accountant, treasurer, volunteers, and donors. You are the heart of everything we do, and this recognition means the world to us, all in loving memory of our son, Ben.'

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! As we step into 2025, we're excited to share our review of the past year and look forward to continuing to make a difference together.

Here's to another year of making time precious! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Neil & Nicky'

RLSS UK National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

Millfield Swimming Pool
17th-22nd February 2025 (Assessment: 22nd February)

100% attendance compulsory
Cost: £250 (including AED specialism)
All applicants must be over 16 yrs old on the day of assessment

Course prerequisites:
Swim 50m in under 60 seconds, Swim 100m continuously on front then on back,
Tread water for at least 30 seconds, Surface Dive to the bottom of the pool,
Climb out of the pool unaided.

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22ND FEBRUARY

7 PM
COSSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS
£15 / Under 16's £10

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Event organised by Cossington Church Events Team
Profits shared between St Mary's Church Cossington & Farms for City Children Charity Number: 325120



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 Williams

Mr Williams is our Head of Humanities Faculty and Geography Teacher

Q: Did you teach at any other schools before Crispin?

I worked at a school called Greendown in Swindon (Now Lydiard Park Academy) for five years before going to work at Stanchester near Yeovil for another five years. After that I worked in Bristol for a year before coming to Crispin in 2012.

Q: How many years have you been teaching?

Since 2001, so almost twenty-four years.

Q: What's your favourite part about teaching Geography?

I find the world fascinating so enjoy trying to open it up to the people I teach. I really like the fact the subject can help you make sense of all the current news that is going on in the world, take the wildfires in Los Angeles right now for example.

Why did you choose to teach Geography?

I loved the subject at school, my teacher Mr Sims taught me about places I wanted to visit and find out more about. For this reason, I have visited places like the Great Lakes, the River Rhine and the Languedoc region of France with more interest. I would like others to be able to have a curiosity and respect for the world we live in.

Q: What is the furthest you have been from the UK?

The furthest would be Australia which I went to with my wife on our honeymoon in 2005. We spent time in Sydney, Blue Mountains, Hunter Valley, Uluru, Alice Springs and the Great Barrier Reef around Cairns.

Q: Do you take part in any sports and what are they?

I enjoy cycling and running. I have done a few marathons but I just do the cycling on my own, not in any form of competition.

Q: What did you want to do when you were younger?

Ideally I wanted to be a racing car driver but that was never really going to happen, even if I had had rich parents!

Q: What is your favourite food?

I love Asian food, ideally as hot as possible, although I did make the mistake of ordering something in a Korean restaurant that made me regret it.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

Cycling, running, watching Bristol City and washing the cars. I like getting outside as much as possible.

Q: What's your favourite movie?

No real favourite films as such, I do not really like watching one again since there are so many great things to watch. My least favourite is the Nativity films since Mr Poppy makes me nauseous. The best film I think I have seen is the one that has had the greatest impact on me, Schindler's List, I remember watching it whilst I was at school. The fact it was in black and white with one bit of colour, the red coat, made it stand out in a really poignant way. It seems even more relevant in the world today with the increasing degree of division we see in society.

Q: What is your favourite place?

I have many but Stackpole in Pembrokeshire stands out. Somewhere I have been with family throughout the years. I love this part of the world as well, even though my family has come from across the South of England I have found out the Williams side of my family came from a little village called Donhead St Mary in Dorset through the ancestry web site.





Student Events

10-12 February, 6-7pm

**How much could I really earn in:
Medicine, Finance, Engineering, Law**

Be Your Own Boss: Everything you need to know about being self-employed

Parent Events

05 February, 7-8pm

Salary, Status & Stability: Navigating your child's future job market

INVESTIN THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE

How much will I get paid?
A free student & parent event series on compensation in careers

**Free Student and Parent Event Series
Let's Discuss Pay**

Talking about pay can feel like a taboo topic and yet, "how much will I earn?" is one of the most common questions students ask the professionals on our programmes. With rising costs of living and an ever-evolving but often unpredictable job market, compensation and job security have become a top priority for young people today.

That's why we're running a series of free events aimed at demystifying salary expectations, so students and parents can navigate this widely misunderstood subject with confidence.

STUDENT WEBINARS If you are unable to attend live please still register to receive the recording of the event and follow up resources.
6-7PM (UK TIME)

- CAREERS IN FINANCE** How much could I really earn? 10TH FEBRUARY
- CAREERS IN MEDICINE** How much could I really earn? 10TH FEBRUARY
- CAREERS IN ENGINEERING** How much could I really earn? 11TH FEBRUARY
- BE YOUR OWN BOSS** Everything you need to know about being self-employed 11TH FEBRUARY
- CAREERS IN LAW** How much could I really earn? 12TH FEBRUARY

PARENT WEBINARS 7-8PM (UK TIME)
SALARY, STATUS AND STABILITY
Navigating your child's future career in today's job market 5TH FEBRUARY

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Diary of events	W/C 20 January 2025 WEEK B	W/C 27 January 2025 WEEK A
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	Neurodiversity Support Group, 18:00	
WEDNESDAY		Year 11 Photographs
THURSDAY		Year 11 Parents' Evening, 16:00 - 19:00
FRIDAY		

