



Crispin School Newsletter

07 February 2025

Issue 19

Message from the Headteacher

The last week or so has been the busiest this term with a great many positive things happening at the school.

Firstly, the first School of Rock performance took place last night. I am told it went really well and I will have the chance to enjoy the production tonight. As I have said many times before, such productions are the result of the hard work of well over a hundred students and staff. So, a massive well done to all involved is due and I hope all of you who will attend enjoy the production.

Two other important events have taken place in the last week (week and a day in one case), these were the Year 11 Parents Evening and the Year 9 Options Evening. Both were really positive and attendance for the two events was really high. We are conscious that there was a lengthy queue for the Options Evening and we will seek to balance recording, responding and welcoming all the attendees and making sure queues are not too long.

In terms of Options I would ask parents and carers to remind students to carefully consider the advice given. I have a great deal of sympathy for many things that happen in schools, but students who moan about subjects in Year 10 and 11 when their displeasure is due to not thinking through matters carefully is not at the top of the list. The overwhelming majority of students consider their choices carefully and if they want advice they seek it. It is in all parties' interests for the process to be as smooth and effective as possible.

Year 8 are travelling to Bristol next week to develop their understanding of Bristol and Transatlantic Slave Trade. I can look back to a range of really interesting History trips over the years with fond memories. While the subject is among the more serious, areas students study, it is nevertheless a very important one.

A reminder that the Escapeline workshop is taking place on Wednesday 12 February at 18:00 - 19:15, please click on the following link to reserve your place

<https://forms.office.com/e/BAF82VE4b9>

I fully realise that many of you will have a range of competing events taking your time. I looked at my calendar from the last week to see Options Evening - Hard Truths (Film) - Haircut - Child to Tae Kwon Do - School of Rock and that is before looking after children, school work and spending time with hot chocolate from my 'velvetiser'. No doubt many of you are in not dissimilar boats, but if I was going to attend one thing this year that we 'put on', I would attend this. I would

hate for any parent, carer or teacher we have invited from Crispin or the wider community to look back in a couple of years time and think 'I wish I had known more about the situation and challenges many young people face'.

I hope you all have a good weekend and those of you going to the School of Rock really enjoy it.

Highest House Points (Since September)

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

Highest House Points (This Week)

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|-----------------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Rex Bickham | Year 9 | Benjamin Lee | Year 9 |
| Freddie Cooper | Year 8 | Tegan Nurse | Year 9 |
| Connie Atkinson | Year 7 | César Da Silva | Year 7 |
| Olivia Robey | Year 10 | Conner Collard | Year 9 |

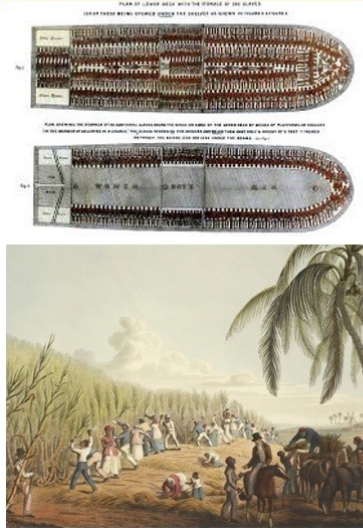
SCHOOL SHOP

Open every Monday & Wednesday



Lunch times
13:30 - 14:10





Year 8 School Trip
Bristol and the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans
 8X- Thursday 13 February
 8Y- Friday 14 February

Activities:

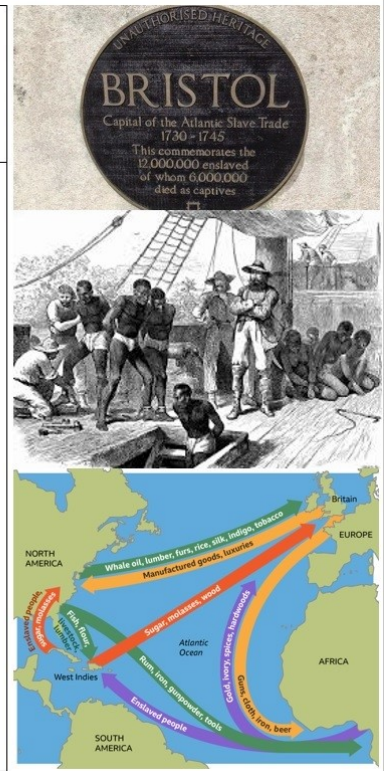
All pupils will conduct a workshop with specialist staff from Bristol Museum. They will have the opportunity to:

- Investigate historic objects and other evidence.
- Investigate the impact of events on Bristol.
- Learn about some of those involved in the Transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans.
- Consider the legacy of the Transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans.

Students will also explore relevant displays in a group guided activity at the M Shed.

Administration:

- Non-school uniform.
- Packed lunch and water required for the whole day.
- Pupils will be registered at 08:30 am at the front of the school.
- Expected to arrive back at school by 3:00 pm.



Emotional Health
 Relationships
 Sexual Health
 Drugs
 Smoking
 Alcohol

Got a concern?

If you're 11-19

it only takes one text to start making a difference

You'll get confidential advice from your School Nursing Team and you don't have to give your name if you don't want to.

Just send a text or scan me
07480 635 516



Improving LIVES

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.



- Parent advice & support
- Healthy lifestyles
- School transitioning
- Emotional health

is your child 5-19 and are you
 looking for confidential help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

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Lower School Photography Club

The very popular Photography club is back again with Year 7, 8 and 9 being taught how to use a camera and take different photos. Students have produced some excellent photos, carefully considering viewpoint and lighting. They have worked hard and cooperated well with each other. Mrs Maxfield



Join Our Team

We are recruiting!

A number of our colleagues are also members of the wider community, either living in the local area and/or having family links to the school. Several of these colleagues have children currently at the school.

Successful candidates will receive the relevant induction and training and there are regular opportunities for career development.

To view out latest vacancies please see our website.

<https://www.crispinschool.co.uk/About-Us/Vacancies/>

If you have any further questions about any of the posts do not hesitate to contact us, office@crispinschool.co.uk



Year 9 & 10 Netball

We are so proud of our lovely Year 9 & 10 Netball leaders today who umpired at the Primary TLE tournament at Strode College this week.





Year 9 Art Class

9XR Art class have been learning about Surrealism this term. We have started by identifying where the Surrealists got their ideas from. Some of their ideas came from Surrealist games. The students had to draw part of the figure and then pass to the next person, creating some very funny results.



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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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CAMHS



Families Learning About Self Harm (FLASH)

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

Any adult who has shared responsibility for bringing up a child can attend the group including stepparents, grandparents and carers. We welcome parents on their own or with a partner or adult family member.

Please note, this group is not intended for families of young people currently under care of Tier 3 CAMHS. For families currently care coordinated by CAMHS East or West teams, please speak to your keyworker who can discuss other FLASH groups with you.



WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME COVER?

This is a 5-week programme which aims to create better communication and personal relationships between parent/carers and young people. FLASH allows parents the opportunity to discuss the self-harm with people who understand and learn how to manage concerns within your home.

It will include:

- Exploring what self-harm is, what the risks are and what is the function of self-harm
- Listening and self-esteem enabling skills
- Managing self-harm within the family environment
- How self-harm impacts on parenting and ways to manage under stressful circumstances
- Coping strategies for parents and carers

WHEN AND WHERE?

The Horizon Centre, Swingbridge, Bathpool, Taunton, TA2 8BY. 09:30-12:30 on Mondays starting 03.03.25 and running until Mon 31.03.25.

The Balidon Centre, Summerlands, Preston Rd, Yeovil BA20 2BX 09:30-12:30 on Fridays starting 02.05.25 and running (not half-term 30th May) until Fri 06.06.25.

Education Room at Outpatients, Priory Medical Centre, Glastonbury Road, Wells, BA5 1XL. 09:30-12:30 on Fridays starting 06.06.25 and finishing 11.07.25.

Contact us
for more information

0300 124 5012
camhspa@somersetft.nhs.uk

IMPORTANT
Due to limited
availability and
safety your
place needs to
be booked.

We will not be
able to
accommodate
anyone who is
not pre-
registered.

VALENTINE
ROSES
£1 EACH
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE
SCHOOL SHOP AND RECEPTION FROM
MONDAY 03 FEBRUARY

ROSES CAN BE SENT ANONYMOUSLY
THEY WILL BE DELIVERED DURING TUTOR ON
FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY
ALL PROFITS TO GO TOWARDS THE YEAR 11 PROM

**DON'T FORGET
YOUR WATER BOTTLES**



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 Lewis

Mr Lewis is a Geography Teacher

Did you want to become a teacher when you were younger?

Yes, when I was younger I did. I then went off the idea and came back around to it at the end of university.

Why did you choose Geography as your subject?

I have always enjoyed Geography. I love learning about new places and cultures; I think the subject has huge real-world application.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I enjoy seeing the growth and development of people that I have had an impact on. From a Geography perspective I enjoy opening students' eyes to the wider world we are part of.

Who is your favourite Liverpool player?

My favourite Liverpool player of all time would be Kenny Dalglish or Fernando Torres. In the current squad I would say Salah or Robertson.

If you were not a Geography teacher what would you be?

If I was not a teacher I would want to be involved in property management.

What is your favourite year to teach?

I enjoy teaching the GCSE content so probably Years 10 and 11.

How long have you been teaching?

I am currently in my second year of teaching.

Where would you want to go on holiday?

Next on my list is Asia, especially Vietnam and Japan.

What is your favourite food?

Pizza! BBQ base, chicken pizza.

Have you ever been to any other countries?

Yes! I love travelling and want to do more. I have been to: Wales, England, Spain, France, Portugal, Greece, USA, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia, Venice, Finland, Prague, Poland and the Maldives.

Why did you choose Crispin?

When I visited Crispin looking for jobs, I loved the impression I got of the school, from staff to pupils I felt very welcome. It felt like a great place to work and I am happy to have been proven right.

Is being a teacher hard?

Yes. Like every job it has its good and bad days, but it is definitely hard work.

What was your favourite subjects when you were in school?

When I was in school I enjoyed both Geography and History, both Humanities! I also really enjoyed Design and Technology.





M H S T
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM
In partnership with Young Somerset & Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

WE ARE A MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST) SCHOOL

An Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) can help you with anxiety, worries, low mood, panic, exam stress, emotional support, coping strategies, specific phobias and sleep problems.

Speak to a trusted adult in your school if you would like support.

The MHST supports a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing through staff training, groups, parent workshops and consultation.

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CONTACT: spn-tr.mhstsomerset@nhs.net

www.youngsomerset.org.uk/mhst


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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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EAST & SOUTH SOMERSET



Upcoming Events

W/C 10 February 2025 - WEEK A

Monday

Tuesday - Year 10 Science Trip

Wednesday - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Escapeline Workshop 18:00, Main School Hall

Thursday - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Year 8 History Trip

Friday - Year 8 History Trip
End of Term

W/C 24 February 2025 - WEEK B

Monday - Term Begins

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday - 16:00, Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening

Friday

Telephone: 01458 442714

Email: office@crispinschool.co.uk

