



Crispin School Newsletter

14 February 2025

Issue 20

Message from the Headteacher

So, we are at the end of the third term which is actually more than half way through the school year. Year 11 should be commencing their revision and ensuring they have everything they need to be successful. A wide range of UpGrade activities are taking place.

Many of you will have attended the School of Rock last week. It was a pleasure to see a packed Strode Theatre and several hundred people enjoying themselves. The production lasted for nearer three hours than two and the huge amount of commitment from students and staff was hugely impressive. A massive well done to all those who took part.

On Wednesday, Escapeline ran assemblies for all year groups and a session for members of the community in the evening. I am strongly of the belief that all members of our community need to be aware of such messages.

I am writing this before the Year 8 History trip to Bristol but I hope students appreciate this opportunity. We also have the ski trip leaving shortly and this is always an event the students greatly enjoy.

Finally, it has been a pleasure to see so many students making good progress both on a day to day basis around school and in their reports. The Year 7 ones I have just read through were extremely strong.

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



Highest House Points (Since September)

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)

Jess Ward	Year 9	Tegan Nurse	Year 9
Lynette So	Year 9	Olivia Hicks	Year 10
Joshua Skuse	Year 9	Efe Selim	Year 9
Tabitha Stock	Year 8	Oliver Bright	Year 9
Rory Johnson	Year 9	Olivia Oakley	Year 10
Charlie Baumgardt	Year 10		

House Points

It has been a pleasure to see so many students gain so many House Points this academic year. House Points are awarded for a wide range of achievements at Crispin.

As of Monday 10 February, 262 students had already gained 1000 House Points.

Number of students who have gained 1000 House Points and over:

- 1700 - 1
- 1600 - 2
- 1500 - 3
- 1400 - 8
- 1300 - 22
- 1200 - 50
- 1100 - 138
- 1000 - 262



Crispin School

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Science Parental Support Evening

Last Wednesday Mr and Mrs Attfield worked with a number of Year 11 students and their parents for an hour discussing common struggles in Science such as use of Science literacy and practical write up skills, suggesting how students can revise to overcome these problems.

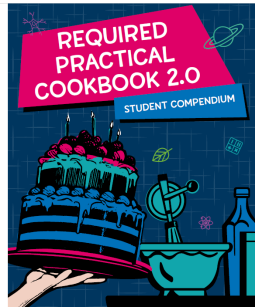
They also talked through a number of metacognition strategies to help students 'get more bang for their buck' when revising.

Key messages included:

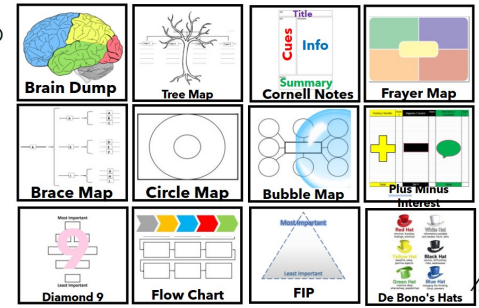
- Using flashcards (not just making them)
- Practice questions

Ensuring they are familiar with core practical work, please ask your teachers for a hard copy of the practical cookbook.

We are looking at running a similar session in the Summer term with Year 10 prior to their first mock examinations.

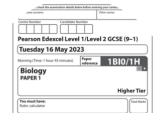


Back by popular demand - new and improved for the 2025 exams. Science GCSE revision with success 'baked in!' Secondary Science Learning by Cambridge



Science Exam Dates For Diaries

- **Tuesday 25th February** - Science Mock Exam (Biology Paper 2/Chemistry Paper 2)
- **Tuesday 13th May** - Biology Paper 1
- **Monday 19th May** - Chemistry Paper 1
- **Thursday 22nd May** - Physics Paper 1
- **Monday 9th June** - Biology Paper 2
- **Friday 13th June** - Chemistry Paper 2
- **Monday 16th June** - Physics Paper 2



Poetry Live Trip

Poetry Live

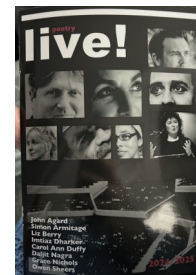
"I want you to be excited by language" John Agard

The English department took a hundred students from years 10 and 11 to listen to a number of poets and the chief examiner for their Literature GCSE.

Our students were an asset to Crispin, listening to a number of poets from multiple cultures explaining how their poems came to be. There were some incredible performances from Simon Armitage, Imtiaz Dharker and John Agard who even performed a poem he had written on the way to the venue.

The students were able to take notes in the complimentary booklet and ask questions.

It was an interesting day filled with a love of words and language. We have come away with a deeper understanding of the poems and why the poets wrote them.



SCHOOL SHOP

Open every Monday & Thursday



Lunch times
13:30 - 14:10



'Why Not Wednesday'

Our very first 'Why Not Wednesday' Breakfast Club during tutor today. This week we invited Year 7s who showed great house spirit and team work during the Drop Down Morning on Monday! Well done to all nominated!



Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening

Thursday 27 February 2024, 16:00 - 20:00

The booking system is now open.

To book your Video Call appointments please click the link below

<https://www.crispinschool.co.uk/Parent-Info/Parents-Evenings/>

Please note that the booking system will close 24 hours prior to the evening.

ParentPay Reminder

Please do not forget to keep your ParentPay accounts topped up for purchases in the school canteen.

If your account is in debt, please look to clear this as soon as possible.

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.

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Medieval Masterpieces

17, 18, and 19 February 2025

Discover highlights of Wells Cathedral and make souvenirs to take home!

Monday 17: Wonderful Windows Take inspiration from the beautiful Cathedral windows to make your own artwork.

Tuesday 18: Cosmic Clock Experience the wonders of Wells Cathedral's Astronomical Clock and make a souvenir of your visit.

Wednesday 19: Clay Creations Explore the Cathedral carvings in wood and stone, then make a clay boss to take home.

FREE with adult entry.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

10.30am–3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.

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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.

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

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

CONTACT: spn-tr.mhstosomerset@nhs.net

www.youngsomerset.org.uk/mhst



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 Herbert

Mrs Herbert is one of the Heads PA's

Have you had any past jobs?

Yes, I have worked as a receptionist at a Solicitors. I also worked in a leisure centre as a receptionist, fitness instructor and lifeguard.

What are your hobbies? / What do you do in your free time?

I love spending time with my family- watching my children play rugby, taking them swimming and we have started to grow vegetables in our garden so I am enjoying gardening with them. I also love running, sea kayaking, cooking, reading, going to the theatre and listening to music. I enjoy watching rugby so I am enjoying watching the Six Nations at the moment.

What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subject at school was English. I also loved Art.

What is your favourite food?

I enjoy eating Italian food- I love pizza and pasta!

What is your favourite book and why?

Coaching for Performance by John Whitmore. Every time I read it I learn something new and it can be applied to work and sport.

What would be your dream holiday?

I love mountains and beaches so I enjoy going to the Lake District and Cornwall.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, we have a Labrador, he is ten months old.

What's your favourite snack?

My favourite snack is carrot cake.

What made you want to work in a school?

I was a student here and I think it is a really good community.

How long have you worked as a PA?

I have been the Headteacher's PA at Crispin for 20 years.

Was this your dream job?

I always enjoy coming to work and the variety of my job. I enjoy organising, problem solving and helping people.

What is your favourite movie?

I enjoy watching James Bond films.

How is the school treating you?

Really well. It is a nice place to work.

Is your life very peaceful?

It is quite busy, but I love it.

Do you like sport?

Yes, I love sport. I enjoy running, walking the fells in the Lake District, cycling and sea kayaking. I used to like playing tennis at school and would like to play again in the future.





**YMCA
BRUNEL GROUP**
BATH | BRISTOL | WILTSHIRE
EAST & SOUTH SOMERSET

STREET YOUTH CLUB

**Weekly youth clubs where
everyone is welcome.**

Mondays & Fridays 7-9pm
Ages 10-19 | Entry £1 | Term time only

Hang out with your friends | Meet new
people | Activities & games | Free food
Lots of extra events and trips too!

Venue: Street Young People's Centre, Strode Road, BA16 0AS

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welcome all
young
people
aged 10-19



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to meet new
friends & join
in fun
activities.

To sign up please access the consent form by scanning the QR code or via the link
<https://forms.gle/AvNMEj3MqWZv3rux5> Consent must be provided by a parent/carer

For more information contact:
JessicaLewin@ymca-bg.org
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Extended Learning Club

**Every Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Extra support and catch up time for
homework with support from a member
of staff and access to both a computer
and printer**

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3:15 - 4:15

Upcoming Events

W/C 24 February 2025 - WEEK B

Monday - Term Begins, 08:35

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday - 16:00, Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening

Friday

W/C 03 March 2025 - WEEK A

Monday -

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday -

Friday

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