



# Crispin School Newsletter

## 28 February 2025

### Issue 21

#### Message from the Headteacher

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to Crispin and it is always much better as the weather improves.

The feedback from the Ski Trip was very positive and I am pleased to hear students enjoyed the experience. I also want to put on record my thanks to Mr Perry for organising the trip and all the other colleagues involved.

We also received very positive feedback from the Year 8 History Trip and I would like to thank Mr Mason, colleagues and students for ensuring the Bristol visit was a success.

A quick reminder that Year 9 Options Forms are due back on 03 March 2025.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

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### 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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opportunity  
to meet new  
friends & join  
in fun  
activities.

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<https://forms.gle/AvNMEj3MqWZv3ru5> Consent must be provided by a parent/carer

For more information contact:  
JessicaLewin@ymca-bg.org  
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#### MARS DAY

#### What will be happening?

- Online space sessions in **some** Science and Maths Lessons.
- **Guess the planet** – each Science teacher is dressed up in the colour of a planet, can you guess who they all are?
- Year 7 – **Space Treasure Hunt** – Collect a questionnaire from your Science teacher during the week 03/03/25. Answer as many questions as you can using the resources displayed around Science and Maths corridors.
- Hand to **Mrs Norman** or **your Science teacher** by end of day **07/03/25**. A chance to win a Mars themed prize!





## Bristol School Trip

During the last week of term the History Department took two hundred students from Year 8 to the MShed in Bristol. This was part of their learning journey in understanding the Transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans during the height of the British empire. Our students were an asset to Crispin and engaged so well in all of the activities. They were able to develop their classroom knowledge by conducting a workshop with specialist staff from the MShed and Bristol Museum.

During the amazing workshop they were able support their understanding by:

- Investigating historic objects and other evidence.
- Investigating 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 also got to explore relevant displays in a group guided activity.



## Crispin Ski Trip 2025

Last week 37 students and 5 members of staff spent an incredible week on the slopes of Pila. This is the sixth time we have visited the Aosta region, and quite possibly the best conditions we have experienced. The sun shone brightly as Crispin students in their bright yellow vests experienced a wide range of slopes and challenges. We had some great fun with our Apres Ski activities including a Disco, Pizza Night, Ten Pin Bowling and Shopping in the town square.

We received lots of positive comments about the fantastic conduct of our students all over the resort. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Chadwick, Mr Horner, Mr Mason and Miss Steer for their time and efforts in making this years trip such a success.

Planning is now in motion for Andorra in 2026 and hopefully a return to Italy in 2026....



## Year 11 Leavers

**Have you collected your exam certificates?**

**If not, they are available to collect from Reception up until Friday 14 March 2025.**

**Please remember you will need Photo ID to collect.**

## SCHOOL SHOP

Open every Monday & Thursday

Lunch times  
13:30 - 14:10







# Lower School Origami Club

The theme of Origami Club this term is Spring. We have been busy learning to make animals and flowers. Next week we will be looking to create jumping frogs.



## SPORT DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Would you like to experience what it would be like to be a member of Team BTC?

For more information email [sport@btc.ac.uk](mailto:sport@btc.ac.uk), call 01278 441322 or visit Sport at BTC on our website.

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### Karate classes in your area

**Karate promotes:**  
Self-defence, Concentration, Discipline  
Confidence, Fitness, Co-ordination

For kids, family or adult only Karate classes please contact:  
Sensei-Katie Laws: 07730 583885  
[somerset@doryokuryu.com](mailto:somerset@doryokuryu.com)



## WE ARE A MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST) SCHOOL

This means we are committed to building a mentally healthy school environment helping all members of the school community to feel confident, resilient and independent around their mental wellbeing.

MHSTs were established nationally to improve children and young people's early access to mental health and wellbeing services by providing support in schools. They work with children and young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

Within Somerset the MHST is a jointly delivered service between Young Somerset and Somerset Foundation Trust CAMHS. It is also supported by Public Health England and the Education Psychology service. MHST staff work in collaboration with the Mental Health Lead at our School.

- The three core functions of MHST are:**
- 1 To provide evidence-based Low Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT) interventions for mild to moderate mental health and wellbeing needs to children and young people.
  - 2 To support the Mental Health Lead in each MHST school to introduce or develop a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.
  - 3 To give timely advice and signposting to schools, and to liaise with external agencies, ensuring that children and young people, and their families receive the right support at the right time.

LICBT support may be face-to-face or virtual, may involve working with parents or in a group, and will typically involve an assessment and 6-8 weekly sessions. These interventions are highly structured and delivered by mental health practitioners, who receive regular supervision with clinical supervisors.

If you would like to find out more, please speak to our Mental Health Lead (MHL).

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For more information about the MHST please visit:  
[www.youngsomerset.org.uk/mhst](http://www.youngsomerset.org.uk/mhst) or  
[www.somersetft.nhs.uk/camhs/mental-health-support-in-schools-mhst/](http://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/camhs/mental-health-support-in-schools-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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## 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 Miss Townsend

#### Miss Townsend is a teacher of PE and Science

**Why did you want to be a PE teacher?**

I always loved PE at school and have been involved in various sports my whole life. When I was in secondary school I had a brilliant PE teacher who was so supportive and really impactful, this inspired me to be that for others.

**Why did you want to come to Crispin?**

I visited Crispin while I was doing my teacher training to get a feel for different schools and their PE Departments. The students and staff were super friendly and made me feel really welcome. I was impressed by how positive the environment was, and the PE department really stood out. It just felt like a place where I could really fit in and contribute.

**What is your favourite hobby?**

At the moment I am really enjoying going to the gym and running, I would love to do a half marathon sometime this year but will definitely need to go on a few longer runs first. At the weekend I enjoy spending time with friends and family and walking my dog Max.

**Did you teach before you came to Crispin?**

Working at Crispin is my first job as a qualified teacher but I did work at a secondary school prior to my teacher training as a teaching assistant and then in a 'skills room' where we offered various different interventions, similar to the Hub at Crispin. This really encouraged me to do my teacher training.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

I definitely see myself still teaching, I love my job and look forward to work. I would like to take on more of a pastoral role in a school such as Head of Year but that might be a little longer than five years.

**What is your favourite film/series?**

I really enjoy watching crime documentaries, in terms of movies I would have to say I mainly watch comedy films, Grown Ups is a good watch.

**What sports do you do?**

Growing up I did a lot of swimming which I really enjoyed, I did this competitively from the age of nine to twenty one and was Captain of my University swim team. Nowadays, I run regularly and go to the gym, and when I can I play netball.

**What is your favourite takeaway?**

I would probably have to say a pizza

**Do you prefer sweets or chocolate?**

Honestly it depends on my mood but I definitely have a sweet tooth so I would have to say both.

**What is your favourite sport to teach?**

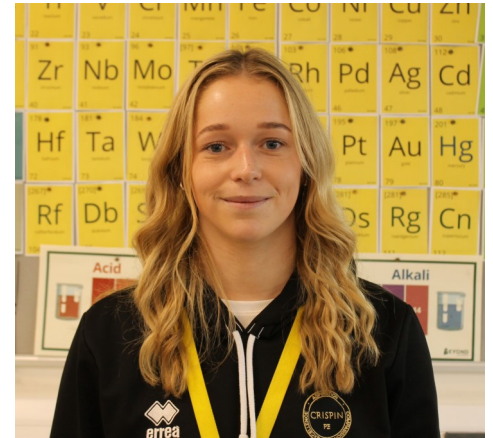
I would definitely have to say my favourite is Netball, but I also enjoy teaching Badminton and Football.

**Where is your favourite place to go on holiday?**

I have been to a couple Greek islands on holiday which was lovely so I would probably say Crete, though I usually spend most my time under the umbrella with my factor 50 on.

**What is your favourite subject to teach?**

I currently teach PE, Science and Curriculum for Life. I enjoy teaching Science and Curriculum for Life because as it completely different to PE but I would have to say PE.







## Year 11 UpGrade

After  
School

# UpGrade

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject Time	History 15:15-16:15	Science 15:15-16:15	Maths (Foundation) 15:15-16:15	Maths (Foundation & Higher) 15:15-16:15
Subject Time	Music (NEA support) 15:15-16:15	Sport 15:15-16:15	Sport 15:15-16:15	Science 15:15-16:15
Subject Time	Product Design (NEA support) 15:15-16:30	English 15:15-16:30	Drama (Exam Section B) 15:15-16:15 From 13/02	Religious Studies 15:15-16:15 (week B only)
Subject Time	French 15:15-16:30	Spanish 15:15-16:25 (week B only)	Music (listening paper) 15:15-16:15	Drama (NEA support) 15:15-16:15
Subject Time	Business Studies 15:15-16:15	Drama (Exam Section A) 15:15-16:15 From 12/02	Product Design (NEA support) 15:15-16:30	Music (NEA support) 15:15-16:15
Subject Time		Revision Skills and Strategies Room i14 15:15-16:15		Engineering 15:15-16:15

## Upcoming Events

### W/C 03 March 2025 - WEEK A

**Monday** - Options Form Deadline

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday** -

**Friday**

### W/C 10 March 2025 - WEEK B

**Monday** -

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday** - Dyslexia Support Meeting, 18:00

**Thursday** -

**Friday** - Year 8 Reports Issued

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