



# Crispin School Newsletter

## 28 February 2025

### Issue 22

### Message from the Deputy Headteacher

I do not often have the chance to write the opening for the school's bulletin, and I always consider the opportunity to be a real honour. It has been another wonderfully busy week at Crispin, where your children have risen to the daily challenges set before them by their teachers.

I would like to congratulate the Year 9 boys' football team, who this week progressed to the next round of the County Cup – a fantastic achievement. Both Science and English have taken centre stage, with inspiring Mars Day and World Book Day events encouraging students to explore new ideas and share their creativity.

We are incredibly lucky at Crispin to have so many hardworking, talented, and kind students. While we often only have the space to celebrate a handful of names in this bulletin, there are countless students excelling in their subjects and demonstrating what it means to be a wonderful young person every day.

Our enrichment opportunities allow students to connect with peers across year groups in a relaxed atmosphere, developing new skills and friendships. One of my favourite moments of the week is basketball on Wednesday after school, where laughter, enjoyment, and team bonding create a special sense of community.

Looking ahead, we will be sharing key dates for the summer term in the coming weeks, along with important information about changes to the school uniform from September 2025. These updates will ensure that Crispin continues to uphold its high standards while supporting families through a carefully planned transition. Please keep an eye on future bulletins and our website for further details.

Crispin is a wonderful school, made even better by the caring individuals who bring it to life.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

### Lost Property

We have lots of lost property!

Please encourage your child to go along to Student Reception at Break or Lunchtimes to find any of their lost items.



### 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)

Charlie Baumgardt	Year 10	Joseph Oki	Year 10
Euan Murphy	Year 9	Maia Pickersgill	Year 10
Amelia Larkin	Year 8	George Ware	Year 8
Blake Pople	Year 7	Dominic Cook	Year 9
Maisie Knight	Year 7	Ollie Shields	Year 9
Tegan Nurse	Year 9		
Marley-Mae Cox Roberts	Year 8		

### House Points

A considerable range of students have continued to gain a high number of House Points. As of Monday 03 March at 14:00 408 students had accrued at least 1,000.

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

1800+	1
1700+	3
1600+	4
1500+	8
1400+	28
1300+	66
1200+	145
1100+	258





## Year 10 Work Experience

A huge congratulations to the large number of students who have managed to secure a placement for Work Experience week (30 June to 04 July).

This is just a nudge for those students yet to secure a spot. Please contact Mr Perry via the school office if you need any guidance.

## 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.

## LGBTQ+ History Month 2025

During February all year groups have had assemblies to consider the ongoing importance of LGBTQ+ History Month, which helps us to understand and appreciate the diverse society we live in. By learning about the past, we can better appreciate the present and work towards a more inclusive future.

We learnt about the fantastic achievements of LGBTQ+ individuals, like great artists, scientists and activists who have made a big difference, working hard for equal rights and respect over the years.

We also learnt about different types of allyship and ways that we can show we are an ally to our LGBTQ+ community here at Crispin.

### 5 WAYS TO BE AN LGBTQ+ ALLY

A straight or cisgender person who supports and advocates for LGBTQ+ people by splitting and strengthening the community



- ✓ Educate yourself. Ask questions, do research, and don't be afraid to be honest about what you don't know.
- ✓ Confront your own prejudices and bias, even if it may be uncomfortable to do so.
- ✓ Don't assume everyone you talk to is straight. Someone close to you may be struggling with coming out. Not making assumptions can make the process easier.
- ✓ Learn and use correct and inclusive language.
- ✓ Speak up against prejudice. When you do, it educates others and may give them the courage to speak up too. You can also change how people will act in the future.



**MHST**  
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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www.youngsomerset.org.uk/mhst

## 'Why Not Wednesday'

Lower School 'Why Not Wednesday' Brunch Club this morning during tutor time.

Students were invited for saying 'Why Not?' and getting involved in Friday's House Competition!

What a way to start a Wednesday!





## Mars Day

On Tuesday 04 March the Science and Maths Faculties combined forces to celebrate Mars Day 2025, taking part in some virtual careers talks with representatives from UK Space Education Office (ESERO-UK).

Teachers dressed as planets, aliens and stars and Year 7s started gathering information on a treasure hunt around the school in the hopes of being entered into our prize draw taking place on Friday 07 March.

This is all part of warming up to our British Science Week, a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 7-16 March 2025, recognising our excellent young Scientists from next week with the launch of our 'Scientist of the Week' awards with students being nominated by their teachers.

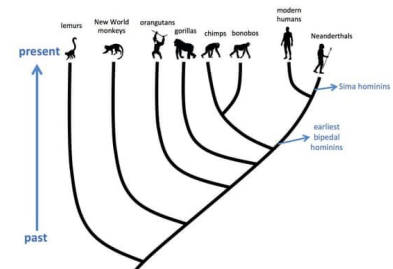
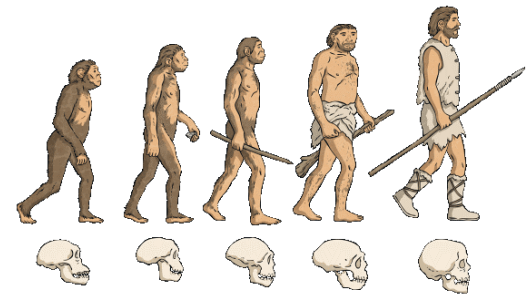


## Science

10X2 Science have just started their new topic, focusing on Evolution. We started by learning about human evolution and facts about our ancestors. Leon dressed up as a caveman to help us learn about how our early ancestors used tools and clothing to aid survival.

### Some interesting facts:

- We did not direct evolve from apes, instead we share a common ancestor. We diverged from apes around six million years ago
- It was thought our species arose approx. 195000 years ago. However, fossils have now been found to show we evolved much earlier (300000 year ago)
- We are still evolving! For example, the gene for lactose tolerance has spread rapidly in the past 100 generations – or about 2,000 years – allowing more of us to drink cow's milk.



## SCHOOL SHOP

Open every Monday & Thursday



Lunch times  
13:30 - 14:10



# Year 8s Copper Collection Success!

Over the past two weeks, Year 8 students have shown incredible dedication to their Copper Collection Challenge, raising funds for the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance.

Students were asked to fill a small Smarties tube or a cardboard toilet roll tube with spare copper change and their collective efforts have resulted in an impressive £28 raised! This just goes to show how small contributions from many can make a big difference.

A special well done to Maisy P, Leo L, Noah M, Molly A, and Betsy G, who used the donated coins to create a fantastic image of an Air Ambulance, an inspiring display of both creativity and generosity.



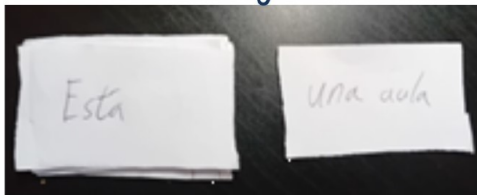
Our fundraising efforts do not stop here! In the coming weeks, we will be hosting an Air Ambulance Fair, featuring a variety of lunchtime activities and tutor group-run stalls.

This is a great opportunity for students to get involved, have fun, and continue supporting this important cause.

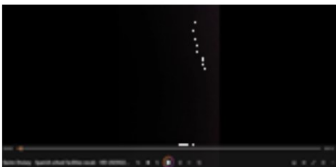
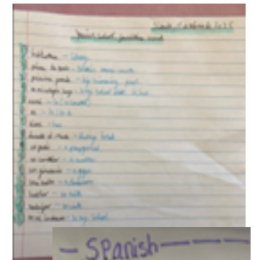
*Well done, Year 8, let's keep up the great work!*



handwritten flashcards

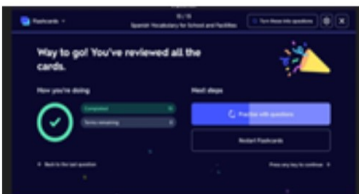


printed flashcards

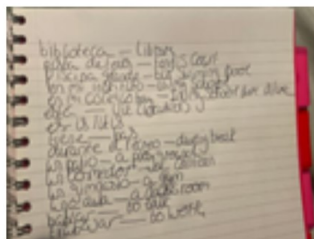


voice recording

using colour



Quizlet practice



re-writing words in a book

using Notes on a phone



In the MFL department we always encourage our students to find creative ways to learn relevant vocabulary.

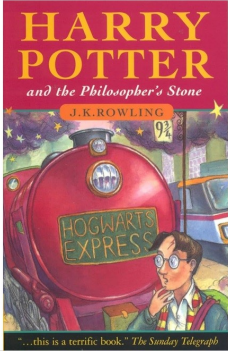
Our Spanish learners in year 9 took on the challenge in an exemplary way, so here are their methods of vocab practice that can be useful to anyone learning a new language.





# World Book Day 2025

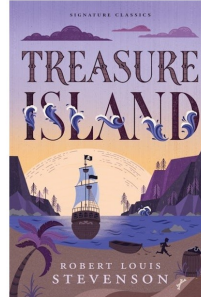
## MR HORNERS FAVOURITE BOOK



My favourite book is the first Harry Potter.

The reason this is my favourite book is when I was younger my Dad would read to myself and my brother every night before bed. He used to do each individual voice differently to make us laugh therefore this book represents a lot of happy memories from my childhood.

## MISS TOWNSENDS FAVOURITE BOOK



This is one of my favourite books because it is such a tale of adventure! A young boy gets to go sailing with a group of pirates and learns loads of lessons about things like trust, greed and integrity along the way.

I used to listen to this as an audio book on tape cassette all the time and loved all the characters and how they were written.  
My favourite was Long John Silver.

This book has had an impact on my love of reading and being expressive when reading aloud.

# YMCA

Here for young people  
Here for communities  
Here for you

**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

### YMCA BRUNEL GROUP

BATH | BRISTOL | WILTSHIRE  
EAST & SOUTH SOMERSET



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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

we  
welcome all  
young  
people  
aged 10-19



An exciting  
opportunity  
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:  
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# Year 10 Preliminary Exam Timetable

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		Monday 16 June	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June	Thursday 19 June	Friday 20 June
Week A	Start 8:45am Reg P18:2	LIVE GCSE EXAMS	LIVE GCSE EXAMS + MFL SPEAKING YEAR 10	LIVE GCSE EXAMS + MFL SPEAKING YEAR 10	Maths 1hr 30	Science - Physics 1hr 10 / 1hr 45
	P38:4	LIVE GCSE EXAMS + MFL SPEAKING YEAR 10 P4 & P5	LIVE GCSE EXAMS + MFL SPEAKING YEAR 10	MFL SPEAKING YEAR 10 MFL FRENCH LISTENING 11:25AM MFL SPANISH LISTENING 12:30PM MASANA	Option A Sociology 1hr 45 Option A Engineering 1hr 30 Digital IT 1hr 30 Music 1hr 30 Music Tech 1hr 30	English Language 1hr 45
Week B		Monday 23 June	Tuesday 24 June	Wednesday 25 June - CONTINGENCY DAY LIVE EXAMS	Thursday 26th June INSET DAY	Friday 27th June INSET DAY
	Start 8:45am Reg P18:2	MFL French and Spanish Reading and Writing	History 1hr20	Option C Sociology 1hr 45 Option C Business 1hr 30 Option C Engineering 1hr 30 Computer Science 2hrs Option C Food & Nutrition 1hr 45 Option C Art 2hrs		
	P38:4	Geography 1hr 30	Option D Art, Photography, Graphics 2hrs MFL Reading and Writing clashes x 2 students	Option B Product Design 2hrs Option B Engineering 1hr 30 Option B Business 1hr 30 Option B Photography 2hrs Drama 1hr30		
<p>All exams will be held in the sports hall or a small room except Art, Photography and Graphics which will be in classrooms with teachers.</p> <p>YOU WILL RECEIVE A PERSONALISED TIME TABLE AT THE END OF MARCH</p>						



## KENYA CREW EASTER QUIZ NIGHT



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7-8:30pm in the  
main hall at Crispin School

£10 for a table (up  
to 6 in a team).  
Pay on the night.

QUIZ, RAFFLE and  
REFRESHMENTS (soft and  
hot drinks and a variety of  
homemade Easter goodies  
on offer)

In addition to  
helping our  
students go,  
proceeds will also  
help the students  
of Masana School  
in Kenya

Win an Easter  
hamper!

Multiple rounds to test your general knowledge, written by our students



## 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 Stamp Miss Stamp is a Science Teacher

#### How long have you worked here?

I have worked here since 2020. I completed my teacher training with the MSC and then got my current job.

#### Do you have any pets?

Yes! I have a springer spaniel called Brie. She is my baby.

#### What are your hobbies?

I spend a lot of time with Brie. She is a working dog so during the winter we spend time pheasant shooting and during the summer we spend a lot of time gundog training.

#### What was your dream job?

When I was at school, I always wanted to be a vet. I did apply, unfortunately it did not go to plan, so I had a gap year to re-evaluate my choices. I ended up studying Zoology with the University of Exeter.

#### Do you live in Street?

I do not. I live about 20 minutes away, towards Yeovil. I like living out of catchment, so I do not see lots of students when out and about!

#### Why did you decide to become a Science Teacher?

By accident! I fell into it at University through some outreach activities with local schools.

#### If you were not a Science Teacher what job would you do?

I would have said a vet; however, I also just love dogs so anything with them.

#### Why do you like teaching?

I love interacting with students, having a laugh with them and seeing them progress.

#### What is the worst part about teaching?

When students don't do as instructed, it is really frustrating.

#### Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

No, as said above, I originally wanted to be a vet.

#### What are your goals this year?

Miss Green and I are sharing the role 'Second in Science' for this year and my goal is to be successful with this.

#### Why did you want to become a teacher?

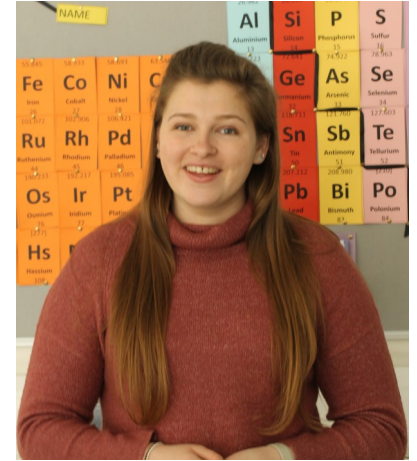
Through the outreach activities I did at university I just loved it.

#### If you taught another subject what would it be?

Maths. I have a very logical brain, and I like how Maths problems are very logical.

#### Did you grow up in Somerset?

I did. I went to Huish Episcopi Secondary School, living in a few surrounding villages.



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### **CALLING ALL NETBALLERS!**

Just a reminder that Netball club runs every Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15pm.

We have multiple fixtures for every year group booked in for this half term.

Please see Miss Steer or Miss Townsend (PE) - if you are interested in playing.



**Crispin  
School**

Aspiration - Compassion - Excellence

## **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**

**113**

**3:15 - 4:15**

## **Upcoming Events**

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

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday** - Dyslexia Support Evening,  
18:00 School Hall

**Thursday** -

**Friday**

### **W/C 17 March 2025 - WEEK A**

**Monday**

**Tuesday** - Lower School Open Morning,  
09:15 - 11:00

Neurodiversity Parent Forum, 18:00,  
School Hall

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday** - Comic Relief Non Uniform Day

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