



# Crispin School Newsletter

## 28 March 2025

### Issue 25

### Message from the Head of Upper School

As we approach the final week of term and look ahead to the Easter holidays, I want to take a moment to focus on Year 11 and their preparations for the upcoming exams. With the finish line in sight, the next few weeks are crucial for setting up a successful exam season. Many students are understandably feeling some pressure, but I would encourage them to see this time as an opportunity to fine-tune their revision, consolidate what they've learned, and focus on strategies that will help them perform at their best.

Next week, Mr Attfield will be hosting a 'Revision Strategies and Exam Prep' workshop during Curriculum for Life lessons for Year 11. This is designed to help students maximise the weeks remaining to them.

The Easter break provides a valuable chance to revise in earnest, but also to ensure that a balanced approach is maintained. As well as revision (including our many Easter UpGrade sessions), it is important that students take regular breaks, stay active, and get plenty of rest. This will help them stay sharp and motivated for the final push when we return in the summer term.

To all Year 11 students, please remember that you are not alone in this. Reach out to teachers for support, stay organised with your revision timetable, and keep a positive mind-set. I have no doubt that you are all capable of achieving great things, and I look forward to seeing your hard work pay off in the coming months.

To all other year groups my advice is simple- your time in the hot seat is just around the corner!

Wishing everyone a restful and productive weekend and Easter break when it arrives.

### 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)

Eliza Baldwin	Year 7	Bella Malcolm	Year 9
Lucas Stephens	Year 7	Ivan So	Year 9
Luke Tedford	Year 9	Isaac Clowes	Year 8
Jess Ward	Year 9	Tegan Nurse	Year 9
Elodie Bridger	Year 8		

### School in a Bag

Across the world, 1 in 5 children are not able to attend school, often due to lack of money and equipment.

Year 9 are looking to raise money to support this amazing local charity.

School in a Bag provide bright red rucksacks full of essential resources that enable poor, orphan, vulnerable and disaster affected children worldwide to write, draw, colour, calculate, express themselves, eat, drink, wash and above all, learn.

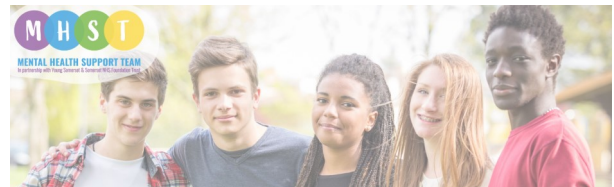


A typical School Bag contains: 12 pencils, 10 pens, 12 colouring pencils, maths set, ruler, pencil case, 6 exercise books, water bottle, Lunch Box and a hygiene pack.

**We as a school are aiming to fund as many of these bags as possible to give children around the world the same opportunities we have.**

To donate, please click the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/crispinyear9?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/crispinyear9?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



### 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:

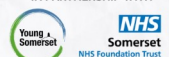
- 1 To provide evidence-based Low Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT) interventions for mild to moderate mental health and wellbeing needs to children and young people.
- 2 To support the Mental Health Lead in each MHST school to introduce or develop a whole school approach to mental health 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/)





## Scientist of the Week

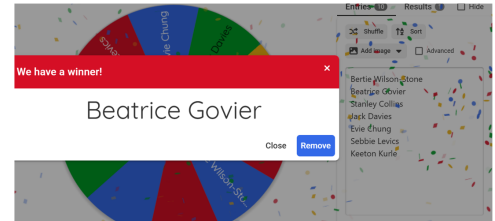
**Congratulations** to all of this week's nominees.

Beatrice was nominated by Mrs Adams.

Well done Beatrice!

Teachers will be doing new nominations ready for next Monday.

## Congratulations to our Scientist of the Week...



Make sure you see Miss Stamp in S07 for a prize ☺

## Celebration of Artwork

Students from Lower School Photography Club produced some fantastic images based on light, reflection and transparency. From those who took part, we have chosen photos by Eleia Hamilton Year 9, Sidney Cady Year 9 and Sky Baker Year 8.



## Netball News

Well Done to our Year 7 Netballers!  
They played well in their first tournament competing against well established middle school teams. They were unlucky not to draw their first game 2-2, Oakfield scored the winning goal on the whistle. The other matches vs Hugh Sexey and Selwood were sadly loses. However, the team played well, didn't give up and were impeccably well behaved. Players of the matches were Ana and Poppy.



## Highbridge Festival Success

Our Year 7 student Alice, competed at the Highbridge Music Festival on the piano, Grade 2 and won Gold, Silver and Bronze in her classes.





## A day in the life of a Year 7 student

The day started in tutor time, where we had an online assembly outlining the activities for our drop-down morning. It was exciting to hear about what was planned, as these mornings always bring something different from our usual routine.

### Period 1 - Drop-Down Morning Challenge

Instead of our regular lessons, we went to our usual classrooms for a creative challenge: keeping a Cadbury Creme Egg off the floor for as long as possible! It was a fun and slightly chaotic task, with lots of laughter as we tried different strategies to keep the egg airborne.

### Period 2 - Fundraising Ideas

For our second session, we returned to tutor time to brainstorm fundraising ideas. As Year 8, our chosen charity this year is the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Everyone had some great suggestions, from bake sales to sponsored runs, and it was great to feel like we were making a difference.

After that, we had a 15-minute break, which was much needed after all the brainstorming!

### Period 3 - Art

Back to our normal lessons, and for me, that meant Art. We're currently working on abstract pieces, experimenting with different materials and techniques. I enjoyed using new textures and seeing how they could create unique effects on the page.

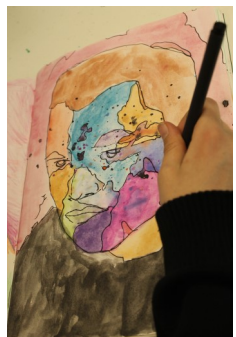
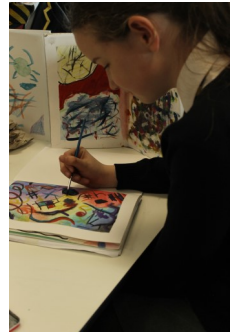
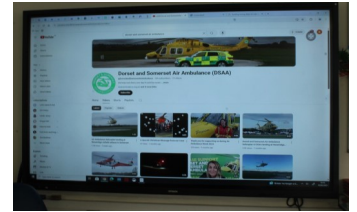
### Period 4 - Maths

Next up was Maths with Mrs. Dumble, where we focused on simplifying algebraic expressions. It was tricky at first, but once I got the hang of it, it felt really satisfying to solve each problem.

Then it was time for lunch, a well-earned 40-minute break to recharge before the final lesson of the day.

### Period 5 - Geography Test

The day ended with Geography with Mr. Lewis. We had a test covering everything we had learned this term about Fairtrade and Development.



## KENYA CREW EASTER QUIZ NIGHT



Wednesday 02 April 7-8:30pm in the  
Main Hall at Crispin

£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

**Air Ambulance Fair**  
31st March to 4th April!

**DORSET & SOMERSET  
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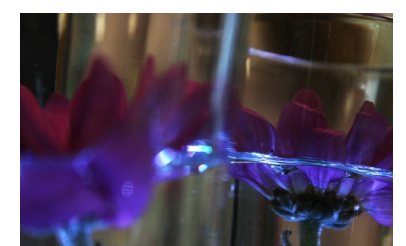
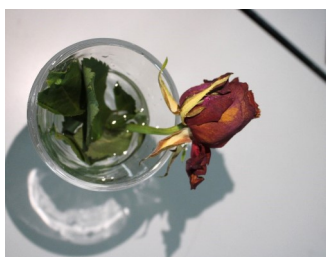
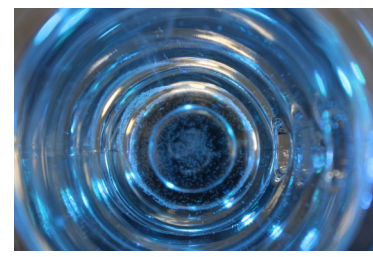
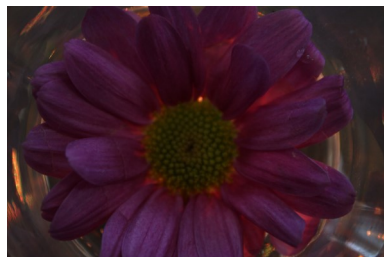
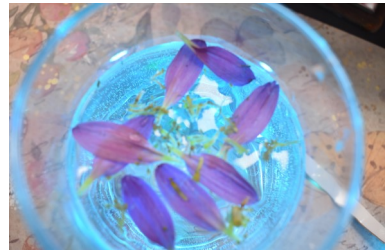
Get ready for a week of lunchtime fundraising stalls and activities!



# Lower School Photography Club

Lower School Photography Club this week have explored photographs which relate to colour, transparency and reflections.

As you can see, they have produced some exciting results.





## Meet our Crispin Staff!

Each week we will be introducing some of our staff members, so you can get to know them a little bit better!

### This week is the turn of Mr Priddice Mr Priddice teaches PE / RS and is Head of Curriculum for Life

#### Do you prefer teaching PE or Curriculum For Life?

Specialising in PE, I do really enjoy teaching PE, but I have a growing passion in delivering Curriculum for Life. I often watch Curriculum for Life related content in my spare time, be it a documentary or TV program on mental health, relationships, drugs. It is also nice to have a mix of practical lessons outside with classroom-based lessons, which challenges me. The aspect I really enjoy about Curriculum for Life is student questions, debates and discussions that we have within class and informing them about the society that we live in.

#### What is your favourite thing to do out of school?

I like going to watch bands with my friends but also members of my family because we have similar musical tastes. And I also love going to watch stand-up comedians. There is nothing like a good old giggle to warm the soul.

#### What is your favourite Sport?

I have many favourite sports. Being a PE teacher, I tend to watch a lot of sport and also play in a range of sports. I particularly watch a large amount of football. Being a Manchester United fan, it's tough at times. I watch it on TV but I also go as much as I can to stadiums to watch football live.

#### Do you have any fears?

I do not have any typical fears like heights or spiders. My fear would be possibly losing control. And by that I mean losing the ability to have discipline, determination, and motivation to be the best that I can be.

#### What is your favourite instrument to play?

My favourite instrument to play is the guitar because it's the only instrument I can play, although I suppose you may consider singing an instrument. I have aspirations to keep getting better at the guitar but also maybe venturing to lead guitar which would be great and complement my song writing.

#### What is your favourite hobby?

My favourite hobby is, I would say, song writing. I like spending my time being creative and I find it quite a cathartic experience. In terms of sport, I play a lot of football, five-a-side as well as eleven-a-side for Street Vets. My son and I sometimes go and play squash.

#### What is your favourite type of music?

My favourite type of music is indie and rock and roll, it's pretty much the bands and artists that I listen to, including Oasis, Kings of Leon, Kasabian, but also I like to chill out with some acoustic music. Depending on my mood I am partial to a little bit of house music as well, throwing shapes on the dancefloor. I will never listen to is grime music, I am particularly not a fan of the tune, the melody, or the lyrical content.

#### What is your favourite song?

My favourite song, I would say, is Bittersweet Symphony by The Verve. Not only was it a song released when I was in my prime in the 90s, it's also a song that resounds for me lyrically. The particular songwriter behind the song is a bit of a role model of mine, he manages to write songs that have melody that connect with me.

#### Why do you write music?

I started writing music or making music because I see it as quite a cathartic process of de-stressing and expressing myself through lyrics and music. I also like making music to share music to other people that can hopefully find some sort of comfort in my music or find it moving in some way.

#### What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is definitely curry, pretty much all types of curry. I tend to go for the mid-range in terms of spiciness. Let's not forget the mushroom rice and a keema naan. Lovely jubbly.

#### Who is the most famous person you have met?

I've met many famous people in my time. With going to the Glastonbury Festival often I turn into a little bit of a celebrity spotter. The more Z list they are the more enjoyment I get. A night out with Gareth Gates after Family Fortunes was a memorable night. But in terms of high profile, I would say probably Louis Tomlinson from One Direction. But I've also sang backstage with Damon Albarn, who's the lead singer of Blur, and also met other musicians like George Ezra.

#### Where is your favourite place you have travelled?

Great question. I love travel. When I was 21, I travelled the world for four months and saw many, many countries. The one that resounded with me the most would probably be Vietnam. This is because it was the most culturally different place I'd ever been to in terms of the activity, smell, noise, and the food. In particular, Ho Chi Minh City, previously known as Saigon, was a phenomenal place with great architecture as well.





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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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## 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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## Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening 03 April, 16:00 - 19:00

The booking system is now open. Please click [here](#) to book.



# Upcoming Events

### W/C 31 March 2025 - WEEK A

**Monday**

**Tuesday** Lower School Open Morning

**Wednesday** Quiz Night

**Thursday** - Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening

**Friday** - End of Term 4

### W/C 21 April 2025 - WEEK B

**Monday** Bank Holiday

**Tuesday** - Term 5 Begins

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

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