



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

'Historians are dangerous people'. They are capable of upsetting everything - Nikita Khrushchev

I always like the above quote (though I have seen various translations down the years). I do not often side with dictators, but he has got a point. I have studied an awful lot of History over the years and reading and then teaching the subject is one of the few things I have next to no regrets about. The upside is a world of interesting phenomena and a skill in critically evaluating material. The downside is one goes through life suspicious of most of what is encountered. 'What is their angle here, why are they doing this now? And what interest is this?' are all questions I invariably find myself asking. And no doubt those who agree with Khrushchev dislike me doing this.

I am often very interested in educational reforms and the way many politicians over the decades choose something different for their children while suggesting other way ways forward for the majority of the population. All things being equal, the line I have experienced from these with more 'power' in society is for their children to be involved in a wide variety of activities which can include the likes of Music, Art, Drama and Sport and do as well as possible in all areas. All of this seems completely sensible to me. If students have a wide range of interests, a decent moral compass and can work independently and collaboratively they will generally do better than if they do not.

I will always remember the student who asked me to 'drop' History at this time of year in 2002 but who then went on to get her only GCSE A a few weeks later in the subject. Students never know what they can achieve (she certainly did not - good student though).

I was considering Year 11 coming up to their exams this week, Year 10 approaching their work experience as well as students more generally seizing enrichment activities. My essential advice to all students is to do your best in all areas, one might specialise somewhat in certain areas, but give everything a good 'go'. Do not think I am not going to bother in exam subject x, I am not going to sort out a decent work experience placement and I am not going to get involved in activities at school and more widely. It is easy to quit and give excuses, but much harder; though more rewarding, to struggle through a degree of adversity.

It is good to see so many impressive students' reports, high house point totals, awards and success across all areas of school life. I am always particularly pleased to give students Headteachers Awards in Year 11 who have either consistently worked hard but not quite made the 'cut' earlier or who have improved year on year. In many ways both are 'harder' to achieve than the six students who get the award first time (not that there is anything wrong with that - it is very commendable in its own way).

I hope all our students have a decent rest (that includes some downtime for Year 11 as well alongside the exam preparation) and all members of our community, have a good Easter.

I look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 22 April 2025.

Highest House Points (Since September)

Darcey Chilcott	Year 7	Samuel Crosse	Year 8
Tegan Nurse	Year 9	Anna Rowland	Year 10
Matilda Patten	Year 11		

Highest House Points (This Week)

Damon Birch	Year 7	Megan Mills	Year 10
Amelia Larkin	Year 8	Lacey Needle	Year 10
Lauren Miles	Year 8	Jack Henley	Year 8
Chloe Carter	Year 11	Eaden teackle	Year 7
Phoebe-Rose Anderson	Year 9		
Elliot Stubbs-Green	Year 11		



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





Science Revision

As the final push comes for our first Science exam (Biology Paper 1 on 13 May) the Science Faculty has plenty of support still on offer for our Year 11 students. Most of you made progress with your February Mock, some without revising - think of what a boost a few upgrade sessions could make!

Our most successful students have been doing a combination of making mindmaps, practicing papers (which can be found on the revision channel of the Year 11 team) and attending sessions. Remember all students need to know Chemistry equations and calculations yet most find these very challenging. Mrs Attfield has done two recordings you can watch as many times as you like on the Year 11 revision channel.

Good luck for the weeks ahead!

Year 11 revision April-May

WB: 21/04/2025 B

Monday 21 st	Tuesday 22 nd	Wednesday 23 rd	Thursday 24 th	Friday 25 th
(Easter Monday- Bank holiday)	CNG – S08 1:35-2:05pm Chemistry Bonding	MUC S05 3.15 - 4.15pm Combined foundation Acids and alkalis.	MJS- S07 3:15-4:15pm Talk like a scientist (Variables)	RLA S03 – DNA, Inheritance, GM Modification and the Human Genome Project 3:15-4:15pm

WB: 28/04/2025 A

Monday 28 th	Tuesday 29 th	Wednesday 30 th	Thursday 1 st	Friday 2 nd
	MUC S05. 3.15-4.15 pm Combined foundation Biology paper 1 talk through.	SEH – S13: <u>decoding questions</u> 3.15 - 4.15pm	CNG – S08 1:35-2:05pm Biology paper 1 6 markers MJS- S07 3:15-4:15pm Numeracy in science	CNG – S08 3:15-4:15pm Physics Paper 1 calculations RLA – Protein Synthesis and Missing and Multiple Alleles VIRTUAL TRIPLE HT ONLY 4:15-5:15pm

WB: 05/05/2025 B

Monday 5 th	Tuesday 6 th	Wednesday 7 th	Thursday 8 th	Friday 9 th
(Bank holiday)	CNG – S08 1:35-2:05pm Chemistry paper 1 6 markers	SEH – Biology core <u>prac</u> s paper 1 3.15 - 4.15pm	MJS- S07 3:15-4:15pm Enzymes	RLA S03 – The Nervous System, The Digestive System and The Immune System 3:15-4:15pm RLA – Monoclonal Antibodies and Virus Lifecycle VIRTUAL TRIPLE HT ONLY 4:15-5:15pm

WB: 12/05/2025 A

Monday 12 th	Tuesday 13 th	Wednesday 14 th	Thursday 15 th	Friday 16 th
	Paper 1 biology exam- afternoon	SEH biology core <u>prac</u> s paper 2 3.15 - 4.15pm	CNG – S08 1:35-2:05pm MJS- S07 3:15-4:15pm Acids and Electrolysis	CNG – S08 3:15-4:15pm Physics Paper 1 core <u>prac</u> s RLA – Reactivity of metals and Dynamic Equilibrium VIRTUAL 4:15-5:15pm

WB: 19/05/2025 B

Monday 19 th	Tuesday 20 th	Wednesday 21 st	Thursday 22 nd	Friday 23 rd
Paper 1 chemistry exam- morning	CNG – S08 1:35-2:05pm Physics Paper 1 6 markers	MJS- S07 3:15-4:15pm Radioactivity	Paper 1 physics exam- morning	



Scientist of the Week

Congratulations to all of this week's nominees.

Ben was nominated by Mr Barber

Well done Ben!

Teachers will be doing new nominations ready for next Monday.

Congratulations to our Scientist of the Week...



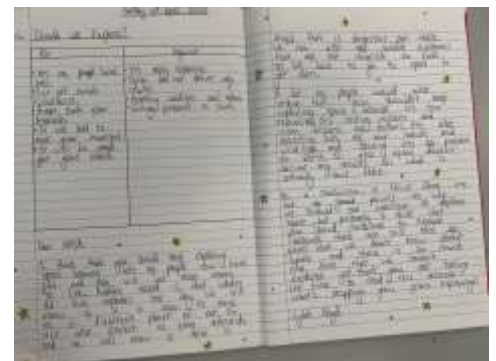
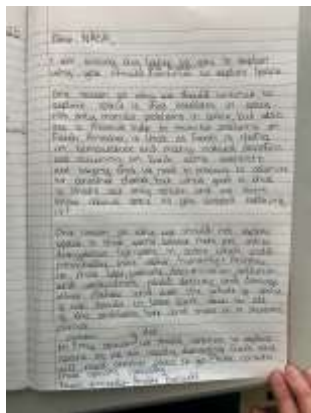
Make sure you see Miss Stamp in 507 for a prize 😊

Year 7 Science

7y/Sc R have been learning about how space is explored, weighing up the advantages and disadvantages before writing letters to NASA, arguing for or against continued space exploration using evidence.

In Science, all arguments must be backed by evidence, and Miss Stamp was incredibly impressed with how many students incorporated strong evidence into their letters.

Here are a couple of examples - though there were so many great ones!





Kenya Quiz Night

On Wednesday night our students travelling to Kenya hosted a final Easter Quiz night with four eager teams competing for Mrs Attfield's Easter hamper. Thank you to Mrs Chadwick for running the raffle and to Mr Attfield for the extra pair of hands and the photography.

The students have worked hard on their fundraising with the final total still needing to be calculated. Two days of cake sales left before we do so, so please bring along your change!

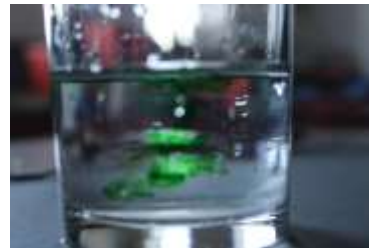
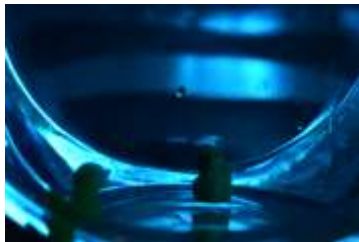
Thank you for your support - Kenya Crew 2025.





Lower School Photography Club

The last Photography Club of the year. Students have created some beautiful and experimental work this year. Here are photos from their last session.





Crispin Students Excel

Speeds 2025 - Crispin Students Excel!

This weekend saw Year 9 student Harry and Year 8 student Charlotte compete at the Commonwealth Games pool in Birmingham at the Speed Lifesaving championships; as the first time both had entered a competition of this nature.

Harry saw three huge personal bests against his entry times, as the youngest of the 15-18 age group he held his own and gained some great learning experience.

Charlotte swimming middle of the younger 12-14 age group found herself in the top 10 in the country for both 100m obstacles event (5 out of 57) and 50m tow with fins (8th out of 46) also placing a strong 11th out of 41 in the rescue medley; with great learning experiences.

Harry and Charlotte both swim as part of Wells Lifesaving Club at Strode Pool on Monday evenings (term time) anyone who may be interested to join them can contact wellslifesavers@hotmail.co.uk



SCHOOL SHOP

Open every Monday & Wednesday



Lunch times
13:30 - 14:10



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.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



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www.youngsomerset.org.uk/mhst

Upcoming Events

W/C 21 April 2025 - WEEK B

Monday Bank Holiday

Tuesday - Term 5 Begins

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

W/C 28 April 2025 - WEEK A

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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