



# Crispin School Newsletter

## 31 January 2025

### Issue 18

#### Message from the Headteacher

Next week, Crispin's production of 'School of Rock' will be taking place. As stated previously, I would strongly recommend going to one of the three performances. Tickets are in limited supply - only two tickets are available in the central stalls at the time of writing. Staff and students put considerable effort into these performances and the preparations go on for months.

**To book your tickets, please click [here](#).**

On 12 February 2025 Escapeline are delivering assemblies to all of our students and in the early evening there will be a session for all parents and carers. The sessions will focus on exploitation of children.

Unfortunately, this is a phenomenon that will probably affect almost every community and school up and down the Country. I have heard a previous presentation and I can wholeheartedly recommend what they have to say.

The information given by Escapeline will be important for all parents and carers to hear. Again, if you can attend I would strongly recommend doing so. **Please complete the google form to reserve your place.** <https://forms.office.com/e/BAF82VE4b9>

The Year 9 Options process commences in earnest on Monday 03 February with the Options Evening. I am conscious I am starting to sound like a broken record but this is also a particularly important event. I would urge students to carefully listen to all the information presented and advice given before making their choices. Most students do choose wisely but I can remember a few throughout my career making some spectacularly ill-informed decisions, not least the A Level student who did English Literature even though he did 'not like reading books'.

I am writing this before the Year 11 Parents Evening. I trust the evening will be very useful. Mr Bullock and a range of other colleagues have carefully planned the last weeks leading up to the Summer examinations.

I hope you all have a good weekend.



#### Highest House Points (Since September)

Year 7	Darcey Chilcott	Year 8	Samuel Crosse
Year 9	Tegan Nurse	Year 10	Dylan Hider
Year 11	Matilda Patten		

#### Highest House Points (This Week)

Damon Birch	Year 7	Neko Blaseby	Year 11
Ruby Spencer	Year 10	Orla Ensor	Year 11
Leo Difford	Year 7	Alfie Turner	Year 9
Liam Corr�-Brooks	Year 9	Elliot Stubbs-Green	Year 11
Juliette Rogers	Year 7	Joshua Skuse	Year 9
Harrison Roberts	Year 11		

#### Important Information

All Year 11 and any relevant Year 10 students (taking Cambridge National's) will receive their summer exam entry confirmation list during tutor this week.

Please check the entries very carefully and if students have any questions please can they see me urgently in the Exams Office or alternatively email [exams@crispinschool.co.uk](mailto:exams@crispinschool.co.uk).





## Mandarin Club

The original crew of the Mandarin Club accepted Millfield School's invitation to attend the Chinese Food Festival organised on Monday 27 January to celebrate welcoming in the new Chinese year.

We were excited to be part of this amazing event as it proved to be an excellent opportunity for the students to explore and experience Chinese culture first hand.

At the event, students had the chance to also meet students from Elmhurst School. They have taken full advantage of this unique and enriching experience.

Here are their impressions collected on the walk back to Crispin:

'There was a big variety. If you didn't like one thing, they had others.' (Ben)

'It felt like proper traditional Chinese food.' (Ivan & Lynette)

'I ate everything, including 15 dumplings.' (Scarlett)



## Rotary Photography Competition

Six of our students entered the Rotary Club Photography competition.

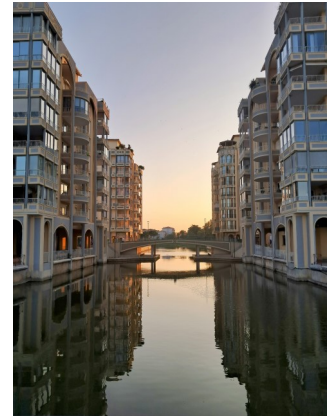
**Out of those six three have been awarded prizes.**

- Kyla Yates' entry titled 'Early Morning School Run' took first place in the Intermediate Competition; (Year 8)
- Freya White's entry titled 'Sunset over Water' took second place in the Intermediate Competition; (Year 9)
- George Savva's entry titled 'Bridge over Water' took third place in the Senior Competition (Year 9)

Presentations and prizes will be awarded over the next month.



**Bob Lewis - Year 10**



**George Savva - Year 9**



**Freya White - Year 9**



**Elliott Barber - Year 8**



**Kyla Yates - Year 8**



**Lian Bonehill - Year 7**





## Year 11 Science Revision Parental Support Evening

**Wednesday 05 February 2025**

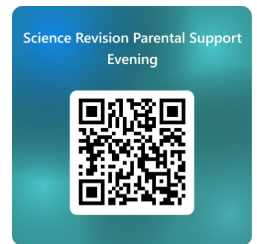
Science is challenging and knowing how to support your child with where and how to start revising can be frustrating. We are all keen make the most of the time they are spending on their revision and ensuring they enter their exams in May feeling confident and prepared.

To support you with this Mrs Attfield, Mr Attfield and Mrs Horne are offering an evening to share their experience and advice with you.

There are two sessions on offer (both identical) 16:15-17:15 and 17:30-18:30. We are able to accommodate fifty parents/carers and their children in each.

We look forward to hosting you and being on hand to answer any questions you might have.

To sign up please scan the QR code or complete the google form. <https://forms.office.com/e/8yAEvq4RdM>



## Parent/Carer Workshop - Escapeline

**Wednesday 12 February 2025**

**18:00 - 19:15**

The term 'County Lines' is used to describe a form of exploitation where criminals befriend children, either online or offline, and manipulate them into becoming involved in drug dealing. Young people aged between 11-14 are most likely to be targeted, but the youngest in Somerset has been six years old and primary school children are seen as easy targets because they are less likely to get caught.

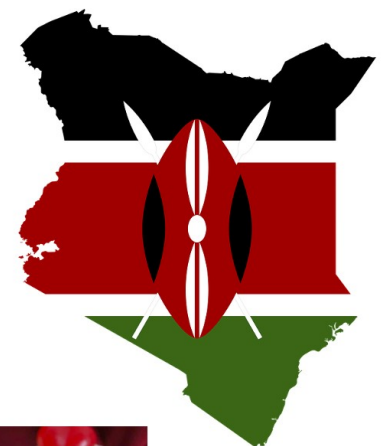
As well as the workshop, all year groups will be attending assemblies, also led by Escapeline, on the same day, to help raise awareness and share a real life story of a young person who was groomed and exploited. We hope by providing the student assemblies and offering the workshops for parents/carers you will be able to have open conversations at home with your child/children around knowing the signs, staying safe and what to do if ever your child is in a worrying situation. County Lines is a national and local safeguarding concern.

It can and does happen in Somerset and we want to continue to work with parents/carers as much as possible to keep children safe.

We would like to encourage all parents/carers to attend this important workshop.

Please complete the google form to reserve your place. <https://forms.office.com/e/BAF82VE4b9>

# Kenya Fundraising Valentine's Bake Sale



Lunchtimes outside S03 from

**11<sup>th</sup> February – 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**£1 a cake (cash only)**





## 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 Drew Mrs Drew is a Safeguarding Officer

**Q: What hobbies do you have?**

I try and do yoga every week. It helps as it is a bit of exercise and for wellbeing and stress relief!

**Q: Why did you want to be a Safeguarding Officer?**

I like working together as a safeguarding team and with all our pastoral teams and teachers, as well as outside agencies. It is interesting, varied and challenging. Most of all, I like feeling I am helping support students at Crispin.

**Q: Why did you come to Crispin?**

My two eldest children came to Crispin and did really well, so I have had a long association with the school. Everyone here is so committed and brilliant to work with. Like I say though, my favourite thing is working with our young people.

**Q: What's the best bit about being a Safeguarding Officer at Crispin?**

Working with students!

**Q: What is your favourite holiday destination?**

A couple of years ago I went on holiday to Turkey with all my family for a big birthday, it was very sunny and just what we needed. Otherwise, I love cities. I lived in London when I was younger so I enjoy going back as it's fun with lots to do. New York is one of my favourite cities too.

**Q: What books do you read?**

I read loads of books, I always have. It helps to read before I go to sleep. I am currently reading a book called *The Years*, which is by a French writer and has been translated. Otherwise, I like lots of fiction. I have just finished *Demon Copperhead* (a modern version of *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens - long!!) and I have a Sally Rooney book lined up. I need something different though - I might try the *Slow Horses* book my son got given for Christmas and left in his room when he went to Uni.

**Q: What would you like to accomplish?**

I would like to carry on (hopefully!) doing a good job, learning new things. I like to relax but I like to think I am making the most of life, for myself and with my family.

**Q: What is your favourite thing to do?**

Travel, I like travelling to different places and experiencing new things. I would like to do a bit more of that. When I was in my twenties I did a bit of a round-the-world trip. I think I am due another one of those.

**Q: What did you want to be when you were growing up?**

When I was your age I wanted to be an actor. I was really into drama and was in a youth theatre at my secondary school in Southampton. We were all from very ordinary backgrounds but got the chance to perform on-stage at the National Theatre. I told Mr Reddick that once and I think even he was impressed.

**Q: Do you have a dog?**

No, we don't have any pets. My kids would love a dog. But I have four children and I think that is enough to look after.

**Q: What is your favourite movie?**

I have always liked a film called 'When Harry Met Sally' which is quite old but I just found out they might make a follow-up. The original is very funny and well-written and acted - I hope they don't mess it up! I also like a film called *Goodfellas* which is completely different.

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

Maybe still working at Crispin? We will see! But hopefully having a bit of time for myself.





SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH EATING DISORDERS ACROSS THE SOUTH & WEST

## Parents & Carers Information Session

**Monday 10th February**  
**18.00 - 19.30**

Fiveways School Training Centre, Victoria Road  
Yeovil, Somerset  
BA21 5AZ

This information session might be helpful for you if you are a new to supporting a child or young person who is showing signs of disordered eating.

We will cover information about disordered eating, some nutritional advice, and tips to help you to support your child.

The session will be facilitated by members of our Children & Young People team and our Nutritionist.

Please email  
[support@swedauk.org](mailto:support@swedauk.org)  
to register or for more  
information



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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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# Upcoming Events

### W/C 03 February 2025 - WEEK B

**Monday** - Valentines Roses on Sale  
Year 9 Options Evening 18:00

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

### W/C 10 February 2025 - WEEK A

**Monday**

**Tuesday** - Year 10 Science Trip

**Wednesday** - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations  
Escapeline Workshop 18:00, Main School  
Hall

**Thursday** - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations  
Year 8 History Trip

**Friday** - Year 8 History Trip  
End of Term

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