



# Crispin School

Aspiration - Compassion - Excellence

10 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have been on together.

This term has seen continued progress in key areas across the school, particularly in behaviour in lessons, the consistency of our expectations, and the quality of teaching and learning. While we would never claim to be the finished article, we have strong foundations in place and much to be proud of. Our school community: staff, students, and families, have worked incredibly hard, and I want to thank you for your part in that.

Crispin has high aspirations to be an outstanding school in every sense, offering a broad and enriching education both in and beyond the classroom. But I am clear: we can only achieve this if we walk this journey together, as one community, supporting our young people and each other.

This year has been full of memorable highlights—too many to name in full. However, I'd like to mention a few that showcase the breadth and spirit of life at Crispin: the ski trip, our House drop-down sessions, Enrichment Week, Sports Day, Year 7 Camp, Year 8's trip to Osmington Bay, *The School of Rock* production, and both our National Handball and County Cup Football finalists. Each of these moments represents dedication, talent, and the shared joy of learning and growing together.

On 02 July, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students into the Crispin family as they joined us for their induction day. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to begin finding their feet; meeting tutors, exploring the school site, and starting to build connections that will shape their journey with us. Moments like this also serve as a reminder of the vital role families play every day. From early morning routines, checking uniform and equipment, helping with homework, to offering quiet support during more challenging times, your commitment makes a real difference. Thank you.

Below, I've outlined key updates and information as we prepare for September:

## Staffing:

We will be saying farewell to a number of valued colleagues at the end of term: Mrs Rice (Head of MFL), Miss Szigeti (Teacher of MFL), Mrs Chadwick (Teacher of Science), Mrs Hofgartner (Head of Science), Miss Steer (Acting Head of PE), Mrs Brookes (Second in English), Mr Lewis (Teacher of Geography), Mrs Dewey (English Teacher- Literacy Intervention), Mrs Greenow (Teacher of MFL), Miss Townsend (Music Teacher and Head of Year 8), Mr Astbury (Teacher of PE), Mr Keyte (Teacher of PE), Mrs Spurway (Headteacher's PA), Mrs Jenkins (School Administrator). I am sure you will join me in thanking them and wishing them well in their new roles.

## Expectations:

We will begin the new academic year with a clear focus on the basics:

- **Uniform:** Full adherence to our updated uniform as highlighted on the school website.
- **Attendance and Punctuality:** Every day counts; every minute matters.
- **Aspiration:** We will continue to challenge every student to achieve their best—in behaviour, effort and outcomes.



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**Uniform:**

As you are aware, we have shared a number of key updates with both current and incoming families regarding the changes to school uniform from September 2025. These changes, which are detailed in full on the school website, have been carefully considered and shaped with input from student voice, balancing cost, comfort, and consistency.

At Crispin, we believe that high standards begin with uniform. When students arrive to school dressed appropriately, it sets a tone of readiness, pride, and focus—and allows staff to dedicate their full attention to teaching, learning, and raising aspirations. We understand that change can be challenging, and we are grateful to families who have already worked with us to prepare for September. However, it is important to be clear: these are the school's expectations, and they must be upheld.

From September, the new uniform will be in place. Key changes include the removal of the school blazer, the introduction of a new school jumper, and new ties for both lower and upper school. In addition, the PE kit has been redesigned to be lighter, more practical, and more affordable—featuring fewer logos while still retaining a sense of identity. All new Year 7 students must wear the updated uniform. Students in Years 8 to 11 are permitted to transition to the new uniform over the coming academic year. However, any student who chooses not to wear their blazer must wear the new school jumper; no alternative jumpers will be permitted on site.

**Year 11 GCSE Preparation Evening**

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 families into school for our GCSE Preparation Evening on Thursday 11 September at 19:00. This will be an evening of vital importance in your child's GCSE journey. Subject leaders will be in attendance to provide all the information you need on how to effectively support your child over the coming months in order for them to be as prepared as possible for their GCSE examinations and NEAs.

**Move from ParentPay to Bromcom - My Child at School (MCAS):**

A letter regarding our move from Parentpay to Bromcom has been shared with you. As part of the new system, you will be required to download the My Child at School app or access My Child at School via your internet browser. We will cease to use ParentPay at the end of this academic year and therefore, it is essential that sign up for My Child at School (MCAS). If you have any issues regarding this please contact reception.

**Start of Term:**

Date	Year group	Start time
Thursday 04 September	7 and 11	08.35 am
Friday 05 September	7, 8, 9, 10, 11	08.35 am

As always, I thank you for your continued support. I look forward to a successful conclusion to the term and an exciting year ahead for Crispin School.

Yours faithfully,



Lee Cornwall  
Acting Headteacher