



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from the Acting Headteacher

As we reach the end of another incredibly full and rewarding year at Crispin, I would like to take a moment to thank two people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this newsletter to you: Mrs Argent and Mrs Ensor. Their dedication, patience (especially while waiting for my final piece each time!), and attention to detail ensure that families remain connected and informed throughout the year.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank every member of staff here at Crispin. Your commitment, resilience and drive to continually improve the experience of every student never goes unnoticed. As we enter the summer break, I encourage all staff, students, and families to take time - to rest, reflect, and recharge. Let's return in September with fresh energy, new aspirations, and clear targets for what we can achieve together in the coming year.

I firmly believe that Crispin will continue to grow as a school rooted in high expectations, proud of its standards, and committed to serving its local community.

Behind the scenes, our staff are already working hard to refine the curriculum and strengthen our teaching and learning offer. We are ambitious for our young people and passionate about providing the very best, well-rounded education for every student.

To support this, we ask that from the very first day of the new academic year (2025-26), all students arrive in full, correct uniform (as outlined on our website), equipped for learning, and on time. This ensures that they are ready to access a fantastic education from the moment they walk through the gates.

If any family needs support in getting everything in place for September, please don't hesitate to reach out to us - we are here to help.

All that remains is for me to say thank you. Thank you for your continued support, for the kind words you have shared, and for the questions you have asked that have helped us reflect and grow as a school.

I wish you all a restful, joyful and safe summer break.

Year 10 Science

10xTr delved into the fascinating world of DNA - the blueprint of life.

Since DNA is too small to see with the naked eye, we brought the concept to life using creative (and delicious!) models to help visualise its double helix structure.

Pupils also had the chance to extract DNA from fruit, seeing the science in action firsthand.





Sports Day 2025

A Celebration of Sport, Spirit, and Sunshine

The weather gods truly smiled on us for Sports Day 2025, blessing us with a beautifully mild and breezy day – perfect conditions for an action-packed celebration of sport, teamwork, and community.

The day kicked off with a burst of energy as students took part in Capture the Flag and the always-entertaining Tug of War, setting the tone for a fun and competitive atmosphere. Alongside the physical activities, students also took part in an Olympic-style classroom session, where they explored inspirational moments from Olympic history and reflected on key role models within Athletics – a brilliant way to link our sporting events with real-world achievement and values.

In the afternoon, the track took centre stage. Students competed in the 800m, 400m, 200m, and 100m sprints, showcasing impressive determination, effort, and sportsmanship. Sadly, we ran out of time for the relays, which led to a few disappointed faces, but rest assured – those who were ready to run will still be entered into the end-of-term participation prize draw.

This year's participation levels were truly outstanding, and we are especially grateful to the many students who stepped in at the last minute to fill spaces and represent their Houses – your willingness to get involved made a huge difference.

A huge thank you must go to all the staff and volunteers who helped the day run so smoothly, and to DJ Adam and DJ Wood, whose motivational tunes kept energy levels high throughout the day. Not forgetting the ever-popular Mr. Whippy, who made sure everyone was able to cool off and enjoy a well-earned ice cream break!

After lunch, we rounded off the day with our much-loved Colour Run – a joyful, paint-filled celebration of movement, togetherness, and support for the LGBTQ+ community. A huge shout-out to all students who threw themselves into the event (and the paint!) with such enthusiasm and spirit.

Thank you all for making Sports Day 2025 one to remember!





Colour Run 2025

Results of Sports Day

Sturnus - 1st
Tyto - 3rd

Corvus - 2nd
Falco - 4th





Crispin's Top Readers of Sparx

The English department would like to commend all the KS3 students who have put lots of effort into their Sparx reader homework this year.

This year, Crispin students have read 36,121,137 words in total, with 5064 hours of careful reading completed.

The Sparx programme helps every student to achieve regular independent reading, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills. The priority of the reading programme is not reading for pleasure, but careful reading to build and develop accurate reading comprehension skills. We hope that students will be encouraged to continue to read for pleasure at home, in addition to the 30 minutes of reading comprehension homework. This will continue next school year for all KS3 students.

Thanks to parents and carers for reminding students to complete their Sparx homework and also for encouraging reading generally, all of which really helps students to become more fluent and confident readers.

Congratulations from all of us to Crispin's top readers of Sparx for 2024-2025:

Year 7:

Teddy Shields – 62339 7XR Miss Wellbelove
Aedan Unger – 43199 7YS Miss Hagii
Stacey Chick – 35861 7XS Miss Wood
Eliza Baldwin – 31557 7XS Miss Wood
Grace Woodward – 23688 7XR Miss Wellbelove

Year 8:

Olivia Denton – 64,091 8YR Miss Brookes
George Ware – 16826 8YR Miss Brookes
Oliver Hyde – 16,333 8XR Miss Wellbelove
Oscar Ware – 15848 8XR Miss Wellbelove
Frank Cinque – 14326 8XS Miss Wood

Year 9:

Ollie Shields – 27153 9Y1 Miss Hagii
Sienna Fauceglia 23435 9X1 Mrs Turner
Ellie Sparks – 17,629 9Y1 Miss Wood
Lucas Liddy – 14641 9Y3 Mr Percival/Miss Reid
Adam Emam Hussein – 13909 9X4 Miss Hagii

Miss Wood.

*Enjoy
your
summer*

SUMMER SKATE

AT LOST PROJECTS INDOOR SKATEPARK

Skate Scoot Socialise **FREE** Food Provided

13-17 Years
Thursday 31st July
Thursday 14th August
4pm-8pm

8-16 Years
Thursday 7th August
Thursday 21st August
11am-3pm

BOOK NOW ON PLAYWAZE

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Always ask for help, learning should be a challenge and we all need help along the way.

Do not stand for someone interrupting your learning - this is, and will never be, right.



Scientists of the Week

Congratulations to this week's nominees.

Dylan who was nominated by Miss Green for incredible effort in his mock and improvement in science this year.

Congratulations to our Scientist of the Week...



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

Talented Year 7

Year 7 Shakespeareans bring 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to life.

Our talented year 7 students have thoroughly enjoyed bringing their study of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to life through creative set design.

After exploring the play in class and sketching their own stage concepts, students collaborated to build their designs using recycled materials.

Their teamwork, creativity, and dedication were evident throughout the process, and they are rightly proud of the fantastic sets they produced.

Well done, Year 7!





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Drama Department



2025-26 Review

As we approach the end of the academic year, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the incredible achievements and experiences our students have enjoyed. We are especially proud of our 2024 summer leavers, who achieved outstanding GCSE Drama results — with an impressive 52% achieving grades 9–7!. Throughout this year, our students have experienced a wide range of enriching opportunities, including theatre trips, workshops, our school production of *School of Rock* and more. Looking ahead, there's even more exciting news coming for the Performing Arts department in 2026.



School Of Rock

This February, our school production of *School of Rock* was an unforgettable highlight of the Performing Arts calendar. A huge undertaking, it demanded months of commitment, creativity, and teamwork from staff and students, and the result was nothing short of spectacular.

We were thrilled to welcome students from local primary schools for a special preview performance, which was a fantastic way to inspire the next generation of performers joining us in September.

Our evening performances played to a packed house each night, with enthusiastic, supportive audiences made up of families, friends, staff, and members of the wider community. *School of Rock* was a challenging project, but an incredibly rewarding one.

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Theatre Trips

Students have had the opportunity to attend a number of theatre trips this year.

In January we were invited to see 'Ministry of Memory' at SPACE performed by their Year 2 students, this verbatim performance was an emotive

piece of theatre that explored the impact of core moments in our lives that shape who we are as humans.

Our year 11s ventured to London to see Stranger Things: First Shadow which is a prequel to the Netflix series. The students and staff were blown away by the impressive special effects and creative design and only jumped a little at the scary bits!!

Another trip to this show is planned for our GCSE students in the Autumn term of next year.

Most recently we visited Bristol with year 9 & 10 GCSE drama students to see National Theatre's War Horse.

Our trip to see War Horse was a powerful experience. Students were really impressed by the lifelike puppetry, and the story had a strong emotional impact – there were definitely a few tears, staff and students too. It's one of those shows that everyone should see at least once.



SPACE Dance Workshop

A select group of students were invited to participate in a dance workshop run by James Northover from Somerset Performing Arts Centre for Education (SPACE).

The workshop was inspired by the company's recent performance of Monument to Childhood, which featured a range of dance styles including Contemporary, Ballet, Tap and Commercial. The show explored common childhood experiences—such as skipping, playground games and friendship struggles—and turned them into a powerful piece of dance theatre.

During the workshop, students learned two contrasting pieces from the show: one was an emotive Contemporary piece about bullying and exclusion, while the other was a lively routine inspired by children's clapping games. Our students were a credit to themselves and the school, producing some truly thoughtful and creative work.





Musical 2026

We're excited to announce that our school production of Frozen Jr. will be hitting the stage at Strode Theatre from 5th-7th February 2026! Auditions have already taken place, and the cast list will be announced soon. We can't wait to reveal the fantastic talent bringing Arendelle to life.

We're also delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students joining us in September, who are invited to be part of the ensemble cast for their first school musical experience at Crispin! It's a great way to get involved, make friends, and be part of something magical.

If you are interested in joining the production in an acting or technical role, look out for information on Teams in September.

Exciting News for 2026

We're thrilled to announce that Crispin has been offered a place on the exciting 'Elevate' programme for 2025-26, in partnership with Octagon and Westlands Theatres.

This means we'll be working closely with world-class companies including Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO), Motionhouse Dance, and Wise Children (led by multi award winning director Emma Rice), to bring amazing opportunities to our students and staff.

Highlights for 2025/26 include:

- Theatre, dance and music workshops led by professional performers.
- A special CPD day for teachers to develop their skills.
- Priority tickets to live performances with our partner companies.
- Specialised Arts careers events and talks.

Our first workshop is already in the calendar and will be with 'Wise Children' in January 2026!

This is a fantastic opportunity which will hopefully inspire creativity, build skills, and help our students experience the arts in exciting new ways!





THE NEXT GENERATION SCHOOL of ROCK THE MUSICAL



Stick it to
the Man!

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Upcoming Events

W/C 21 July 2025 - WEEK B

Monday

Tuesday - End of Term
Students finish at 12:15pm

Wednesday - INSET DAY

W/C 01 September - Week A

Monday - School Holiday

Tuesday - INSET DAY

Wednesday - INSET DAY

Thursday - Term 1 starts for Year 7 & 11

Friday - Term 1 starts for all students

Uniform Donations

We will be collecting uniform that has the old Crispin logo on it. This is because uniform with logos on cannot be taken by charity shops or clothing banks. All other old uniform can be donated in this way.

A reminder though that it is only the jumpers, blazers and PE kit that are changing.

All other aspects of uniform will remain the same and will not need to be re bought.

Students and all other years except for Year 7 will be allowed to wear both types of uniform.

The donations are simply if you would like to buy the new style going forward, and therefore have unwanted uniform with logos on it.

The collection will run until the 28th of September 2025.

Uniform Donation
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Please bring to:
1) Green Gate (morning)
2) Ms Maude's Office (day) by Sept 28th

Don't Bin It!

Donate old Crispin Uniform

New School Uniform starting Sept 25!
Charity Shops & Clothing Banks don't take uniform with logos, so when clearing out your clutter... donate to us!

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