



Crispin School

Aspiration - Compassion - Excellence

10 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to welcome all of our students back to school today following the summer break. Having attended assemblies and visited lessons throughout the morning, I have been genuinely impressed by the positive start our young people have made. Their enthusiasm, politeness, and attitudes to learning have been exemplary, and the way they have moved around the school site has set an excellent tone for the year ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate our students on their examination results. Results Day is always one filled with smiles, pride, and celebration, but it can also be a reminder of challenges or missed opportunities. Whatever the outcome, we are proud of every student, and I, along with all staff, wish them every success as they move forward into further education, training, or employment.

As we begin the academic year, I would like to highlight several important areas:

Attendance

Good attendance is the foundation of success at school. Every day in school matters, and even small amounts of absence can have a big impact on learning and progress.

Nationally, attendance remains lower than before the pandemic, and schools have been asked to place an even stronger focus on improving this. Please note that penalty notices will be issued to parents/carers who take students out of school for holidays during term time.

We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Together, we can make sure all of our students have the very best chance to achieve their potential.

Enrichment

At Crispin, we believe that learning goes beyond the classroom. Enrichment activities give students the chance to explore new interests, develop skills, and build confidence.

- **Years 7 & 8:** Students are expected to take part in at least **two enrichment activities** this year.
- **Year 9:** Students are expected to take part in at least **one enrichment activity**.

A full programme of opportunities, along with details on how to sign up, will be shared by Miss Horne next week. We strongly encourage all students to take advantage of these experiences, as they are an important part of school life and personal development.



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Uniform

- White socks are not permitted.
- Hoodies, hats, and additional jewellery will be confiscated at the school gate.
- Confiscated items are kept in Student Reception until the end of the day.
- Repeat offences will require parents/carers to collect items.
- Year 7 Students should wear their full PE kit to school on the days they have PE.

Mobile Devices

- Phones must be switched off and stored in bags throughout the school day.
- Any phone used without permission will be confiscated.
- Confiscated phones can be collected from Student Reception at the end of the day.
- Repeat offences will require parents/carers to collect items.

New Colleagues

We are delighted to welcome several new colleagues to the Crispin community this year. They bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and I know they will make a strong contribution to our school. A full list of their names and roles is included below:

Miss Allen, Physical Education Teacher, Ms Beaven, English Teacher, Mr Binmore, Computing Teacher, Rev Briggs, Sociology Teacher, Miss Catling, Head of Religious Studies, Miss Chambers, English Teacher, Mr Fidock, Head of Science, Ms Herubel, Modern Foreign Languages Teacher, Mrs Rix, Geography Teacher, Mr Veevers, Head of Physical Education.

New and Changing Roles

I am pleased to share updates on existing colleagues who have taken on new responsibilities:

Miss Corrè, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Mr Horner, Head of Years 10 and 11, Mr Murphy, Head of Year 7, Mr Weymouth, Head of Year 8, Mrs Scott, Head of Year 9, Mr Weller, Enrichment Coordinator, Miss Wood, Second in English. Congratulations to the following colleagues who have become Curriculum Directors for the Wessex Learning Trust: Miss Addicott, Design Technology, Mr Mason, History, Mrs Turner, English, and Mr Williams, Humanities.

As many of you will know, Mr Reddick, our Headteacher, remains on a period of extended sick leave. I'm sure you'll join me in continuing to send him our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery. In the meantime, I will continue to serve as Acting Headteacher during Mr Reddick's absence.

To support the school's leadership during this time, we've made the following interim changes to the existing Senior Leadership Team:

Mr Bullock will step up as the Acting Deputy Headteacher.

Mrs Harvey, Assistant Headteacher will be responsible for Behaviour and continue as our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs Maude, Assistant Headteacher will be responsible for Curriculum.

Miss Horne, Assistant Headteacher will be responsible for Inclusion.

I'm grateful to each of them for moving into these roles and for their continued dedication to our school community.

Grab Sheets

Last year, families found our one-page "Grab Sheets" very useful for keeping all the key information for each year group to hand. Updated versions are being prepared and will be sent out in the coming months.

Open Mornings and Evenings

Please note the following dates for our upcoming open events. These provide an excellent opportunity to showcase our school to prospective students and their families.

Tuesday 16 September 09:15-11:00 – Year 6 (SEND Focus)

Thursday 18 September 09:15-11:00 – Year 6

Tuesday 23 September 09:15-11:00 – Year 6

Wednesday 24 September 18:30-20:30 – Year 6 (Open Evening)

Wednesday 01 October 09:15-11:00 – Year 6

Closing

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is vital in ensuring that every student thrives, and I am confident that, together, we can make this academic year a highly successful one for all. I look forward to working with you and celebrating the many achievements of our students in the months ahead.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mr Cornwall', written in a cursive style.

Mr Cornwall
Acting Headteacher