



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Cornwall, Acting Headteacher

This week has been another special one at Crispin. We were delighted to announce our new Head Students to both staff and students. I am incredibly proud of every single young person who applied for the role, and I know that the six students appointed will carry out their responsibilities with integrity, commitment, and pride.

Our Open Mornings have continued to be exceptionally well attended, and this week's Open Evening was a true highlight of the term so far. The atmosphere across the school was outstanding, and I was particularly struck by the number of staff who commented on the enthusiasm, knowledge, and warmth shown by our student volunteers. Time and again, they prove themselves to be excellent ambassadors for our school, and I am deeply grateful for their support.

It has also been a busy and exciting week in sport. Fixtures are coming thick and fast, and it is a real privilege for any student to represent the school and wear the Crispin badge with pride. On Wednesday, our girls' football team battled hard in a dramatic match against Robert Blake, narrowly missing out on victory in a penalty shootout. Their determination and teamwork right up to the final whistle were inspiring. Today, I had the pleasure of watching our newly formed Year 8 rugby team in action for the very first time. To see them grow in confidence as the game went on—making strong tackles and exciting runs—was wonderful to witness.

Finally, I would like to share a highlight from Open Evening. Two of our new Head Prefects, Neriah Griffiths and Mackenzie Bloodworth both delivered a speech that they had written entirely independently. They were sharp, funny, purposeful, and delivered with real presence—dare I say, better than mine! They captured perfectly the spirit of Crispin and left a lasting impression on all who heard it. I would like to share with you the words that Mackenzie wrote for the evening below.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the school. I remain immensely proud of our students, staff, and community, and of the positive direction in which we are moving.



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Head Student Speech

My name is Mackenzie and I am one of the Head Students here at Crispin. First of all, let me say how great it is to see so many young people at tonight's open evening. Although I was in Year 6 over 5 years ago, I can still clearly remember how anxious I felt, and I imagine you feel the same right now. I know it must seem like a big step choosing your school and going into Year 7, and it is a big leap, but trust me when I say, it's also the start of something amazing. And today I would like to share with you why I think this school is such an incredible place to be. And no, I am not saying that because the teachers are watching me right now.

There are lots of amazing things at this school that I could talk about, but unfortunately, I don't have enough time to tell you all of them, however I can tell you about what I believe are the best parts of Crispin. As a year 11 who is undergoing my GCSEs in nine months, I cannot emphasise enough to you how supportive the teachers here really are. You wouldn't believe how much time and effort they put into giving the students here the best education possible, some of them spend so much time here, it wouldn't surprise me if they lived on site!

And if you have spent as much time as I have here, you really come to appreciate how much they do for the pupils. Teachers such as Mr Mason in History have consistently provided revision sessions after school every week for GCSE students, which makes a big difference for many people, but more importantly he brings a pack of biscuits for the group to share.

Another great teacher here is Mrs Baumgardt, who provides students from Years 7 to 11 with the opportunity to perform in a musical production in Strode Theatre every year! So, if any of you enjoy acting, singing, or dancing, it's a no brainer to choose Crispin.

There are many other teachers who I can sing praises for, but I am sure that you will want to hear about the other aspects of life as a student here. One thing that might be new to you is tutor sessions. These are classes at the beginning of every day with a teacher and other students in your year. In the 25 minutes you have there you get to complete activities such as reading on one day, assembly on another, and one day you can play games or chat with your classmates.

Personally, on these free days, I like to play cards. But one of, if not, the most important parts of these sessions are the tutors.

I have been lucky enough to have the same tutor for 5 years and she has been so helpful and kind, I cannot thank her enough.

The whole idea of a tutor isn't to just run these sessions, but to help you as an individual, succeed in school and give you support in many areas such as learning in lessons or welfare, or even in my case, ordering extra decks of cards.

Looking back on year 7, one of the most exciting elements of joining here, was the amount of freedom you are given. Unlike primary schools, here, you have much more choices to make for yourselves, even simple things like being able to go into the canteen and buy what you want and when you want, within lunch and break time of course. The community here is one that I believe is much more diverse and mature than your current experience at primary and it gives you the opportunity to be who you really want to be. For example, when I started here, I had no intentions of joining a drama production, or a choir, or a national robotics team or completing a bronze duke of Edinburgh, or even joining a rock band!

But here I am, and I couldn't have done any of it without the opportunities I have been given here at Crispin.

In conclusion, if you decide to join us in your next chapter, you will become a member of an inclusive, diverse, and supportive community that will be with you throughout your 5 years of secondary school, which will include some of the most important exams of your life.

But finally, whether you choose Crispin or not, don't worry about your next steps into secondary, us Year 11s really aren't as scary as some of us look.





PE Department Reminders

Year 7 - Students come to school in their PE kits as agreed but only for the days they have PE, whilst also ensuring they have their school uniforms in their bags if they have PE between lessons 1-4.

Year 7 - If they have a PE lesson 1-4, they must change back into their uniforms.

Year 7 - If they are wearing their PE kit throughout the day with PE planned for later in the school day, they must bring a warm winter coat for when they are moving around site or when on breaktimes.

Year 7 - students must be wearing Crispin branded PE kit and not merely a black jumper for example.

ALL YEARS - If students have PE during period 5, they can remain in their PE kits to go home in, but this must be their PE kit.

ALL YEARS - students require a gumshield, shin pads and plastic studded boots for activities such as Hockey, Football and Rugby



Years 8, 9 & 10

Youth Work at Crispin with the YMCA Street Youth Team

Lunch Club: Year 7 & 8
Monday Week A, Room T16

Games & activities, hang out with friends, bring your lunch, chat with youth workers

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CRISPIN SCHOOL

Expedition to

SOUTHERN TANZANIA

Join our zoom call to find out more

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER
at
7PM



Year 11 UpGrade

After School UpGrade Autumn Terms				
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject Time Room	Art 15:15-16:15 I21	Art 15:15-16:15 I21	Art 15:15-16:15 I21	Engineering Unit 1 catch up 15:15-16:30 I03
Subject Time Room	Photography 15:15-16:15 I21	Photography 15:15-16:15 I21	Photography 15:15-16:15 I21	Music NEA 15:15-16:30 P05
Subject Time Room	Graphics 15:15-16:15 I21	Graphics 15:15-16:15 I21	Graphics 15:15-16:15 I21	
Subject Time Room	Product Design week B 15:15-16:15 I02	Drama week B 15:15-16:15 Drama	Product Design 15:15-16:15 I02	
Subject Time Room	Drama week A 15:15-16:15 Drama Studio	Science 15:15-16:15 S07	Music NEA 15:15-16:30 P05	
Subject Time Room	Food (NEA catch up) 15:15-16:30			
Subject Time Room	History 15:15-16:30			

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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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Uniform Reminder

Blazer/Jumper:

Black Crispin blazer
From September 2025 - Black Crispin V neck jumper

Skirt*:

Mid grey Crispin school skirt

Tights:

Plain black or nude tights

Tie:

Crispin lower or higher school tie

Hair:

Hair should be of natural colour

Shirt/Blouse:

White long or short sleeve blouse
White long or short sleeve shirt
*please ensure top button can be done up

Trousers*:

Mid Grey senior school shorts (Summer Term only)
Mid Grey senior flat front trousers
Mid Grey slim-fit trousers

Socks:

Grey or black socks

Shoes:

Black polishable shoes

Jewellery/Piercings:

One set of stud earrings only
No false nails
No rings or bracelets



No Hats



No Hoodies



No Face Piercing



No Painted Nails



No Trainers



No Leggings



Important Calendar Dates

Year Group	Date	Event
Year 7	Wednesday 13 - 15 May 2026	Residential Trip
	Thursday 04 June 2026	Face to Face, Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Year 8	Thursday 26 March 2026	Virtual Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Year 9	Thursday 09 October 2025	Westlands Careers Fayre
	Monday 02 February 2026	Options Evening
	Thursday 26 February 2026	Virtual Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Year 10	Thursday 04 December 2025	Virtual Parents' Evening
	Wednesday 28 January 2026	Year 10 Careers Day
	Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 May 2026	Year 10 Mock Careers Days
	Wednesday 24 June 2026	Year 10 Step Up Evening
	Monday 15 - Friday 27 June 2026	Year 10 Summer Prelims
	Monday 29 - Friday 03 July 2026	Work Experience Week
Year 11	W/C Monday 03 & W/C Monday 10 November 2025	Year 11 November Prelims
	Thursday 04 December 2025	Year 11 Strode Experience day
	Thursday 29 January 2026	Face to Face Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
	Monday 09 February - 27 February 2026	Year 11 February Prelims
	Friday 08 May - Wednesday 17 June 2026	GCSE Live Exams
	Thursday 02 July 2026	Leavers Breakfast & Prom
	Thursday 20 August 2026	GCSE Results Day

