



Crispin School Newsletter

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Crispin Carol Service at Wells Cathedral

What a truly magical evening we shared at Wells Cathedral last night. Our Christmas Carol Concert was not only Crispin's celebration of the beginning of the festive season, but a remarkable showcase of the talent, dedication, and spirit of our students. What a beginning to the festive season it was! The grandeur of the Cathedral, with its soaring arches and candlelit glow, provided the perfect backdrop for a performance that will be remembered for years to come.

From the opening notes of One in Royal David's City, which saw the candlelit procession of students and supporting staff make their way around the majestic setting, to the final notes of Hark the Herald Angels sing, our students and staff performed with confidence, joy, and a maturity beyond their years. Their harmonies filled the Cathedral with warmth and wonder, and whether performing as part of the choir, senior choir, GCSE ensemble, staff choir or as soloists, each student demonstrated exceptional commitment to our Crispin Community and pride in the talents they had to offer.

It was particularly moving to witness the way in which they supported one another throughout the evening, exemplifying the very best of our school community.

The audience was treated to a thoughtfully curated programme put together by Ms Cooper-White, our Head of Performing Arts, which blended traditional favourites with contemporary arrangements, was all delivered with professionalism and heartfelt enthusiasm.

This truly was the best Christmas Carol Concert yet!

Many parents commented on how uplifting it was to pause from the busyness of the season and be immersed in such beautiful music in such a spectacular setting.

A huge thank you must go to the staff and students who worked tirelessly behind the scenes – from rehearsals and logistics to musical direction and staging. Their guidance and encouragement ensured our students were able to shine so brightly. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to Wells Cathedral for once again welcoming us so generously into their magnificent space and to yourselves, our Crispin community for coming to support us.

Above all, we are incredibly proud of our students. Their hard work, passion, and poise made the evening a triumph, and they represented the school with distinction. They reminded us not only of the power of music, but of the joy that comes from coming together as a community to celebrate something special.

Thank you to all who attended and supported the event.

We hope you left feeling as inspired and festive as we did.





Attendance & Safeguarding

Regular attendance is about more than just learning - it is also a key part of safeguarding. Unexplained or persistent absence can sometimes indicate that a child is facing difficulties at home or in school. For this reason, we monitor attendance carefully and work with families to ensure students are present and engaged.

Our expectation is that every student maintains 96% or higher attendance. We know that children with good attendance achieve better academically, develop stronger friendships, and feel more connected to school life.

If your child is struggling to attend, please talk to us as soon as possible. Together, we can identify barriers - whether health, anxiety, or practical challenges - and put support in place. By working in partnership, we can help all children succeed.

Road Safety Talks

On Monday, 10th November, Somerset Road Safety delivered a presentation led by an ex-police officer with over 30 years of experience, aimed at raising students' awareness of everyday risks on and near the road.

Using real-life examples and video clips, pupils learned about the importance of wearing seatbelts, removing headphones when crossing roads, and making safe decisions as passengers.

The session strongly supported our statutory PSHE "Curriculum for Life" programme, helping pupils develop informed, responsible behaviours that promote their personal safety and could ultimately prevent serious injury or save a life.

Show Racism the Red Card - A Week of Awareness and Unity

Crispin School came together in a powerful display of unity to support *Show Racism the Red Card*.

Every lesson across the week began with a themed Do Now exploring kindness, discrimination, and equality, sparking meaningful conversations among pupils.

Assemblies throughout the week deepened understanding of racism as a form of bullying and the importance of standing up for others.

The week culminated in a sea of red on Friday, as pupils and staff proudly wore red to show their commitment to tackling racism and promoting inclusion.

At lunchtime, the atmosphere was electric with stickers and posters held high, and the sound of music of Black origin creating a vibrant celebration of diversity, respect, and community spirit.

It was a week that truly embodied our *Thrive* values of respect, empathy, and action.





Christmas Wreath Making

Last Friday, a group of our talented Crispin students took part in a festive Christmas wreath-making workshop

They created some truly wonderful masterpieces, each one unique.

A big thank you to Miss Addicott for running this lovely activity and supporting our students' creativity!

Well done to everyone who took part!



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the highest individual house points last week.

George Skuse	Year 10	George Phillips	Year 11
George Savva	Year 10	Iona Graham	Year 10
Poppy Chadwick	Year 11	Oliver Bright	Year 10
Ella Whiting	Year 10	Joshua Wren	Year 11
Jack Childs	Year 10	Sienna Fauceglia	Year 10
Kelly Spring	Year 11	Rory Johnson	Year 10
Ava Shepherd	Year 10		



Year Group house Point Leader (Year to date)

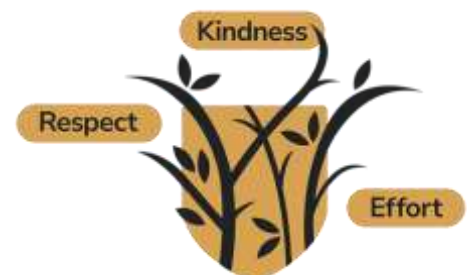
Year 7 Dima Efimov	Year 8 Erika Whittick
Year 9 Samuel Crosse	Year 10 Iona Graham
Year 11 Oscar Vowles	

Rugby Sevens Fixtures

On Wednesday evening, Crispin hosted two Rugby Sevens fixtures against Wells Blue.

These matches were arranged to support their GCSE PE performance assessments and provided a brilliant opportunity for all pupils involved to showcase their skills in a competitive yet supportive environment.

Thank you to Wells Blue for attending, and well done to all players for contributing to two fast-paced and high-quality games.





Upcoming Assemblies & Workshops

Supporting Respect, Safety & Personal Development

As part of our ongoing work to educate and safeguard our students, we are pleased to share details of two important assemblies and workshops taking place this term and next, delivered in partnership with Collaborative Digital, a specialist organisation that works nationally with schools on issues affecting young people today.

These sessions have been carefully planned to complement and strengthen the curriculum taught through Curriculum for Life, with a particular focus on respect, relationships, community safety and personal responsibility. Content will be age-appropriate, factual, and supported by current statistics and real-world examples to help students understand the relevance of these topics in their own lives.

VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls)

Friday 12th December 2025

Students will take part in an assembly and workshop exploring:

- What VAWG means in the context of young people
- Everyday behaviours that impact the safety and wellbeing of girls and young women
- The difference between anti-social behaviours and criminal offences
- How harmful online content (such as “manosphere” messaging) influences attitudes
- The importance of positive male role models and challenging misogyny
- How boys and young men can be allies
- Support available both in and outside school

The aim is not to alarm, but to educate, empower and raise awareness so that all students develop respect, empathy and understanding of how their words and actions affect others

These sessions will help students understand the challenges many young people face today and equip them with the knowledge and confidence to make positive, safe choices. A Safe, Respectful and Supportive School Community.

Both sessions are designed to:

- Build on the ongoing learning students receive in Curriculum for Life
- Provide evidence-based, fact-driven information
- Encourage respectful discussion
- Promote a culture where students feel safe and feel able to speak up
- Strengthen our whole-school safeguarding approach

If parents have any questions about the content, delivery, or support available, they are welcome to contact the school or the Curriculum for Life team.

Parental Surveys for Curriculum for Life

We are currently inviting parents and carers to complete our Curriculum for Life parent survey, which has been emailed to all families this week. Your feedback is extremely important and will help us continue to shape and strengthen the personal, social and health education we provide across the school. In addition to the survey, we will also be holding a series of parent consultation meetings in the new year, where families will be able to discuss all aspects of PSHE, Relationships and Sex Education, digital safety, wellbeing, and the wider Curriculum for Life programme. We look forward to hearing your views and working together to ensure our provision continues to support every young person's personal development and wellbeing.

Link: [Curriculum For Life Parental/Guardian Consultation – Fill in form](#)



Inspiring Visit to the Redbrick Building Coffee Morning

On Friday 28 November, a group of ten Year 8 students had the privilege of attending a Community Coffee Morning at the historic Redbrick Building in Glastonbury, formerly the Morlands Factory. The visit formed part of the History department's wider work on the British Empire, the Industrial Revolution and the school's Thrive initiative, and it offered students a unique chance to bring their classroom learning to life.

During the morning, students interviewed former Morlands employees, gathering fascinating firsthand accounts of factory life and the roles their families held across different generations. These conversations provided invaluable insight into the local area's industrial heritage and helped students deepen their understanding of how national historical developments shaped the community around them.

A highlight of the visit was an unexpected opportunity to tour the GWS Radio studio, located within the building. Students were able to observe a live broadcasting environment, learn about the history of the radio station and even ask questions about how shows are produced and presented.

The visit was a tremendous success, with students fully engaging in their interviews and showing great curiosity throughout. Staff reported that the group gained an enormous amount of educational benefit from the experience, returning to school with new knowledge, inspiration and plenty of stories to share.

A huge thank you goes to Alison Horgan, the Redbrick Building community and GWS Radio for welcoming our students so warmly.



Crispin Cross Country Success

On Wednesday 26 November, a team of Crispin students travelled to Millfield to compete in the annual Cross Country Championships.

Our runners performed brilliantly against strong competition from Millfield, Wells Blue, Downside, Frome and Wells Cathedral School.

We are now awaiting confirmation of the final results to see which of our pupils have qualified for the next round.

A huge well done to all competitors.

Their effort, resilience and determination were clear throughout the event, and they represented Crispin with real pride.



THRIVE & Careers 'Question Time', Tessa Munt MP

As part of Tessa Munt MP's visit to Crispin last Friday, year 9 and 10 students had the chance to engage in a thought-provoking discussion at a 'Question Time' session.

The group put their questions to Tessa about what school she attended, her qualifications, and what inspired her to go into politics.

They also demonstrated real-life awareness of current issues, asking, 'What social injustices are you trying to fix in our society?', 'What are your thoughts on how we reduce our emissions?' and about her plans to improve our community and education.

Possible future leaders or journalists among them we think!



Aspiration Masterclass: Barbering Skills & Career Talk

Past and present Crispin students came together in a Careers Talk & Demo focused on Barbering skills and pathways. We welcomed back Licio and Nik whose journey from Crispin to Strode College started in September where they are pursuing a Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering. Under the watchful eyes of tutor Paul Brookes a small group watched Licio demo his skills and heard about their experiences so far. Paul gave insight into the course, training options, potential income, and where a career in barbering can lead. Nik and Licio's developing confidence rubbed off on some of our year 10 students who have been inspired to seek barbering work experience placements.

ALL year 11 and 10 students can request a careers appointment with our in-school Careers Adviser, Mrs Creed, via Tutors.

(Year 11 students will be prioritised when making post-16 applications.)



December Careers Calendar

Date	Year				Ways to Support Your Child
1 Dec	Yr 11	Sixth Form Lead Talk, Sexeys School	Assembly	Post-16 Guidance	Chat about post-16 plans and ideas
1 Dec	Yr 11	Setting Goals & Covering Letters	Curriculum for Life lesson	Skills	Help find examples of covering letters & support applications
1 Dec	Yr 10	Barbering Masterclass: Strode College	In-school Demo & Career Talk	Inspiration & pathways	Use Crispin online employability resources/explore college website
4 Dec	Yr 11	Strode College Taster Day	Visit	Inspiration & pathways	Discuss and explore prospectus together
9, 10, 11 Dec	Yr 11, 10, 9	LMI Information	Assembly	Local Market Information	Explore Somerset Careers Hub resources on local jobs market
10 Dec	Yr 11, 10	Careers Café	Lunch Drop-In	Post-16 Guidance	Chat about post-16 plans and ideas
18 Dec	Yr 9, 8, 7	Training, Apprenticeships & Post-16 Placements: EDF	Assembly	Inspiration & pathways	Research early careers ideas and opportunities together; discuss options for end of year 9
18 Dec	Yr 9, 10, 11	Bespoke D&T / Engineering Talk: EDF	Subject-specific lessons	Inspiration & pathways	Explore subject-specific job and opportunities; discuss options for end of year 9

Further ideas & resources

Follow the Somerset Careers Hub website or Facebook page

<https://www.somersetcareershub.co.uk/>

See the Crispin website's Employability pages for more information and guidance

<https://crispinschool.co.uk/employability/information-for-parents-carers/>

<https://crispinschool.co.uk/employability/information-for-students/>



Crispin Needs You!

Are you an ex-Crispin student?

**If so click the QR code or go to
[Crispin School Alumni Q&A - Fill out form](#)
and complete our Alumni Q&A.**

By sharing your experience, career pathways and advice you could help inspire the next generation!



Crispin Alumni

LEWIS PACKHAM *Leaver 2015*

We're so proud of former student Lewis, who has gone from taking GCSE Drama at Crispin to now working alongside Richard Hammond at The Smallest Cog Workshop!

Lewis began his journey here at Crispin, developing his passion for lighting, production, and backstage work. He went on to collaborate with various theatre and production companies, always saying yes to opportunities and taking on new challenges, putting in the hard work to build his skills. All that dedication has paid off; you can now catch him on Richard Hammond's Workshop Season 5, airing Mondays on Discovery+ via Amazon



“ My passion for cars and my love of creating things, from stages to festivals, have come together in ways I never expected. Now, as Head of Social Media for Richard Hammond, I'm proud to show, that when you follow what excites you, it can lead you to places you never imagined. - Lewis Packham

Trampoline Championships

Students Shine at South West Trampoline Championships

Well done to Molly (Year 7), Italia (Year 8), and Jessica (Year 10), who all represented Griffin Trampoline Club at the South West Championships held at Bath University.

Each gymnast performed brilliantly and showcased fantastic progress throughout the competition.

Molly finished in a fabulous 39th place in the Under 13 Girls category, demonstrating great determination and skill. In the Under 15 Girls, Italia achieved an impressive 5th place, while Jess secured a strong 28th place in a highly competitive field.

All three gymnasts competed new moves and routines, making their achievements even more commendable.

Huge congratulations to Molly, Italia, and Jess!





Important Calendar Dates

Whole School Events	
Tues/Wed 09 & 10 December 2025	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 16 December 2025	Crispin Christmas Concert, Street Baptist Church, 18:00
Friday 19 December 2025	End of Term, 12:15pm
Monday 05 January 2026	Term Begins, 08:35

Year Group Events		
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
	Monday 30 March - 01 April 2026	Residential Trip
Year 9	Monday 02 February 2026	Options Evening
	Thursday 26 February 2026	Virtual Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Year 10	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 26 June 2026	Year 10 Summer Prelims
	Monday 29 June - Friday 03 July 2026	Work Experience Week
Year 11	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

