



Crispin School Newsletter

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Issue 15

Message from Mr Cornwall, Acting Headteacher

Happy New Year!

It has been a wonderful start to the new year and term, and I have been genuinely impressed by the focus, maturity and engagement shown by our students. In the lessons I have visited, there has been a calm sense of purpose and a real commitment to learning, which sets a hugely positive tone for the weeks ahead.

We are also very much looking forward to the launch of our enrichment programme next week. I would like to thank parents and carers for taking the time to sign their children up for the wide range of activities on offer this term. Enrichment plays a vital role in developing confidence, character and curiosity beyond the classroom, and it is fantastic to see such strong uptake across the school.

There is much to look forward to as the term unfolds. Preparations for our *Frozen* production are beginning to gather pace, promising creativity, teamwork and plenty of excitement. Year 11 Parents' Evening will also take place this term and will provide a vital opportunity to reflect on what has gone well so far, and to identify areas for focus as we approach the second round of examinations. These conversations are an important part of ensuring every student is well supported as they move towards their next steps.

I am confident that this will be a term filled with exceptional achievements, valuable opportunities and moments of celebration. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, it truly makes a difference.



ChatHealth

Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

Emotional health

is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text

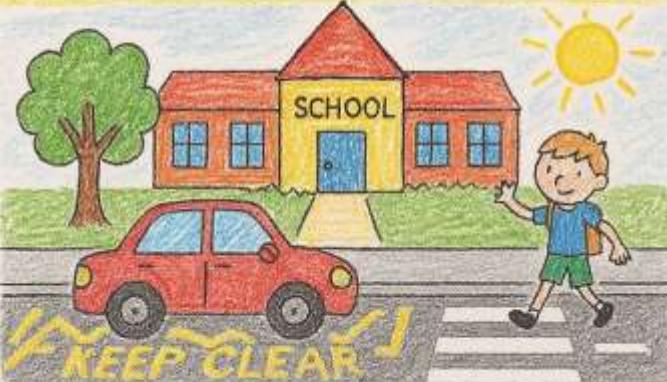
07480 635 515

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service. It operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team or our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

Improving LIVES



PARK SAFELY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS



SAFETY REMINDER:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
- No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the pedestrian crossing white zig zag lines
- No parking on corners or junctions, especially near the school entrance

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Diarrhoea	At least 5 days from the start of the diarrhoea until all stools have changed back to normal
Illness and vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu like illness (including COVID-19)	They no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they're tested positive for COVID-19
Ingestion	Their vomit has stopped and passed, or 48 hours after they started vomiting
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	3 days after the swelling started
Scarlet Fever	They've had their first treatment
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, Foot and Mouth	General
Head lice	General
Impetigo	General

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for
health protection in schools
or scan the QR code or visit
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-schools>

Congratulations

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

Melek Ozsevgec	Year 7	Isaac Churchill	Year 9
Elijah Gulliford	Year 7	Jack Denton	Year 7
Erika Whittick	Year 8	Emily Rumsey	Year 7
Cameron Crawley	Year 7	Joshua Nurton	Year 7
Dima Efimov	Year 7	Benjamin Scott	Year 9
Zac Walmsley	Year 7	Oakley Brock	Year 7
Joseph Luce	Year 9	Jude Swift	Year 9
Juno Willis	Year 10	Nancy Burdett	Year 9



Year Group house Point Leader (Year to date)

Year 7 Melek Ozsevgec

Year 9 Samuel Crosse

Year 11 Oscar Vowles

Year 8 Erika Whittick

Year 10 George Savva

FREE*

Awareness of ADHD Courses

Online | March – June 2026

Celebrate Strengths, Build Skills, Support Yourself or Others with ADHD Awareness

- Better understand ADHD and what it means for those that have it
- Support your loved ones and/or yourself with confidence and compassion
- Support others to manage mental health, executive function and sleep
- Overcome challenges, build positive habits, celebrate your strengths and achieve your goals

Understanding Neurodiversity: Awareness of ADHD - Starter
Thursday 19th March | 12.30pm-3pm | 4 sessions | Online
Understanding Neurodiversity: Awareness of ADHD - Developer
Thursday 23rd April | 12.30pm-3pm | 4 sessions | Online
Understanding Neurodiversity: Awareness of ADHD - Enhancer
Thursday 4th June | 12.30pm-3pm | 5 sessions | Online

Enrol today to secure your space!

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Autism Awareness Courses

Online | January – March 2026

Understand Autism, Celebrate Strengths, Support Yourself or Others and Help to Raise Awareness

- Better understand autism and what it means to be autistic
- Support your loved ones and/or yourself with confidence and compassion
- Understand challenges with executive function, sensory sensitivity, masking and more
- Celebrate difference through understanding neurodiversity

Understanding Neurodiversity: Autism Awareness - Starter
Thursday 15th January | 12.30pm-3pm | 4 sessions | Online
Understanding Neurodiversity: Autism Awareness - Developer
Thursday 26th February | 12.30pm-3pm | 3 sessions | Online

Scan the QR code to sign up

Please see our website for details.

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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING

ASPIRATION • COMPASSION • EXCELLENCE



Year 11 PPE Exam Timetable

YEAR 11 PPE EXAM TIMETABLE					
WEEK B	MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY	TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY	WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY	THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY	FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY
PERIODS 1-5 STUDENTS TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL TIMES	MFL SPEAKING (Students who are in School Production of Frozen)	MFL SPEAKING	MFL SPEAKING	MFL SPEAKING	MFL SPEAKING
WEEK A	MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY	TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY	WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY	THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY	FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY
REG + PERIODS 1-2 08:45 - 10:00 10:05 - 11:05	English Literature 2hr 15	Maths 1hr 30	Computer Science 1hr 45 (11C Engineering P3)	Product Design 2 hrs (11B Engineering P1)	Inset Day
PERIODS 3-4 11:25 - 12:25 12:30 - 13:30	History 1hr 30 (11B Engineering P3) (11C Engineering P4)	Health and Social Care 1hr 15 (11A Engineering P3 & P4)	Music 1hr 30 Digital IT 1hr 30 (11A Engineering P3)	Biology 1hr 10 / 1hr 45	
HALF TERM					
WEEK B	MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY	TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY	WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY	THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY	FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY
REG + PERIODS 1-2 08:45 - 10:00 10:05 - 11:05	English Language 1hr 45	Chemistry 1hr 10 / 1hr 45	French/ Spanish Reading / Writing 45mins / 1hr - 1hr 10 / 1hr 15 (11C Engineering P3)	Business Studies 1hr 30 (11B Engineering P1) Spanish Reading / Writing Dual Linguists x 2 students	Maths 1hr 30
PERIODS 3-4 11:25 - 12:25 12:30 - 13:30	Sociology 1hr 45 (11C Engineering P3)	Sports Science 1hr 15 (11C Engineering P4)	Geography 1hr 30 (11B Engineering P3)	Physics 1hr 10 / 1hr 45	P3 French Listening 35mins / 45mins P4 Spanish Listening 35mins / 45 mins
No Mock exams for: Food & Nutrition, Drama, Art, Graphics, Photography, Music Tech		Engineering live assessments in class - these students will miss options exams - will attend normal lessons			

Year 11 School Photographs

On Monday 12 January all Year 11 students will have their individual school photographs taken, parents and carers will receive an email with information on how to view and to place an order for their child, please check your spam/junk folder.

If you have not received this information by Wednesday please email the school office.



Aspiration & Employability

Crispin Future Ready

EDF / Hinkley Point C Visit

Did you know the HPC construction site is the size of 250 football pitches? That 22000 people in Britain are working on the project and that 8000 people will be trained in its Centres of Excellence? These are all fantastic facts students learned when Phillip Riste, HPC Education & Outreach came into school last term.

Lower school students heard about apprenticeship and training opportunities, as well as the vast scale of the project that aims to power 6 million homes and avoid 9 million tonnes of CO2 each year.

Mrs Rix's year 9 Geography class were also treated to a bespoke lesson looking at the UK energy mix and sustainability which included an interactive quiz and prizes.

Phillip then rounded off his visit giving year 10 and 11 Engineering students a deep-dive into post-16 Early Careers options including Graduate programmes, apprenticeships and Industrial Placements.

Phillip commented on students' excellent conduct on the day. We were proud of their engagement, enthusiasm and great questions, and hope to arrange future sessions and a visit to site.



OPEN EVENTS

BRIDGWATER COLLEGE | Wed 14 January | 6pm - 8pm

TAUNTON COLLEGE | Thurs 15 January | 6pm - 8pm

STRODE COLLEGE | Tues 20 January | 6pm - 8pm

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STRODE COLLEGE

TAUNTON COLLEGE

University Centre
Somerset

CANNINGTON
COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

CANNINGTON COLLEGE | Sat 24 January | 10am - 1pm

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www.ucscollegegroup.ac.uk or call 01278 641234

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by 4th Feb

Thinking about college, uni,
apprenticeships, or jobs?



It's exciting – but it can feel
overwhelming too.

You don't have to figure it out alone.
Join our **FREE** online mentoring
programme for UK students **aged 13–19**.

Why Join?

- 1:1 support from a mentor who listens
- A safe space to talk about your options, challenges, and goals
- Reliable info to help you make confident decisions



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Contact: ruth.l.bennetta@cornwall.gov.uk

Careers Calendar

Date	Year Group				Ways to Support Your Child
7 Jan	Y10&11	Careers Café	Lunch Drop-In	Post-16 Guidance	Chat about post-16 plans and ideas
13, 14 Jan	Y7, 8	Mr Eaton – Sports Training Careers Talk	Assembly	Inspiration & pathways	Discuss student interests together
13 Jan	All	Student Voice Q&A: Employability	Small Groups	Inspiration & pathways	Think: What does employability mean to you?
15 Jan	Y9	Strode College	Assembly	Inspiration & pathways/ Training Routes	Discuss and explore prospectus together
22 Jan	Y10	Airbus Career Workshop	Virtual Learning	Inspiration & Pathways/ Local Market Information	Explore Somerset Careers Hub resources on local jobs market & research aerospace sector
26 Jan	Y9	Theatre Careers Day, Emma Rice Co.	Trip	Skills	Chat about post-16 ideas: What does a creative career look like?
27, 30 Jan	Y7, 8	Local Market Information	Assembly	LMI	Explore Somerset Careers Hub resources on local jobs market
28 Jan	Y10	Careers Day	Employer Carousel	Inspiration & pathways	Chat about student's favourite session of the day
29 Jan	Y9	Options	Assembly	Post-16 Guidance	Discuss potential options choices together

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 Youth Production of



FROZEN JR.

Strode Theatre
5th - 7th February 2026

Tickets
Standard: £14 Under 16: £10
Available from Strode Theatre Box Office
www.strodetheatre.org.uk

Music & Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
Book by Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee
This amateur production is presented by Music Theatre International
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

PARENTS, LET'S TALK ABOUT KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE!



Social media is a huge part of our children's lives – but it comes with real dangers we can't ignore. Protecting them starts with YOU. Here's how:

- Talk Openly** – Have honest conversations about online behavior, privacy, and respect. Make sure they know what's safe and what's not.
- Stop Sexting Before It Starts** – Explain that sharing intimate content can lead to emotional harm, bullying, and even legal trouble. Once it's online, it's out of their control.
- Set Strong Boundaries** – Agree on screen time limits and safe apps. Use parental controls when needed, but build trust through communication.
- Lead by Example** – Show healthy online habits yourself. Kids learn from what they see at home.

YOUR GUIDANCE IS THEIR PROTECTION. A CONVERSATION TODAY COULD PREVENT A SERIOUS PROBLEM TOMORROW.



Important Calendar Dates

Whole School Events	
Monday 26 January	Valentines Roses go on sale
Thursday 05 February	Frozen Jr at Strode Theatre
Friday 06 February	Frozen Jr at Strode Theatre
Saturday 07 February	Frozen Jr at Strode Theatre
Thursday 12 February	End of Term
Friday 13 February	INSET Day
Monday 23 February	Term Begins

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	Monday 12 January	Year 11 Photos
	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

