



Crispin School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, the break ahead provides a valuable opportunity for students and families to pause, reset and enjoy time together. Before we loosen our ties and put school bags down for a week, it feels right to take a moment to reflect on the many positive things that have taken place at Crispin School so far this academic year.

Over the past term, the school has hosted a steady programme of employability events and themed days, ensuring that our students continue to keep one eye firmly on their futures. Our personal development curriculum has also been relaunched as *Thrive* and now sits at the heart of our tutor time programme, supporting students' wellbeing, character development and wider life skills.

Hundreds of students have engaged enthusiastically with our enrichment offer, both during and after the school day. As I write this letter, Year 8 students are travelling to Bristol to deepen their understanding of local and national history through first-hand experience. Events such as these help bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

And then there was our school production of *Frozen Jr*. If you were fortunate enough to secure tickets, you will know just how special the show was, full of talent, humour and memorable performances. I was lucky enough to attend with my own children, and they spoke about it all weekend. The show was a real celebration of the creativity and confidence of our students, supported by a highly committed staff team.

This half term has also marked important milestones for two key year groups. Year 9 students and families have recently taken part in the Options Evening, an important moment as students begin to make informed choices about the next stage of their education. At the same time, Year 11 students have entered their second round of examinations, providing a valuable opportunity to test their knowledge, refine their exam skills and build confidence ahead of the summer exam series. We wish them every success and commend them for the commitment they continue to show.

This feels like the right moment to thank the staff at Crispin School, who continue to give their time, energy and care so generously, and to thank you as parents and carers for the daily support you provide to our students. I would also like to extend my thanks to Mr Perry and the staff preparing to take students on the upcoming ski trip, and wish them a safe journey and plenty of snow.

I have always been open with families that Crispin began a significant journey in March last year, one focused on raising standards and strengthening expectations across the school. That journey is not complete, and as a school we continue to review, refine and improve key areas of our work. Alongside this, it is important that we consistently reinforce the areas where progress has already been made.

For this reason, I make no apology for restating our core expectations. We have a firm focus on attendance and punctuality, which are essential habits for students as they prepare for adult life. Our uniform expectations are clear and must be upheld, with students wearing it correctly and with pride. We have also worked hard to ensure that lessons are well planned, well-resourced and focused on securing the best possible learning for every student.



You may also be aware of the growing national discussion around young people's access to mobile phones and social media, with the government continuing to review expectations in schools. At Crispin School, our expectation is clear: mobile phones must be switched off before students enter the school site and kept out of sight in school bags throughout the day. No phone should be seen or used during the school day. Parents and carers can, as always, contact the school directly should they need to pass on a message.

On our return after half term, all staff will be asked to reinforce this expectation consistently. Any mobile phone seen or used during the school day will be confiscated and placed in Reception for collection at the end of the day.

I would be grateful if time could be taken over the break to discuss this with your child and to continue supporting the school in upholding these expectations. Consistency between home and school is vital in helping students meet the standards we set and in creating a calm, focused learning environment for all.

This week has also been Safer Internet Week, which provides a timely reminder of the importance of supporting young people to use technology responsibly and safely. While the internet and social media can be valuable resources for learning, creativity, and connection, they also require careful oversight. We would encourage parents and carers to remain vigilant, to regularly check devices and online activity, and to have open conversations with their child about how technology is being used. Working together, we can help ensure that this powerful tool supports students' wellbeing, learning, and development in a positive way.

Enrichment - Term 4.

To view our enrichment schedule, please click [here](#).

Our enrichment booking system opens for bookings at 5pm on Friday 13 February and closes at 5pm on Sunday 22 February.

I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable half term break, and I look forward to welcoming students back to school refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

Yours faithfully,

A square box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to be 'Mr Cornwall' written in a cursive style.

Mr Cornwall
Acting Headteacher