



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Bullock, Acting Deputy Headteacher

Another exceptionally busy and positive week in school. Last Thursday evening we welcomed our Year 11 families for Parents' Evening. It was fantastic to see so many of you and to have important conversations about how we can best support students in the final ten school weeks (hard to believe!) before GCSE examinations begin. If you were unable to attend, or were not able to secure appointments with all the teachers you wished to see, please do contact the school and we will be happy to arrange follow-up conversations.

At the other end of the GCSE journey, we welcomed our Year 9 families into school on Monday evening to formally begin the options process. Making the right choices at this stage is crucial, and the school was buzzing with positive energy throughout the evening as we welcomed a huge number of families to engage in thoughtful discussions about next steps.

On Wednesday, we held our Year 11 Parent Revision Workshop, designed to equip families with a clear understanding of what effective revision looks like and how best to support their child at home. Thank you to all who attended. We will be running this session again in Spring 2, and the slides have been shared for those who were unable to attend.

Finally, Thursday evening saw the opening night of our production of *Frozen Jr.*, with performances continuing on Friday and Saturday. A huge thank you to all the staff and students involved — the countless hours of hard work, much of it unseen, truly shows in the final performance. If you are attending one of the remaining shows, we hope you enjoy it.

A reminder that next Friday (13th) school is closed to students for INSET.

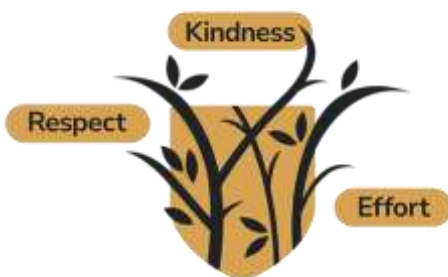
Frozen Jr. Welcomes it's First Audience

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome students from local primary schools Ashcott, Elmhurst, and Brookside to Strode Theatre for the very first preview of *Frozen Jr.*

This special performance gave the visiting pupils an exciting opportunity to be the first audience to see the show ahead of our official opening night.

Crispin's very talented students were thrilled to perform for three local primary schools, showcasing their hard work, enthusiasm, and love of theatre in front of such an enthusiastic audience.

Crispin's production of *Frozen Jr.* is showing tonight (Friday) and Saturday at Strode Theatre, and it promises to be a magical experience you won't want to miss!



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Pheasant Dissection

As part of the school's Thrive enrichment programme, Miss Stamp led a lunchtime pheasant dissection attended by approximately 20 students.

Students observed key organs and systems, including the heart, liver, digestive system, and respiratory system, directly supporting GCSE Biology learning on structure and function.

Several students chose to take part hands-on, with the session encouraging curiosity, thoughtful questioning, and active engagement with biology.



Parent Revision Workshop

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us on Wednesday evening for our first Year 11 Parent Revision Workshop.

It was great to see such strong engagement, and we hope you found the session informative and helpful in supporting your child's exam preparation.

As promised, the presentation slides from the session have now been emailed out.

For those who were unable to attend, we are pleased to confirm that the workshop will be run again in Spring Term 2, ahead of the summer examination window. Further details will be shared closer to the time.



Congratulations

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

Euan Murphy	Year 10	William Aitken	Year 10
George Savva	Year 10	Alfie Todman	Year 7
Oscar Viksna	Year 7	Sienna Fauceglia	Year 10
Jacob Knight	Year 7	Ellie-Paige Gale	Year 7
Daisy Huggins	Year 7	Mia Whitty	Year 9
Sophie Stafford	Year 7	Betsy Smith	Year 7
Poppy Stone	Year 8	Juno Willis	Year 10



Year Group house Point Leader (Year to date)

Year 7	Melek Ozsevgec	Year 8	Erika Whittick
Year 9	Samuel Crosse	Year 10	George Savva
Year 11	Oscar Vowles		





Year 9 Options Evening

Thank you to all parents, carers and students who attended our highly successful Year 9 GCSE Options Evening last Monday. It was wonderful to see such strong engagement and thoughtful conversations taking place throughout the evening.







Families had the opportunity to hear a clear explanation of the GCSE options process and to visit subject areas taught across the school. This included subjects that are only studied in Upper School, allowing students to explore new courses and speak directly with subject specialists about content, expectations and progression routes.

The online Options Form has now been sent to all student school email addresses via Bromcom (not from Mrs Maude). Thank you to the many students who have already begun submitting their choices — it is encouraging to see how positively students are engaging with this important stage of their education.

A reminder that the Virtual Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 26 February, providing a further opportunity to discuss progress and suitability of courses with subject teachers. The deadline for submitting GCSE option choices is Monday 02 March.

Thank you again for your continued support as we guide students through this important decision-making process.



  	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 8 School Trip Bristol and the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8X- Wednesday 11th February 8Y- Thursday 12th February</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>All pupils will conduct a workshop with specialist staff from Bristol Museum. They will have the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate historic objects and other evidence. Investigate the impact of events on Bristol. Learn about some of those involved in the Transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans. Consider the legacy of the Transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans. <p>Students will also explore relevant displays in a group guided activity at the M Shed.</p> <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-school uniform. Packed lunches and water required for the whole day. Pupils will be registered at 08:30 am at the front of the school. Expected to arrive back at school by 3:00 pm. 	  
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Crispin Future Ready

Year 10 Crispin Careers Day

A highlight of our *Crispin Future Ready* calendar is Year 10 Careers Day and 2026 did not disappoint. Students were able to join sessions with a mix of employers and organisations including the NHS, Thatchers Cider, EDF, SkillsUp Somerset, Clarks, the Army, RAF, Evo Agency, SASP, Sound Vision and Fire Service.

Creative sessions with EVO and Thatchers proved popular and allowed year 10 to think about how they would develop their own product, brand and marketing campaigns, while the marshmallow and spaghetti challenge laid down by EDF is always a favourite!

Media professional Dom Chambers from Sound Vision encouraged students to brush up their interviewing skills in pairs, while Sacha Spencer from Clarks teamed up with freelance shoe designer Rebekah Fenwick to offer insight into the international footwear industry and collaborative working.

Student feedback showed many found the public service talks inspiring and reflective of their own interests, with some already planning or considering careers in the Army, RAF or police, with one specifically motivated after the day to become an RAF musician! The majority of students who gave feedback said 'Yes' or 'Maybe' to Careers Day helping with ideas to be Future Ready and most said they had talked about the day to parents or carers.

Our guest speakers gave glowing feedback about student engagement and behaviour. We are hugely grateful to them all for giving their time and energy and hope to welcome them back to Crispin for future events. Having two members of our alumni, Sacha from Clarks and James Shakespeare from Evo made it feel even more special.

'Made very welcome and students very polite and well behaved.'

'I have given many school talks and workshops and I must say the behavior and engagement from your students was excellent. They are a credit to your school.'

Further Ideas & Resources

Work Ready website & Parent Toolkit

<https://www.bt.com/about/digital-impact-and-sustainability/education-and-skills/work-ready/parents>

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/>

Date	Year Group				Ways to Support Your Child
2 Feb	Year 11	Kings of Wessex 6 th Form	Assembly	Post-16 Guidance	Chat about post-16 plans and ideas
2 Feb	Year 9	Options Evening	Student & Parent Talk	Inspiration & pathways	Discuss student interests and options together
3 Feb	Year 10 & 11	Medical Students Visit	Small Groups	Inspiration & pathways	What does a career in medicine look like?
10 Feb	Year 10 & 11	Equine Vets Visit	Small Groups	Inspiration & pathways	What does a veterinary career look like?
11 Feb	Year 9	BT Work Ready Digital Skills Workshop	Small Group	Skills/Inspiration & Pathways	Explore BT Work Ready website & Parent Toolkit (below)
11 Feb	Year 10	UCS College Group Careers & Apprenticeships Fair	Trip	Post-16 Guidance/ Inspiration & pathways/ LMI	Chat about post-16 ideas and stalls or talks attended at the event
25 Feb	Year 11 & 10	Careers Café	Lunch Drop-in	Post-16 Guidance	Chat about post-16 plans and ideas

Crispin Alumni

JAMES SHAKESPEARE *Leaver 1992*



My Current Job: Founder of Evo Agency a tech and marketing agency.

I built the business from nothing at 30 years old. I'm now a shareholder and Board member of the agency. I spend more time developing the Evo Academy model which we are trying to grow significantly.


My favourite subjects at Crispin were Design & Communication and Computer Studies as they gave me the foundation of my passion that became my career.

I designed the school newsletter using new computers we were given. That also ignited my interest in design and technology.


Following a BTEC in Art and Design at college I took a BA (Hons) Graphic Information Design at Falmouth University.

Average Creative Director Base Pay: £75K/yr (Glassdoor)

Explore more Art & Design jobs on your Unifrog account or at nationalcareers.service.gov.uk.



"Learn into the things you love to do as they can be the things you do for a job. Focus as much on yourself and how you came across to people as your skills. People buy people."



Crispin Alumni

SACHA SPENCER *Leaver 1992*



My Current Role: Business Unit Manager - Kids, Clarks

At Crispin my favourite subjects were English, Art and sports. I was part of the school rounders and hockey teams.

I was also involved in the Young Enterprise course.

After school I went to college to study A levels in English Literature, Italian and Sociology.

My role as a Business Unit Manager involves strategic planning, delivering growth and analysing results to report to senior leadership. I also manage a team.

Explore more Footwear jobs on your Unifrog account or at nationalcareers.service.gov.uk.



"Follow your heart and what you feel passionate about. Don't let doubts or other peoples' doubts deter you from doing what you want to do."





YEAR 11s, JOIN US FOR A!

PERFORMING ARTS TASTER WORKSHOP

AT STRODE COLLEGE

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2026

10:00AM - 2:00PM

STRODE COLLEGE

Experience a fun, hands-on day of singing, acting, and dancing and get a feel for our Performing Arts Extended Diploma course! Meet our tutors, explore our facilities, and find out more about studying the Performing Arts at Strode College.

- ★ Sing, act, and dance your way through the day
- ★ Meet other future Performing Arts students
- ★ Explore our fantastic facilities
- ★ Get a taste of the course and ask any questions

RSVP: EMAIL
APERRY1@STRODE-COLLEGE.AC.UK TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!



GIRLS

DO YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL?

PLEASE COME TO RECEPTION AND WE WILL DISCREETLY SHOW YOU WHERE THEY ARE.

REPAIR CAFE



Glastonbury

3rd Saturday in the month 10am-12pm

At the SCOUT HUT, Benedict Street, Glastonbury BA6 9NQ
Contact: lb.hpc3@gmail.com

Street

4th Saturday in the month 10am-12pm (not in December)

at the Quaker Meeting House, Street BA16 0EB
Contact: streetrepaircafe@gmail.com

Bring items for mending by our skilled volunteer repairers. We take electrical items, bicycles, clothing and textiles, jewellery, toys, woodwork and much more. We just ask for a suitable donation. Also enjoy home-made cake and hot drinks in our friendly cafés!



Find both cafés on Facebook streetrepaircafe@gmail.com

Supported by Community Action Groups Somerset and Street Parish Council

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	
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	Monday 09 February 2026	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
	Tuesday 10 February 2026	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
	Wednesday 11 February 2026	Year 8 (X) History Trip to MShed Bristol
	Thursday 12 February 2026	Year 8 (Y) History Trip to MShed Bristol
	Thursday 26 March 2026	Virtual Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
	Monday 30 March - 01 April 2026	Residential Trip
Year 9	Thursday 26 February 2026	Virtual Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
	Monday 02 March 2026	Deadline for submitting GCSE Option choices
Year 10	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 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

