



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

This week, parents and carers were informed that I have been appointed as the permanent Headteacher of Crispin. It is a privilege to serve this community in this role, and one that I take on with both humility and determination.

I am clear about the challenges ahead. However, I am equally clear in my ambition for our school. My commitment is to shape Crispin into a community defined by a strong and visible moral code, one where integrity matters, where kindness is not optional, where respect is shown in words and actions, and where every individual understands that their behaviour contributes to the culture we build together.

A moral code is not simply a statement on a website. It is lived daily. It is seen in how students speak to one another, how they conduct themselves in lessons and around the site, how they represent their school in the community, and how they respond when expectations are reinforced. It requires courage to uphold standards and maturity to accept them. It requires adults and young people standing together in shared belief.

To achieve this, we must maintain high expectations in all aspects of school life. By being relentlessly clear and consistent about the small things, we create the stability that allows us to focus on the most important thing: learning. When routines are secure, when uniform is worn with pride, when conduct is respectful and purposeful, classrooms become places where ambition can flourish.

It is for this reason that we begin with uniform and we will continue until it is right. Standards in presentation reflect standards in mindset. We will not lower expectations; instead, we will support our students to rise to them.

Many of you will already have recognised the positive changes that have taken place over the past year. With such capable and promising young people, the potential of Crispin is undeniable. However, meaningful and lasting change requires consistency and collective resolve. It requires the support of parents and carers, particularly when expectations are challenged. Supporting change does not always mean it is comfortable, but it is necessary if we are to secure the culture our children deserve.

Please be assured that our focus remains unwavering: every structure we strengthen, every expectation we clarify, and every decision we make is driven by one purpose to ensure that each and every student is given the very best opportunities and experiences during their time at Crispin.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have already offered their encouragement and support. It is valued more than you know.

Voice of Crispin



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Congratulations

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

Juno Willis	Year 10	Oliver Walter	Year 9
Ollie Shields	Year 10	Henry Seaward	Year 9
Melek Ozsevgec	Year 7	Kasi Ford	Year 9
Iona Graham	Year 10	Ellie-Page Gale	Year 7
Arwen Chegwiddden	Year 7	Lucas Payne	Year 8
Koby Davey	Year 9	Kelcie Duckett	Year 9
Aryel Povey	Year 9		



Year Group house Point Leader (Year to date)

Year 7	Melek Ozsevgec	Year 8	Ayda Chaplin
Year 9	Samuel Crosse	Year 10	George Savva
Year 11	Oscar Vowles		

Careers Talk with Veterinary students

Students in Years 10 and 11 recently had the opportunity to attend an engaging and informative careers talk delivered by two practising veterinarians, Henry and Megan from B & W Equine Vets. The session provided valuable insight into the veterinary profession and offered students a chance to learn more about the wide range of career pathways available within animal health and care.

The visiting vets began by introducing themselves and explaining their own journeys into veterinary medicine. They spoke about their university studies and the experiences that led them to pursue careers working with animals. Students learned that becoming a vet requires strong academic achievement, particularly in science subjects such as Biology and Chemistry, as well as dedication, resilience and a genuine passion for animal welfare.

During the talk, the speakers explained the diverse nature of veterinary work. While many people associate vets primarily with treating pets such as dogs and cats, their work and professional life mainly involved working with farm animals, horses and wildlife and even contributing to research and public health. The vets described how their daily work can vary greatly, from routine health checks and vaccinations to emergency surgery and diagnosing complex illnesses.

The speakers also shared some memorable cases from their careers, which gave students a real sense of the challenges and rewards of the profession. They explained that veterinary medicine involves not only caring for animals but also communicating effectively with owners and making difficult decisions in the best interests of animal welfare.

A key part of the session focused on advice for students who may be interested in pursuing a career as a vet. The speakers emphasised the importance of gaining practical experience with animals wherever possible. Volunteering at animal shelters, farms, kennels or veterinary practices can provide valuable experience and help students understand the realities of working with animals on a daily basis. They also encouraged students to remain curious, work hard in their science subjects and seek opportunities to learn more about the profession.

The talk concluded with a lively question-and-answer session, during which students asked thoughtful questions about university applications, work experience and the most challenging aspects of the job. It was clear that many students found the session both inspiring and informative.

The school would like to thank the Megan and Henry for giving their time to speak with our students. Opportunities like this are an important part of helping young people explore potential career paths and gain a deeper understanding of professions linked to science and animal care.



National Careers Week

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Careers in Justice & Social Care Talk

As part of National Careers Week, Year 10 & 11 Health & Social Care students had the privilege of exploring the real-life work of practitioners who support offenders and victims in the justice system and how different roles can transform lives.

Suki Binning, CEO of Interventions Alliance, visited Crispin and shared day-to-day insights from police professionals, psychologists and care workers:

- How professionals work with individuals in the justice system
- Support for victims through trauma and recovery
- How interventions help in reducing reoffending and promoting rehabilitation
- Work around safeguarding vulnerable people in our communities

Students thought around the skills and attributes needed for these roles and it was great to see so many feed back to the group. Suki also discussed her pathway into social work and the probation service and highlighted potential university or apprenticeship options.

With a reminder to stay aware of their online presence today to help ensure fewer barriers to future success, Suki welcomed the chance to speak to students and help them appreciate the 'realities and opportunities in this area of work by sharing the lived experience of others'.



More to come in next week's Bulletin on Crispin's Future Ready National Careers Week activities, including Friday's Year 7 Food Challenge which will unleash their creativity and team skills to come up with lots of great ideas to improve the food industry .



For more Careers information for students, parents and carers, 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/>



Congratulations

Congratulations to some of our amazing students who received Easter Eggs in recognition of earning the highest achievement points!

Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence truly paid off. We are so proud of everything you've accomplished!

And congratulations to all of our students for your continued effort and determination, keep striving, keep achieving, and keep shining!



Calling all Students

Please can all students complete this brief survey which has been sent by the Wessex Learning Trust.



Voice of Crispin

To protect our right to learn, the students of Crispin created a Student Charter that established the following three key principles that they believed all students must follow to ensure success:

Respect

- Understand that everyone in school deserves to be treated equally.
- Once you enter a classroom, respect the learning environment.
- As you move around school think about others, don't drop litter, keep to the right staircases and be kind to others.
- We are one community, to succeed we need to support each other.

Kindness

- Do not be afraid to express your opinions - but always be kind and safe
- Always remain calm
- Show empathy to members of your community
- Remember everyone has the right to feel safe, so think about your actions for others.

Effort

- Turn up to your lesson ready to get to work
- No one ever asked for more than your best - so just try.
- Hardwork is the cornerstone of success.

Always ask for help, learning should be a challenge and we all need help along the way.

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SAVE THE DATE

Crispin Summer School

17, 18 & 19 August 2026

9-3pm

Crispin Summer School is for students joining us in September 2026.

To register your interest, or if you have any questions, please email rargent@crispinschool.co.uk



SUNDAY 17th
MAY 2026

11 - 3pm

PITCHUP OUTSIDE YOUR
HOUSE TO SELL YOUR
UNWANTED GEMS, CRAFTS
OR BAKED GOODS!



To book your stall spot for just £8 or
to be added to the mailing list for
our event day map email:

thegreatstreetjumbletrail@outlook.com



Scan QR code to go to our
facebook page where you'll find
all the event details & map!



**STREET
CRICKET CLUB**

YOUTH SIGN ON 2026 SEASON

📅 Wednesday 1st April
🕒 6:30pm
📍 Victoria Club,
Street

PRELOVED KIT SALE
Donations welcome

YOUTH TEAMS

- ★ U11 · U13 · U15 · U19
- ★ New players welcome
- ★ All abilities welcome

Bring a friend!

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.**

Could you tell if your child was being exploited?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child
Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm 30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm

Learn about the different forms of
child exploitation and how offenders
groom/exploit children both online
and offline. We'll highlight warning
signs a child may be at risk and
practical steps you can take to
keep them safe and respond to
any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset
Police Eventbrite page**
or scan the QR codes below

18 March



30 March





Important Calendar Dates

Thursday 12 March	Year 8 Parents Evening Booking system 'Live'
Wednesday 18 March	SEND Parents/Carers Evening, 6-7pm
Friday 20 March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 25 March	Battle of the Bands, Street Football Club, 7-9pm
Thursday 26 March	Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening, 4-7pm
Monday 30 March - 01 April	Year 8 Residential Trip
Thursday 02 April	End of Term
Monday 20 April	Term Begins
Wednesday 06 - Friday 08 May	Year 10 Geography Trip
Friday 08 May - Wed 17 June	Year 11 GCSE Live Exams
Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 May	Year 10 Mock Careers Days
Wednesday 13 - 15 May	Year 7 Residential Trip
Thursday 04 June 2026	Year 7 Face to Face, Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Thursday 11 & Friday 12 June	Year 9 Vaccinations
Wednesday 24 June 2026	Year 10 Step Up Evening
Monday 15 - Friday 26 June	Year 10 Summer Prelims
Monday 29 June - Friday 03 July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Thursday 02 July	Year 11 Leavers Breakfast & Prom
Tuesday 14 July	Thrive Day 1 - Prov Sports Day
Wednesday 15 July	Thrive Day 2
Thursday 16 July	Thrive Day 3
Friday 17 July	End of Term for Students, 12:15pm
Thursday 20 August 2026	Year 11 GCSE Results Day

