



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

It has been another busy and positive week here at school, with our students continuing to excel both inside and outside the classroom. From the quality of work being produced in lessons to the many achievements taking place beyond them, it is always a pleasure to see the commitment, effort and ambition that our young people demonstrate each day.

I also hope you have had the opportunity to see some of the excellent work taking place within our employability curriculum. This area of our provision is incredibly important, as it ensures that students are continually encouraged to think about their futures, develop key skills and consider the many pathways available to them beyond school. The experiences and opportunities being provided are helping students to build confidence, aspiration and a clear sense of their next steps.

I am also delighted to share some important news with our school community. Following a rigorous and thorough recruitment process, Mr Luke Bullock has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher on a permanent basis. Throughout his time in the role, Mr Bullock has demonstrated a strong commitment to our students, staff and wider school community, and I know that he will continue to play a key role in the development of the school moving forward.

Please do join me in congratulating Mr Bullock on his appointment. I know he is looking forward to continuing this work and supporting the ongoing success of our school.

With that in mind, I feel it is only appropriate to hand over the remainder of this week's message to Mr Bullock.

Message from Mr Bullock, Deputy Headteacher

I am delighted to write to you as the newly appointed permanent Deputy Headteacher of Crispin School.

Having spent the past six months as Acting Deputy Head, I have been privileged to witness firsthand the remarkable strides we have taken and the huge remaining potential within our students, staff, and wider school community. It is an honour to now take on this role formally and continue serving the families of Street and the surrounding areas.

Myself and Mr Cornwall share a highly ambitious vision for Crispin – to be the school of choice in Somerset for students, parents, and staff alike – and I am confident that our school community, working together, we can achieve this.

During my time as Acting Deputy Head, much of my work has focused on placing teaching, learning, and assessment at the heart of everything we do, ensuring our practices are guided by the latest educational research and evidence-based approaches which ultimately lead to the very best outcomes for our students. This work now continues in earnest.

I am deeply grateful for the support I have already received from students, colleagues, and families.

I very much look forward to continuing to work closely with you all to make Crispin a place where every student thrives and every member of our community feels valued and inspired.

Have a great weekend.



Celebrating World Book Day

On Thursday 05 March we welcomed Lesley McDowall to Crispin; local author who has just released the 2nd book in her series 'Threads of Trial and Light'. Lesley spoke to KS3 about how she moved from teaching to writing and what her career now looks like. She spoke to the students about the characters in her book as well as the creation of her fantasy characters like the winged snow leopard the Nixpardus, and with some clever use of AI Lesley was even able to bring these characters to life for our students. Lesley also spent some time with a small group of year 10 students working on their creative writing. A thoroughly enjoyable hour that saw the students create their own fantasy world and characters through images and discussion.

Friday 06 March saw a huge number of students and staff take part in the traditional 'dress as a character'.

We had a selection of characters from 'The Great Gatsby', a Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland to the Genie from Aladdin.

A fantastic celebration of literature.

Thank you to all who took part.





Student Success

We are proud to celebrate the success of Year 11 student Josh, who has been selected to take part in the England Futures Handball Programme.

The England Futures Programme is designed to identify and support some of the most promising U16 players in the country, giving them opportunities to train in a high-performance environment and experience the standards expected of future England and Great Britain athletes.

Josh's handball journey began at Crispin in Year 7, where he first discovered the sport through school. Since then, his dedication and talent have seen him progress through the England Handball Talent Pathway, first being selected for the U14 programme and now continuing his development as part of the U16 national pathway.



This season has also been an exciting one for Josh, as he has gained valuable experience competing at a very high level by playing senior handball in the Premier League.

Alongside his national pathway involvement, Josh represents several teams across different age groups, playing for Somerset Spartans U16, Bucks Mavericks U19, and Bristol Handball Senior Men's in the Premier League.

This is a fantastic achievement and reflects Josh's hard work, commitment and passion for the sport.

We are incredibly proud of Josh and look forward to seeing how his handball journey continues to develop.





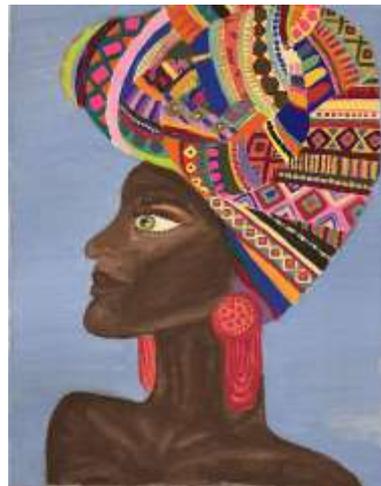
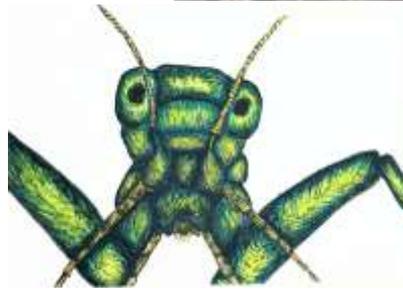
Congratulations

Congratulations to 11 of our talented students from Year 7-11 who have entered the Art competition for the Young Artists' Summer Show at the Royal Academy!

We won't find out until May whether any of them have been selected, but in the meantime we invite you to enjoy their fantastic work and celebrate their creativity and effort.

Keep your fingers crossed that we have a winner!

Mrs Maxfield



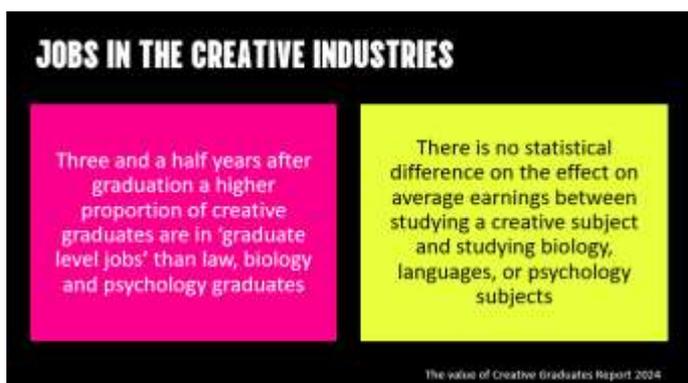
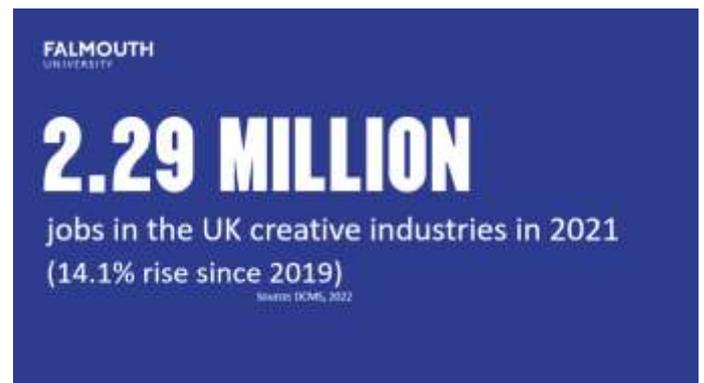
Falmouth University - Creative Careers

Crispin was transported to the beach while some myths around creative careers were busted by Andy from Falmouth University in a talk attended by year and 11 Art, Photography and Graphics students as part of Careers Week last week.

Following the presentation of a beautiful film wholly created by Falmouth students Andy took the floor for a Q&A.

With two campuses based in Cornwall, Falmouth University offers undergraduate, postgraduate and online courses in subjects ranging from art, fashion, games design, animation, and textiles to journalism, marketing and architecture. Andy was keen to share the positives around student life and improved future careers prospects for those who choose to study and work in the creative industries. He also answered questions on student finance and reassured our young people that the loan system shouldn't be a barrier to attending higher education.

Super-inspiring!



YOUTH SAFE SPACE



Youth Safe Space runs out of hours – Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings online and at our Taunton or Yeovil Hub – to provide support to young people 13-18 who feel they are struggling with their mental health and are experiencing distress. Appointments will be 1-1 with trained staff in a therapeutic environment where de-escalation techniques and safety planning/healthy coping mechanisms can be introduced.

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<https://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/our-services/young-people/youth-safe-space/> 

Scan here to book



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!



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:

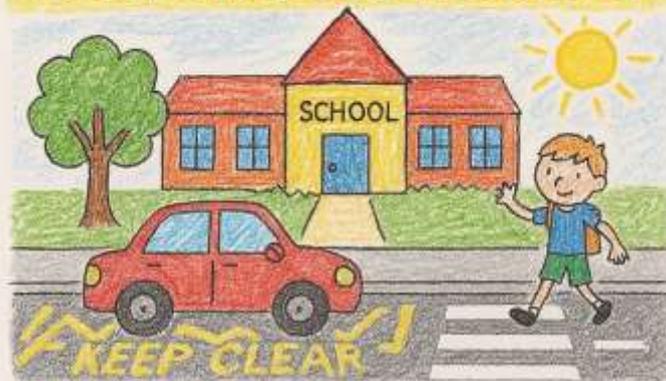
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Scan QR code to go to our facebook page where you'll find all the event details & map!



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!



Important Calendar Dates

Wednesday 18 March	SEND Parents/Carers Evening, 18:00-19:00
Friday 20 March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 25 March	Careers Café, 13:30
	Battle of the Bands, Street Football Club, 19:00-21:00
Thursday 26 March	Sarah Dyke MP Visit
	Parent Revision Workshop
	Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening, 16:00-19:00
Monday 30 March - 01 April	Year 8 Residential Trip
Wednesday 01 April	Easter Egg Tombola
Thursday 02 April	End of Term
Monday 20 April	Term Begins, 08:35
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
Friday 22 May	End of Term 5
Monday 01 June	Start of Term 6
Thursday 04 June 2026	Year 7 Face to Face, Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Thursday 11 & Friday 12 June	Year 9 Vaccinations
Wednesday 17 June	Year 10 BTC Taster Day
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, 12:15
Thursday 20 August 2026	Year 11 GCSE Results Day

