



Crispin School Newsletter

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Issue 25

Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

In what has been another busy week, I find myself, as I do every week, exceptionally proud of the newsletter you are about to read. As we bring each edition together, we are finding it increasingly difficult to keep the number of pages down, which is always a good sign of the richness of opportunity and achievement across our school.

From Science Week to choir competitions, outstanding practical performances in GCSE Drama (including the real examination), and impressive achievements in lifesaving and rugby this edition captures the breadth of talent and commitment within our community. It makes for a wonderful read and a genuine celebration of our students.

It can be easy to overlook the bottom right-hand corner of this page; however, this section celebrates, week after week; those students earning the most house points our way of recognising effort and achievement both in and beyond lessons. It also highlights the students with the highest totals so far, this academic year in each year's group. These names do change, and I am incredibly proud of the effort we see across the school every day. I would encourage you to take a moment to look at this section each week.

Issy and Amelia in Year 10 have written about our recent visit from Sarah Dyke MP, where a group of students put her through the mill with their own version of question time. It was a fantastic opportunity and a real pleasure to showcase our school.

Finally, and likely to be a continued theme in the coming newsletters, I would like to highlight the work taking place to support our Year 11 students. This includes planned Easter study sessions, as well as regular guidance on revision methods shared through newsletters and social media, small but important steps that can make a real difference for both students and families. Mr Bullock has also led two parent revision evenings this term, one of which has been recorded and will be shared with all Year 11 parents, ensuring that support is available to everyone as we approach the exam period.

As you will know, we are working hard to ensure that learning remains at the centre of everything we do. With this in mind, we have focused this week on improving student punctuality to lessons, and I am pleased to report that we have already seen a real improvement across the school.

Following the Easter break, we would like to remind parents and carers of a small but important change to our coach departure times. All coaches will now depart from school at 3:30pm. This slightly later departure has been introduced to allow more time at the end of the school day for staff and students to meet, provide feedback, and discuss learning. It will also help to reduce the number of students rushing at the end of the day, ensuring a calmer and more purposeful end to the school day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Local MP Visit

On Thursday the 26 March, we were part of a selected group of students invited to question our local MP Sarah Dyke. We asked her questions about her experiences and thoughts as an MP.

She talked about what she does and what she wants to change within our community and how we could possibly be part of the change in the future.

We really enjoyed this opportunity .

Amelia & Issy, Year 10





Crispin Equalities Team - Student Leadership for Inclusion

We are proud to introduce the newly appointed Crispin Equalities Team, a group of students who have taken on the important role of Equality Leads within our school community.

Working alongside Miss Charles and other colleagues, the team will help raise awareness of the importance of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) across the school community. The group meets every Thursday and has already begun developing a strong understanding of the Equality Act, including the nine protected characteristics.

Our Equality Leads have shared thoughtful perspectives on the importance of celebrating diversity and ensuring that everyone in our school community feels valued, respected and included.

The team's first project will focus on raising awareness about disability and difference, with particular attention to hidden disabilities. Through this work, students hope to encourage greater understanding, empathy and support for those with disabilities. The team will be delivering assemblies regarding this in April, with further updates to follow.

We are always keen to welcome more students who are passionate about inclusion.



YOUNG CARERS SCHOOLS

YOUNG CARERS

WHO ARE YOUNG CARERS?

A child or teenager who helps look after someone in their family or a friend who needs extra help. This might be because the person is sick, has trouble getting around, feels sad, or has problems that make everyday life hard for them.

WHAT IS CARING?

Young carers help in many ways, like shopping, cooking, cleaning, administering medicine, handling money, helping someone move around, looking after siblings, or providing emotional support when someone feels sad

WHERE TO GET SUPPORT?

- Young Carer Champion
- School young carer's group/club/drop-in sessions
- Local carers service

WHEN IS THE NEXT YOUNG CARERS GROUP?

Date: Mondays at 1.30pm
Where: T12

WHY DO YOUNG CARERS NEED SUPPORT?

Being a young carer can sometimes feel lonely or hard, especially when others don't fully understand what they're going through.
With the right help and support, young carers can feel more confident, happy, and able to do well in school, make friends, and enjoy time for themselves.

Young Carer Contact: Mrs Stanley

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YOUNG CARERS

A young carer is someone who helps look after a family member who might be ill, disabled, or need extra support. They often have responsibilities of someone much older than them. But it's important for young carers to ask for help when they need it. **Being a young carer can mean:**

- Cleaning the house to keep it tidy and safe
- Taking care of younger siblings
- Reading letters or mail and helping with forms
- Supporting someone to attend appointments or keep track of their medication

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Clash of the Choirs

On Saturday evening, 12 members of the *Frozen* cast represented Crispin at Wedmore's *Clash of the Choirs*, competing against eight other adult and children's choirs. The group delivered a fantastic performance, captivating the audience with a lively 12-minute medley from *Frozen Junior*.

Combining high-quality singing with engaging choreography, they truly brought the music to life. Their performance pushed the clapometer, the competition's ultimate judge, to its absolute limit. As one audience member remarked, "I could listen to the Crispin choir all evening long."

The students who have taken part in both this event and the Westlands performance earlier in the month deserve special recognition. Their commitment and enthusiasm have kept the show alive just that little bit longer, and they have been superb throughout.

Inspired by this success, Mrs Baumgardt, Mrs Farbus and Ms Cooper are excited to launch a new extracurricular activity next term. This will focus on performing show songs with choreography and elements of acting, an area where Crispin's strengths truly shine.

What a wonderful group of students to spend a Saturday evening with!

Year 7 Football Tournament

Our Year 7 Football Tournament has been in full swing over the past two weeks, taking place every Tuesday after school.

With around 50-60 students getting involved, it's been fantastic to see such great participation and enthusiasm across the year group.

This inter-tutor competition has brought plenty of energy, teamwork, and friendly rivalry!

A big shoutout to our team captains who took the lead in organising their squads and keeping spirits high throughout.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Student Success

Rising Rugby Talent

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of Year 10 student Callum, who is making outstanding progress in his rugby career.

Callum has been developing his game through the Bath U15 Player Development Group (PDG), a highly regarded pathway designed to identify and nurture talented young players in the region. His performances and commitment have now been recognised at an even higher level, earning him selection for the Scottish Rugby U15 Pathway (SQ) - an exceptional achievement that highlights both his ability and potential within the sport.

These opportunities reflect Callum's hard work, determination, and passion for rugby, as he continues to challenge himself and compete at an increasingly high standard.

Despite his success at representative level, Callum remains dedicated to his local club, continuing to play for Wells RFC. His loyalty and connection to his grassroots club are a testament to his character as well as his sporting talent.

This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are excited to see how Callum's rugby journey continues to develop in the future.

Well done, Callum!





British Science Week

This year's theme is Curiosity!

Have you ever wondered what makes fire burn? Or why some materials can resist heat while others go up in flames?

Curiosity is where every great scientific discovery begins.

This week we're encouraging students to ask big questions, test ideas, and explore the science behind the everyday things we see around us.

What are you curious about?



**BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK**



Mrs Norman and Mrs Hawkins spent last Friday afternoon working with the Year 6 Students at Elmhurst school.

They completed the Bird Beak Challenge to encourage Curiosity (the theme of the week) and model Natural Selection.

They also looked at specimen samples of insects and lots of questions were answered about life at Crispin.

Thank you, Elmhurst, for being such Curious Scientists!



Student Success

What an incredible weekend for our Crispin students!

Over the weekend of 14th–15th March 2026, five of our talented students competed at the [#Speeds26](#) National Lifesaving Championships, the biggest lifesaving sport event of the year.

From 100m and 200m obstacle races to rescue medleys, manikin carries (with and without fins), manikin tow, and line throw events, our students rose to the challenge and brought home an impressive collection of medals!

Highlights:

- Poppy Chadwick (Year 11)
- Nyah Fox-Richards (Year 10) – Silver in 15–18 Female 12.5m Line Throw
- Charlotte Chard (Year 9) – Silver in 100m Obstacles, Bronze in 50m Tow with Fins, and 2nd Overall in the 12–14 Female category
- Sam Crosse (Year 9) – Silver in 100m Obstacles
- Ailla Fox-Richards (Year 8)

All five students also competed as part of mixed relay teams throughout the weekend, showing fantastic teamwork and determination.

A tiring but hugely enjoyable weekend, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Well done to all!



Crispin School Academy's Page

A fundraiser organised by Office School for Comic Relief

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 20 March 2026! We're joining thousands of people across the nation to come together, have fun, and raise money to help make a real difference in people's lives here in the UK and around the world. Your donation could support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities



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Help us reach our £250 target!

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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.

Scan here to book



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

Getting the most out of Work Experience: A Handy Guide

Students in Year 10 are now finalising their Work Experience placements in June so in the meantime Somerset Careers Hub have shared info on a handy guide highlighting skills that, 'you can't learn in a text book'.

Hints include knowing how to get to your placement, clothing expectations, any induction required or shared goals that can be reviewed at the end. Most importantly, it encourages a 'thank you!' to the business or organisation that has offered the opportunity.

Students can find a link to the 5-minute video posted on their Teams channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P81Vb6lzua4>

Crispin Alumni Rugby Star

Following the men's Rugby Union Six Nations Championship we wanted to celebrate our talented alumnus, Ewan Richards, who was in the England Under 20's 2021 winning side and recently captained Bath to the 2024/24 Premiership Rugby Cup.

Crispin Alumni

EWAN RICHARDS

Leaver 2018

My Current Job: Professional rugby union player for Bath Rugby

Since the age of five I have always wanted to be a professional. I made my first team debut for Bath at the age of 18 and I was one of the youngest forwards to do so.

When I left Crispin, I had the opportunity to study at Milfield on a rugby scholarship. I was able to train to a very high standard and compete around the country.

I also studied Business & Sports Science. This will enable me to coach sports after my rugby career.

I have played for England (21 caps) and with the U18's we won the Six Nations Championships.

Average Professional Rugby Player Base Pay: £24K/yr (Glassdoor)

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

With hard work & commitment, I have managed to achieve my dream. I feel very privileged to play for my childhood club.

Cannington Open Event

Register Now!

Wednesday 29 April - 6pm - 8pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/april-open-event-cannington-college-tickets-1981859437929?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true

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OPEN EVENT

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CANNINGTON COLLEGE | Wed 29 April | 6pm - 8pm

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"Skills You Can't Learn From a Textbook..."

...a guide for Work Experience"

Year 11- Easter UpGrade Sessions

Sessions bookable via MyChildAtSchool. Spaces are limited.

		Monday 6th April	Tuesday 7th April	Wednesday 8th April	Thursday 9th April	Friday 10th April
Morning (AM)	Subject Focus		Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care	Sociology	Science-Triple
	Subject Focus		Engineering	Sport Science	Sport Science	
	Subject Focus		Music	History	Science- Combined Higher	
	Subject Focus		Music Tech	Science- Combined Foundation		
Afternoon (PM)	Subject Focus		Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care	Sport Science	
	Subject Focus		Music	Sport Science		
	Subject Focus		Music Tech	History		
		Monday 13th April	Tuesday 14th April	Wednesday 15th April	Thursday 16th April	Friday 17th April
Morning (AM)	Subject Focus		Drama Trip	Drama	Maths- Higher	Geography
	Subject Focus			Sociology	Maths- Foundation	
(PM)	Subject Focus			Drama	Maths- Foundation	

We are clear. No students should miss out through inability to pay for sessions. If payment is a barrier, please contact Mr Bullock.



FREE Parent and Carer Workshops:



Each session will create a safe supportive space where parents and carers can engage in a way that feels comfortable for them, including anonymous contributions and end-of-session questions.

You only need to attend **ONE** workshop.

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Online (live only):

Monday 20th April 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of Secondary Pupils** - Talking about sex and relationships with your teen: What parents need to know.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293295>

Monday 11th May 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of SEND Learners** - Supporting your SEND child with Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293311>

Monday 8th June 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of children ages 0-11, Early years professionals welcome too** - Starting the Conversation: Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships for the Early Years and Primary aged children.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293313>

These sessions will be led by Alice Hoyle, national RSHE expert-educator and co-author of Great Relationships and Sex Education and Becoming a Sensory-Aware School. Alice is a neurodivergent professional and parent of neurodivergent children, offering both expert guidance and lived experience to support truly inclusive, sensory-aware RSHE.

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SOMERSET SAINT

Our team delivers important vaccines in school as part of the childhood vaccination programme – quick, easy, and familiar for pupils. We also offer clinics outside of school.

What's coming up?

- Year 8 – HPV vaccine
- Year 9 – Meningitis ACWY & DTP booster
- Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year '11



Got questions? Want to learn more?

Tel: 0300 323 0032 Instagram: Somersetsaint

Facebook: SAINT - school aged immunisation team

Visit: www.sais.uk.com

Email: somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk



Year 11- the Final Few Weeks

At Crispin, we believe standards matter. We believe effort compounds. We believe character is built through discipline.

The final 6 weeks are not about panic. They are about preparation. Every lesson matters. Every homework matters. Every practice question matters.

We will:

- Teach with clarity.
- Provide structured revision.
- Offer intervention where needed.
- Maintain high expectations.

Students must:

- Attend every day.
- Revise with focus.
- Attempt what feels difficult.
- Support one another.

Excellence is not accidental. It is built daily.



Crispin School

Homework Club

Only on after school Monday and Friday until further notice

3:15 until 4:15 in I13

Limited Funded Places Available!

Join us for our

ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

Dive into the fascinating world of engineering with this four, half-day, virtual course. Open to students in yr 8/9 who want to engage in exciting and innovative hands-on activities.

Virtual Course

25-28 August 2026

Cost: £150 (or apply for a Fully Funded Place!)

- **Cyber Security** experience the intriguing world of cyber defence. Learn to identify threats and develop coding skills using professional coding programmes

- **Electrical Engineering:** explore automotive aerodynamics and energy storage whilst designing and building a high-performance supercharged rover.

- **Space:** Blast into space and tackle astronaut-style challenges. Learning how communication and teamwork make missions possible.



How to apply

Scan here...



3 words that sum up this course for me are inspiring, enlightening and creative. I've really enjoyed it!
2025 student



FREE COURSES FOR SEPARATED PARENTS

Reducing the impact of separation for recently separated parents: 3 week course

This shortened version of the 5 week course is for parents who have recently separated i.e. within last 12 months and want to ensure that they start their coparenting journey in the right way to reduce the impact on their children.

Course A: Wed 22, 28 April, 6 May 9:30 AM-11 AM

Course B: Wed 22, 28 April, 6 May 7 PM-8:30 PM

Reducing the impact of separation on everyone: 5 week course

A more in-depth course for any separated parent, particularly if struggling with a high conflict coparent relationship with a focus on supporting their children.

Course A: Tues 5, 12, 19 May 2,9 June 9:30 AM-11 AM

Course B: Mon 11, 18 May 1,8,15 June 7 PM-8:30 PM

For more info & to book:



Courses only for Somerset parents.

More Information:

Ruth James,

Reducing Parental Conflict Coordinator

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*NB: if attended an Engineering Experience course before, some modules may already have been completed. If you are unsure, please contact info@smallpeicetrust.org.uk



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Important Calendar Dates

Monday 30 March - 01 April	Year 8 Residential Trip
Monday 30 March	Young Carers Group, 1.30pm - T12
Wednesday 01 April	Easter Egg Tombola, Lunchtime
Thursday 02 April	End of Term
Monday 20 April	Term Begins, 08:35
Wednesday 22 April	Krakow Information Evening, 18:00 - 19:00
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
Wednesday 01 July	Year 6 Transition Day
Thursday 02 July	Year 11 Leavers Breakfast & Prom
Wednesday 08 July	Year 7 Geography Trip
Thursday 09 July	Headteacher's Award Ceremony, 18:30
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

