



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, Easter offers us an important moment to pause and reflect. For many, this time of year symbolises renewal, hope and new beginnings. It is a reminder that growth is always possible and that it is never too late to make a positive change. As a school community, we will take this opportunity to recharge and return ready to embrace the opportunities that the summer term will bring.

For our Year 11 students in particular, this period is crucial. The Easter break provides valuable time to prepare for the final stretch before exams begin. I would strongly encourage all students to plan their time carefully and revise with purpose. It is not simply the quantity of revision that makes the difference, but the quality. Thoughtful, focused revision, alongside time to rest and reset, will have the greatest impact. There are still a small number of spaces available on our Easter revision sessions, and I would actively encourage all students to take advantage of these. They are carefully designed to provide targeted, exam-specific preparation and are a fantastic opportunity to build confidence.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Weymouth and his staff team for their work in delivering the recent Year 8 residential. The feedback and photographs shared, reflect what appears to have been a truly memorable experience. Opportunities such as these are invaluable; time spent together beyond the classroom plays a vital role in building confidence, strengthening relationships and enhancing our wider school community.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our Year 9 students, who enjoyed a well-deserved non-uniform day at the end of term in recognition of their improved punctuality to lessons. Their collective effort has been excellent to see, and the impact of our whole-school focus on punctuality is clear, with a 70% improvement over the past two weeks. This is a significant achievement and one that reflects a growing culture of pride, responsibility and readiness to learn.

I wish all of our students, families and staff a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Exciting News!

Following our recent trip to RNAS Yeovilton, we're delighted to share some exciting news!

One of our teams, Flyer Flocks (Riley, Oliver and Frank) has been selected to progress to the Finals in Bristol this May, after placing an impressive 7th out of around 40 teams.

We are incredibly proud of all our students who took part, and especially this team for their fantastic achievement — a brilliant result!

Read more about the event here:

<https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/25954831.somerset-stem-students-inspired-rnas-yeovilton-final/>

We're already looking forward to running the Flying Start Challenge club again next year!





Supporting Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance provides life-saving, pre-hospital critical care to patients in urgent need. They are a vital part of communities across Dorset and Somerset and they rely on public support to continue their incredible work.

I'm proud to be supporting this amazing charity, especially as their service is almost entirely funded by charitable giving from people like you. Last year alone, they were tasked to 2,909 incidents, with each mission costing approximately £3,500.

I never thought I would run a marathon, but I entered for the first time with the mindset: "If I get in, it's meant to be." Well... I guess it is!

Training hasn't been easy. I've faced illnesses and a knee injury, all while teaching at Crispin School. There have been plenty of moments where I've had to adapt my training plan, but with determination (and a few changes along the way), I'm beginning to run stronger. More gym sessions, jeffing my long runs, support from Street Striders — my amazing running club — and a lot of sheer willpower are keeping me moving forward.

I'm definitely scared, but also really excited to take on this challenge. Knowing I'm raising money for DSAA will give me the extra push I need to reach that finish line.

If you're able to support, any donation would mean the world
<https://www.dsairambulance.org.uk/Fundraisers/jacqui-is-doing-london-marathon-in-aid-of-dorset-somerset-air-ambulance>



Congratulations

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

Joshua Skuse	Year 10	Oscar Faulkner	Year 10
Freddie Rogers	Year 10	Dominic Cook	Year 10
Jack Childs	Year 10	Luke Tedford	Year 10
Lucy Stanley	Year 8	Ethan Wells	Year 10
Rory Johnson	Year 10	Darcy Hawkins	Year 10
Ollie Shields	Year 10	Ninette Krusel	Year 10
Rejoyce Marimo	Year 8	Lula Quartermain	Year 10
Sophia Walker-Corlett	Year 10		



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 Isaac Chung	



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



Year 8 Residential Trip

Our Year 8 students set off from Crispin School on Monday 30 March for an exciting two-night residential trip to Portland, returning safely on Wednesday 1st April after an unforgettable adventure.

The trip got off to an incredible start, packed full of outdoor activities and new challenges. Students explored the stunning Chesil Beach with coastal hikes, before getting hands-on with fire starting, shelter building, and even bread cooking. The afternoon brought even more excitement with stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), kayaking, and raft building, all before dinner! The day ended perfectly with wide games on the beach and a chance to relax together while watching a beautiful sunset.

Day two pushed everyone even further out of their comfort zones. Students took part in coasteering along the Portland shoreline, followed by a Project Team challenge featuring a variety of team-building activities, problem-solving tasks, and rock scrambling. It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, resilience, and teamwork skills.

A huge well done to all of our Year 8 students for their enthusiasm, courage, and positive attitude throughout the trip, it's been a truly memorable experience for everyone involved and a big thank you to all of the staff that gave up their time to accompany the trip.



Future Ready Students

Some of our Future Ready students were lucky enough to meet Cassie Lewis from the Somerset Careers Hub last week. Cassie is the Project Management Apprentice for the Hub and she is running a programme of work experience for the selected group across year 8 and 9. Cassie filled us in on some of the experiences she is hoping to book for them, ranging from NHS Somerset to Haynes Motor Museum and Exmoor Rangers.

When they signed up to the scheme the group had to fill out vocational profiles about their wide range of interests which was a great opportunity for Cassie to find out their aspirations from becoming a vet or farrier, to working in fashion, boxing, training as a chef, becoming a police officer or exploring space with NASA!

A small selection of the group are in the photo here, and say they are most excited about 'Being out of school and possibly wearing non-school uniform', 'Meeting new people', 'Finding out about and trying new things', and 'Being ready for the future'.



Careers in Animal Care

Anyone interested in working with animals can check out a recent blog post by Future Smart Careers which lays out loads of options from zookeeper to dog groomer and ecologist, and shares info on pathways, training and salaries.



<https://www.futuresmartcareers.co.uk/blog/careers-in-animal-care-what-are-your-options/>



BRINGING OUT YOUR BEST



Crispin Needs You!

Are you an ex-Crispin student?

If so click the QR code or go to [Crispin School Alumni Q&A - Fill out form](#) and complete our Alumni Q&A. By sharing your experience, career pathways and advice you could help inspire the next generation!

Otherwise, if you are a current Crispin parent who can spare an hour or two to come in and talk to our students about your past or current jobs, we'd love to hear from you.



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		
	Subject Focus					
Afternoon (PM)	Subject Focus		Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care	Sport Science	
	Subject Focus		Music	Sport Science		
	Subject Focus		Music Tech	History		
	Subject Focus					
		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	
	Subject Focus					
(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.



Handball Success

Handball Success for Crispin U15s

A fantastic afternoon of handball saw Crispin U15 boys and girls both secure qualification for the regional finals after two closely contested fixtures against Ansford.

The girls kicked things off with a strong 12-6 victory, showing great control and teamwork throughout the game.

The boys followed with an equally impressive 15-11 win, battling hard in a tight contest and showing real composure in key moments.

A big thank you to Ansford School for travelling over and providing such competitive opposition.

Special recognition goes to Arran Eaton for coaching and Dillon Difford for officiating.

Boys Team: Jack Davis, Isaak Glover, Jamie Lovell, Luke Tedford, Ollie Miller, Callum Cook, Alfie Hamlett

Girls Team: Sapphire Vickery, Darcy Hawkins, Nyah Fox Richards, Eden Baldwin, Katia Kurle, Tegan Nurse, Jasmine Walters

Next stop: Regionals

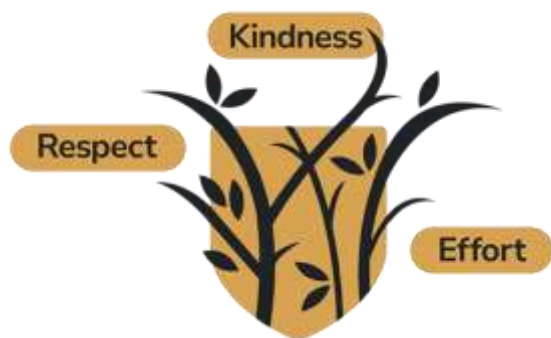


**Crispin
School**

Homework Club

Only on after school Monday
and Friday until further notice

3:15 until 4:15 in I13



Career Profile

CASSIE LEWIS



My Current Job: Project Management Apprentice, Somerset Careers Hub

My favourite subjects at school were Art and Computer Science and I originally went on to study Graphic Design.

I **enjoyed the project based** style of work but not the subject. When I was in an administrative role and saw project managers at work I realised that was what I wanted to pursue.

My role as Project Management Apprentice for the Somerset Careers Hub involves coordinating work experience days for select students across 26 schools in Somerset.

I am constantly using **communication, time keeping, digital skills and organisational skills** within my role.

My favourite part about my work is getting to see the impact it has on the students and experiencing all the different workplaces with them.

Average Local Authority Apprenticeship Salary: £12-20K/yr (Glassdoor)

Explore more Apprenticeship opportunities on your **Unifrog** account or at nationalcareers.service.gov.uk



“Getting an apprenticeship is difficult but, an incredible stepping stone into work without attending university. It took me 2 years to find mine so don't get disheartened, keep searching!”



Wessex Community Carousel



Everything You Need, All in One Place: **Support for Parents & Families**



What's On

You're invited to attend the **Wessex Community Carousel**, a supportive, welcoming event bringing local organisations together in one place to help you to access advice, guidance and practical support.

Support on offer



Blazer/Jumper:

Black Crispin blazer
From September 2025 - Black Crispin V neck jumper

Skirt*:

Mid grey Crispin school skirt

Tights:

Plain black or nude tights

Tie:

Crispin lower or higher school tie

Hair:

Hair should be of natural colour

Shirt/Blouse:

White long or short sleeve blouse
White long or short sleeve shirt
*please ensure top button can be done up

Trousers*:

Mid Grey senior school shorts (Summer Term only)
Mid Grey senior flat front trousers
Mid Grey slim-fit trousers

Socks:

Grey or black socks

Shoes:

Black polishable shoes

Jewellery/Piercings:

One set of stud earrings only
No false nails
No rings or bracelets



No Hats No Hoodies No Face Piercing No Painted Nails No Trainers No Leggings



Important Calendar Dates

Thursday 02 April	End of Term
Friday 03 April	Bank Holiday
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

