



# Crispin School Newsletter

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#### Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

It continues to be a privilege to serve as Headteacher of Crispin. Each day, I see the commitment, resilience and growth of the young people who walk through our gates, and I remain incredibly proud of what they achieve.

I have consistently spoken about the importance of clear, simple expectations and the role they play in creating a calm, purposeful environment where all students can succeed. Alongside this, our focus this summer term is firmly on strengthening teaching and learning and ensuring consistency across the school.

We continue to work closely with the Wessex Learning Trust and our partners to provide the very best educational experience. While many will be familiar with our approach, it is important to be clear that our work goes far beyond surface-level matters. At the heart of our school improvement is a rigorous and systematic quality assurance programme, led by the Senior

Leadership Team and Heads of Faculty. This includes regular review of students' work, lesson visits and student voice. The feedback gathered directly informs our next steps and ensures that our actions are making a positive difference in the classroom.

A key priority has been refining the structure of lessons and strengthening how we check for learning. This provides consistency for students, builds confidence and supports all learners to succeed. Alongside this, we are continuing to embed inclusive classroom practice so that every student feels supported and challenged to achieve their very best.

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our students each week, and this newsletter is no exception. I have great belief in our young people and in the dedication of our staff, who work tirelessly to support them in achieving beyond what they may have thought possible.

#### Congratulations

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

Luke Tedford	Year 10	Freya White	Year 10
Ninette Krusel	Year 10	Freddie Rogers	Year 10
Dominic Cook	Year 10	Melek Ozsevgec	Year 7
Zach Higgins	Year 10	Rory Johnson	Year 10
Oscar Faulkner	Year 10	Lois Durston	Year 10
Jake Insall	Year 10	Jamie Lovell	Year 10
Rowan Simpson	Year 7	Ivan So	Year 10
Ollie Shields	Year 10	Sophie Walker-Corlett	Year 10





## D of E Bronze Practice Expedition

### A Weekend of Challenge and Achievement

On Friday 24th and Saturday 25th April, 43 determined students embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition, marking an important milestone in their journey toward completing the award. Split into eight teams, the group set off with enthusiasm and a shared sense of purpose, ready to test their skills and resilience.

The expedition began with travel to Eborways Farm campsite, nestled in the beautiful Mendip Hills. Upon arrival, students quickly got to work setting up camp, demonstrating impressive teamwork as they pitched their tents and organised their equipment. As evening approached, the campsite came alive with activity: stoves were lit, meals were prepared, and the groups came together to socialise, building camaraderie and enjoying the shared experience.

The following morning, students undertook a walk across the Mendips, carrying their full equipment. This provided an early opportunity to adapt to the physical demands of the expedition while taking in the stunning surroundings. Spirits remained high throughout, with students showing great determination and positivity. Each team had to put their navigation skills to the test. Using only a map, compass, and their pre-prepared route cards, students navigated independently across the landscape. The excellent weather added to the experience, offering clear conditions that allowed teams to fully engage with the challenge. Throughout the day, students displayed remarkable resilience, supporting one another and overcoming obstacles with confidence.

The expedition was a resounding success, with all participants demonstrating the qualities that the Duke of Edinburgh Award seeks to develop: teamwork, perseverance, and self-reliance. Their conduct and attitude were exemplary, and they represented Crispin school with pride.

With the practice expedition now complete, students can look ahead with confidence to their assessed expedition in July. Onwards and upwards!





## Student Success

Huge congratulations to our Year 7 student, Finlay!

A special well done to our talented musical theatre and singing pupil, Finlay, who has been recalled for an amazing West End show!



**Crispin School**  
Aspiration • Compassion • Excellence

### CRISPIN OPEN DAYS - BOOK NOW

**See the school, meet the students.**

Year 6 Open Days and Evening 2026

- Wednesday 16 September - Open Morning (09:15-11am)
- Monday 21 September - Open Morning (09:15-11am)
- Wednesday 23 September - Open Evening (6.30-8.30pm)
- Thursday 01 October - Open Morning (09:15-11am)
- Thursday 08 October - Open Morning (09:15-11am)

[www.crispinschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/open-days/](http://www.crispinschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/open-days/)

## Upcoming Parent Workshops at Crispin School

# Book Now!

For our upcoming Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing & Understanding Anxiety and Low Mood Workshops for parents/carers.

Please click the link below

[Mental Health Support Team Parent/Carer Workshops - Fill out form](#)

**Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing for parents**

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 4-5pm*

**Understanding anxiety and low mood for parents**

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 4-5pm*

Join us, **in person** for our **FREE workshops** that look at supporting your young persons **mental health and wellbeing**

Delivered by



Speak to Lisa Charles for more information



## Staff Success

A huge thank you to everyone who has so kindly supported my fundraising for Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

I'm thrilled to share that I completed the London Marathon in 5:32, I am absolutely over the moon with the result!

Donations are still open until the end of the weekend, so if anyone would still like to contribute to this incredible and life-saving charity, you can do so here: <https://www.dsairambulance.org.uk/Fundraisers/jacqui-is-doing-london-marathon-in-aid-of-dorset-somerset-air-ambulance>

Thank you again for all your support,  
Mrs Maxfield



Sunday  
17th May  
11 - 3pm

DO YOU HAVE A PILE OF ITEMS JUST WAITING FOR A CAR BOOT OR TO BE UPLOAD TO SELL ON VINTED? - WHY NOT JOIN US INSTEAD! -

SELL ALL YOUR UNWANTED GOODS, HOME BAKED PRODUCE OR HAND MADE CRAFTS FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME!

SIGN UP FOR A SPOT ON OUR MAP FOR JUST £8  
OR COME AND FOLLOW THE TRAIL AND FIND SOME BARGAINS!  
JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OUT, WALKING THROUGH STREET & BROWSING THE GOODS WHILE SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

TO BE ADDED TO THE TRAIL OR FOR A MAP ON THE DAY EMAIL:

[THEGREATSTREETJUMBLETRAIL@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:THEGREATSTREETJUMBLETRAIL@OUTLOOK.COM)



# 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.

We're here to support you. ❤️



## School Podcast - Public Vote Now Open!

We're delighted to share that one of our school podcasts has been selected as a finalist in a national competition!

The podcast was created by our talented Year 10 students — **Hayden Rowe, Alfie Dorber, Zane Hall, Flo Cox and Macey Govier** — with a special cameo from **Mr Priddice**.

This podcast was written and recorded by students at **Crispin School Academy, Street**, as part of a programme designed to **encourage young people to talk about anti-social behaviour and how to be active bystanders**. The programme is funded by the **Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership**.

**You can listen to the podcast here:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8SdKR\\_aqx4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8SdKR_aqx4)

The public vote opens at **7am on Wednesday 29th April** and closes at **5pm on Tuesday 5th May**. The school with the most votes will win.

### How to vote:

Visit [www.collaboratedigital.com/vote](http://www.collaboratedigital.com/vote), listen to the finalist podcasts, and cast your vote for your favourite.

### Key information:

- There are 10 finalist schools
- You can vote **once every 24 hours**, so please support us daily if you can
- An email address is required to vote (deleted after the competition for GDPR compliance)
- Check your junk folder for confirmation emails

If school email accounts don't work, please use a personal email

***We'd love your support - please share the link with friends and family and help us bring this home!***

## 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.**



SOMERSET

Musical 2  
**MUSICAL IN A WEEK**  
2026



IMPALED DARE  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

**Monday 10th to Friday 14th August**

**Ages 5 to 18 years**  
**9am to 5pm each day**

Performances: Friday 14th August @ 4pm & 6:30pm  
**To book, contact [tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk)**

## Year 9 Army Elite Skills Day

Wednesday this week saw an **Army Takeover Day** for Year 9 students. Kicking off the morning, Sergeant Sainsbury delivered a careers presentation all about post-16 opportunities for army training, apprenticeships and education, like funded degrees, highlighting the wide range of roles available from engineering to IT, combat, intelligence and medical.

Students then worked in groups with the Army Elite Skills team on interactive physical and mental tasks designed to challenge and develop key life skills such as teamwork, communication and problem-solving. They showed great resilience and effort considering the much cooler than expected conditions!

While tackling the activities they were encouraged to ask questions about army life and what a career in the army might look like. Some great insight was gained on army ranks, salaries, travel and living away from home plus the extra-curricular pursuits available, from scuba diving to sports and go-karting. A fun, informative day.

Further Army careers information is available on their website: [obs.army.mod.uk](https://obs.army.mod.uk)



## Amazing Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeships is an organisation that works with schools, companies and young people to help them access the benefits of schemes that deliver meaningful change. They also focus closely on encouraging employers to promote equality and inclusion in the opportunities they offer

Take a look at their website which features inspiring videos and content for students along with top tips on searching for and applying for an apprenticeship, highlighting the Government's [Find an Apprenticeship](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) portal.



## Supported Internships (EHCP Students)

Students with SEND and an EHCP (Education & Health Care Plan) might want to consider applying for a Supported Internship, which is a learning programme for young people that help prepare you for the world of work, with additional support.

Programmes are available in areas such as Digital & IT, retail, sports, healthcare and office work.

Education providers such as [UCS College Group](https://www.uccs.ac.uk), [SS&L](https://www.ssandl.co.uk) and [Yeovil College](https://www.yeovilcollege.ac.uk) offer a range of programmes and you can also search at the Somerset Education Business Partnership for opportunities:

<https://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk/imagine-the-possibilities/vacancies.htm>





# Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday 05 May	Supporting Mental Health & Wellbeing, 16:00 - 17:00, Hall
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
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	<b>End of Term 5</b>
<b>Monday 01 June</b>	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
Thursday 04 June	Year 7 Face to Face, Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Friday 05 June	Year 11 Study leave begin
Thursday 11 & Friday 12 June	Year 9 Vaccinations
Wednesday 17 June	Year 10 BTC Taster Day
Wednesday 24 June	Year 10 Step Up Evening
Monday 15 - Friday 26 June	Year 10 Summer Prelims
Thursday 25 June	Understanding Anxiety 7 Low Mood, 16:00 - 17:00
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
<b>Friday 17 July</b>	<b>End of Term for Students, 12:15</b>
Thursday 20 August	Year 11 GCSE Results Day

