



# Crispin School Newsletter

## 08 May 2026

### Issue 29

#### Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

The start to this term has been incredibly positive, and it has been a pleasure to see students arriving each day with purpose, energy and a clear focus on their learning. Attendance across the school has remained strong, and it is important that we continue to work together to build on this moving forward.

There is a simple truth within education: students need to be in school to fully benefit from all that school can offer. Excellent attendance is not simply about being present in lessons; it is about building routines, maintaining friendships, developing confidence and ensuring that learning is not missed in small but significant ways over time.

We also recognise that, at times, circumstances arise that can make attending school more challenging for some students and families. As a school, we continue to reflect on and review our practice to ensure that we are offering the right support and working positively with families to help students attend regularly and feel successful in school.

National guidance and research from the Department for Education continues to highlight the importance of regular attendance, with students who attend school more consistently often being better placed to make sustained progress over time.

While every child's journey is different, maintaining strong attendance gives students the best opportunity to access learning, enrichment and wider school experiences.

#### What can sometimes be overlooked is how quickly absence adds up:

- 95% attendance = around 10 days of learning missed across the year
- 90% attendance = around 20 days missed
- 85% attendance = almost half a term of learning lost

Alongside this, next week we will also recognise Mental Health Awareness Week across the school. Supporting positive mental health remains a key priority for us, and students will have opportunities throughout the week to engage with activities and discussions focused on wellbeing, resilience and the importance of speaking openly when support is needed. We know that students thrive when they feel safe, supported and connected, and this work remains central to the wider culture we continue to build together at Crispin.

The strong start this term has shown what our students are capable of when they are here, engaged and ready to learn. Thank you, as always, for the support you continue to provide from home in helping us maintain these high expectations together.

### Attendance Ladder



### Voice of Crispin



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

Do not stand for someone interrupting your learning - this is, and will never be, right.



## The Little Princess Trust

We are incredibly proud of Arwen Chegwidden, a Year 7 student, who is doing something truly amazing for charity.

On 12 May, Arwen will be cutting 12 inches from her beautiful hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust, helping provide real hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment and other conditions.

Not only is she donating her hair, but Arwen has also launched a JustGiving page to help raise funds towards the making, fitting, and associated costs of providing a wig to a child in need — something that can cost around £700.

Arwen has already raised a fantastic amount, and we are so proud of her kindness, generosity, and determination to help others.

If you would like to support Arwen and this wonderful cause, please visit her JustGiving page below:

[Arwen's JustGiving Page](#)

Well done, Arwen, you are an inspiration to us all!



It costs, on average, **£700** to provide one real hair wig to a child or young person through The Little Princess Trust. This comprehensive cost includes the manufacturing, fitting, and styling of the wig, ensuring the service remains completely free for recipients up to 24 years old.  The Little Princess T... +3

## Girls Rugby Success

Congratulations to Maddie on an incredible season with Winscombe Warriors U12's!

Maddie joined the U12's team from Wells RFC last September, stepping into a brand-new environment where she didn't know anyone and meeting three coaches for the very first time.

Since then, she has shown fantastic determination, teamwork and commitment, always getting stuck in and giving her all for the team.

On Friday evening at Cadbury House, in front of the U12's, U14's and U16's girls teams, Maddie was proudly awarded Player of the Season, a fantastic achievement and thoroughly deserved!

To make the season even more special, the team also won the Cheddar Festival Cup on 26 April. This was the first year U12's girls teams had been invited, and the team were outstanding, winning all three matches and conceding just one try throughout the tournament.

Well done Maddie, we are incredibly proud of you!





## Finance Reminders

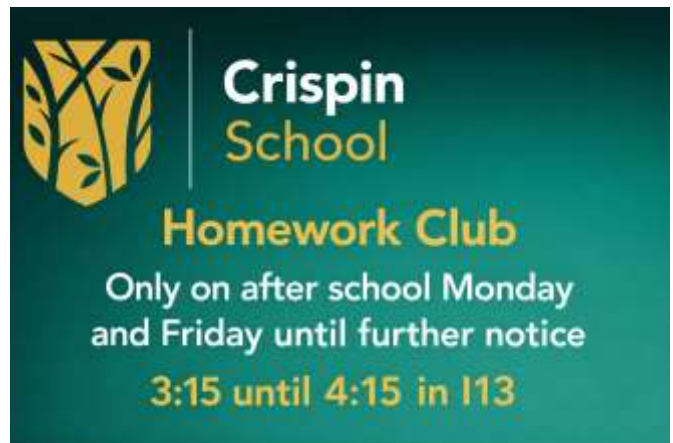
**Thrive Trips** - The deadline for making payments for the upcoming Thrive trips is the 31st May 2026. If you are having any issues with payments, please do not hesitate in contacting [office@crispinschool.co.uk](mailto:office@crispinschool.co.uk)

**Cashless system** - Please ensure payments for the canteen are kept up to date and any debts cleared as soon as possible. If you would like a zero debt limit added to your child's account, please email [office@crispinschool.co.uk](mailto:office@crispinschool.co.uk)

## \*\* Congratulations \*\*

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

Harry Oakley	Year 9	Elanah Chidley	Year 7
Amelie Fauceglia	Year 7	Evelyn Watts	Year 7
Evie Wellington	Year 7	James Hardware	Year 7
Emily Churchill	Year 7	Lauren Benham	Year 11
Poppy Marks	Year 8	Toby Hedges	Year 11
Jack Molland	Year 7	Euan Murphy	Year 10
Emma England	Year 11	Ollie Shieldes	Year 10
Wojciech Mroczek	Year 11		
Sophia Walker-Corlett	Year 10		
Scarlett Middleton-Pfeiffer	Year 7		



**Crispin School**  
**Homework Club**  
Only on after school Monday and Friday until further notice  
**3:15 until 4:15 in I13**



**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)

 **Wessex Learning Trust**  
We Learn Together

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

# Subject Breakfasts Year 11

School site open from 8am every exam day.

Common Room available - light breakfast provided free of charge.

Teachers will be available for last minute advice and re-assurance.

# UpGrade

## Year 11

After-School UpGrade sessions in every subject - held the day before each exam.



The Mid Somerset Consortium

### BACK TO SCHOOL... AS A TEACHER

Train to Teach Primary with Mid Somerset Consortium - Inspire the Next Generation

- Flexible training designed for busy parents.
- Make a real difference in children's lives.
- Start a meaningful career in your community.
- Earn while you learn with hands-on classroom experience.

#### Client Testimonials

I couldn't have worked for a more supportive group of staff and fellow trainees... The MSC team have all been incredible and there is always someone there to talk to should you need it.  
— **Donni**

The primary training course has been supportive and practical, allowing me to build confidence and develop invaluable classroom skills. Importantly, it has worked well around being a parent, allowing me to successfully balance training alongside a busy family life!  
— **Sarah**

A real strength of the course is the opportunity for primary and secondary trainees to work together.  
— **Milla**

Placement schools are varied and well chosen, including first schools, middle schools, and primary schools. Being placed locally has helped us build strong networks across the area, which feels invaluable for future job opportunities and professional connections.  
— **Milla**

Ready to take the next step?  
**JOIN OUR TEACHER TRAINING TODAY!**

[info@mid-somerset.org.uk](mailto:info@mid-somerset.org.uk) | [www.mid-somerset.org.uk](http://www.mid-somerset.org.uk) | 01458 44949



Do you have any exciting news to share?

If so, please email [office@crispinschool.co.uk](mailto:office@crispinschool.co.uk)

## 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.**



STREET PARISH COUNCIL

# YOUTH DISCOUNT SCHEME

SHOP LOCAL. SUPPORT LOCAL. ❤️



LAUNCHING FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

- EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS at participating local shops
- FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-17
- SUPPORT OUR HIGH STREET AND COMMUNITY
- NO ID REQUIRED It's easy – just enjoy the discounts!
- AT THE DISCRETION OF EACH BUSINESS Discounts are offered at the discretion of participating shops.
- SHOP LOCAL. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Let's support our local businesses and keep our high street thriving!

Together, we make Street a great place to live, work and visit. ❤️

[street-pc.gov.uk](http://street-pc.gov.uk)

# BE MORE WITH GLASTONBURY ARMY CADETS

Looking for a hobby with a difference?

**NEW RECRUITS WELCOME**

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Cadet Centre - Street Road - Glastonbury - BA6 9EF

What3Words: Blindfold / Residual / Patrolled



**Cadets from 12 Years+**



**Adult Volunteers Always Needed**  
No Experience Required

**Come along and meet the team!**

Shooting Military Skills Navigation  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme  
First Aid Teamwork Skills  
Leadership Training Sports and lots more skills for life

For more information please contact  
Email: 3923harve@armymail.mod.uk  
Phone: 01823 284486



armycadets.com



**Sunday 17th May 11 - 3pm**

DO YOU HAVE A PILE OF ITEMS JUST WAITING FOR A CAR BOOT OR TO BE UPLOADED 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)



## Couch to 5K 2026

WITH STREET STRIDERS

**STARTS 1ST JUNE EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY**

**COMPLETELY FREE**

No experience needed. Just start.

**REGISTER NOW** Email: [C25K@streetstriders.co.uk](mailto:C25K@streetstriders.co.uk)

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# Girls,

do you know that

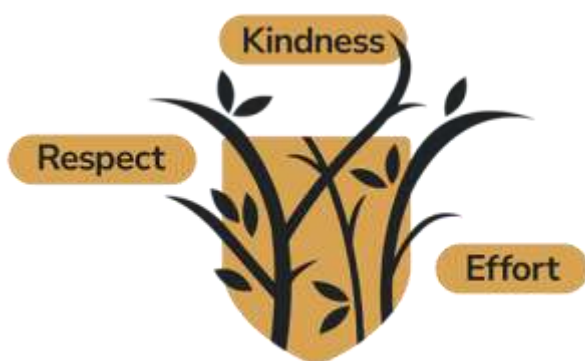
we have **free** sanitary products available in school?

Please come to **RECEPTION** and we will discreetly show you where they are.

*We're here to support you.*

## Year 10 Mock Interviews

Looking ahead to our Year 10 Mock Interviews next week, we're delighted to welcome back some members of our Crispin Alumni who are giving up their time to support our students. All went on to develop careers in the footwear industry, taking their first steps at Clarks HQ in Street!



## Interview Top Tips

In a recent interview workshop UCS College Group shared top tips which may prove helpful for year 10 students as they prepare for mock interviews and look ahead to college and apprenticeship applications:

- ◆ Be on time
- ◆ Think about the questions you might be asked
- ◆ Make eye contact
- ◆ Be honest
- ◆ Be enthusiastic and positive
- ◆ Speak clearly
- ◆ Ask questions

## McDonalds 16+ Work Experience

With a focus on creating opportunities McDonalds are offering five-day work experience placements at local McDonald's Franchisees from July for those aged 16-19.



Participants will develop a range of employability skills, including communication, teamwork, leadership, planning, and problem-solving.

They'll also build their knowledge on interview techniques, writing CV's and applications and will be offered an interview upon completion of the placement, subject to the terms of the programme.

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/gb/en-gb/latest/youth-opportunity.html>

Crispin Alumni

**CHRISTINE CLEAVES** *Leaver 1992*



### My Current Job: Retail Consultant

I have my own business as a Retail Consultant advising on stock planning and trading.

Before this I was Head of Merchandising at Clarks. I love working with lots of different types of businesses, meeting new people and helping buy and trade incredible products.

At school my favourite subjects were English and History. We had an amazing history teacher, Mr Wood, who really brought the subject to life.

While at Crispin I also liked drama and appeared in school productions.

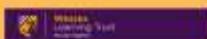
I went to University of Liverpool and gained a 2.1 degree in English with Communication Studies.

Average Retail Consultant Base Pay: £29k/yr (Glassdoor)

Explore more Retail Consultant or Merchandiser jobs on your Unifrog account or at [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)



“Work hard at school and enjoy it! Extra-curricular activities help you build confidence and connections that last throughout your life. At college focus on subjects that interest you - you'll get better grades and a better experience.”



# OPEN EVENTS

STRODE COLLEGE | Wed 10 June | 6pm - 8pm

TAUNTON COLLEGE | Tues 23 June | 6pm - 8pm

BRIDGWATER COLLEGE | Thurs 25 June | 6pm - 8pm

REGISTER NOW!

BRINDING OUT YOUR BEST





# Important Calendar Dates

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 21 May	Booking system opens for Year 7 Parents' Evening, 6pm
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	<b>End of Term 5</b>
Sunday 31 May	Payment Deadline for all Thrive Trips
<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
Tuesday 16 June	Year 10 BTC Taster Day
Wednesday 24 June	Year 6 SEND Transition Day Year 10 Step Up Evening
Monday 15 - Friday 26 June	Year 10 Summer Prelims
Wednesday 24 June	Year 11 National Contingency Day
Thursday 25 June	Understanding Anxiety 7 Low Mood, 16:00 - 17:00
Monday 29 June	Poland History Trip Departs
Monday 29 June - Friday 03 July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 01 July	Year 6 Transition Day Year 6 New Parents Information Evening, 18:30
Thursday 02 July	Poland History Trip Returns Year 11 Leavers Breakfast & Year 11 Prom
Sunday 05 July	Kenya Trip Departs
Tuesday 07 July	Creativity & Innovation Exhibition, 17:30 - 19:00
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

