



# Crispin School Newsletter

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## Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

The announcement of next year's school musical was met with cheers and excitement from students and staff alike today. I can think of very little better than the thought of watching our students perform classics such as *Let's Go Fly a Kite* and *A Spoonful of Sugar*. *Mary Poppins* was a real favourite of mine growing up, and those songs still take me straight back to sitting with family around a very small television. I truly cannot wait to see the end production!

I have often spoken about the responsibility we have at Crispin to provide students with lifelong memories and opportunities; experiences that stay with them long after they leave school. The arts, performance and enrichment opportunities are a hugely important part of that, and something we will continue to protect and grow.

At this point in the year, there is always a real sense that one journey is beginning to draw to a close whilst another is just starting. As we continue to support and prepare our Year 11 students for their next steps beyond Crispin, we are also beginning preparations to welcome our new Year 6 students into the school community. Over the coming weeks, Head of Year 7 will begin visiting our primary schools to meet students and staff, helping us ensure that the transition into secondary school is as positive and supportive as possible. These visits are always a real highlight and an important part of building those early relationships before students join us in September.

In many ways, that message leads perfectly into a reflection on the week we have just had across the school.

Our Year 11 students have been absolute superstars as they entered one of the toughest weeks of the examination period. Spare a thought for one student who completed three GCSE examinations in a single day. I have been incredibly impressed with the maturity and determination shown by Year 11 throughout the week. They have been punctual, respectful and fully engaged with every revision and support session put in place for them.

The atmosphere around the year group has been purposeful and positive, and staff have been enormously proud of the way they have approached this important stage of their education. I have every finger crossed for them all over the coming weeks.

At the same time, our Year 7 students headed off on their residential trip this week. Residential experiences are about far more than simply time away from school; they help build confidence, resilience, teamwork and an even greater sense of community amongst students. Judging by the photographs shared on social media, it certainly looks as though students have embraced every opportunity and thrown themselves fully into the experience.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the many local employers and professionals who generously gave up their time to support our Year 10 Mock Interview Day. Opportunities such as this are incredibly valuable in helping students experience formal interview situations and receive immediate, constructive feedback. I am delighted to share that our Year 10 students were complimented repeatedly on how well prepared, polite and engaging they were throughout the day. They represented both themselves and the school exceptionally well.

This week has provided a wonderful opportunity to recognise the efforts of three different year groups, each demonstrating success in very different ways. Whether through examinations, enrichment opportunities or preparation for the future world of work, our students continue to impress us with the way they approach challenges and opportunities alike.

I hope that you are all able to enjoy a restful and sunny weekend.





## Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip - Lyme Regis

From 6th–8th May, our Year 10 geographers travelled to Lyme Regis to carry out coastal fieldwork as part of their GCSE studies. During the trip, students investigated the coastal processes shaping the coastline at Monmouth Beach by using ranging poles and clinometers to measure beach angles from west to east, alongside collecting and analysing pebble samples.

In the morning sessions, students also had the opportunity to evaluate a range of sea defences they had previously studied in lessons, helping to bring their classroom learning to life through first-hand experience.

Fortunately, the weather stayed dry throughout the trip, allowing everyone to make the most of this valuable fieldwork opportunity!



# Book Now!

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Workshops for parents/carers.**

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### Understanding anxiety and low mood for parents

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



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- Why do young people struggle?
- What are the warning signs?
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## Student Fundraising

On Wednesday, Year 7 Arwen had her hair cut to donate to The Little Princess Trust!

Her JustGiving page is still open for anyone who would like to support this amazing cause.

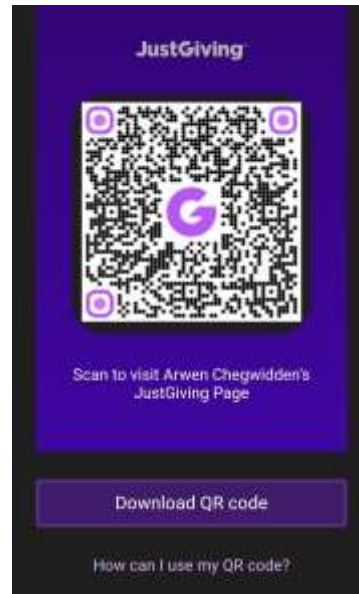
Donations will help cover the cost of turning her hair donation into a wig, along with the many other expenses involved in providing wigs for children and young people in need.

Her family are incredibly grateful for all the donations, kind messages, and words of encouragement she has received so far. This has been such a positive and inspiring experience for her, and your support has meant so much.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Arwen on this journey!

Please find attached the info for her page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/arwen-chegwidden-1?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=WA](https://www.justgiving.com/page/arwen-chegwidden-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA)





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## 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)



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## Year 10 Interviews

Sending a huge congratulations to our Year 10 students who have completed their Mock Interviews over the last two days.

Interviewers commended the students on being 'articulate', 'able to hold a conversation well' and one commented the interviews were, 'some of the best I've ever done'.

Feedback in interview booklets noted that many were well prepared, confident and friendly, and even those who felt nervous rose to the challenge and had a positive experience, with lots of relieved smiles afterwards

Students' conduct was impeccable throughout and we know they are going to go from strength to strength as they look ahead to their work experience placements at the end of June.

We would also like to thank our guest interviewers who gave up their time to come to Crispin to support our students gain such valuable experience, from organisations such as Heidelberg, RSPCA, Thatchers Cider, Clarks, the Army, UCS College Group, EDF, MCS Construction, Somerset Skills & Learning, Pro Apprenticeships, Rotary Club.



## UpGrade Year 11

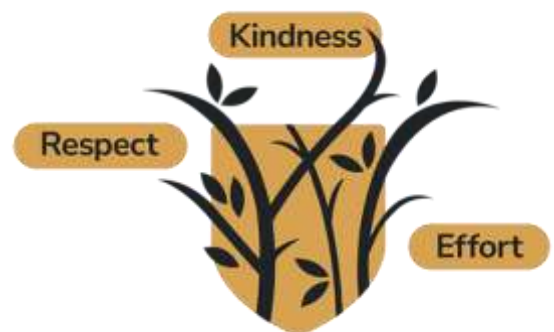
After-School UpGrade sessions in every subject - held the day before each exam.

## 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.



## Next Show Announcement

### Our next show is.....

After what felt like a practically perfect search for the right show, the Performing Arts team are thrilled to announce our 2027 school musical... **Mary Poppins!**

Finding the right production this year was no easy task, and nothing quite seemed to fit. In true Mary Poppins style, Mrs Baumgardt decided to make a cheeky request to the licencing company about a show that is usually only licensed for performances on school sites. As Strode Theatre is a professional venue, we really didn't think it would be possible... but proving that "Anything Can Happen", MTI said yes!

We are incredibly grateful for this special permission. We cannot wait to bring a little magic to the Strode stage in 2027 - it's going to be supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!



## Crispin Equalities Team - Delivering Disability Assemblies

We are incredibly proud of our Equalities Student Team, who have recently been delivering assemblies across year groups to raise awareness and understanding of disability within our school community.

Through their presentations, students explored the importance of the social model of disability and the role of allyship in creating an inclusive, respectful and supportive environment for everyone. Their assemblies encouraged thoughtful discussion and helped students reflect on how we can all contribute positively to our school community.

The Equalities Student Team have worked exceptionally hard in preparing and delivering these assemblies. Their dedication, confidence and passion for inclusion have been outstanding, and they have been fantastic role models for their peers. We would like to thank them for the care, maturity and commitment they have shown throughout this important work.





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— Danni

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.

— Millie

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.

— Millie

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17th May  
11 - 3pm

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# Important Calendar Dates

Friday 08 May - Wed 17 June	Year 11 GCSE Live Exams
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
Monday 13th July	Netherlands Trip Departs
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>	Netherlands Trip Returns <b>End of Term for Students, 12:15</b>
Thursday 20 August	Year 11 GCSE Results Day

