



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

As we reach the end of another busy half term, it feels an appropriate moment to say thank you to the entire Crispin community. I remain incredibly grateful for the wonderful support we receive from our parents and carers, and for the vital role this partnership plays in ensuring the very best opportunities for the young people in our school.

Crispin is made up of a team of dedicated and talented people who work tirelessly to provide outstanding opportunities for students across our local and surrounding communities. At this time of year, we often see staff members making difficult decisions to pursue new challenges or begin a well-earned retirement, and it is particularly poignant to mark the retirement of one of our science technicians, Belinda.

Belinda has been a valued colleague for many years, and I know she will be greatly missed by both the Science team and the students she has supported so warmly throughout her time at Crispin.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to wish Belinda every happiness in her retirement and hope she will still pop in from time to time to say hello.

One phrase that has been repeated consistently throughout the Year 11 examination period is "pride and impressed." Our Year 11 students have approached this exam season with maturity, resilience and determination, and they should be incredibly proud of themselves. I hope the half term break provides them with an opportunity to revise, refresh, revitalise and prepare for the final examinations ahead.

The first Monday back after half term will be especially important for Year 11 students, as it offers the chance to return to routine, reconnect with the school environment and spend valuable final time with their Maths teachers before the next examinations begin.

Congratulations

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

Oliver Skuse	Year 8	James Williams	Year 8
Eddie Smith	Year 8	Oliver Bright	Year 10
Toby Fitch	Year 8	Alex Edgar-Attwell	Year 8
Mahdi Rahman	Year 8	Charlie Hawkins	Year 8
Alannah Hylton-Pope	Year 10	Tom Stradling	Year 8
George Chadwick	Year 8	Alice Phillips	Year 8
Alex Lovelace	Year 8	Darcey Chilcott	Year 8

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.

Wishing all our community a restful break



Sponsored Swim Success for Year 7 students

We are delighted to share the fantastic contribution made by three Year 7 Crispin students who recently took part in a sponsored swim at Millfield School, organised by the Glastonbury and Street Lions Club.

The students Jack, Riley and Willem are all members of the Tor Rugby Club U12s squad, with seven players from the team taking part in the event altogether. Collectively, the squad raised an incredible **£1200** through their efforts.

The proceeds from the sponsored swim will support both the Glastonbury and Street Lions Club and Tor Rugby Club, helping to continue the valuable work both organisations do within the local community.

The attached photograph shows Jack, Riley and Willem being presented with their certificates by the Lions Club following a recent Tor U12s fixture.

Congratulations to all involved on this outstanding achievement and for representing the school so positively.



Tennis Success in Burnham

Year 7 student, Riley competed in one of the local rounds of the Play Your Way to Wimbledon U14 Singles competition. With several qualifying events taking place across Somerset, this round was hosted by Avenue Tennis Club in Burnham.

He played some excellent tennis throughout the day and was delighted to come through the final against one of his friends to take the title.

The next stage will be the County Finals, also taking place in Burnham at the end of June. The winner there will earn a place at the National Finals at Wimbledon at the beginning of August — an exciting opportunity and a fantastic achievement to aim for.



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

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





Top 5 Holiday Safety Tips for Parents and Carers

As we head into the May half-term break, here are five simple ways families can help children stay safe and well over the holidays:

1. Keep talking

A quick daily check-in can make a huge difference. Ask open questions such as "What have you been up to today?" or "Has anything made you feel worried or uncomfortable?"

2. Stay curious about online activity

Young people often spend more time online during school holidays. Take an interest in apps, games, social media and who they are communicating with. Remind children that they should tell a trusted adult if something online doesn't feel right.

3. Know where they are and who they are with

As children become more independent, encourage clear plans around where they are going, who they are with and what time they'll be home.

4. Encourage healthy routines

Late nights and disrupted routines can affect wellbeing. Encourage a balance of sleep, physical activity, time outdoors and breaks from screens.

5. Know where to get help

If your child needs support over the holidays, remember there are services available. If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm, please contact:

- Police: 999 - if you believe a child is at immediate risk
- Somerset Direct (Children's Social Care): 0300 123 2224 - if you are concerned a child might be at risk, or if you are struggling to look after your child
- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or email help@NSPCC.org.uk - for advice if you're concerned about a child.

Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Support

Time away from school can feel isolating for some young people.

These services can help:

- Childline: 0800 1111 or childline.org.uk - support for children and young people.
 - YoungMinds Parent Helpline: 0808 802 5544 - advice for parents worried about mental health.
 - Samaritans: 116 123 - 24/7 listening support.
- Kooth (kooth.com) - free, safe online support for young people.

Online Safety Guidance

With more free time, children may be spending longer online. These services provide advice for parents on keeping young people safe:

Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/> - parental controls and safety tips, including guidance on buying new tech.

Child Exploitation & Online Protection (CEOP): <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/> - report online safeguarding concerns and seek guidance on keeping children safe online.



Crispin School
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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)

 Wessex Learning Trust
We Learn Together

www.crispinschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/open-days/

Octagon Theatre & Westlands - Creative Careers

Leanne Baker, Arts Engagement and Outreach Assistant from the Octagon Theatre & Westlands Entertainment Venue, lifted the curtain on Creative Careers this week, delivering assemblies to years 9 and 10.

As well as sharing insight on the skills, roles and responsibilities that keep theatres and arts venues running, Leanne talked about her own pathway back to Somerset and a creative job, via the Space performing arts college in Taunton, drama school in London and abroad in the US. She also touched on how a late diagnosis of dyslexia helped her adapt her learning style to best achieve her goals, and that as a part-time freelancer she has to stay flexible and organised to multi-task between meetings and managing anything from panto wardrobe to running workshops!

Leanne was keen to encourage young people to 'get involved' in clubs, groups and volunteering to develop personal and employability skills; the Octagon Theatre & Westlands hold two work experience opportunities a year and offer a SHiNE Bursary to anyone who may benefit from additional support accessing classes, workshops and tickets at their venues.

We thank Leanne and look forward to welcoming her back to Crispin for some small group work and student confidence building.

westlandsyeovil.co.uk/discover-more/shine-bursary-fund/



Young Carers Mentoring - Next Steps

Brightside, an online mentoring charity, received National Lottery funding to deliver a free mentoring programme for young carers aged 16-18 which aims to support young carers to build confidence and explore their next steps after school/college with help of a trained mentor.

<https://brightside.org.uk/>

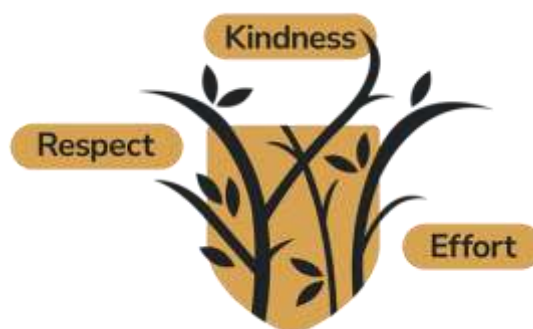
Brilliant CVs

For any students thinking about their first job application and how to sell themselves to employers or colleges, Unifrog has a ton of tools, advice and guidance to help put the perfect CV together.

A CV builder walks students through step-by-step and lets them preview what it will look like. Lots of video clips also talk through what makes a brilliant CV.

Parents can also access Unifrog content through their Parent account to explore the Careers Library, parent-specific guides and expert advice.

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/cv>
<https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/cvs-resumes-and-cover-letters>





kooth

NHS
Somerset

Is your child feeling worried or stressed?



11-18 year olds can access free & anonymous online counselling and emotional support via Kooth.

Find out more at kooth.com



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 wished 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.
— **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**

Ready to take the next step?

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Homework CLUB

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In i13



Bridgwater College's A Level ASPIRE programme is proud to announce our

YEAR 10 ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

A unique opportunity for local students to showcase critical thinking, develop academic writing skills, and explore today's key issues. We want to hear your voice.

Prizes and recognition

- 1st Prize: £100 voucher and certificate
- 2nd Prize: £50 voucher and certificate
- 3rd Prize: £25 voucher and certificate

Winning entries may also be published on the Bridgwater College website and invited to a special prize-giving event.

Closing date:
Monday 15 June 2026

Terms & Conditions Apply

To enter, [click here](#)






BRINGING OUT YOUR BEST

UCS
COLLEGE
GROUP

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.



The Bishop's Palace, Wells

GARDEN FETE

Saturday 6th June

-  Petting Farm with Puxton Park
-  Artisan Market with 50+ stalls
-  Live Music
-  Hula Hoop Show
-  Axe throwing with Mendip Activity Centre
-  Meet the Gardening Team
-  Big Bloomers Walkabout Show
-  Dog Show with Pawsability
-  Food stalls and bar

Craft & Produce Competition
in partnership with Wells Tuesday WI

Classes include:
An animal made from fruit or vegetables
Six fairy cakes
A model made from recycled materials
A drawing or painting of a landscape

Plus! Half price entry when you enter a class!

SCAN HERE for more information

BOOK NOW!

www.bishopspalace.org.uk

Annual Passes are not valid for this event
This is a fundraising event for The Palace Trust



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Important Calendar Dates

Friday 22 May	End of Term 5 Enrichment Club Booking system open 18:00
Sunday 31 May	Payment Deadline for all Thrive Trips
Monday 01 June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 02 June	Year 10 Falmouth University Trip
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
Thursday 18 June	Kenya Trip Information Evening, 16:30 - 17:00
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
Tuesday 30 June	Netherlands Trip Information Evening, 18:00 - 19:00
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, The Crossways, Arrivals from 18:15
Sunday 05 July	Kenya Trip Departs
Tuesday 07 July	Year 7 Geography Trip (X) Creativity & Innovation Exhibition, 17:30 - 19:00
Wednesday 08 July	Year 7 Geography Trip (Y)
Thursday 09 July	Headteacher's Award Ceremony, 18:30
Monday 13 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
Friday 17 July	End of Term for Students, 12:15 Netherlands Trip returns
Monday 17 - Wednesday 19 August	Year 6 Summer School

