



WEEKLY

# NEWSLETTER

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*Celebrating*

OUR

# YEAR 11

*Leavers* ♥



PROUD OF TODAY, EXCITED FOR TOMORROW



## Dear Year 11.....

With GCSE examinations now finished, I would like to congratulate every member of Year 11 on reaching the end of this important stage of your school journey. The final exam marks the close of a significant chapter, and you should take a moment to recognise the effort it has taken to get to this point.

I also feel it only fair to revisit a conversation we have had many times over the past year. I warned you that Year 11 would pass quickly, and at the time there was, understandably, a fair amount of scepticism. As it turns out, that prediction appears to have aged rather well!

Now that the exam period is behind us, I want to say how proud I am of you both individually and as a cohort. On a personal level, many of you have overcome challenges, grown in confidence and shown real determination. Collectively, you have worked together as a year group to reach this milestone, and that shared effort has not gone unnoticed.

Over the coming weeks, there will be opportunities to come together as a year group and prepare for your next steps. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Leaver's Breakfast and Prom on Thursday 02 July.

As we come to the end of our time together, this special edition of our weekly bulletin is a chance to pause, recognise and celebrate what you have achieved since starting with us, but especially over the past year.

I wish you all the very best for your future and hope in the years and decades to come you look back with fondness at your time at Crispin.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Bullock







## A message from Mr Horner, Head of Year 11

As we reach the end of what has been a significant and memorable year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate everything that this Year 11 cohort has achieved.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Pastoral Lead for Upper School this year, and I am incredibly proud of you all. Throughout the year, you have consistently demonstrated excellent attitudes to learning, a strong sense of focus in lessons, and a mature, positive approach to your education.

In particular, your approach to the examination period has been outstanding. The exams team have highlighted and complimented your conduct, organisation and calm, purposeful attitude throughout. You have approached this important time with real determination and professionalism, and you should be extremely proud of how you have represented yourselves.

This has been a truly successful year, and it is clear that you have given yourselves the very best chance of achieving the GCSE grades you are hoping for. We are incredibly hopeful and excited for you as you move on to your next steps, whether that be college, sixth form, apprenticeships or other pathways.

You should take great pride in everything you have accomplished this year. You have been a fantastic year group and a credit to the school.

We now look forward to celebrating together at the upcoming leavers' breakfasts and at Prom on 02 July. These will be wonderful opportunities to come together and recognise all that you have achieved.

Thank you for your commitment, positivity and contribution to the school community.

We wish you every success for the future and look forward to seeing all that you go on to achieve.



## Parents & Carers, we thank you

*We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our Year 11 parents and carers.*

*Your encouragement, support, and partnership with the school have played a vital role in helping our students reach this important milestone.*

*Throughout their journey, your guidance and commitment have helped them navigate challenges, celebrate successes, and grow both academically and personally.*

*We greatly appreciate the positive impact you have had on their achievements and wish our Year 11 students every success as they take their next steps.*



## My Time at Crispin.....

My time at Crispin has been a valuable and enjoyable experience. During my time there, I have had the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people, and take part in a variety of activities. The supportive environment has helped me grow in confidence and develop both personally and academically.

Although there have been some tricky times when I did not want to go to school and found things difficult, the support I received from teachers, has helped me through those challenges. Their encouragement, patience, and understanding made a real difference, and I am so grateful for everything they have done for me.

One of the things I have enjoyed most about Crispin is the sense of community. The teachers and students have been welcoming and encouraging, making it a positive place to learn and succeed.

The experiences and memories I have made at Crispin will stay with me, and I am grateful for everything I have learned during my time there.

I was often told that secondary school would fly by but I had never believed that until now. Looking back over my 5 years at Crispin, I'm amazed that all my experiences there have happened so quickly.

I have learnt so much from Crispin, from the quadratic formula to the person that I am today.

Over these 5 years my confidence has grown significantly, I have discovered my own passions and interests and I have done so while making friends for life.

My last few months at Crispin have been spent sitting GCSE's - the scary bit! In my opinion, they have been one of the best parts of school. I already miss testing my friends right before an exam and then immediately finding them on the courts afterwards to discuss it.

Looking back, now that school is over, I am immensely proud of myself and the hard work that I put into all my years at Crispin and I'd like to thank all the encouragement and support I received from my peers and teachers.



It is really difficult to describe the five years I have spent at Crispin within one bulletin, nevertheless I will give it a try!

I think the most important element by far to mention are the individuals I have connected with. The relationships I have developed within my classes and enrichment clubs has massively influenced me to be who I have become today. Both students and staff have been supportive, inspiring, and most importantly, have made my time in Crispin fun. Most people may miss how even the smallest day to day interactions between "ordinary" people can create an effect that moulds your aspirations, personality, and eventually your future self. I can attribute so much of my character to people I have met and known at Crispin, such as, the confidence I have built for myself in Drama, which at its core was due to the friends I made and the brilliant leadership of Mrs Baumgardt (and her colleagues). I will always be grateful.

Another crucial element to mention is the many experiences and memories I have made here at Crispin. Osmington Bay, Vex Robotics tournaments, theatre trips and learning to play poker during tutor time! I can look back and feel fortunate to have had so many positive opportunities.

I would say the trickiest year was Year 9, choosing options when I wasn't sure what path I wanted to take, however, after some consideration I am really pleased with the subjects I chose (French, History, Graphics, and Drama). Now I have completed my GCSE exams I can honestly say, I felt ready and prepared, my advice to all future Year 10s and 11s is to take the opportunity to attend revision sessions, they undoubtedly assisted with information retention and anxiety reduction. At this point I would like to thank all of the teachers who provided these sessions.

Lastly, as I navigate to the next chapter of my journey, I realise that the most valuable thing I will take away from Crispin is not just a collection of grades and certificates, but the friendships, memories, and lessons that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I'm looking forward to attending college, I feel prepared and I'm certain all of the learning tools and study methods that have been taught to me in the last 5 years will support me completing my A levels.

One last item I must mention is how grateful I am to my tutor, I have been very fortunate, this fantastic teacher has been my tutor from year 7 to 11, keeping me grounded, focussed, and determined to reach any goals set.

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A generation finishing their  
**GCSE**  
*closes a chapter unlike any other.* ♥

You left **primary school** during covid

You started **secondary school** during Covid

Some of your most important years  
were shaped by **uncertainty, change**  
and **challenges** no generation expected.

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≡ *Yet you are here!!* ≡

As you step into the next chapter,  
remember your generation  
isn't defined by what it missed.

It is defined by  
*how it overcame.*

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Be proud of  
*how far you've come.*