



# Crispin School Newsletter

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### Issue 35

#### Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

Two weeks ago, I started my newsletter with the question, "*Has anyone seen the sun?*" I can safely say that I never expected the weather to dominate quite so much of the end of this half term. I also promise that this will be the last time I mention it... at least until next summer!

Before anything else, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our students, staff, parents and carers for the incredible support shown throughout what has been a truly unprecedented week. The way in which our school community has responded has been exceptional. Students demonstrated maturity and resilience, staff adapted quickly and calmly to changing circumstances, and parents continued to work alongside us with patience and understanding. For that, I am extremely grateful.

As you read through this week's newsletter, you will see yet more examples of the opportunities that our staff work so hard to provide for the young people at Crispin. From enrichment activities to curriculum experiences, it continually reminds me that education is about so much more than examinations. More importantly, these pages once again shine a light on just how remarkable our students are.

Last week's special Year 11 edition contained some wonderfully reflective words from our students as they reached the end of their examinations. Reading those alongside the comments and experiences shared throughout this week's newsletter reinforces something that is incredibly important to me: that so many of our young people feel supported, challenged and valued during their time at Crispin. There is always more to do, but it is reassuring to see our students recognising the positive relationships that exist within our school.

I would also like to apologise once again for the communication issues we experienced following the fault with our Management Information System. Whilst I regret that this happened, I am equally grateful to those parents and carers who contacted us to raise their concerns. Without your feedback, it is entirely possible that the issue would have remained undetected for longer. Your partnership with the school is invaluable, and this was a clear example of us working together to resolve a problem quickly. Thank you for taking the time to get in touch.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Year 10 students the very best as they begin their work experience placements next week. This is an exciting milestone and an opportunity to experience the world beyond the classroom. My advice is simple: be curious, ask questions, volunteer to help wherever you can and embrace every opportunity that comes your way. You will represent yourselves, your families and Crispin School, and I know you will do so brilliantly.

For our Year 7, 8 and 9 students, we look forward to welcoming you back next week in full school uniform and, hopefully, with a return to more familiar routines and considerably cooler temperatures! After the past fortnight, I think we will all appreciate a little normality.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Together, we continue to move Crispin forward, creating a school where learning is at the heart of everything we do and where every student has the opportunity to flourish.





## Crispin School Making a Difference Through Volunteering

### Crispin School DofE Volunteers Make a Real Difference

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding contribution made by our Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants through their volunteering activities this year.

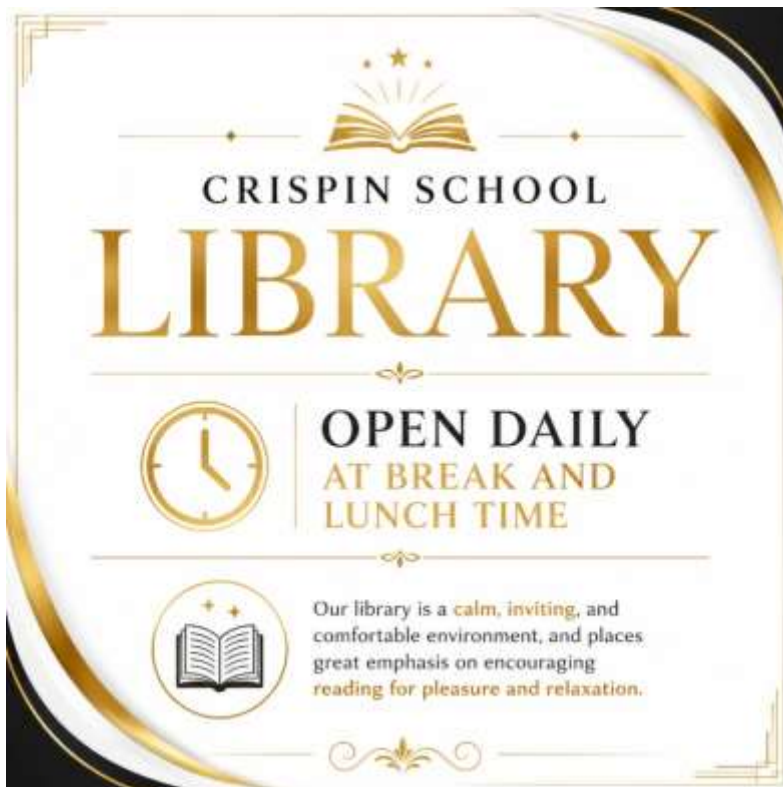
Between April 2025 and March 2026, Crispin School students completed an incredible 1,001 hours of volunteering in support of local organisations, community groups, charities, and school initiatives. Their dedication, commitment, and willingness to give their time to help others have made a significant positive impact on our community.

In recognition of this achievement, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has awarded the school a Social Value Certificate, estimating that our students' volunteering has generated £7,557 of social value. This figure represents the positive contribution that their efforts have made to society and highlights the importance of young people taking an active role in their communities.

Volunteering is a key part of the DofE Award and helps students develop confidence, leadership, teamwork, and communication skills while making a meaningful difference to the lives of others. Whether supporting younger pupils, helping at community events, assisting local charities, or taking part in environmental projects, our students have demonstrated the values of compassion, responsibility, and service.

We are incredibly proud of all our DofE participants and would like to thank them for their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment throughout the year. Their efforts show how young people can make a real difference and be a force for good in their communities.

Congratulations to everyone involved on this fantastic achievement.





## Crispin Celebrates Pride

June is Pride Month, and at Crispin we have been recognising and celebrating the importance of Pride through a range of activities across the school.

Throughout the month, students have explored the history and significance of Pride during assemblies and Thrive tutor activities. They have learned about the Stonewall Riots, the impact they had on the fight for LGBTQ+ rights, and why Pride continues to be such an important celebration of equality, inclusion and acceptance today.

On Friday 19 June, the school community came together for a lunchtime Pride celebration featuring music, a bake sale and the opportunity for students and staff to show their support for our LGBTQ+ community by 'tying a ribbon' as a visible sign of allyship. The event was filled with fun, laughter and a real sense of community, and our colourful ribbon display is a wonderful reminder of the support shown across the school.

A huge thank you goes to Crispin 'Student Equalities Team' for all of their hard work in organising the event and helping to make it such a fantastic success. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, kindness and respect shown by our students, and of the positive impact this celebration has had in bringing our community together.

As we continue to celebrate diversity, we remain committed to creating a school where everyone feels included, valued and able to take pride in who they are.





## Why I enjoy Basketball Club....

Basketball Club is more than a club to me. Basketball Club is what helped shape me to who I am today. It showed me how to persevere even when things got tough, how to have a "never give up" attitude. Even when the teams aren't fair it shows that life itself isn't fair so you have to keep trying even if you fall (which I have) you just have to get back up.

The club also gave me one of my closest friends who have helped me through a lot and I am forever grateful for that.

The memories I have from Basketball I will really cherish forever because of the friends I've made and the games we've played., and although there are people who are miles better than me I will continue to try my hardest and be better than them.

I strongly recommend the club even if you don't like the sport for the club is more than just a weekly thing, now it's part of who I am.

The coach is really good and really supportive and great at basketball.






Emotional Health  
 Relationships  
 Sexual Health  
 Drugs  
 Smoking  
 Alcohol

Got a concern?

If you're 11-19

it only takes one text to start making a difference

You'll get confidential advice from your School Nursing Team and you don't have to give your name if you don't want to.

Just send a text

# 07480 635 516

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service. It operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure systems and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who can call. ChatHealth Service, although free is a confidential service in the event of an emergency call the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and they receive the correct

Improving LIVES



## July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
<b>FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b>	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

## Year 10 Students Impress in EVO Academy X Clarks Work Experience Week

Last week a group of Year 10 students stepped up and took part in an exciting, innovative Creative Work Experience Programme that challenged them to think like entrepreneurs, designers and business leaders.

Working in teams, students were given a brief to develop a brand new shoe concept using AI as part of the creative process and were asked to consider every aspect of bringing a product to market, including target audience, financial costs and projected sales information.

Throughout the week the EVO team commented on the excellent teamwork, focus and creativity shown by our students, praising them for pushing the boundaries of the challenge to 'another level'.

Friday culminated in a presentation event where teams pitched their concepts to an expert panel of industry professionals from Clarks who had the unenviable task of choosing a winner. The standard of work was exceptionally high and again judges noted the impressive teamwork, problem-solving abilities and confidence our students demonstrated.

Finally **Evora** was revealed as the worthy winner! A customisable shoe that allows you to change the height of your heel with an original, engineered design. Judges felt there was a gap in the market for this product and they were especially impressed with how thought-through the whole brand experience was, including a subscription option.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, professionalism and creativity displayed by our Year 10 students whose pride in their work was evident throughout.

Congratulations to all who took part, and the winning Evora team who get to see their shoe made and presented in a special ceremony at the Shoemakers Museum in October.



# Swap shop

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
**In the school hall**  
**No more than 5 items per person**  
**You can swap as many items as you bring**  
**Only good quality items**  
**You can bring books, clothes, and games**  
**These must be brought on the day**  
**Tickets are £2 in cash**  
**Tickets include, swapping up to 5 items,**  
**some sweets and a drink**  
**Line up in the canteen 😊**

Crispin School invites you, your family and friends to a Private Viewing of GCSE Art, Graphics, Photography & Product Design work.

# CREATIVITY & INNOVATION EXHIBITION

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
**5:30-7pm**  
**INNOVATION HUB**

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## RLSS UK National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

Millfield Swimming Pool  
 Dates: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026 (Assessment: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July)

Attendance: 100% attendance is compulsory  
 Cost: £280 (includes AED specialism)  
 Eligibility: Applicants must be over 16 years old on the day of assessment

Course Prerequisites:  
 Swim 50m in under 60 seconds / Swim 100m continuously (on front then on back) / Tread water for a minimum of 30 seconds / Surface dive to the bottom of the pool / Climb out of the pool unaided

Interested?  
 To book your place contact Tom Hole  
 Email: [hole.t@millfieldschool.com](mailto:hole.t@millfieldschool.com)

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Somerset Parent Carer Forum  
 Community Inclusion & Activity Team

## Family Fun Day

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
 10am to 2pm

THE MENDIP SCHOOL, PRESTLEIGH,  
 EDMUND RACK ROAD,  
 SHEPTON MALLET, BA4 4FZ

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!  
 MEET PROVIDERS AND TRY OUT INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN SOMERSET

FOOD STALLS, FACE PAINTING, INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE, SPORTS, LEGO, ARTS & CRAFTS, ANIMALS, SENSORY TOYS, BOARD GAMES AND MUCH MORE!

Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C. | Somerset Council



# Important Calendar Dates

Monday 29 June	Poland History Trip Departs Year 10 Work Experience Week begins Year 9 into Year 10 Step Up Evening, 18:00 - 19:00, Hall
Tuesday 30 June	Year 7 & 8 Swap Shop, 15:15 - 16:15, Hall Netherlands Parent Information Evening, 18:00
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, 09:30, Hall Year 11 Prom, Arrivals from 18:15, The Crossways
Monday 06 July	Kenya Trip Departs LAC Coffee Morning, 11:30 - 13:00
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 13th July	Netherlands Trip Departs
Tuesday 14 July	Thrive Day 1 - Sports Day & Colour Run
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>
Monday 17 - Wednesday 19 August	Year 6 Summer School
Thursday 20 August	Year 11 GCSE Results Day

