



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Bullock, Deputy Headteacher

As we approach the end of another busy and successful year at Crispin, it has been fantastic to spend the last few weeks reflecting on achievements, celebrating milestones and looking ahead to the exciting opportunities that await our students.

We have recently marked some important moments for our Year 11 students, with their Leavers' Breakfast and Prom providing wonderful opportunities to celebrate their time at Crispin and wish them every success for the future. At the same time, we have been looking forward, welcoming our new Year 7 students through our Year 6 Transition Day and Parent Transition Evening, preparing our Year 10 students for the world of work through Work Experience, and launching our new Year 10 Future Ready Fund to support students in developing their aspirations and experiences beyond the classroom.

Alongside this, our students have continued to make the most of opportunities outside of lessons, with a large group of Year 9 students enjoying a highly valuable and enjoyable trip to Krakow and Year 7 exploring the challenges and adventures of Cheddar Gorge. These experiences are such an important part of life at Crispin, helping students to build confidence, independence and memories that will last long beyond their time with us.

Next week sees our final week of the academic year, and it is fitting that we finish in the same way we have spent the last few weeks: celebrating success and looking ahead to the future. THRIVE Week promises to be a brilliant celebration, with Sports Day, a wide range of THRIVE trips (I am particularly looking forward to Thorpe Park!) and our final day celebrations bringing the year to a close.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, families and staff for your continued support throughout what has been an exceptionally busy, but incredibly important and successful, year for Crispin. Your commitment, enthusiasm and partnership have helped us continue to provide the very best opportunities for our students.

Here's to September and another exciting year ahead- but for now, I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful summer break.

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Got a concern?
If you're 11-19
it only takes one text to
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You'll get confidential advice from your
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to give your name if you don't want to.

Just send a text or scan me
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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 system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who use our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

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Do you have any
exciting news to share?

If so, please email
office@crispinschool.co.uk



Year 6 Transition Day Brings Excitement and New Beginnings

On Wednesday 01 July, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to Crispin for a fantastic Transition Day. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as students settled into their new surroundings, made new friends, and experienced life as part of the Crispin community.

Throughout the day, students enjoyed a range of activities designed to help them feel confident and excited about starting secondary school in September. In the afternoon, they took part in an energetic game of Capture the Flag, with **Sturnus House** emerging victorious. Congratulations to everyone in Sturnus House on their well-deserved win!

Later that evening, we were pleased to welcome parents and carers to our Transition Evening, providing an opportunity to share key information and answer questions ahead of the new school year.

We look forward to continuing to support our newest members of the Crispin community and can't wait to officially welcome them back in September for the start of their exciting journey with us.





CRISPIN SCHOOL LIBRARY



OPEN DAILY AT BREAK AND LUNCH TIME



Our library is a calm, inviting, and comfortable environment, and places great emphasis on encouraging reading for pleasure and relaxation.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND HAS ENDED

Automatic holiday food vouchers are no longer available.
If you're struggling with food costs, there is support available in Somerset.

1  CRISIS AND RESILIENCE FUND (CRF) Managed by Somerset Council alongside local charities, this fund provides emergency support to residents experiencing: • Sudden financial hardship • Unexpected crises • Difficulty affording food or other essentials You can apply for emergency assistance, including food support or food parcels, by contacting the fund directly.	2  CITIZENS ADVICE SOMERSET Citizens Advice Somerset can: ✓ Assess your financial situation ✓ Provide crisis payments or supermarket vouchers (where eligible) ✓ Refer you to local food banks ✓ Help you access other benefits and support ADVICE LINE: 0808 278 7842 Monday to Friday	3  HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS (HHH) If your child is eligible for free school meals, they may be able to attend Happy Healthy Holidays (HHH) programmes during school holidays. These holiday clubs offer: • Free activities • A nutritious meal each day • Sports, games and enrichment activities
4  EMERGENCY FOOD BANKS If you need food urgently, you may be able to receive a referral for an emergency food parcel. Referral vouchers can usually be issued by:     	5  HEALTHY START You may qualify for a Healthy Start card if you: • Are at least 10 weeks pregnant, or • Have a child under 4 years old, and meet the eligibility criteria. The card can be used to buy:    	



If you live in Somerset and are worried about affording food, contact Citizens Advice Somerset first.
They can help identify which schemes you're eligible for and may also be able to help with other costs such as energy bills, housing, and benefits.

SUPPORT IS HERE FOR YOU



Transition through our Student Lens

Moving on up - the transition your child goes through as they progress in their journey from Year 6 to Year 7.

Were you nervous on your first day of secondary school? I know I was!

If you were, don't worry - things at schools have changed now as we have progressed into a new educational era, so even if you are part of the Crispin alumni, everything will be vastly different. From the space to the expectations to the routines, things have changed, but you can help your child prepare you for this new chapter in their academic life.

"It's an emotional rollercoaster", is a quote from a current Year Seven about how they found the transition. In this case, the quote is about a child's perspective, but what about the parents? Who's there to answer their questions as their child becomes part of the Crispin community?

Here is a little guide to navigating some of the most common queries to alleviate some of your anxiety as you go on your own fairground ride of emotions, as you begin the Secondary school experience from a different perspective:

The 5 Ws

HOW much homework will my child have?

Every lower school student will receive English and Maths homework every week, on platforms called Sparx Reader and Sparx Maths. They will also occasionally get Art and Geography, but for the rest of the subjects, it depends on what your teacher sets. Do not fear though; it won't be an overwhelming amount so you can still relax on the weekends!

WHICH apps will my child need access for?

Your child will need to set-up their access to Teams and the Bromcom Student app. Parents, you will also need access to an app called 'My Child At School' which is the parent version of Bromcom. These help you keep track of homework, positive and negative points, attendance records, and provide clear ways to access your timetable.

Teams is used for homework and timetables, but it is also how your child will receive any student-focused notices or information. It shows any upcoming events and school show information (if your child is involved) as well as a lot more.

Your child will also receive a candidate number and a school email address, which is how they originally set up Teams to their school account, access Teams in school and platforms like Sparx.

The School Office will also email important letters so parents get key information that affects their child individually, their whole year group or the entire school.

WHEN will I get to meet my child's teachers?

In the Autumn Term, there will be a 'Meet the Tutor', so you get an understanding of how your child has settled and progressed in their first few weeks. In the Spring/Summer Term, there is also Parents Evening. You book a time slot with each teacher you would like to see and have the opportunity to discuss your child's work, progression and behaviour.

If you have any urgent queries or issues that require immediate attention, you can always email the School Office who will forward your email to the teacher concerned.

Teacher meetings can vary between being in-person and online; information about how to book appointments is made available nearer the time.

WHO can I contact if my child needs support?

You will need to email the School Office who will forward any messages to the correct member of staff or department. The main people you can contact are:

- Your child's tutor
- Their Head of Year (Mrs Scott)
- Mrs Harvey (Head of Behaviour)

Issues can be passed on from your child's tutor to their Head of Year. Please be assured that if your child needs assistance, Crispin will work hard and put measures in place to ensure that they are supported, respected and listened to.

WHERE will my child eat and socialise?

Basically, anywhere! There is a massive grassy area in the middle of the school grounds which is always open at social times (apart from in winter). There are also multiple picnic benches and a field and Astroturf, perfect for socialising and sport. If your child is in Year 7, there will be at least one court reserved just for their year group, and all the buildings are assigned with a year group to be used as an alternative place to eat in. There is plenty of room for everyone so there will always be a place for your child to sit, eat and make the most of their social times.

The school canteen is open at breaktimes and lunchtimes and serves a range of snacks and meals. However, you aren't allowed to take food out of the canteen.

WHAT are the school values?

Kindness, respect and effort. Those actions are expected to be applied every day, making Crispin a warm and welcoming community.

To close, always remember:

'Without change, there would be no butterflies'. Remind your child to spread their wings and soar into a whole new adventure in Secondary School.

Seeing life at school through the lens of our students

*This week, we're shining the spotlight on **Darcey Chilcott in Year 8**, one of the enthusiastic members of **Student Lens**, Crispin School's team of budding journalists.*

Student Lens captures the stories that make our school community special. From exciting events and sporting successes to performances, trips and everyday moments around school, our student journalists report on life at Crispin from a student's perspective.

As part of the team, Darcey is developing skills in journalism, photography, interviewing and storytelling while helping to keep our school community informed and celebrating the achievements of others.

Keep an eye out for more stories from Student Lens throughout the year as our student journalists bring you the latest news from across Crispin School.



Year 11 Leavers Breakfast

On Thursday 02 July, we said goodbye to our incredible Year 11s as they left Crispin for the final time following their Leavers' Breakfast.

The morning was filled with shirt signing, pastries, plenty of laughter, heartfelt words from Mr Cornwall and Mr Bullock, and a brilliantly embarrassing trip down memory lane with a photo montage put together by Mr Horner, celebrating the many memories made over the last five years.

Thank you, Year 11, for everything you have brought to our school community. You have been a fantastic year group, and we are incredibly proud of you all.





Year 11 Prom

On Thursday 02 July, we celebrated our wonderful Year 11 students at their Prom.

With glorious weather, a stunning venue, and everyone looking absolutely fabulous, it was the perfect way to mark the end of an incredible journey. The evening was filled with laughter, memories, and the chance for everyone to come together one last time before heading off on their next adventures.

We are so proud of everything our Year 11 students have achieved and, whilst we are sad to say goodbye, we know they have bright futures ahead.

We wish each and every one of them the very best for whatever comes next.

Here is just a small selection of photos from a truly unforgettable evening.

The full gallery will be available on the school website next week.

Good luck, Year 11 – you'll always be part of our school community!





Year 9 History Visit to Krakow, Poland - Learning Beyond the Classroom

At Crispin School, we believe that some of the most powerful learning takes place beyond the classroom. This term, 39 students had the opportunity to experience history first-hand during our four-day educational visit to Krakow, Poland.

The visit was designed to support the Year 9 History curriculum, allowing students to build upon their classroom learning about the Holocaust by visiting places that played a significant role in one of history's darkest periods. Throughout the trip, students explored Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, Schindler's Factory Museum and the Wieliczka Salt Mine, while also experiencing the rich culture and history of Krakow.

For many students, visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau was an incredibly moving experience. Walking through the site where over a million people were murdered during the Holocaust brought a depth of understanding that simply cannot be achieved through textbooks alone. Students reflected on the human stories behind the historical events they have studied and considered the devastating consequences of prejudice, discrimination and hatred. Their maturity, empathy and respect throughout the visit were exemplary and a credit to both themselves and the school.

The visit also reinforced key historical concepts studied throughout Year 9, including the development of antisemitism over time, the rise of Nazi ideology, the experiences of Jewish communities during the Second World War and the importance of remembrance. By seeing original artefacts, historical locations and engaging with expert guides, students were able to make meaningful connections between their classroom learning and the real places where history unfolded.

Alongside the educational visits, students enjoyed exploring Krakow's Old Town, spending time together at Energylandia Theme Park and taking part in a range of cultural experiences. These opportunities helped develop independence, resilience, confidence and teamwork, while strengthening friendships and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the four days, our students represented Crispin School exceptionally well. They showed kindness, respect and maturity, receiving numerous compliments from guides, restaurant staff, our tour representative and members of the public. Their conduct, particularly during visits to sensitive memorial sites, demonstrated genuine understanding of the significance of the places they were visiting.

Educational visits such as this play a vital role in bringing the curriculum to life. They encourage curiosity, deepen understanding and help students appreciate that history is not simply something to be learned for an examination, it is something that shapes our understanding of the world today. We hope this experience has inspired our students to continue asking questions, thinking critically and recognising the importance of standing against prejudice in all its forms.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 9 students and look forward to providing more opportunities for learning beyond the classroom in the future.





Year 7 Geographers Explore Cheddar Gorge

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting visit to Cheddar Gorge as part of their Geography curriculum.

Despite the warm weather and the challenge of climbing the famous Jacob's Ladder, students embraced the experience with enthusiasm, learning all about our local landscape and how it has been shaped over thousands of years.

From the top of Jacob's Ladder, students explored the limestone geology of the Mendip Hills, discovering how weathering and erosion have created the dramatic landscape we see today. They were also able to compare the limestone hills with the Somerset Levels, looking out towards the iconic Glastonbury Tor.

The learning continued underground with an interactive sound and light journey through Cox's Cave, where students followed the journey of a river through the limestone. They also enjoyed a fascinating guided tour of the main cave system, gaining a deeper understanding of the area's unique geology and history.

The visit concluded with a trip to the museum, where students met some Stone Age characters, browsed the gift shop for souvenirs and, for a lucky few, even returned home with some famous Cheddar cheese!

It was a fantastic opportunity to bring classroom learning to life, and our students represented Crispin School brilliantly throughout the trip.



Student Success

Huge congratulations to Holly!

Back in May, Year 9 student Holly proudly represented the South West region in the Pony Club Junior International Triathlon for the very first time.

Competing against athletes from across the UK, Ireland and Northern Ireland, she held her own brilliantly, finishing an impressive 13th out of 36 competitors in the tri phase.

This weekend, Holly and her wonderful partner, Mac, took on the Pony Club South West Regional Tetrathlon Qualifiers – and what a performance it was!

With a fantastic 900 shoot, a confident swim and run, and a brilliant clear cross-country round from Mac (with just a few time penalties), they finished 9th overall in a huge field of more than 40 competitors.

This outstanding result means Holly and Mac have now qualified for the National Competition in August!

We are incredibly proud of Holly and all she has achieved. Her hard work, determination and dedication continue to shine through, and we can't wait to follow her journey at the National Finals.

Good luck, Holly and Mac, everyone at Crispin School is cheering you on!



Huge Congratulations

Year 8 Future Ready

Thanks to Screwfix for giving our Year 8 Future Ready Fund students such a great day's work experience on Monday. Tours of the store and mock shop in Yeovil were followed by a trip to Head Office and a talk by Jack from the Early Careers Programme, all finished with an advertising task!

We got to meet people from many areas of the business, such as HR, Customer Services, Store Management and Marketing, and learned that Screwfix started as a catalogue then evolved online before opening stores across the UK, into France and Ireland. The Future Ready programme aims to develop work-based skills and confidence, and Screwfix certainly delivered - students presented their ideas in groups with the winning team being awarded a certificate. Creative skills, teamwork and great communication came into play with everyone reflecting they felt 'inspired', 'interested', 'happy' and 'positive' at the end of their day.



More Year 10 WEX Success

Congratulations to Lee who completed his work experience alongside the Events and Visitor Team at Wells Cathedral.

Gaining know-how in dealing with the public and welcoming them as their first point of contact has also secured Lee a volunteering slot over the summer.

Volunteering is a great thing to put on a CV and further allows you to develop key employability skills - well done Lee!



Occupational Maps - Skills England

A great tool available at [Skills England](https://www.skillsengland.gov.uk/occupational-maps/) are their occupational maps that let you click and find out more about where a technical qualification can take you.

Look out for more next academic year as Crispin's Future Ready Employability team hope to hold more information events for students and events about types of post-16 qualifications and pathways.

Skills England's occupational maps show where technical education can lead

Explore Skills England's occupational maps by selecting a route below:



Important Calendar Dates

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
Friday 17 July	Netherlands Trip Returns End of Term for Students, 12:15
Monday 17 - Wednesday 19 August	Year 6 Summer School
Thursday 20 August	Year 11 GCSE Results Day



SUMMER SAFETY AND SUPPORT IN SOMERSET

YOU MATTER. WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

YMCA INCLUSIVE YOUTH CLUBS
Street / Glastonbury - open to all young people
Sessions run Mondays and Fridays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

STREET FOOTBALL CLUB MINIS & YOUTH
Features football development for ages 3-16, with some sessions as low as £2.50 (11)

RED BRICK BUILDING YOUTH CLUB
Typically runs Friday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (50p/week; membership required)

FOOD BANKS
Trussell Trust - Bridgwater
<https://www.trussell.org.uk/emergency-food/find-a-foodbank>

FREE BUS TRAVEL
Across England (outside London), children aged 5 to 15 can ride local participating buses completely for free throughout August

HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS
Run through the summer holidays for children and young people aged 5 - 18. For children eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM), including those with additional needs. **01823 653 992**

IN A CRISIS CALL THE FAMILY FRONT DOOR FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT - 0300 123 2234

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE
Emergency **999** | Non-emergencies - **101**

HEALTH ADVICE
NHS medical advice 111 or text chat health <https://111.nhs.uk/>

CITIZENS ADVICE SOMERSET
Drop-in service at the Crispin Community Centre. The in-person drop-in session runs every Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or call **0800 276 7842**

MINDLINE SOMERSET
You can call them on **0800 138 1662** (toll-free) or **01823 276 892** - 24/7

SHOUT CRISIS TEXT LINE
A free, 24/7 text service available for anyone struggling to cope. Simply text **SHOUT** to **85258**

SAMARITANS
Available 24/7 for anyone experiencing distress, despair, or suicidal thoughts. Call **116 123**

SOMERSET DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE (SDAS)
A free, confidential, and non-judgmental service supporting anyone with drug or alcohol issues, available 24/7 at **0300 303 8788**

KOOTH FOR CHILDREN AGED 10-25
(TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE) <https://www.kooth.com/>

- Stay safe. Get support. Have a great summer!



FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

SURVIVING & THRIVING OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

WHEN?
10:00-11:30 7th July 2026
18:00-19:30 16th July 2026
13:30-15:00 28th July 2026

REGISTER AT:
canva.link/mhstsummer2026

In this 90 minute workshop hosted by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team, we will explore...

- Creating flexible routines and boundaries that actually work during the holidays
- Why sleep still matters (even without school) and how to keep it on track
- Simple ways to stay organised, reduce stress, and enjoy more quality time together
- Fun activities, local support, and what's happening for families across Somerset

SCAN ME!

MHST