



Crispin School Newsletter

25 September 2026

Issue 03

Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

As a school, we try to capture the views of both our parents and carers and our students in a number of different ways. Whenever we do this, our intention is simple: to listen, understand what you are telling us and use that feedback to make Crispin better.

Over the last week, we have shared links to both a parent survey and a student survey. I know that everyone's time is precious, but I would really encourage all parents, carers and students to take a few minutes to complete them.

Parent Voice Survey:
[Crispin School - Parent Voice Survey September 2026 - Fill out form](#)

The more responses we receive, the richer the picture we build of our school community. This gives us valuable information to reflect on, celebrate what is working well and, importantly, identify where we can improve.

This week has also been a wonderful opportunity to open our front door to prospective families. It has been a real pleasure to welcome them into our school community and give them the opportunity to see our students working hard and enjoying their learning.

Whether during our open mornings or at our open evening, the students who have led tours, supported departments and helped to welcome our visitors have been absolutely wonderful. I have had a number of parents and carers stop to speak to me afterwards and tell me just how impressed they have been by the young people they have met.

So, **a very public thank you to our students.** Thank you for giving up your time, for representing Crispin so brilliantly and, most importantly, for showing our prospective families what Crispin is truly about.

You should be incredibly proud of yourselves.



READY

— EVERY STUDENT. EVERY LESSON. EVERY DAY. —

— AT CRISPIN, WE ARE **READY** —

R	RESPECT • Speak respectfully • Look after your environment • Protect learning	
E	ENGAGE • Listen • Stay on task • Complete tasks	
A	APPLY YOURSELF • Start promptly • Ask for help • Keep trying	
D	DO THE RIGHT THING • Follow expectations • Take responsibility • Put things right	
Y	YES, FIRST TIME • Follow instructions • Respond to feedback • Make changes promptly	





County Lines and Exploitation Awareness Working Together To Keep Our Children Safe

We were delighted to welcome Andri Nicolaou, Child Exploitation Prevention Officer from Avon and Somerset Police's TOPAZ team, into school to deliver a series of assemblies to students across all year groups.

The assemblies formed an important part of our whole-school commitment to safeguarding and preventative education, helping students understand the potential risks associated with county lines, grooming and child criminal exploitation, including how young people can be targeted, manipulated or exploited.

Andri's sessions provided age-appropriate opportunities for students to learn about some of the warning signs to look out for and, importantly, what they can do if something doesn't feel right. Students were reminded that they are never alone and that there are trusted adults and professionals who can help.

Preventative safeguarding education is an important part of keeping children and young people safe. By giving students, the knowledge and confidence to recognise potential risks and speak out early, we can help them make safer choices and know where to turn for support. Schools are recognised as being well placed to raise awareness of exploitation and ensure young people know who they can talk to if they have concerns.

We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home. County lines is a form of child criminal exploitation, and children can be targeted and groomed in a variety of ways, both online and offline. Warning signs can include unexplained money or possessions, changes in behaviour, going missing, travelling to unfamiliar places, multiple mobile phones or concerning online relationships.

The NSPCC has useful information and guidance for parents and carers, including information about the signs of county lines, how to talk to your child and what to do if you are worried:

I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S GETTING THIS NEW STUFF

I'M SCARED SHE'S BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF

I'M WORRIED HE'S BEING INFLUENCED BY OTHERS

If you're worried a young person's caught up in gangs, sexual exploitation or radicalisation, and can't see a way out, we can help.

0808 800 5000

Our helpline is free 24/7 and calls can be made anonymously.

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Text: **80050**

If you have concerns that a child may be experiencing exploitation, please report your concerns to the police and/or Children's Social Care. If there is an immediate risk of harm, call 999; for non-emergency police concerns, call 101. The NSPCC also advises contacting local Children's Services where there are concerns about a child's safety.

Please also speak to us at school. Our safeguarding team is here to listen, support families, and help ensure that concerns are shared with the appropriate professionals. You do not need to wait until you are certain that something is wrong - **if something doesn't feel right, please talk to someone.**

Parent and Carer Online Workshops

Avon and Somerset Police are also offering **free online awareness sessions for parents and carers**, led by Andri Nicolaou. The sessions cover different forms of exploitation, warning signs, online grooming and practical steps families can take to help keep children safe.

Upcoming sessions:

Tuesday 29 September – 7:00pm–8:30pm

Tuesday 6 October – 1:00pm–2:30pm

We would strongly encourage parents and carers to take advantage of these sessions where possible.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued partnership and support. Keeping children safe is something we all have a role in, and by working together, school, families, police and our wider safeguarding partners, we can help our young people recognise risks, seek help and stay safe.

Could you tell if your child was being exploited online?

Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm
06 October 13:00 - 14:30pm

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept **06 Oct**



Double Gold Success

A huge congratulations to Filip, who has achieved an incredible double-gold success in his recent Jiu-Jitsu competition!

Filip competed in the Jiu-Jitsu Gi category, Advanced Grey Belt, 11-12 Years, Under 44kg, where he took home gold. He then went on to compete in the No-Gi category, Advanced Grey Belt, 11-12 Years, Under 44kg, once again securing gold and reaching the highest step of the podium.

This fantastic achievement is a testament to Filip's hard work, dedication and commitment to his training.

A special mention to Filip's amazing coach, Richard Weatherall, under the affiliation of Element22 Martial Arts Academy.

Richard's constant support, dedication and incredible effort in training and developing everyone has played an important part in helping Filip achieve this success.

Congratulations, Filip, on an outstanding achievement, and a huge thank you to Richard for his continued support and commitment!



Girls' Rugby Introduction Festival - Huish Episcopi Academy

On Tuesday 22nd September, six of our girls represented Crispin School at the **Girls' Rugby Introduction Festival at Huish Episcopi Academy**.

Maddy, Amalie, Amelia, Holly, Daisy and Evie took part in an afternoon designed to introduce girls to rugby in a fun, welcoming and supportive environment.

Throughout the festival, the girls received expert coaching from England Rugby and local community coaches. They took part in a range of non-contact skills activities before progressing into adapted contact sessions, where they were able to develop their tackling and contact skills safely and confidently.

Despite attending with a smaller group of six, the Crispin girls threw themselves into every activity, working alongside pupils from other schools and showing excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and confidence. It was particularly pleasing to see them willing to try new skills, challenge themselves and enjoy the social side of the festival.

The afternoon finished with adapted games, giving the girls the opportunity to put the skills they had learned into practice.

The festival was a fantastic introduction to girls' rugby and, most importantly, all six pupils represented Crispin brilliantly.



LOST PROPERTY

Please come to Reception to collect any lost property.

Please make sure that all items brought into school are clearly named.



Do you have any exciting news to share?

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

Future Ready

We're excited to share that there are lots of opportunities ahead for our students through **Careers & Employability** this year.

And this is just the beginning... watch this space for some exciting Careers & Employability opportunities coming throughout the year!



CALLING ALUMNI

• GET IN TOUCH! •

- ▶ SHARE YOUR STORY
- ▶ SPARK INSPIRATION
- ▶ MAKE AN IMPACT



Autumn Careers Workshops from Young HPC

If you're considering your next steps after school or college, these free workshops will help you build knowledge and skills...

Application and CV Writing Workshop
Wed 7th Oct 2026 | 18:00 - 19:00 | Online
Top tips to help you write a great CV, and complete job applications that will stand out from the competition! Also, hear HPC hiring managers share **what they look for from applicants**, and answer questions from attendees.

Interview Techniques Workshop
Thurs 19th Nov 2026 | 17:30 - 19:00 | HPC Induction Centre
Impress potential employers at future interviews! Learn key interview techniques then **put this learning into practice** through short 'mock interviews' with experienced HPC hiring managers (who will also offer valuable feedback to help you perfect your interview skills).

Next Steps Workshop
Wed 27th Jan 2027 | 12:30 - 16:30 | Cannington Court
Learn how nuclear works at the HPC Visitors Centre, and go on a bus tour of Hinkley Point C. We will also take you through a typical **Apprenticeship Assessment Day** so you can prepare for this important part of the application process and try some of the activities that may be included.

EARN NATIONALLY RECOGNISED DIGITAL BADGES AT EACH WORKSHOP!

Scan to find out how to join Young HPC and receive your invite...



PATHWAYS EVENINGS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Whether your young person is thinking about a full-time college course or an apprenticeship, our Pathways Evenings are the perfect place to start exploring their options.

UCS COLLEGE GROUP

TRANSFORMING LIVES

   



DISCOVER YOUR NEXT STEPS AT OUR

OPEN EVENT

REGISTER NOW!

STRODE COLLEGE | Thu 15 October | 6pm-8pm



Every Day Matters at Crispin

At Crispin, our vision is for everyone to be known, everyone to be progressing and everyone to be challenged. Good attendance is essential to making this a reality.

Being in school every day means students are known and supported by the adults around them, make consistent progress in their learning, and benefit from the challenge, experiences and opportunities that help them to thrive.

Every day of absence means missed learning and missed opportunities, and even occasional absence can quickly add up.

We recognise that there are genuine reasons why a student may not be able to attend school, and we will always work constructively with families where support is needed. However, wherever possible, students should be in school, on time, every day.

Attendance is everyone's responsibility.

By working together, students, families and school, we can give every young person at Crispin the best possible opportunity to belong, achieve and succeed.

**This week our
attendance
has been 94.10%**

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Matters.

- Better learning - don't miss out on important lessons.
- Stronger friendships - be part of the school community.
- More opportunities - access clubs, trips and experiences.
- Greater confidence - feel proud and achieve more.
- A brighter future - good habits today, bigger choices tomorrow

We are here to help.
If you are struggling with attendance or need any help or advice,
please contact the attendance team at school:
attendance@crispinschool.co.uk

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School**

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CRISPIN OPEN EVENTS - BOOK NOW

See the school, meet the students

- Monday 28 September - Open Morning SEND (09:15-11am)
- Thursday 01 October - Open Morning (09:15-11am)
- Thursday 08 October - Open Morning (09:15-11am)

**To book your place, please email office@crispinschool.co.uk
or call 01458 442714**



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



STREET FOOD BANK

The Salvation Army Goswell Road

We Need Your
HELP
To refill our shelves!



FOODBANK STOCK LEVELS

September 2026

Some of our stocks are
very **LOW**



Demand has been high lately, so we'd be extremely grateful for donations of:

- Tinned Potatoes / Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned Peas
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Chickpeas/Kidney Beans
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Soup
- Packet Soup
- Tinned Ravioli/Spaghetti
- Jars of Cooking Sauces
- Rice
- Pasta
- Instant noodles
- Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Instant Coffee
- Tea bags (packs of 80)
- UHT Milk
- Biscuits
- Crisps & snacks
- Fruit Squash
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Toothpaste
- Strong Shopping Bags

Donations can be dropped off on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

The Salvation Army, Goswell Road, Street, BA16 0GJ
(for contact us to arrange a time to suit you)

Thank you for helping us to help our local community



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STRODE COLLEGE
REAL SKILLS. BRIGHT FUTURES

Your Next Stage Starts Here

YEAR 11 PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP

AT STRODE COLLEGE

EXPLORE | EXPERIENCE | BE INSPIRED

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2026
(October half term)

10:00am - 2:00pm

Dance Studio, Sports Centre, Strode College

FREE WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Join us for a fun-filled four hours and get a real taste of what Performing Arts at Strode College has to offer!

This practical workshop is perfect for Year 11 students who are considering studying Performing Arts or Drama at college. You'll take part in a range of exciting activities, meet our team and find out more about the opportunities available to you at Strode.

IN THE SESSION YOU WILL:

- Take part in drama games and ensemble activities
- Work on improvised scenes
- Learn fundamentals from a musical theatre class (from a class - it's from SEXTY)
- Learn a routine from our upcoming college production of *Everybody's Talking About Jamie: The Musical*
- Meet our team and find out more about studying Performing Arts at Strode

DRAMA SINGING DANCE PRODUCTION CREATIVITY

STUDY PERFORMING ARTS AT STRODE

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS
A full-time course for students who want to immerse themselves in acting, singing, dance, performance and production work.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN PERFORMING ARTS
An A Level equivalent qualification that can be studied alongside two other A Levels - ideal for students who want to continue performing while keeping their studies broad.

HOW TO BOOK
If you would like to attend, please email Ailie Perry, Performing Arts Course Leader, at perrya@strodecollegegroup.ac.uk

Places are limited, so get in touch soon!

STRODE COLLEGE
STRODE ROAD, STREET, SOMERSET BA9 0AB

FIND YOUR FUTURE AT STRODE COLLEGE

Finding Your Way

An in person support Group for Parent Carers of Children with additional needs and disabilities

You're Not Alone
Connect, share and support with other parent carers who understand.

Support & Guidance
Practical tips, resources and a listening ear.

- STREET GROUP -

In-Person Support
Bear Inn, Street 9:30 - 11:30

Upcoming Dates: Friday 18th September
Friday 16th October
Friday 20th November
Friday 18th December

Get Other Carers | Share Experiences | Gain Practical Advice & Resources | Regular Meetings | Friendly Safe Space

DIGITAL IT UPGRADE SESSIONS

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY LUNCHTIME

ROOM I11

DATA ANALYSE ORGANISE

COMPLETE YOUR NEA DATA MANIPULATION USING SPREADSHEETS

IMPROVE THE ACCURACY AND QUALITY OF YOUR EVIDENCE

ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE PROGRESS

GET HELP WITH SPREADSHEET SKILLS

CHECK YOUR WORK AGAINST THE REQUIREMENTS

EVERY SESSION HELPS YOU IMPROVE YOUR WORK

GET SUPPORT • BUILD CONFIDENCE • MAKE PROGRESS

MAXIMISE YOUR NEA RESULT

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FREE ONLINE COURSES AND WEBINARS

REDUCING CONFLICT BETWEEN COUPLES AND SEPARATED PARENTS

www.cypsomersethealth.org/managing_relationship_conflict

How to put your children at the centre of relationships

How to manage your own & your children's emotions

Tips on strengthening parent - child relationships

NEW DATES FROM SEPT TO NOV 2026

To find out more and book your place:



Organised by: ruth.james@somerset.gov.uk



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Important Calendar Dates

DATE	EVENT
Monday 28 September	Open Morning (SEND Focus) , 09:15 - 11:00
Thursday 01 October	Open Morning , 09:15 - 11:00
Monday 05 October	Year 11 Photographs
Thursday 08 October	Open Morning , 09:15 - 11:00 Year 8 Lulworth Cove Trip (X)
Friday 09 October	Year 8 Lulworth Cove Trip (Y)
Friday 16 October	Year 11 Geography Trip - Bristol
Monday 19 October	Year 11 Geography Trip - Bristol
Tuesday 20 October	Year 11 Geography Trip - Bristol
Thursday 22 October	End of Term 1
Friday 23 October	INSET Day
Monday 02 November	INSET Day
Tuesday 03 November	INSET Day
Wednesday 04 November	Start of Term 2 Year 11 Autumn PPE Fortnight begins
Thursday 05 November	Year 7 Feedback Evening, 18:00-19:00, Hall

To view the School Calendar, please see our website
<https://crispinschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/calendar/>

