



11 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to welcome all of our students back to school this week following the summer break. Having attended assemblies and visited lessons throughout the week I have been genuinely impressed by the positive start our young people have made. Their enthusiasm, politeness, and attitudes to learning have been exemplary, and the way they have moved around the school site has set an excellent tone for the year ahead. Our House Point numbers for this week are:

Corvus	Falco	Sturnus	Tyto
4047	4068	3880	3295

As we begin the academic year, I would like to highlight several important areas:

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is **97.10%**. Good attendance is the foundation of success at school. Every day in school matters, and even small amounts of absence can have a big impact on learning and progress.

Nationally, attendance remains low and schools have been asked to place an even stronger focus on improving this. Please note that penalty notices will be issued to parents and carers who take students out of school for holidays during term time.

We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Together, we can work to remove boundaries and make sure all of our students have the very best chance to achieve their potential.

THRIVE (Enrichment)

At Crispin, we believe that learning goes beyond the classroom. THRIVE activities give students the chance to explore new interests, develop skills, and build confidence.

- **Years 7 & 8** students are expected to take part in **at least two THRIVE activities** this year.
- **Year 9** students are expected to take part in **at least one THRIVE activity**.

A full programme of opportunities, along with details on how to sign up, has been shared with you. **Please sign up by 8 am on Monday 14 September**. Please email office@crispinschool.co.uk for any requests after this deadline. We strongly encourage all students to take advantage of these experiences, as they are an important part of school life and personal development.



Uniform

All students must now be in full uniform as below:

Uniform	PE Kit
Black V neck Crispin jumper	Plain black shorts, black skort or black tracksuit bottoms (leggings and tights will not be permitted for PE)
White long or short sleeve blouse / shirt – (please ensure top button can be done up)	Black Crispin School labelled PE round neck sports t-shirt
Mid grey Crispin school skirt	Black Crispin School labelled PE jumper (hoodies and coats are not permitted)
Mid grey senior flat front trousers / mid grey slim-fit trousers / mid grey senior school shorts (summer term only)	Black base layers are acceptable for added warmth
Plain black or nude tights	Suitable sports trainers and, where required, plastic studded boots
Black socks only	Black long socks for the outdoors / white short socks for the indoors
Crispin lower or upper school tie	Shin pads for football and hockey
Black polishable shoes	Gumshields for rugby and hockey
Hair should be of natural colour	Drinks bottle
One set of stud earrings only. No false nails. No rings or bracelets	No jewellery allowed including earrings or watches. No aerosol deodorant usage in the changing rooms

Mobile Devices

In line with the Government directive, schools are mobile free. We recognise that a large number of parent/carers provide mobile devices to their children to enable them to be safe to and from school. At Crispin we understand the importance of protecting learning. There are no circumstances when a mobile phone should be seen on the school site unless explicit permission has been given. Use of mobile phones is strictly forbidden in lessons and around the school site without explicit direction from a member of staff. Mobile phones which are brought into school, must be switched off and placed in bags. If a child brings a mobile phone into school, it is at their own risk.

New Colleagues

We are delighted to welcome several new colleagues to the Crispin community this year. They bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and I know they will make a strong contribution to our school. A full list of their names and roles is included below:

Mrs Carter, English Teacher, Ms Durston, School Administrator, Miss Gray, Cover Assistant, Mr Harrison, English Teacher, Mr Keyte, Science Teacher (maternity cover), Mr Lewis, Geography Teacher, Mr Maxfield, Mathematics Teacher (maternity cover), Mr Pick, Science Teacher, Miss Pope, Physical Education Teacher, Mrs Reina, HR Administrator, Miss Schreiber, Modern Foreign Languages Teacher, Miss Tonkins, SEND Administrator.

New and Changing Roles

I am pleased to share updates on existing colleagues who have taken on new responsibilities:

Mrs Lafferty, Pastoral Administrator, Mrs Loxton, Assistant SENDCo, Miss Wellbelove, Second in English, Miss Wood, Head of English. We also welcome back from maternity leave Mrs Farbus, English Teacher, and Mrs Fletcher, Head of Mathematics.

Open Mornings and Evening

Please note the following dates for our upcoming open events. These provide an excellent opportunity to showcase our school to prospective students and their families:

Wednesday 16 September 9.15 am – 11 am

Monday 21 September 9.15 am – 11 am

Wednesday 23 September 6 pm – 8 pm (Open Evening)

Monday 28 September 9.15 am – 11 am (SEND focus)

Thursday 01 October 9.15 am – 11 am

Thursday 08 October 9.15 am – 11 am

Reminder regarding change to the School Day for Open Evening

Further to my letter in July, a reminder that our annual Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 23 September 2026. To allow staff and students time to prepare for this important event, the school day will finish early at 1.30pm, with school buses departing at that time.

Many of our staff and students give their time to showcase everything that makes Crispin such a special place, and I am incredibly grateful for their support.

For families who require childcare until the end of the normal school day, supervised provision will be available in school. Please email office@crispinschool.co.uk if you require this provision. Please note that there will **not** be a second bus departure at 3.30pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is vital in ensuring that every student thrives, and I am confident that, together, we can make this academic year a highly successful one for all. I look forward to working with you and celebrating the many achievements of our students in the months ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Lee Cornwall
Headteacher