



Crispin School Newsletter

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Issue 04

Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

I am going to start this week's newsletter with an apology...
It is, once again, more than two pages long!

We know that, ideally, a newsletter should be no more than two sides. We know that people's time is precious and that there is a limit to how much information anyone wants to read. The problem is that, quite simply, we have too much good news to share!

So, I am sorry that it is longer than it should be, but, in truth, I am also really proud.

This week's newsletter celebrates so much of what makes Crispin special. We look at the importance of being here, because attendance really does matter. Every day a student is in school is another opportunity to learn, to build friendships, to develop confidence and social skills, to solve problems and, ultimately, to make progress. Sometimes simply stepping through the school gates is the first and most important step towards achieving something more.

We also celebrate participation and individual success, alongside the fantastic work taking place through our Future Ready employability programme. These are all important parts of what we want education at Crispin to provide — not simply strong academic foundations, but opportunities for every student to discover what they can do and what they might become.

As we reach the end of week four, it is also a good time to pause and refocus on some of the simple expectations that help our school community work so well.

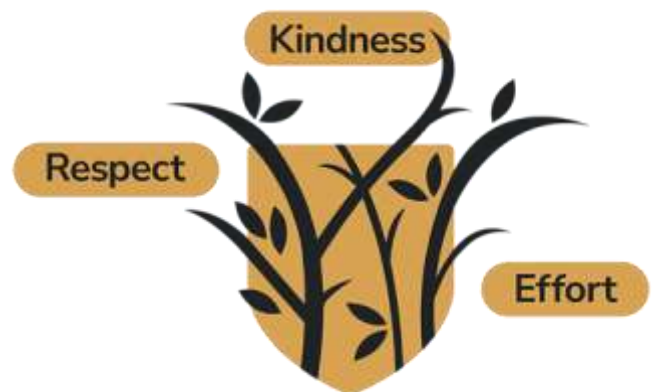
Uniform matters. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that students arrive looking smart and ready for the day. We are seeing a small number of students arriving without the correct black socks, so please do continue to check uniform at home.

Attendance and punctuality matter. Our bells are there to give students a clear indication of where they need to be and when they need to be there. Students have plenty of time to move between lessons, and there should be no reason for students to be arriving late. Being ready, being on time and being in the classroom means that learning can begin straight away.

And finally, community matters. School is about learning how to work alongside other people, being patient, showing empathy, listening to different views and treating others with kindness and respect. These are skills that matter just as much beyond the school gates as they do within them.

Thank you, as always, for your support. The partnership between students, families and staff makes such a difference to the culture we create at Crispin.

And, despite my opening apology, I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter. There really is a lot to celebrate!





National Poetry Day - Finding Wonder in Words

To celebrate National Poetry Day, we're sharing some of our staff's favourite poems and, more importantly, why these poems mean something to them.

Mr Bullock - *Sonnet 18* - William Shakespeare

My favourite poem is Sonnet 18. I studied it as part of A Level English Literature. We had to create a video to express the poem, and I remember having so much fun making it with two of my best friends – the two I'm still friends with from school today! I can still recite it from memory.

**Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.**

Mr Cornwall - *If I ever have Girls* - Daragh Fleming

This is my favourite poem. I have three daughters, and this poem means a lot to me. It reflects how I want them to grow up, to be confident, kind and resilient, and to know their own worth. I have this poem framed in my house as a reminder to them, and to myself, of who they are and who they can become.



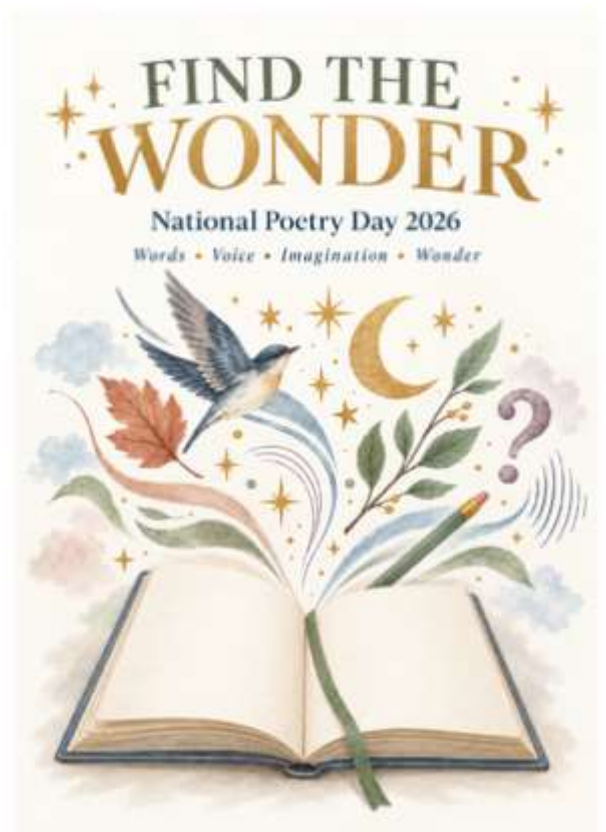
Miss Horne - *Leisure* by W. H. Davies

Miss Horne has chosen "Leisure" by W. H. Davies, a poem that encourages us to pause, look around and appreciate the world we sometimes rush past.

In a busy world, Davies asks us a simple question: do we make enough time to stop and wonder?

From squirrels hiding their nuts to streams that sparkle like the night sky, *Leisure* reminds us that wonder can be found in the simplest moments, if we take the time to notice them.

***What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?
No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep or cows:
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.***



***Take a moment to slow down,
look around and find a little wonder
in the world around you.***



Success in the Hilliard Society Miniature Art Postcard Competition

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our Art Department!

At the end of last year, a number of our students entered the Hilliard Society of Miniature Art Postcard Competition, and we are incredibly proud to announce that Year 9 student, Isabelle was the winner in the 11–15 age category!

Isabelle's fantastic artwork, along with the work of the other students who entered, was displayed at the Hilliard Society in Wells, giving our young artists the opportunity to have their creativity showcased to a wider audience.

A huge congratulations to Isabelle on this fantastic achievement!

On Monday, Isabelle was presented with her certificate and voucher in front of her Art class, where her achievement was celebrated by her classmates and teachers.

We are incredibly proud of you, Isabelle, what a wonderful accomplishment!



Regional Championship Success

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about our Year 10 student, Holly, who represented Polden Hills Pony Club at the Bicton Regional Championships at the end of the summer holidays.

Holly and her horse, Mac, delivered an outstanding performance across all three phases of the one-day event, dressage, showjumping and their favourite, cross country.

Holly rode with real maturity, focus and determination throughout the competition, while Mac looked after her through every round. Their performance was a fantastic demonstration of the trust, teamwork and partnership they have developed together.

Competing in a large and highly competitive class, Holly and Mac achieved a brilliant 3rd place overall in the South West, securing a well-deserved podium finish.

This was a very proud moment for Holly, her coaches and everyone at Polden Hills Pony Club, and is a wonderful reflection of the dedication, commitment and hard work she has put into her riding.



LOST PROPERTY

**Please come to Reception
to collect any lost property.**

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



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**Do you have any
exciting news to share?**

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



U14 Boys Rugby - Cup Match

Our U14 boys travelled to Churchill for their first game of the season and their opening cup fixture.

Despite coming up against a strong Churchill side, the boys did themselves proud, crossing the line for three tries and adding a conversion. Churchill ultimately scored more, but there were plenty of positives to take from our first competitive outing of the year.

Man of the Match: Adam – an excellent performance throughout.

Captain Lian led the team superbly and set a great example on the pitch.

A really encouraging start to the season. Plenty to build on and, most importantly, a group of boys who represented the school brilliantly.



Every Day Matters at Crispin



ATTENDANCE LADDER

0	DAYS MISSED	100%	😊	PERFECTION
4	DAYS MISSED	98%	😊	IMPRESSIVE 4 DAYS MISSED
6	DAYS MISSED	97%	😊	GOOD 6 DAYS MISSED
7	DAYS MISSED	96%	😊	ON TARGET 7 DAYS MISSED
9	DAYS MISSED	95%	😊	SLIGHT CONCERN 9 DAYS MISSED
13	DAYS MISSED	93%	😞	CONCERNS 13 DAYS MISSED
18	DAYS MISSED	90%	😞	VERY CONCERNED 18 DAYS MISSED
29	DAYS MISSED	85%	😞	SERIOUS CONCERNS 29 DAYS MISSED
38	DAYS MISSED	80%	😞	VERY SERIOUS CONCERNS 38 DAYS MISSED

This week
our
attendance
has been
93%



Year 10 Work Experience 2027

Crispin Future Ready Year 10 work experience is officially launched!

Mr Horner confirmed dates of 5-9 July 2027 during Year 10 assembly last week. The Department of Education guidance is that students in KS4 undertake 5 days of meaningful experience at the workplace of an employer so they are able to learn about what type of job they might enjoy, and develop their key skills. We know from previous years it can be one of the most transformative experiences students have during education.

With parent and carer support, students need to source a work experience placement themselves as initial interaction with employers is a key part of developing confidence. Once the placement is confirmed, the platform Unifrog www.unifrog.org is used to manage the process.

Students can login to their Unifrog account with their Crispin username and password to add the placement. They will find the Placements tool on their Unifrog homepage - see a link to a useful video, below.

<https://cdn.unifrog.org/video/rcn90fv3a7/720.mp4>

The Unifrog system will then email the employer, the parent / carer, and the school, to collect the necessary information and permissions.



***We wish you the best of luck with supporting your child to find a placement!
If students have any questions they can ask Mrs Drew who will also be running some
drop-in Careers Cafes at lunchtimes to help with adding placements.***

Year 10 students should also **check their Teams regularly** for updates on WEX opportunities and resources to help find the best placement for them.



Year 11



UpGrade

Year 11 revision sessions · Autumn Term 2026

After school Lunchtime
Running until Christmas unless stated

MONDAY

Art, Photography & Graphics

Q1-I24 · JDM, MAW, AGC, SLD

Monday sessions only run when there is no staff meeting – speak to your teacher.

TUESDAY

Maths – Higher

T25 · JBT · Weeks B · Grade 6/7 only

Sociology

M05 · MBRT · Research methods

Art, Photography & Graphics

Q1-I24 · JDM, MAW, AGC, SLD

WEDNESDAY

Science

307 · MJB · Combined & Triple

Geography

T11 · SJW · 14 Oct, 21 Oct & 4 Nov only

Food

T2/T13 · UM · NEA catch-up & improvement

THURSDAY

Sport Studies

106 · AVV · OCR · Yr 10 & 11

History

M02 · DPM · from 1 Oct

Engineering

103 · LCA · Unit 1 catch-up

Art, Photography & Graphics

Q1-I24 · JDM, MAW, AGC, SLD

Product Design

102 · AVB · NEA catch-up

FRIDAY

Maths – Foundation

T34 · LMB

Drama

P05 · CLB

AFTER SCHOOL

LUNCH

Music & Music Tech

P05 · ACC · Catch Up

Digital IT

T11 · TAH · NEA (until 15 Nov)

Geography drop-in

T11/T12 · SJW, MA (until 7 Nov)

Computer Science

T11/T14 · TAH, LUB · all Y11 CS

Digital IT

T11 · TAH · NEA (until 15 Nov)

Geography drop-in

T11/T12 · SJW, MA (until 7 Nov)

No lunchtime session



WALKING-TALKING MOCKS Tue 20 Oct: English Language Paper 2 · E13 Wed 21 Oct: English Literature Paper 1 · E13



Year 7

Have You Ordered Your Child's
Year 7 Portrait Photograph?

A polite reminder to parents and carers
that the closing date for **free delivery
back to school is midnight on
Thursday 22 October 2026.**

If you haven't ordered your child's Year
7 portrait photograph yet, there's still
time! Orders can be placed through the
Tempest website using your child's
unique link, or by visiting:

www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance with ordering
your photographs, please contact
**Tempest directly on 01736 751555
(option 3)**, who will be happy to help.

**Don't miss the deadline for
FREE delivery back to school!**

SAVE THE DATE

Crispin Summer School

16, 17 & 18 August 2027

9am-3pm

*Crispin Summer School is for students
joining us in September 2027.*

To register your interest, or if you have any questions,
please email rargent@crispinschool.co.uk

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT CRISPIN

Every student. A chance to lead.



A DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY FOR EVERY STUDENT

PARTICIPATE → CONTRIBUTE → REPRESENT → LEAD → INSPIRE

Leadership opportunities grow with students throughout Years 7-11.

Leadership at Crispin is not one role for a few students — it is a culture of participation, voice and responsibility.



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



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
Friday 16th
Friday 20th
Friday 18th

September
October
November
December



Meet Other
Parent Carers



Share
Experiences



Gain Practical
Advice &
Resources



Regular
Meetings



Friday
Sessions



Important Calendar Dates

DATE	EVENT
Monday 05 October	Year 11 Photographs
Wednesday 07 October	Year 9 Somerset Careers Fair at Westlands
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/>

