



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

Welcome once again to Crispin's newsletter.

This is always one of the best parts of my week, as I get a sneak preview of all the wonderful things our students have achieved. Once again, this week's newsletter is full of individual and team accomplishments, and there is always so much to be proud of!

I am particularly pleased to share our sports fixtures with you. I have always believed that representing your school in any capacity is a wonderful thing. It demonstrates the trust the school places in you as a young person, as well as the commitment and responsibility you show by stepping forward to represent your school community. A huge thank you to our PE staff for bringing the teams together and creating these opportunities for Crispin students.

Ms Horne, our Assistant Headteacher, has written to you about our Belonging Weeks – a real opportunity to celebrate students being in school, engaging in their learning and feeling part of our community. During these weeks, we will place an even greater focus on attendance and participation in school life, alongside opportunities for recognition and prizes. We want every student to feel that they belong at Crispin and that being here, every day, really matters.

Finally, it is with real sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Keyte, who has worked across a number of departments and has been an exceptional team player. We are grateful for all he has contributed to Crispin and the support he has given to colleagues and students alike. We will share further information with students shortly about any changes to teaching arrangements and tutor groups.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mr Keyte for everything he has done for our school and wishing him every success in his new adventures.

Have a lovely weekend.



**This week, members of SLT
have been out and about with
the Belonging Basket!**



Black History Month 2026: Honouring Our Communities

This year, Crispin has marked Black History Month through assemblies and activities designed to encourage deeper thinking about history, inclusion and community.

Our first assembly began with a simple question: What is history? Students considered whose stories we choose to remember, teach and pass on, leading to a bigger question: Is our understanding of British history inclusive enough?

The central message was clear: Black history is not an addition to British history; it is part of British history.

Our second assembly developed this through the 2026 theme, 'Honouring Our Communities', encouraging students to look closer to home and recognise the people, past and present, who make a difference within our communities.

Across both assemblies, students have been challenged to question whose stories are remembered, reflect on inclusion and recognise the contributions of others.

Ultimately, Black History Month at Crispin is about more than knowing more history. It is about thinking more carefully about inclusion, contribution and the community we want Crispin to be.

Who makes a difference in our community – and how do we make sure everyone belongs?



AIM HIGH. GET INVOLVED. LEAD.

Our badges recognise commitment, leadership, contribution and excellence. Each badge represents a new opportunity to develop your skills, make a positive difference and be a role model for others.

HALF COLOURS LOWER SCHOOL (Years 7-9) Awarded to recognise outstanding achievement, effort and contribution across school. EXCEL IN LEARNING	STUDENT LEADER ALL STUDENTS. (Years 7-11) Awarded to students who take on a student leadership role and make a positive difference in school. REPRESENT AND SUPPORT	FULL COLOURS UPPER SCHOOL (Years 10-11) Awarded to recognise outstanding achievement, effort and contribution across school. AIM HIGH AND ACHIEVE	HEAD STUDENT UPPER SCHOOL (Years 10-11) Awarded to our Head Students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, commitment and service to the school community. MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE
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PROGRESSING. | KNOWN. | CHALLENGED.

Crispin School
Aspiration • Compassion • Excellence

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

LAUNCHING DofE BRONZE 2026/27

FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

WHAT IS DofE?
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a fantastic opportunity for you to develop your interests, confidence, resilience, skills for work and friendship groups outside of school hours.

THE FOUR SECTIONS

SKILL Learn something new or develop an existing interest	PHYSICAL Improve your fitness and wellbeing	VOLUNTEERING Make a positive difference in your community	EXPEDITION Plan, train for and complete an exciting adventure in the outdoors.
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DEVELOP YOURSELF. TAKE ON A CHALLENGE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!

If you are interested in taking part in the DofE Bronze Award for 2026/27, application letters are available from **Mr Mason or Miss Hagii**.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Success

A huge well done to Year 11 students, Tilly and Rory, who both completed their second Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition with the Army Cadets this weekend!

The pair took on the challenge of walking from Glastonbury to Weston-Super-Mare over two and a half days, showing great determination, resilience and teamwork along the way.

Having already completed their volunteering, skills and physical sections, this expedition means that both Tilly and Rory have now completed all the requirements for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award!

Congratulations to you both on this fantastic achievement. You should be incredibly proud of all your hard work and commitment!



RLSS Regional Lifesaving Success - Four Pairs Qualify for Nationals

Crispin School is celebrating an outstanding day of success at the RLSS Regional Lifesaving Championships, held on Saturday 10th October at 1610 Chilton Trinity.

Our students delivered fantastic performances across all categories, with all four pairs securing their places at the National Championships!

A special mention goes to Year 7 student Annabelle Chard who played an essential role in the running of the event. Annabelle acted as a casualty in the aquatic scenario, repeatedly performing the same realistic 90-second incident for each group of participants. Her commitment and consistency helped ensure the scenario ran smoothly throughout the day.

Regional Results

Senior Boys - Joshua and Harry

The boys won their category, securing their place at the National Championships.

Senior Girls - Nyah and Poppy

The girls qualified for Nationals for the fourth consecutive year, demonstrating impressive consistency and dedication.

Junior Boys - Sam and Oliver

The boys won their hotly contested category to secure their place at Nationals.

Junior Girls - Charlotte and Ailla

The girls won their category and will return to Nationals for the second consecutive year.

Congratulations to all our competitors on these fantastic achievements. Their success reflects their hard work, teamwork and commitment to developing their lifesaving skills.

The RLSS Lifesaving National Championships will take place at Sandwell Aquatics Centre in Birmingham on Saturday 14th November.

We wish all four pairs the very best of luck as they prepare to represent Crispin School at Nationals!



Year 11 Rugby

On Thursday 08 October, our Year 11 boys travelled to Taunton to take on Castle School in a cup fixture, and what a contest it was!

Both teams were evenly matched in a competitive game, with Crispin eventually going down 7 tries to 4. Despite the result, every single boy was a credit to the school, showing outstanding effort, resilience and respect for their opponents throughout.

A special mention to our standout performers: Charlie and Oscar for their excellent performances. Brendan VDL, our Man of the Match, who was an absolute colossus on the pitch!

Rohan, playing a year above his age group, who scored two of our tries!

It was a genuine pleasure to take the boys out for the afternoon, and they were absolutely buzzing afterwards! Even better, several players are relatively new to rugby and are already keen to play more, with some now considering joining their local clubs.



Hat-Trick Heroics for Crispin

What a comeback from our Year 7/8 girls' football team!

On Tuesday 13 October, the girls travelled to The Blue School Wells, where the hosts made a bright start, scoring two early goals. However, Crispin showed fantastic determination and resilience to fight their way back into the game, bringing the score to 2-2 at half-time!

The second half was a closely contested battle, but it was hat-trick hero Ania who stepped up to score her third goal of the match and secure a brilliant 3-2 victory for Crispin!

Brilliant performances from everyone involved. The girls should be incredibly proud of their teamwork, fighting spirit and determination.

Next week, we return to Wells with our Year 9/10 team. Good luck, girls!



Year 10/11 Girls Football

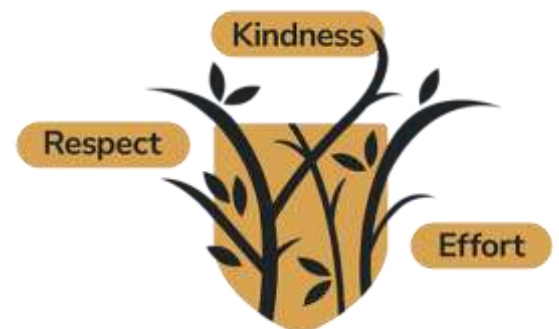
A huge well done to our Year 10/11 girls' football team, who took on a strong all-Year 11 side away at Norton Hill!

With just one Year 11 player in our team, the girls faced a tough first half, going in 4-0 down at the break. However, they showed fantastic determination and resilience in the second half, keeping a clean sheet and finishing the half 0-0!

A special mention goes to Nancy Burdett and Felicity Mobbs, who stepped in at the last minute following a couple of late dropouts. Neither had played football before, but both rose to the challenge brilliantly and looked right at home on the pitch!

An outstanding team effort, with plenty of fighting spirit and something to be proud of.

Well done, girls!



Year 7 Gymnastics - Human Pyramids:

This lesson built upon pupils' prior learning of individual and partner balances, progressing towards creating and holding group balances and human pyramids.

Pupils explored the importance of teamwork, communication, trust, resilience and safety when working collaboratively. They were challenged to hold their balances for more than three seconds, demonstrating perseverance by adapting their positioning and technique when unsuccessful.

Key teaching points included:

- Core strength: Engaging abdominal muscles to maintain stability and control.
- Strong foundations: Creating a sturdy, stable base to support the group safely.
- Flexibility: Understanding how flexibility and body control help pupils working at higher levels achieve different shapes and positions.
- Teamwork and communication: Working together to plan, construct and safely dismantle balances.

Resilience: Responding positively to unsuccessful attempts, making adjustments and trying again.

Safety: Ensuring appropriate weight distribution, using stable support positions and avoiding pressure on the spine, neck or other vulnerable joints.

Progression: Pupils developed from individual and partner balances to increasingly complex group formations, applying their understanding of stability, body tension and balance.

Next steps: Pupils will incorporate apparatus, different levels and gymnastic transitions to create flowing group sequences.



UpGrade		After school Lunchtime				
Year 11 revision sessions · Autumn Term 2026		Running until Christmas unless stated				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
AFTER SCHOOL	Art, Photography & Graphics Q11-Q14 · JOM, MAW, AGC, BLD <i>Monday sessions only run when there is no staff meeting – speak to your teacher.</i>	Maths – Higher T25 · JET · Week 6 · Grade 6/7 only Sociology M05 · MBH · Research methods Art, Photography & Graphics Q11-Q14 · JOM, MAW, AGC, BLD	Science S01 · MJB · Combined & Triple Geography T11 · SJW · 14 Oct, 21 Oct & 4 Nov only Food T12/T13 · LM · NEA catch-up & interventions	Sport Studies S01 · AVV · OCR · Y10 & 11 History M02 · DFM · from 1 Oct Engineering E03 · LCA · Unit 1 catch-up Art, Photography & Graphics Q11-Q14 · JOM, MAW, AGC, BLD Product Design P02 · AH · NEA catch-up	Maths – Foundation T34 · LMB Drama P08 · CLB	
	Music & Music Tech P05 · ACC · Catch Up	Digital IT I11 · TAH · NEA (until 15 Nov) Geography drop-in T11/T12 · SJW, MA (until 7 Nov)	Computer Science I11/I14 · TAH, LJB · all Y11 CS	Digital IT I11 · TAH · NEA (until 15 Nov) Geography drop-in T11/T12 · SJW, MA (until 7 Nov)	No lunchtime session	
LUNCH						
WALKING-TALKING MOCKS Tue 20 Oct: English Language Paper 2 · E13 Wed 21 Oct: English Literature Paper 1 · E13						

Future Ready

T Levels Week

Next week, 19-23 October, is National T Levels Week, and year 10 and 11 students will have the opportunity to find out more about the type of T Levels they can study at a Crispin Future Ready **Careers Cafe** drop-in next Tuesday lunchtime.

What are T Levels?

T Levels are two-year Level 3 Qualification technical courses designed to develop knowledge, practical skills experience needed for a chosen career. Described as equivalent to three A Levels they combine classroom learning with a substantial industry placement, so students spend 80% of time in the classroom and 20% on placement.

What subjects?

T Levels cover a wide range of career areas, including construction, digital, engineering, health and science, education and early years, business, creative and design, and agriculture and environmental studies. They focus on a single subject area, as opposed to a mix of subjects or courses.

What grades or qualifications your child might need post-GCSE will vary depending on the provider and the course but Crispin students can ask the UCS College team more at the Careers Cafe drop-in session.

Parents & Carers Find out more by watching the video or taking a look at the websites below:

Explore T Level subjects:

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/subjects>

Find out more about T Levels and available providers:

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/parents>

Supported Internships at Yeovil College

Applications for supported internships are now open at Yeovil College. A specialised one-year programme for students with an EHCP, the course offers a structured approach to develop skills, learning and a substantial work experience placement with an employer.

Interns are assigned a job coach who provides personalised support throughout. More information is available on the Yeovil College website.

<https://yeovil.ac.uk/course/339302/supported-internships-september-2027-start/>



**Year 11 & 10
Careers Café**

What's the Tea on T -Levels?

Find out in I06
Tuesday 20th October

A chance for Year 11 and 10 students to drop in and chat to UCS College Group (Strode/Bridgwater/Cannington/Taunton) about these technical qualifications.

Come to I06 for the drop-in session, starting at 1.30pm.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES



**YEAR 11 STUDENTS
APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN!**





Important Calendar Dates

DATE	EVENT
Monday 19 October	Year 11 Geography Trip - Bristol
Tuesday 20 October	Year 11 Geography Trip - Bristol Year 10 & 11 Careers Café, 13:30-14:00 in I06 Yr 9/10 Girls Football Fixture, The Blue School - P5 onwards
Wednesday 21 October	SARI Assemblies Yr 11 Autumn MFL Speaking Exams Yr 7/8 Rugby Fixture, Tor Rugby Club - After School
Thursday 22 October	Belonging Fortnight Ends Yr 11 Autumn MFL Speaking Exams Ski Trip 2027 Information Evening, 18:00 - 19:00 in Hall 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	Guy Fawkes Night Year 7 Feedback Evening, 18:00-19:00, Hall
Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Day - 11am Remembrance Silence
Monday 16 November	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 17 November	Year 11 Autumn PPE Fortnight Ends Whole School Flu Vaccinations (1/2)
Wednesday 18 November	Whole School Flu Vaccinations (2/2)
Thursday 19 November	Year 11 Strode College Taster Day
Thursday 26 November	Year 11 Leavers 2026 - Celebration Evening, 18:30 - 20:00 in Hall
Wednesday 02 December	Carol Service, Wells Cathedral, 19:30
Friday 04 December	Year 11 Mock Results Day

To view the School Calendar, please see our website

<https://crispinschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/calendar/>

