Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Bullock, Deputy Headteacher

I am very rarely left speechless. But on Wednesday morning, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, I was awestruck.
Every student and every adult in our school community, more than 1,000 people, stood together outside in the cold to pay their respects on Armistice Day. The silence was complete, and it was one of the most powerful and moving moments I have experienced at Crispin. It was led brilliantly by Mr Mason, himself a veteran of the armed forces, alongside Reverend Briggs and our amazing group of cadets, who paraded past the whole school. I could not have been more proud of how our community came together to remember those who gave so much.

This has also been our first full week back, and for Year 11 it has been a big one. Their PPEs have ramped up this week and conclude on Friday 13th November. We have been exceptionally impressed with their hard work, their conduct and their determination to succeed. These exams are important milestones. Over the coming weeks, staff will give feedback on the areas each student needs to develop in the final months before the summer exams. Mock Results Day will be on Friday 4th December.

Elsewhere in the school, students have been working hard in lessons, and there has been plenty going on beyond them too:

- Othello: Students in Years 9 and 10 enjoyed a fantastic drama trip to see Othello at Westlands.
- Sport: Our Year 10 boys' football team won convincingly against Wells Cathedral School in the County Cup. They're through to the next round! Well done, boys.
- Frantic Assembly: Year 9 took part in a brilliant Frantic Assembly physical theatre workshop.

Some of the most important work at Crispin happens where parents and students don't always see it.

This week we had our autumn Compass+ evaluation with the Somerset Careers Hub. This is our assessment, carried out three times a year, of how well our careers and employability provision meets the eight national Gatsby Benchmarks. I'm delighted to share that we achieved our highest ever score: four benchmarks are now 100% met, and others are above the national average. This reflects the work going on across Crispin to prepare our students for life after school, and above all the exceptional work of our Employability Coordinator, Mrs Drew. Thank you, Mrs Drew!

Next week we are looking forward to a double celebration: Children in Need and the start of Anti-Bullying Week. To mark both, we will have a non-uniform day on Monday. Don't forget to wear your odd socks!

I am always proud to be the Deputy Head of Crispin School, this week I have been doubly proud.

Have a lovely weekend.

11th November, Crispin Remembered

Our whole school community came together for our Remembrance Service to pause, reflect and remember all those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

We were very proud to hear readings from both students and staff, including a reading from our Headteacher,
Mr Cornwall.

The school's cadets were guided into position with confidence and precision.

Ms Cooper-White then played the Last Post, as our entire school fell silent for two minutes to pay our respects.

It was a moving moment of reflection and a reminder of the importance of remembering.

We will remember them.



As we go about our day, let's all try to bring a little more peace, kindness and compassion wherever we can.















Crispin Performing Arts

A Fantastic Afternoon with Frantic Assembly

Our Year 10 GCSE Drama students and some of our Year 9 Drama Ambassadors enjoyed a brilliant afternoon at Westlands Entertainment Venue, Yeovil, watching a screening of Frantic Assembly's powerful physical theatre production of Othello.

Following the performance, students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Q&A with David and Paolo from Frantic Assembly. They shared their personal journeys into the theatre industry, offered fascinating insights into their work and answered students' questions about the production and life in professional theatre.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience professional theatre, gain a deeper understanding of physical theatre and discover the different pathways into a career in the performing arts.



A huge thank you to Westlands Entertainment Venue and Frantic Assembly for such an inspiring afternoon!

We look forward to welcoming Paolo to Crispin for some exciting workshops in the coming weeks.

Crispin Alumni

What a fantastic Saturday afternoon for Mrs Baumgardt and former staff member Anne Wilson, who headed to London to see former Crispin student Tobias Turley starring as Troy in Disney's High School Musical!

It was an especially lovely occasion for Mrs Wilson, who taught Tobias GCSE Drama during his time at Crispin.

It has been wonderful to follow Tobias's journey and watch his continued success. We are all incredibly proud of everything he is achieving!

Disney's High School Musical is playing at the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre in London until 3 January 2027.

Tobias is also in the running for a WhatsOnStage Award for Best Performer in a Musical, and we'd love the Crispin community to show their support!

You can nominate Tobias here:
https://awards.whatsonstage.com/27th-annual-whatsonstage-awards-nominate-now/





Frantic Assembly Workshop

25 of our Year 9 Drama Ambassadors had a fantastic afternoon working with a professional practitioner from Frantic Assembly as part of our Elevate Programme in partnership with Westlands and Octagon Entertainment Venue.

Students explored how to devise theatre in the style of Frantic Assembly, using movement, physical theatre techniques and lifts to create exciting and imaginative performances.

It was brilliant to see their confidence, creativity and teamwork develop throughout the workshop, with everyone challenging themselves and embracing new ways of working.

A huge thank you to Westlands and Frantic Assembly for such an inspiring afternoon. We can't wait to build on these skills in our next session in December.









Future Ready

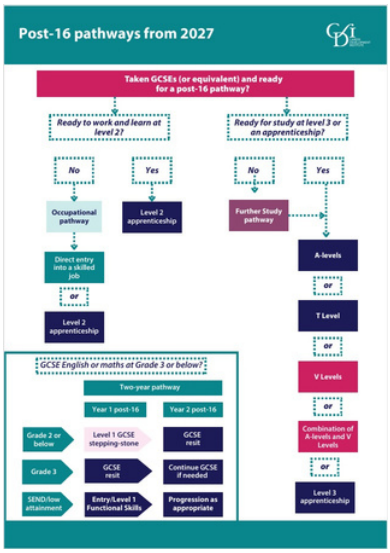
Post-16 Pathways from 2027 - V Levels

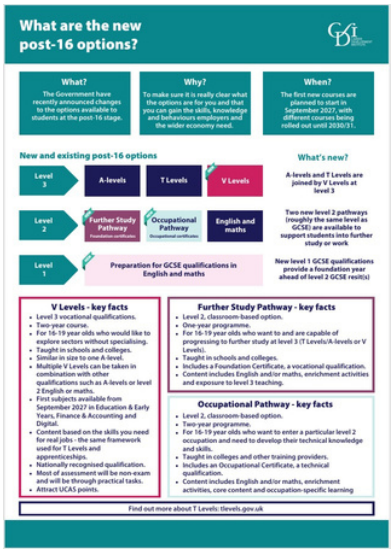
The Government have recently announced changes to post-16 options available to students from 2027, designed to provide flexible routes into employment, apprenticeships, further study and higher education.
The aim is to ensure every student progresses onto a programme that matches their strengths, interests and future aspirations and also gain the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed by employers and the wider economy.
What's New? A-levels and T Levels are joined by V Levels at level 3 as a brand new vocational qualification.
Key facts: * Two year course * Taught in schools and colleges * Multiple V Levels can be taken in combination with other qualifications such as A-levels or level 2 English or maths. * First subjects available from September 2027, Education & Early Years, Finance & Accounting and Digital.

Additionally, there are two new level 2 pathways and level 1 GCSE qualifications, which can also potentially support students with SEND/EHCPs progress into further study and supported internships.

UCS College Group (Strode College, Bridgwater, Taunton & Cannington) are joining the Year 9 Options Evening on 26 January 2027 and will be able to answer questions about these pathways as well as apprenticeships and other qualifications.

Year 10 and 11 students can make an appointment with our Careers Adviser, Mrs Creed, via their Tutor.





Crispin Alumni Spotlight

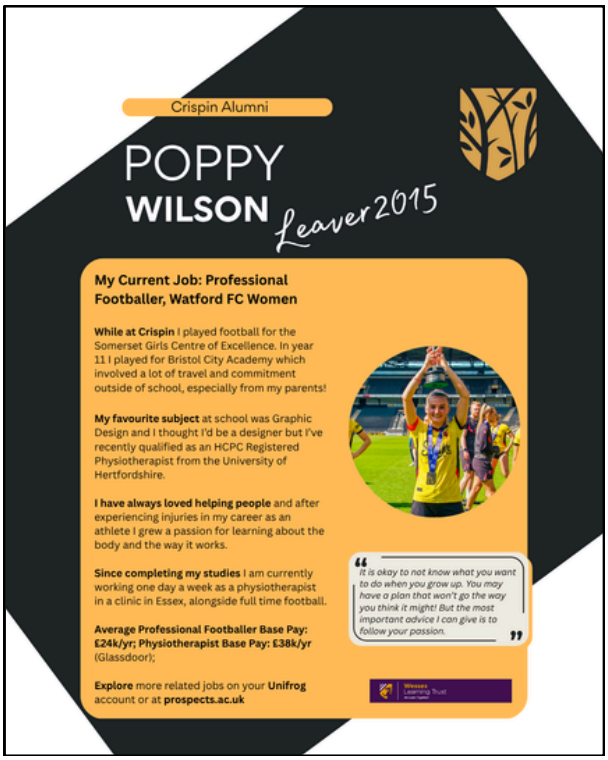
With the football season well underway we wanted to welcome ex-Crispin student Poppy Wilson to our Alumni!

Poppy currently plays for Watford FC Women's team having graduated from Bristol City Academy while still a student at Crispin.

We hope to welcome Poppy back at some point to inspire our younger generations of players as well as give the lowdown on her pathway and training to become a qualified physiotherapist.

Follow Poppy on Instagram @poppy_alice_wils

As ever we invite all ex-Crispin students to complete our Alumni Q&A and would love to welcome you back into school to talk about your post-16 journey.



Crispin Sports

Year 10 Football County Cup

A Fantastic Result for Year 10!

What a performance from our Year 10 boys football team this afternoon as they travelled to Wells Cathedral School for their Somerset Schools County Cup fixture!

The boys were absolutely exceptional, securing a brilliant 12–2 victory!

There were hat-tricks for Josh Oakley and Olly Kiddle, with further goals from Harry Wills (who also provided several outstanding assists), Harry Oakley, Isaac Clowes and Jacob Carpenter.

There were some excellent performances across the pitch, with Ben, Ellis and George working hard in defence, while Oli made some fantastic saves in goal to keep the opposition at bay.

A special mention to our Man of the Match, Josh, who was absolutely outstanding!

Every single boy played their part, thoroughly enjoyed the game and represented Crispin brilliantly.

A fantastic team performance and a result to be very proud of. Well done, boys! What a way to progress in the County Cup!



National Trampoline & DMT Finals

A huge congratulations to three of our Crispin students who competed at the National Trampoline and DMT Finals in Derby last weekend!

Having qualified by finishing in the top 24 in the country through a series of competitions throughout the year, simply reaching the National Finals was a fantastic achievement in itself.

Thora (Year 7), competing for Griffin Trampoline Club in Street, had an amazing first round, qualifying for the final in 8th place. In her first ever national final, Thora held her nerve and improved on her qualification position to finish an incredible 7th place!

Toby (Year 7), competing for Quayside Trampoline Club in Bridgwater, also qualified for the final after a brilliant performance. Toby went on to finish in an excellent 4th place, just missing out on a medal!

Italia (Year 9), competing for Griffin, delivered a fantastic first routine but unfortunately made a mistake in her second, meaning she narrowly missed out on a place in the final. Italia showed great team spirit by staying to support Thora and sharing the benefit of her own experience.



We are incredibly proud of all three students. Reaching a National Final is a huge accomplishment, and they should all be very proud of their performances. Well done, Thora, Toby and Italia!

Crispin School

Aspiration - Compassion - Excellence

Christmas Card Competition

Design a Crispin Christmas Card
that will be printed and sent out
as our School Christmas Card.

Open to all year groups!

Entries to be handed in to Mr Cornwall's Office
Deadline: Monday 30 November at 10 am

Prize:
A non-uniform day for the winner and their tutor group.

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CRISPIN CAROL CONCERT

at WELLS CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 2nd December 2026

7:30 pm FREE EVENT

Featuring traditional and contemporary Christmas Music performed by staff and students of Crispin



Be a STAR and donate a gift to our

Christmas Present Appeal

THE SALVATION ARMY



The Salvation Army in Street

We are collecting new unwrapped toys and food for local families again this Christmas.

We work with local schools, health visitors and social services to provide a hamper of food and new toys for families.

If you are able to help, please drop all donations to the Salvation Army Hall, Goswell road in Street by

4th December 2026.

For more detail visit our website
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/street

or find us on Facebook
Street Salvation Army

Be a Star!

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Christmas S'mores Boxes

Our Scrumptous S'mores Boxes are back again this festive season, perfect as a tasty gift or Christmas Eve Treat!

4 Options to choose from; Dairy Milk, Biscoff, Galaxy or Galaxy Caramel... Plus everything you need to create your S'mores with your own flame tin, biscuits, marshmallows & chocolate

Available in two sizes; Large (for 4 people) £24 or Medium (for 2 People) £15

Collection from Street Or Keinton Meindville

Raising funds for trip with Crispin School to help rural community schools in Tanzania

To book your box in time for Christmas contact:
Email: carlywalwin@hotmail.com or
WhatsApp 07793805690 or 07946244948
£10 deposit required for each box

EXPEDITION: SOUTHERN TANZANIA

Important Calendar Dates

Date	Event
Monday 16 November	Anti Bullying Week Non-Uniform Day
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
Tuesday 24 November	Year 10 Art Trip
Wednesday 25 November	Year 11 Parents Evening Bookings system 'Live'
Thursday 26 November	Year 11 Leavers 2026 - Celebration Evening, 18:30 - 20:00, Hall
Wednesday 02 December	Carol Service, Wells Cathedral, 19:30
Friday 04 December	Year 11 Mock Results Day
Monday 07 December	Golden Ticket Fortnight Begins Belonging Fortnight Begins
Wednesday 09 December	Year 11 Parents Evening, 16:00 - 19:00, Face to Face
Monday 14 December	Wells Music Concert, Holy Trinity Church, 19:00
Friday 18 December	Golden Ticket Fortnight Ends Belonging Fortnight Ends End of Term, 12:15

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

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