Crispin School Newsletter

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Issue 09

Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It is one of the many ways we share news, keep you informed about life at Crispin and, importantly, celebrate the wonderful young people who make our school such a special place.

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our Remembrance Day Parade. I know Mr Bullock shared some thoughts about this in last week's newsletter, but I feel it deserves another mention. It was truly breathtaking and a powerful reminder of what a wonderful community we have here at Crispin. The respect, thoughtfulness and sense of togetherness shown by our students made me incredibly proud of our school.

On Monday, we also enjoyed a day of non uniform and odd socks as we came together to support Children in Need and raise awareness during Anti-Bullying Week. These events provide opportunities for us to have fun, support important causes and, just as importantly, reflect on how we treat one another.

At Crispin, we live by three simple, student-created principles: **Be Ready. Put the Effort In. Be Kind.** While the words themselves are straightforward, living by them every day requires thought, commitment and consistency. They should be at the forefront of how we conduct ourselves, how we approach our learning and how we interact with those around us.

We live in a world where communication is instant and opinions can be shared in seconds. Sometimes, in that rush, we forget the importance of pausing, reflecting and thinking carefully before we speak or press send. A moment spent taking a breath, reconsidering a response or rereading a message can make a real difference. Through our assemblies, tutor times and Thrive lessons, we actively encourage students to develop this awareness: to think about their actions, the way they communicate and, crucially, the impact their words and behaviour can have on others.

A strong community does not happen by accident. It grows when people feel seen, valued and respected; when they understand that their actions matter and recognise the contribution they can make to the lives of others.

As a school, we will continue to place great importance on these principles. How we speak to one another, how we treat one another and how we make others feel will always matter. Ultimately, being ready, putting in the effort and showing kindness are not just expectations for school life; they are values that we hope our young people will carry with them long after they leave Crispin.



Odd Socks & Non-Uniform Day

Our staff and students certainly got the memo!

On 16 November, our Crispin community embraced non-uniform and showing off their wonderfully odd socks!

We held a non-uniform day in support of BBC Children in Need, following Friday's fundraising celebrations, while our odd socks mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week.

Odd Socks Day is all about having fun, expressing ourselves and celebrating our individuality. It's a great reminder that we are all different, we are all unique, and those differences should be celebrated!
Let's continue to spread kindness, respect one another and stand together against bullying.

A fantastic effort from everyone at Crispin!





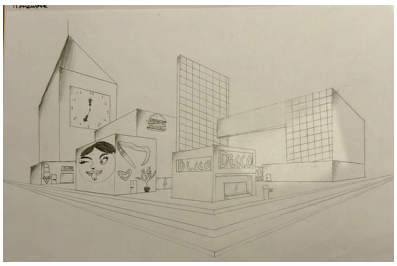


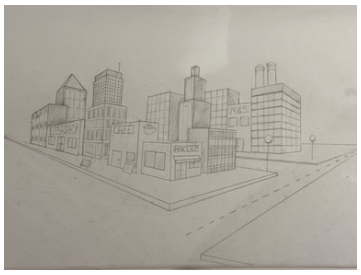


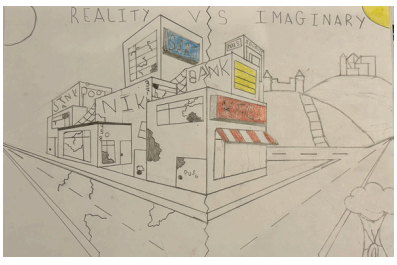


Fantastic work from 7Y4!

Mrs Daw had the pleasure of marking 7Y4's recent Graphics work and was incredibly impressed by the standard of work produced.
She was particularly keen to give a special mention to four students who created some superb two-point perspective cityscapes. The detail, creativity and skill on display were fantastic!
A huge well done to Anastasia Green, Harvey Land, Amalie Fidell and Tilly Johnson. You should be very proud of your work!









Student Council

This week our Student Council met today with Mrs Harvey and Miss Horne to discuss some exciting ideas for our upcoming House Competitions!
It was a great opportunity for our student representatives to share their thoughts, put forward ideas and help shape the competitions that will bring our Houses together.
We love seeing our students having a voice and playing an active role in school life.

Watch this space for more updates!





Year 8 Design & Technology

Our Year 8 students have been putting their metalworking skills to the test in Design & Technology!
After exploring the properties of different metals and how they influence their uses, students put their knowledge into practice by designing and making their very own metal tea light holders.

Using a range of hand tools and metal-forming techniques, they have developed their practical skills, precision and confidence when working with metal.
The results are fantastic, with a brilliant range of creative designs and some impressive craftsmanship on display!

Well done, Year 8!







UpGrade

Year 11 revision sessions · Autumn Term 2026

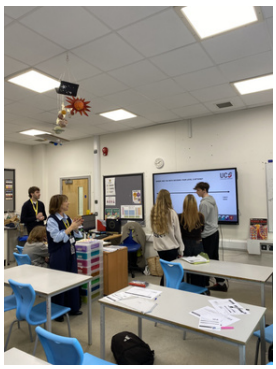
After school **Lunchtime**
Running until Christmas unless stated

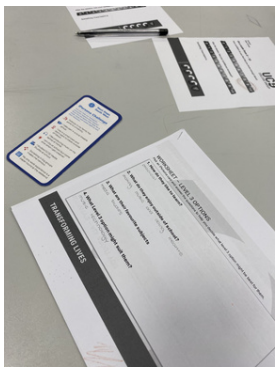
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL	**Art, Photography & Graphics** I21–I24 · JDM, MAW, AGC, SLD *Monday sessions only run when there is no staff meeting – speak to your teacher.*	**Maths – Higher** T25 · JST · Week B · Grade 6/7 only **Sociology** M05 · MBR · Research methods **Art, Photography & Graphics** I21–I24 · JDM, MAW, AGC, SLD	**Science** S07 · MJS · Combined & Triple **Geography** T11 · SJW · 14 Oct, 21 Oct & 4 Nov only **Food** I12/I13 · IJM · NEA catch-up & improvement	**Sport Studies** I06 · AVV · OCR · Yr 10 & 11 **History** M02 · DPM · from 1 Oct **Engineering** I03 · LCA · Unit 1 catch-up **Art, Photography & Graphics** I21–I24 · JDM, MAW, AGC, SLD **Product Design** I02 · AHI · NEA catch-up **Maths- Higher** T22 · APY	**Maths – Foundation** T34 · LMB **Drama** P05 · CLB
LUNCH	**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, LUB · all Y11 CS	**Digital IT** I11 · TAH · NEA (until 15 Nov) **Geography drop-in** T11/T12 · SJW, MA (until 7 Nov)	*No lunchtime session*

Future Ready

Year 11 UCS Level 3 Workshops

The UCS College Group (Bridgwater/Cannington/Strode/ Taunton) liaison team are visiting Crispin over the coming months to deliver Level 3 Workshops.
These give students the chance to learn about post-16 pathways by considering an individual's profile of skills and interests and matching them to the pathway that might best suit them. Students can then reflect on this and apply to themselves, as well as take the opportunity for a Q&A session.





Reminder: Year 10 Work Experience Deadline

Year 10 students are reminded that the deadline for finding and uploading a work experience placement is
Friday 11 December 2026.

See the 'How To' video below to help your child add placement details to Unifrog.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7S3wWFKm-o
How to: Add a work experience placement to the Placements tool

unifrog
the universal destinations platform

Amazing Apprenticeships

Click here for a step-by-step guide by Amazing Apprenticeships into finding and applying.





Crispin Sports

Crispin Rugby - Sevens Success!

On 18 November our Year 7 boys had a fantastic afternoon of rugby at Millfield Prep!

Taking on the fast-paced Rugby Sevens format for the first time, the boys were absolutely outstanding, winning every single game against strong opposition from Millfield Prep and Sherborne. A brilliant 100% winning record!

Throughout the afternoon, the team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and some fantastic attacking rugby. Their skill, commitment and positive attitude were a real credit to Crispin.

A huge well done to all the boys involved for representing the school so brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of you!

Finally, a big thank you to Millfield Prep for hosting such a fantastic afternoon and for their wonderful hospitality.

A brilliant afternoon, an unbeaten record and plenty more to come!



Year 8 County Cup Football

On 17 November, our Year 8 boys had the opportunity to represent Crispin this afternoon in an away School County Cup fixture against Chew Valley School.
Although it was a closely contested match, the boys narrowly lost 2–1. They were an absolute credit to the school throughout. Their behaviour, effort and attitude were excellent from start to finish, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience, already looking forward to their next opportunity!
A special mention goes to Alfie P for an excellent performance in goal, alongside Archie B, Leo C and James C, who all put in fantastic performances and showed great determination to win every ball.
Archie B got our goal and came agonisingly close to grabbing a last-minute equaliser, only for the Chew Valley goalkeeper to pull off a brilliant save!
Well done, boys. You represented Crispin brilliantly!

County Cup Victory for Year 11

On 12 November, our Year 11 boys travelled to Chilton Trinity for their County Cup fixture.
The boys got off to an incredible start, racing into a 3-0 lead inside the first 10 minutes! With some clever game management, they kept things under control to secure an impressive 5-1 victory!

Goalscorers:
- Hayden Rowe
- Isaac Richards
- Isaac Neale (Year 10)
- Riley Brook (2)

A brilliant team performance from start to finish. Well done to all the boys involved, a superb result and thoroughly deserved win!
Congratulations!

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gcse poetry live!

THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2027

YEAR 10

1 AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND HEAR FROM POETS IN YOUR ANTHOLOGY

SIMON ARMITAGE
JOHN AGARD
CAROL ANN DUFFY
IMTIAZ DHARKER

2 A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS

Poets will respond to student questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems

3 EXAMINER INPUT

In the examiner sessions our highly experienced Chief Examiners will deal with two skills vital for success in the GCSE English Literature examinations.

4 EXAM ADVICE

How to deal with unseen poems in the exam, both how to think about them and how to write for the best possible results. Looking at comparing poems, whether they are studied poems or unseen, and how to write most effectively in either situation.

Limited spaces available.
Permission given on MCAS

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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



PARENTS, LET'S TALK ABOUT KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE!

Social media is a huge part of our children's lives – but it comes with real dangers we can't ignore. Protecting them starts with YOU. Here's how:

- **Talk Openly** – Have honest conversations about online behavior, privacy, and respect. Make sure they know what's safe and what's.
- **Stop Sexting Before It Starts** – Explain that sharing intimate content can lead to emotional harm, bullying, and even legal trouble. Once it's online, it's out of their control.
- **Set Strong Boundaries** – Agree on screen time limits and safe apps. Use parental controls when needed, but build trust through communication.
- **Lead by Example** – Show healthy online habits yourself. Kids learn from what they see at home.

YOUR GUIDANCE IS THEIR PROTECTION.
A CONVERSATION TODAY COULD PREVENT A SERIOUS PROBLEM TOMORROW.

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EXAMS DROP IN CLINIC

Every Monday Breaktime

Next to T16 in Towerblock

All Year 10 and Year 11 students welcome to pop in for any:

- Copies of exam timetable
- Access arrangements queries
- or any general questions relating to exams.

See Mrs Wilson or Mrs Popham.

Important Calendar Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 24 November	Year 10 Art Trip
Wednesday 25 November	Year 11 Parents Evening Bookings system 'Live', 6pm Year 7 Girls Football Away vs Fairlands
Thursday 26 November	Year 11 Leavers 2026 - Celebration Evening, 18:30 - 20:00, Hall
Monday 30 Novemeber	Crispin Christmas Card Competition Deadline, 10am Exams Drop in Clinic, Breaktime
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 Exams Drop in Clinic, Breaktime
Wednesday 09 December	Year 11 Parents Evening, 16:00 - 19:00, Face to Face
Thursday 10 December	Year 7 Christmas Disco, 18:30-20:00
Monday 14 December	Exam Drop in Clinic, Breaktime Wells Music Concert, Holy Trinity Church, 19:00
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Lunch, Canteen
Friday 18 December	Golden Ticket Fortnight Ends Belonging Fortnight Ends End of Term for students, 12:15

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

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