Crispin School Newsletter

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Issue 10

Message from Mr Cornwall, Headteacher

Friday, for many reasons, is my favourite day of the week. For me, it starts with an early-morning read of the school newsletter, when I get the opportunity to see and hear about the many exploits, achievements and experiences of our students before everyone else!

It also brings the familiar challenge of making sure I don't go on for too long in my own message and prevent you from getting to the really important part of the newsletter – celebrating our wonderful students!

I have always prided myself on being honest and open with the families who make up our school community. I genuinely believe that many bridges have been built through the work undertaken by the school over the past year. However, I also want to take this opportunity to recognise that we are not yet where we want to be.

There is still work to do. We need to continue improving our communication, and there are processes within school that are not always working as effectively as they should. I recognise that this can cause frustration and, at times, leave families feeling let down. I want to reassure you that we hear this feedback, we recognise where improvements are needed and we remain firmly focused on addressing these areas. Building trust means being prepared to listen, acknowledge when things are not quite right and, most importantly, take action.

As a school community, I regularly write to thank you for the support you give us. Your commitment to upholding our expectations, supporting extended learning and encouraging your children to give their very best makes a real difference. The partnership between home and school is incredibly important, and I am grateful for the part you play in this.

As we approach the festive break, can I ask that we continue this shared effort right through to the end of term. There is still much to achieve, celebrate and enjoy together.

As always, thank you for your continued support.





Deadline is Monday 30 November, 10am

Year 10 Photography Visit to Glastonbury and Glastonbury Abbey



Through our partnership with the Rural Life Museum, students have had the opportunity to learn about the diverse range of careers available within the South West Heritage Trust. During the project, students met professionals including Nick, who works in education, and Richard, a specialist photographer. They also discovered the many other roles that contribute to the success of museums and heritage organisations, including archaeology, design, marketing, collections management, and visitor engagement.

It was through this collaboration that students were introduced to the Jenette Rosing Exhibition Project, an exciting opportunity that our Photography students have been fortunate to take part in.

For their first field trip, students visited Glastonbury and Glastonbury Abbey, photographing both the historic streets and the Abbey grounds. The aim was to explore the local landscape and create contemporary responses to historical Somerset photographs.

While the first group faced challenging weather conditions, they showed great resilience and determination, producing some outstanding photographs despite the rain. The second group was rewarded with clearer skies and sunshine, providing a different perspective and atmosphere for their images.

Throughout the visit, students demonstrated excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and creativity. Working outside the classroom allowed them to develop their observational skills, experiment with composition, and build confidence in using their cameras in a variety of settings.

Students will now edit and refine their photographs from both the Glastonbury and Weston-super-Mare visits before selecting their strongest images. These final photographs will be included in a published collection responding to the exhibition and showcasing their creative interpretations of Somerset.









MEET THE PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM

SUPPORT | GUIDANCE | BELONGING | OPPORTUNITY

Mrs Lafferty	Mrs Scott	Mr Murphy	Mr Weymouth	Mr Horner	Mrs Harvey
Pastoral Support Administrator	Head of Year 7	Head of Year 8	Head of Year 9	Head of Year 10 & 11	Assistant Headteacher Behaviour and Culture and DSL

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS

GCSE Photography Visit to Weston-super-Mare

We were delighted to be invited by the Rural Life Museum to take part in a creative response to their upcoming photography exhibition, which opens next month. Students explored a fascinating collection of Somerset photographs from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, collected by Jenette Rosing, and were challenged to create their own modern interpretation of these historic images.

As part of the project, the Rural Life Museum generously funded a field trip to Weston-super-Mare, where students photographed the coastal landscape, documenting how the area has changed over time while incorporating contemporary elements into their work.

We were fortunate to enjoy favourable weather conditions. Although it was rather windy, the constantly changing light created exciting opportunities for photography and encouraged students to think carefully about exposure, atmosphere, and composition.

The students represented the school exceptionally well throughout the visit. They demonstrated enthusiasm, creativity, and professionalism while developing their compositional techniques and strengthening their technical camera skills in an environment beyond the classroom.

Back at school, students will edit and refine their images before selecting their strongest photographs from both Glastonbury and Weston-super-Mare. These photographs will form part of a book in response to the museum's exhibition.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Rural Life Museum for providing this wonderful opportunity and supporting our students' creative development.















Future Ready

Year 7 to 11 Getting Future Ready

Last week saw students across the year groups taking post-16 steps at the Strode College Taster Day, and learning what a career at Thales Group might look like, during assemblies and small group discussions.

At Strode Taster Day year 11 students got the chance to participate in A Level or Technical subjects of their choice, from Criminology, the sciences and art, to sports and Uniformed services. All-important social time was explored in the Refectory and Bistro during lunchtime!

A follow-up drop-in A Levels Careers Cafe answered any extra questions this Thursday back at school.

On Friday we were delighted to welcome our alumnus Hannah Cloonan and Richard Herbert, both Project Managers at Thales Group. As well as an overview on what apprenticeship and graduate opportunities are on offer there was a chance to chat about workplace behaviours, expectations and any current job aspirations - and to reflect on how our Crispin READY framework looks to get students Future Ready!

Thank you to Hannah and Richard and all the Liaison Team at Strode College and UCS Group.









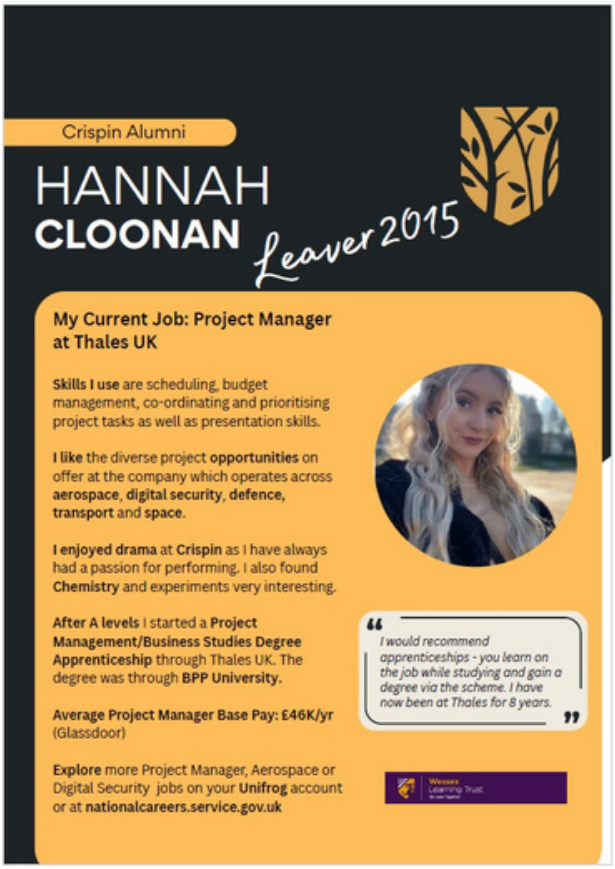
Reminder: Year 10 Work Experience Deadline

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



CRISPIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2026

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH CRISPIN MUSIC DEPARTMENT

FEATURING A COLLECTION OF VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO REFLECT THE SEASON

TICKETS £5 ON BROMCOM OR £5 ON THE DOOR CASH

Get into the warm and joyful Christmas mood with an unforgettable music concert.

14.12.26 19:00

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD

Crispin School | Progressing. Known. Challenged.

ARE YOU IN IT TO WIN IT?

4 WEEKS • 4 SECRET DAYS

Students will not know which days are secret.

Attend **all four** secret days to qualify for the

CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE PARTY

Christmas music, games and festive treats.

THE CRISPIN SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF

DISNEY AND CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

MARY POPPINS JR.

STRODE THEATRE

4TH - 6TH FEBRUARY 2027

TICKETS: Standard: £14 Under 16: £10

Available from Strode Theatre Box Office

www.strodetheatre.org.uk

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

www.mtishows.co.uk

Crispin School

Aspiration - Compassion - Excellence

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
Monday 30 Novemeber	Crispin Christmas Card Competition Deadline, 10am Exams Drop in Clinic, Breaktime
Tuesday 01 December	Yr 7 Girls Football Match, Away vs Courtfields
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	Mop up Flu Vaccinations 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 Non Uniform Day - Christmas Jumper theme End of Term for students, 12:15

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