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Transition Newsletter

Welcome to the first Transition Newsletter of 2020/21 which endeavours to give a flavour of life at Crispin for students interested in joining us in September 2021.

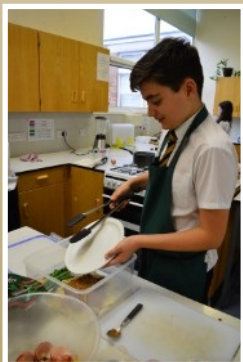
We are delighted that we were oversubscribed for places for September 2019 and 2020. However, we always endeavour to offer a place to those students who desire a place with us and in the last five years all students who opted for Crispin in the first round of applications have been granted a place.

The start our current Year 7 students have made in their short time with us has been impressive and they are already proving to be an asset to Crispin.

If you read through this newsletter, look at our website and take part in any of our open events you will gain an insight into life at Crispin.

The three words that underpin life here are taken very seriously. We want students to aspire to grow, develop and improve in all areas of their lives. It is important students are compassionate and look to support and help others, especially when they are in need. Finally, we want students to strive for excellence and to achieve the best possible in every aspect of school life and beyond.

Paul Reddick, Headteacher



Message from our Head Students



We are the Head Students at Crispin and we are so excited to have the opportunity to work with you this year in order to make Crispin the best place that it can be.

Our main focus for this school year is to ensure that every student feels safe and supported, both in and out of school.

We believe that taking care of your mental health should be every student's top priority, and we strive to create a support system that will allow everyone to do this.

This is especially important at the moment due to the unprecedented circumstances that we are collectively experiencing.

Although everything is still relatively uncertain, we are hoping to meet or connect with you all at some point this year in order to provide guidance in the transition from primary to secondary school as we all remember how intimidating it can seem (it isn't in reality).

A great start for Year 7 students

What an interesting start to the new year it has been! We welcomed our new Year 7 students to Crispin and they have done a brilliant job of settling in to the Crispin family. I spoke with some Year 7 students to find out how they were getting on. They told me how exciting their new curriculum was - they were very much enjoying experiencing new subjects such as Philosophy, Drama and Design Technology. They have worked with their tutors on a piece of work called Dare to be You in which students are encouraged to embrace their individuality; to recognise that everyone is different and that this is what connects us as humans. They were also very keen on the brownies served at lunchtime!

But most importantly students spoke about feeling happy, settled and safe. They talked about really enjoying subjects they had worried about in primary school and were embracing new challenges. Our new students feel like they have been with us for much longer than a few weeks and have quickly become part of the Crispin community.

We can't wait to help them continue to flourish.

Mrs Cowper
Deputy Headteacher

Innovation Hub

The Creativity and Innovation and Information, Technology and Industry faculties are very excited to be leaving Practical Block and moving into the brand-new Innovation Hub after October half term.

The space is split over three floors, with large rooms, social area and exhibition space which will make this new building an inspiring area to work and learn. On the ground floor we have two purpose-built Design Technology workshops and a large computer room for CAD/CAM. We also have seating areas which can be used for quiet meetings or as a break-out space.

On the middle floor we have a well-equipped and inspiring Food Technology classroom alongside three IT rooms.

The top floor has stunning views and high ceilings and this houses one BTEC classroom, two large Art Rooms and purposely designed Graphics and Photography Rooms.

Once we move out, demolition of Practical Block will begin and once gone will leave a large open space in the middle of the school for students to sit and socialise during lunch and break.

We are extremely excited to be teaching in this new facility after half term.

Jacqui Maxfield



House Leadership Day



Year 9 Careers Event



Anti Bullying Ambassadors



Remembrance Day



Testimonials

"My daughter at first was worried about starting Crispin, but even after her first couple of days there, all worries had gone, she has really settled in, made lots of new friends and most of all she's enjoying school." **Year 7 parent**



Firstly I wanted to thank all staff at Crispin for all the hard work you have put into this last school year, especially during this current time with Coronavirus. **Year 8 parent**

"The use of the Show My Homework app has been amazing – to be honest, I am not sure how other schools have coped without the app. Being able to contact teachers and have their responses through this app has been so valuable. I would also like to thank you for the constant stream of letters that keep us all up to date with how things are progressing. Finally, the FB updates, awards and the nice touch of students receiving a thankyou card today for their poems was a really lovely gesture so, thank you." **Year 8 parent**



"We would like to thank you for the time and support you have given us as a family. Your letters are clear and concise and very heartfelt. We appreciate all the time you have spent thinking of ideas and solutions to support students and possible ways to continue their learning within the constraints you have. Your team have been amazing, and are a credit to Crispin School." **Year 11 parent**