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**Leadership
Partner School**

ST CRISPIN'S – A SPECIALIST SCHOOL IN MATHS, COMPUTING & LEADERSHIP



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Having taken over the year group from Mr Blyth at the beginning of July, I am looking forward to working with you and your child for the next four years. There is just one change to the tutor team: 7AI will become 8CR.

Your son/daughter has now been given a new planner and should, by now, have completed the school and homework timetable pages. A copy of the homework timetable can be found on the year 8 web page (www.crispins.co.uk → year groups → 2011 entry). Homework is also entered onto the 'My Child at School' system for parents to access via the internet. Although your son/daughter is responsible for writing the homework in their planner and completing it on time, a little parental help with planning homework time would be most appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask that you further encourage your child's independence and responsibility with regard to punctuality, equipment and uniform. Students arriving late to lessons without a good excuse will receive a warning. If they are to achieve their best, it is important that they bring pens/pencils, exercise books, text books and any other equipment, as appropriate, to every lesson. Students are expected to have their planner with them at all times in order to record homework. Parents are asked to read and sign planners on a weekly basis as this is an effective means of communication for both staff and parents. The school uniform is clearly listed on page 7 of the school planner. Hoodies, trainers, fashion trousers, fashion belts, make-up and excessive jewellery should not be worn in school. The uniform should be worn smartly by all students. Boys must ensure ties are done up properly and shirts tucked into trousers.

Should your child be absent please ring the school office on the first and each subsequent morning as early as possible. The answer machine is checked regularly. If you wish to take your son/daughter out of school, during term time, for anything other than a medical

appointment, a Leave of Absence form must be submitted, at least one month in advance. This form can be downloaded from the School Website or collected from the student hatch. You will be informed by letter whether or not your application has been successful. The outcome is likely to depend upon the time of year, your son/daughter's attendance throughout the year and the reason for your request.

Finally, there are a few important dates that you need to be aware of and we ask that you avoid making medical appointments at these times.

Friday, 14 th – 16 th September -----	Team Building Weekend
Tuesday, 25 th September -----	HPV Vaccination
Thursday, 27 th September -----	Year 8 Information evening
Wednesday, 27 th February -----	Year 8 Focus Day (Drug awareness)
Thursday, 14 th March -----	PLTs Day
Monday, 15 th April -----	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Wednesday, 29 th April -----	HPV Vaccination

Yours sincerely

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