



WELCOME

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Year 6 to Year 7 part of our school website.

We hold a number of events for you to come and visit us to see what St Crispin's offers our students. Our Open Evening in September 2019 gives families the opportunity to tour the school and see some of the fantastic work that goes on in each of the subject areas. We also invite you to our Open Mornings where you can see St. Crispin's 'in action' during a normal school day followed by a 'no question is too silly' Q and A with the Headteacher and me in our Lecture Theatre. If you would like to attend one of our Open Mornings, please telephone the school office on 0118 978 1144.

A full list of Open Morning dates can be found by clicking on the side menu to the right, nearer the time.

We recognise that it is a big step to move to a 'big' school. Firstly, either myself, or a member of the team, visit every individual student that will join us at their primary schools. An important part of our welcome to St. Crispin's is the Induction Days at the end of June. Each prospective student comes for 2 days to experience what life is like at St. Crispin's. We ensure that this experience as close as possible to the real running of the school, although we do allow Year 6 to have a slightly earlier lunch so they can get more time to choose from our range of food available from Cucina, our acclaimed restaurant. On the Thursday evening we invite all new parents to our Year 6 Welcome evening where parents meet the Head of Year, who will take the students through to Year 11, and we provide you with key information to ensure everyone has a good start in September.

It is also very important to us that the students who will be coming on their own, and who do not know anyone, are supported. During May and June we invite students who would benefit from some time with us in smaller groups in for the afternoon. This could include any student who may be anxious or lack confidence in the move to secondary education. Also, after the students have attended their Induction Days, we do not lose contact until September. We still remember what it was like, some of us longer ago than others, to move to a 'big school' and do not expect all worries to have been washed away by our programme. Therefore during July, please do not hesitate to contact me at blythr@crispins.co.uk or ring the school on 0118 978 1144 if you have any concerns or questions.

I look forward to meeting you at our Open Evening, and at one of our Open Mornings.

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