





Welcome

As Headteacher, I am delighted to introduce St. Crispin's School to you. Choosing the right school for secondary education is a very important decision; I hope that our prospectus conveys our strong school ethos and what we can offer your child. The information within this prospectus and on our school website (www.crispins.co.uk) should answer most of your questions but I would also encourage you to visit the school on our Open Evening or Open Mornings, so you can meet and talk to the staff and current students. This will give you a **real** flavour of the atmosphere in school, along with a chance to see our resources and facilities.

You may be surprised to learn that St. Crispin's has Grade II listed building status! It is famous as the first of the Ministry of Education's prototype prefabricated schools built in the austere years of the 1950s. We were one of the first schools where students influenced the design. Their advice to the architect was "inside is more important than outside" – which explains our rather plain, functional exterior but beautiful listed original murals inside the building. In recent years we have benefitted from a major investment in new buildings: our bespoke new Science block and Sixth Form Centre. Our 1950s students were right in another respect: buildings are

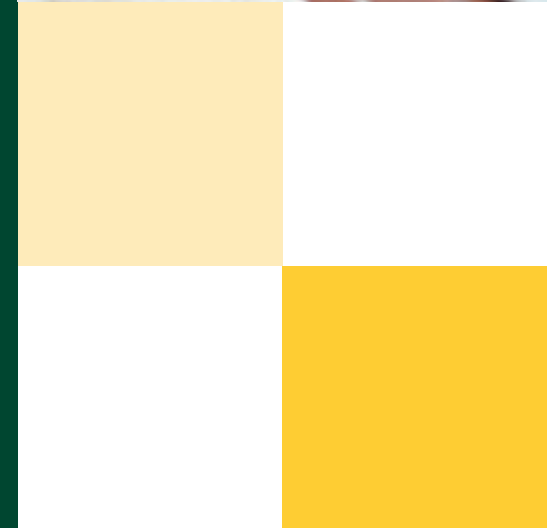
one thing but it is what happens inside the building that is vital. I believe that, when you visit our school, you will be struck by the really positive relationships between the staff and the students. We pride ourselves on building strong relationships and staff knowing each student as an individual. There is an outstanding pastoral care system in place and we are immensely proud of our record of being an inclusive school. At the same time we are a high achieving school. Our academic results are excellent, as our staff work exceptionally hard to get the best possible results for every student.

One of the many strengths of our school is the opportunity for students to take part in a wide variety of enrichment activities. There is a termly "trips" day for every student with a wide range of special events, both in the UK and abroad. Students are encouraged to take part in outdoor activities; opportunities within the Arts are superb; sports teams enjoy success both locally and at county level; there are programmes for Gifted and Talented students and many exciting trips and activities relate to specific subject areas.

In essence, St. Crispin's is a school that offers students of all abilities and interests the opportunity to be the best they can be. St. Crispin's is part of a Wokingham multi-academy Circle Trust, which believes that all children and young people deserve to have an excellent well-rounded education and to flourish in first-rate schools where the best teaching, the best facilities and the most up-to-date resources are made available to them.

Excellence for All encapsulates our intention to do the very best for every one of our students. We are a wholly inclusive and fully comprehensive school and I would not want it any other way!

Ginny Rhodes, Headteacher





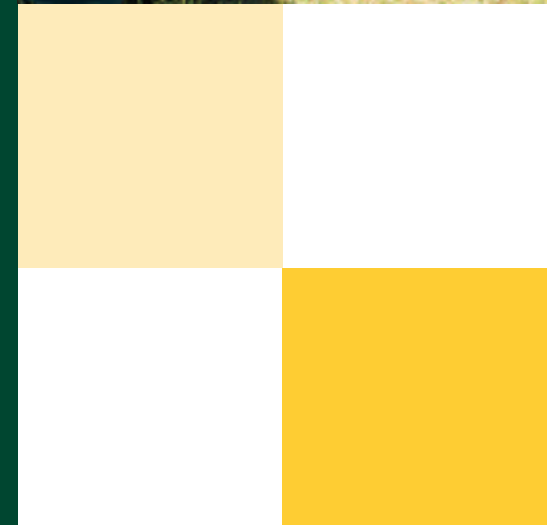
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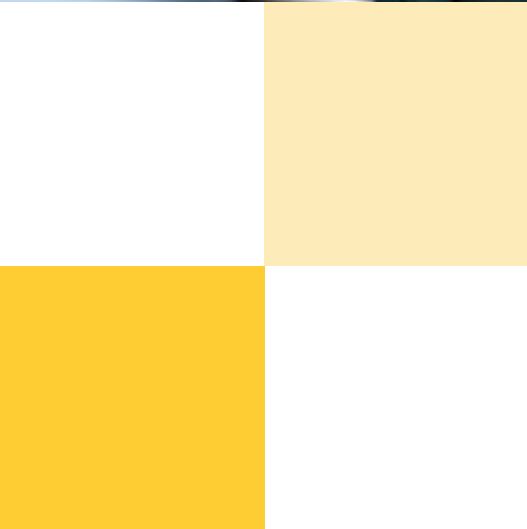
The relationships between teachers, students and parents/ carers are fundamental to helping students be happy and enjoy school. Our partnership with students and their families is supported by Insight, our on line parental engagement portal. It allows parents and students to access real-time information on attendance, achievement, behaviour and the termly progress reports, from home, workplace or mobile.

We believe that for students to prosper academically they must feel happy and secure. Our support is focussed on the individual so that our students enjoy their time at St. Crispin's, work hard, make good progress and leave us as responsible, well-qualified, young people, ready to make a valuable contribution to society. Students will join a tutor group in Year 7 and will remain with the same peer group and tutor until the end of Year 11. The pastoral care of each year group is overseen by a Head of Year who has the experience to help students settle into their new school.

Our expectations of our students, in terms of their achievement and behaviour, are very high. We expect all members of the school community to uphold the values of respect, tolerance, courtesy and cooperation. Our community is inclusive and diverse and we take pride in celebrating that diversity at every opportunity.

This is what we provide for students; in return we expect our students to come to school on time, in the right uniform, ready to learn and do their best.





Teaching and Learning

This is our highest priority and we are committed to providing students with the best learning experience. Students are taught using a wide range of techniques and resources to engage and support them. Teaching staff take an active and imaginative approach to teaching and learning, sharing good practice in order to promote student progress. Working with their teachers, students are given opportunities to build skills and confidence to enable them to become active and independent learners. Our fully integrated Sixth Form allows us to attract staff with higher level skills and to facilitate a frictionless transition for our students post-16, with the benefit of also providing younger students with role models in the Sixth Form.

On line, web-based and digital resources support learning in and out of the school, enabling students to extend their learning out of lessons and at home through the use of the internet. Our school website gives an overview of our curriculum and also gives information on:-

- School policies
www.crispins.co.uk/school-policies
or scan QR code on the right
- Examination results
- Links to external reports and OFSTED
- Times of the school day
- Uniform



Regular assessment assists students to achieve their full academic potential, enabling them to learn from constructive feedback. Reviews at parents' evening allows parents and students to meet with teachers of subjects studied to discuss targets, progress and strategies for improvement.

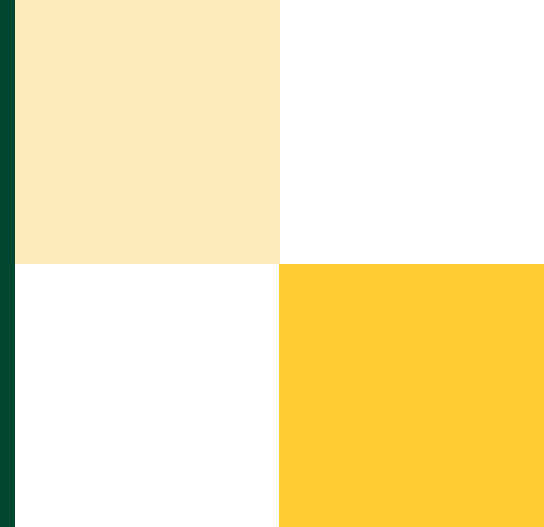




Developing Potential

We want all young people to bring to St. Crispin's a positive attitude, a willingness to contribute, a respect for others and a determination to give of their best. We expect our students to behave well, work hard to develop their talents to the full and pursue the highest levels of achievement. Our staff create a nurturing environment both within the classroom and around school, where excellence is expected from all students in all areas of life. We are dedicated to learning and development and we offer a curriculum and activities to help all students learn about how they work best, both as individuals and with others.

As part of our school vision of 'Excellence for All' we are committed to ensuring that we create well-rounded individuals and that our students leave not only with academic achievements but also the employability skills required to enter the working world. Students, from the start of their time at St. Crispin's, participate in the PiXL Edge programme which provides a framework for young people to develop, and have accredited, the skills and qualities essential for employability and life. This programme nurtures in a systematic way students' development of five key personal attributes: Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication.





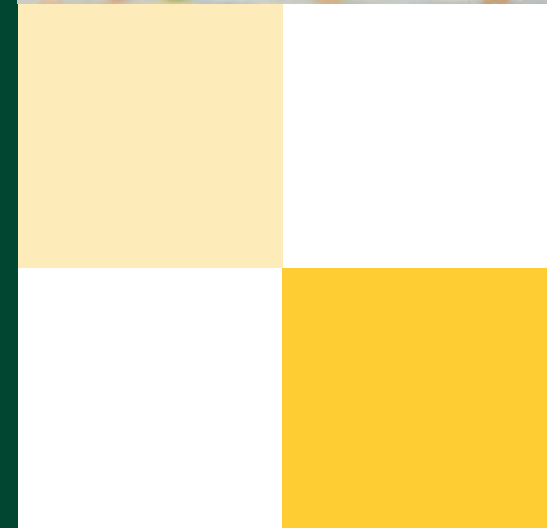
Beyond the Classroom

Our students experience a wide range of enrichment opportunities throughout their time at St. Crispin's to broaden their horizons and prepare our young people for their future.

We welcome into school visiting speakers and specialists from the fields of business, sport and academia to inspire students. This gives students the opportunity to develop and identify skills for future study and the work place. We also provide career guidance with access to careers advisors, and at Key Stage 4 students attend a careers fair. We actively seek opportunities for students to have STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) experiences, including Science club, Robotic club, Big Bang Fair and visits to local companies. Students take an active part in shaping the way the school operates: we have a thriving student council, led by our Sixth Form Head Team.

We place great importance on students' physical and mental well-being with Physical Education lessons promoting lifelong participation in exercise and a healthy lifestyle. We also value the importance of demonstrating excellence in Sport, as well as other curriculum areas, and we are very proud of the achievements of our students, both individually and collectively, in local, county and national competitions.

St. Crispin's has a rich and flourishing artistic and cultural life. Each year the Drama and Music departments perform a whole school production, showcasing the acting and musical talents of students from all year groups. Well-acclaimed recent productions include; Les Miserables, Our Estate – an original student written production, Sweeney Todd and Grease. Sixth Form students often lead aspects of these productions from choreography to stage management, providing a great opportunity for those seeking to further study arts beyond St. Crispin's. There are also annual spring and winter concerts, demonstrating that St. Crispin's really does have talent!





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