

St. Crispin's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all, and particularly to those of you who are new to the school this term.

I have a lot of wonderful news to share, starting with the incredibly successful set of exam results our Year 11 and Year 13 students were awarded this summer; they all performed exceptionally well and it was a real pleasure to celebrate with them on their results days.

Next week, we will send home a special 'exams edition' newsletter to share the wonderful achievements of our students and the incredible support they received from our staff.

Throughout the summer, the school has been a hive of activity, and all planned building projects were completed successfully. I am sure, over the coming weeks, students will (I hope) notice the changes, but in summary:

- We have refurbished the Art and Design block with brand new windows and doors.
- Our Learning Support Centre has been given a new lease of life with redecorated classrooms and new furniture and will now be known as 'The Roundhouse'.
- A new pathway, seating area and raised flower beds have been created to enhance our outdoor kitchen area; now known as the 'Little Kitchen'.
- Our Sports Centre has seen the most significant changes with new classrooms and meeting spaces added to cater for our ever-growing student population.
- And I am pleased to announce a brand new, state of the art, toilet block in the centre of the school.

This investment gives your children the learning environment they deserve, and I am incredibly grateful to our site team and support staff who have gone above and beyond to bring these projects to completion.

Our core theme for this year centres around the concept of 'Belonging', and I have shared this with our students during their start of term assemblies. As a school, we are passionate about providing education and support for all students and that starts with making sure they feel a sense of belonging within the St Crispin's community. I believe that if we instil a feeling to belong, all other aspects of their school life will fit into place.

This also extends to you, as parents, and so we are introducing a series of 'Partnership Evenings' this term to give you an opportunity to come into school, meet key staff and hear about the specifics of your child's year group. More details of these new events will follow.

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I must also take this opportunity to mention our wonderful PTA who go above and beyond to support the school, and I would encourage you to look at the attached letter and, if you can, join them in helping the school move forward.

Last year I spoke to you about plans to broaden our extra-curricular and clubs offer. I am thrilled to announce that we will be launching our 'Excellence through Enrichment' programme this term, with over 50 clubs now available. Further details will be sent to you next week, including how students can sign up (I'm especially excited about the new 'Guitar Heroes' club)!

Finally, we are always looking to improve, and this week's staff Inset days offered a renewed focus on teaching and learning to ensure that every student, regardless of subject or teacher, can experience a first-class education. We want our students to be inspired in their learning, inquisitive about the world around them and ultimately ready for the next stage of their journey.

Wishing you all a great weekend.



Mr Peter Griffiths
Headteacher