



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

KDS/JSS

15 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of term, we would like to say a huge thank you for all your support during what has been a fully packed term. This letter will replace the Parent Bulletin for this week.

Can we take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year, it has been very much appreciated. It has been a privilege to work with your children and we have enjoyed watching them grow and develop into the wonderful young people they are today. We do hope moving forward, there will be the same sense of working together to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

This year we introduced many new initiatives, such as the hour lessons and new structure of the school day, behaviour policy and also Arbor. We acknowledge that with any new policies there are glitches and we have worked hard to rectify these as they occur.

One significant impact of the new behaviour policy has been the reduction in suspensions of students as we have used the Reflection Room as an alternative. As a result students are in school as a consequence, rather than doing this at home. The impact on attendance has also been positive.

Academic Year	Number of days lost	Number of Students
2023/2024	972	213
2024/2025	399	127
Difference	- 573	-86

Next year we are going to be looking at a new uniform for **September 2026, with it being compulsory from September 2027**. There will be staff, student, and parents' views sought to achieve something that is both comfortable and practical. In the meantime, the existing uniform stays in place for the next academic year.

We are also going to be making adjustments to our behaviour management policy and procedures to ensure there is a greater consistency across staff, as well as reviewing our rewards processes to make it more accessible and motivational for students.

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Staffing:

Firstly, and with Miss Darlington's permission, we would like to explain to parents/carers and students why she has been off work for an extended period of time. Miss Darlington was diagnosed with breast cancer at just 26 years of age and whilst pregnant with her daughter Matilda. She has been through an incredibly difficult time having to give birth prematurely in order for her to immediately start several courses of chemotherapy treatment. She has now finished this treatment and does not mind us sharing that she will be having preventative and reconstructive surgery, which will take her into next year. This means she will remain absent next term but hopes to return in the New Year 2026. After Easter she will be having another round of surgery and will need time for recovery. We are all incredibly proud of how brave and strong she has been through what has been an incredibly difficult time for her and her family and we know that you will all want to join us in supporting her and welcoming her back when she is fit and well to do so. Any direct messages of goodwill can be sent to Miss. Darlington through her school email account.

As with all terms we will be saying goodbye to the following staff. We would like to thank them all for their commitment to Crestwood and wish them all the best for the future.
Goodbye and good luck to -

- Mr Downs, who has tirelessly led our Music department at Crestwood, is retiring after 25 years at Crestwood. He will be returning to teach peripatetic lessons, but we would like to thank him for his long service and wish him all the best in his new role. Music at Crestwood contributes so much to the life of the school and it is a testament to his talent and dedication.
- Mrs Howat, Food Technology Teacher, is moving to The Bridge Education Centre after 20 years of service. She will be sorely missed by staff and students alike. Many students that she has taught are now in chef/ food related roles due to her passion and enthusiasm
- Miss Hinton, Learning Support Assistant is moving after 9 years to FairWays School
- Mrs Brown, Drama Teacher is taking a break from teaching and we would like to thank her for her commitment and dedication for the past 8 years
- Mrs Blair, D&T Teacher, is moving to Brookfield School
- Mrs Chivers, D&T Technician, is moving to Thornden School
- Mrs Curd, Lead Practitioner for Science, is moving to Swanmore School as Head of Science
- Miss Garstin, MFL Teacher, is moving home to Ireland, she will be greatly missed
- Miss Gillan, Assistant Inclusion Leader, is planning to study
- Mrs Mills, Achievement Leader for Raising Standards is moving into a role in higher education
- Miss Serridge, PE, is moving to Wildern School
- Miss Verny, MFL Teacher, is relocating to Lincolnshire to be closer to family
- Miss Upcott, Teacher of Geography, is relocating to Bristol, we cannot thank her enough for her leadership of Geography and her passion for the subject.

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We will be welcoming the following new teaching staff -

- Mr Bright, PE
- Mrs. Buckland, Science
- Mr Copelin, D&T
- Mrs Copelin, Performing Arts
- Miss Coull, D&T/Art
- Mr Geddes-Whitlock, RE
- Mx Hopkins, English
- Mr Judd, Maths
- Ms Keenan, Dance and Drama
- Ms Lester, MFL
- Ms Maher, Science
- Mr Papanicolaou, MFL
- Mr Thomson, English
- Ms Tseng, English

We will be welcoming the following new support staff -

- Miss Akers, Learning Support Assistant
- Ms Boyden, Pastoral Support Assistant
- Mr Carvalho, Learning Support Assistant
- Miss Frampton, Learning Support Assistant
- Ms Meldrum, Wellbeing Centre Assistant
- Ms Nolan, Reflection Room Assistant
- Ms Patterson, Pastoral Support Assistant
- Mr Scott, Learning Support Assistant
- Mr Skirth, Learning Support Assistant
- Miss Suthers, Wellbeing Centre Assistant
- Miss Williams, Learning Support Assistant

The pastoral structure for next year has been sent separately via Arbor. Please ensure your child knows who their tutor will be and where they need to go on the first day back.

Finance:

Please note that from September we will be a cashless, all payments can be made through Arbor and residential trips are payable from ScoPay

Uniform:

Schoolkit are offering a 10% discount until 26th July for all uniforms.

As we start the new year, we return to the winter uniform. The red summer tops are not to be worn.

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The school uniform is as follows:

- Blazer
- Tie
- White shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or tailored shorts
- Solid black, leather or leather-look footwear. No canvas shoes or fabric trainers are allowed

PE uniform - all clearly labelled with the student's name

- Black/red logoed PE top
- Black/red logoed PE sweatshirt (optional)
- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- White ankle socks
- Trainers (different to school shoes)

Jewellery:

- The only items of jewellery which are permitted are a watch, a single stud in each ear and a clear plastic retainer for nose piercings. **No other piercings are permitted.** Please do not allow these to be done in term times or holiday times where there is not enough time to allow for healing.
- No decorative bracelets or necklaces.
- No nail varnish or false/acrylic nails or heavy makeup.

Return to school:

Wednesday 3rd September - INSET Day for staff

Thursday 4th September - INSET Day for staff

Friday 5th September - 8.30am-1.00pm - **Year 7 Only**

Monday 8th September - Whole school returns

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing Summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

Krista Dawkins
Headteacher

Tim Nash
Head of School
Cherbourg Campus

Josh Buckingham
Deputy Headteacher
Cherbourg Campus

Steve Topazio
Deputy Headteacher
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