



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 14th September 2026

Week A Menu: Week 2

KEY MESSAGES THIS WEEK

- It's been such a positive start to term, learning is so focused, and relationships between the staff and students are really lovely to see. We totally understand there will be incidents that occur, and we welcome working together with the students and parents to resolve these.
- Thank you for the amazing turnout at our first online parenting workshop! Further dates are listed below.

The poster features the Crestwood Community School logo at the top. Below it, the text reads 'CRESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL' and 'UPCOMING PARENT ONLINE SESSIONS'. A subtitle states 'A series of supportive online sessions for parents and carers.' There are five sessions listed, each with a calendar icon, session number, title, date, and time. The sessions are: Session 1: Understanding the Teenage Brain (Wednesday, 9 September, 7:00 - 7:30pm); Session 2: Social Media, Gaming and Online Safety (Wednesday, 23 September, 7:00 - 7:30pm); Session 3: Teen Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing (Wednesday, 30 September, 7:00 - 7:30pm); Session 4: Motivation, Exams and Academic Pressure (Wednesday, 7 October, 7:00 - 7:30pm); and Session 5: Risks, Relationships and Safety (Wednesday, 14 October, 7:00 - 7:30pm). The footer mentions 'Parent Partnership Programme'.

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- We have been incredibly encouraged by the positive feedback from parents regarding our new Smart Device policy. Working together with our families, Toynbee, and schools across Hampshire, we are fully committed to banning all internet-enabled devices. Many students are carrying brick phones, but we have noticed that after school several students are getting their smart devices out at the shops or on their way home. **SMART devices are NOT allowed into the school in any way. Please ensure your child is complying with this Government directive.**
- **School Photos:** Monday 14th September, we have the school photographer taking individual school photos on the Shakespeare Campus. On Tuesday 15th September, the photographer will be on the Cherbourg Campus. Please ensure your child is in the full and correct uniform.
- **Years 10 and 11 Information Evening** is being held on the Shakespeare Campus on Wednesday 16th September between 5.30-7.30 pm. It will allow parents to come out and find out how best to support their child through their GCSE courses. Refreshments will be on offer!

- **Open Evenings**

We have the school's open evenings on 22nd and 24th September. **The school will close at 2pm on these dates to allow staff to prepare for each event.**

- Please can we ask that if you have a concern about anything that happens at school that you email the appropriate person or admin@crestwood.hants.sch.uk ? It is not appropriate in any way to take to social media to air concerns that have not been raised with the school first. It contravenes our communication policy and is deemed as inappropriate communication.

- **Please, can parents be firm about nose studs, jewellery and false nails**

- The only permitted jewellery is a watch and ONE pair of STUD earrings.
- Students can wear a flat, transparent retainer in their nose, but not a nose stud.
- Parents allowing their child to get their nose pierced should do so where there is a sufficient period of time for the nose to heal. The minimum time required is 6 weeks and therefore, as a result, the only time piercings should be done is in the summer break.

- **Attendance and punctuality**

- Please ensure your child attends school **before** 8.25 am.
- Any child arriving after 9am is marked as absent, in compliance with the DfE rules regarding recording attendance
- The children will also be registered at 1 pm for the afternoon session, so please try to avoid medical appointments at these times
- Holidays and leaves of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances

- **Arbor App Updates**

The Arbor development team continuously updates and improves the Arbor Parent and Student apps to ensure they run smoothly and reliably. We strongly encourage you and your child to install updates as soon as they become available, as these often include important bug fixes and performance improvements. If you have not yet downloaded the app, please visit the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android) to install it today. If you experience any issues signing in, the [Arbor Help Centre](#) provides a wide range of guidance and troubleshooting steps. Should you continue to experience difficulties, please contact the school's dedicated IT Support team, who will be happy to assist you.

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS

- School photographs
- Information Evening
- The **INSET Days for 2026/27**:
 - **Thursday 10th September Geography Field work**
 - **Friday 11th September Geography Field work**
 - **Monday 14 September whole School photographs Shakespeare Campus**
 - **Tuesday 15th September whole school photographs Cherbourg Campus**
 - **Wednesday 16th September Year 10 and 11 information evening (Shakespeare)**
 - **Thursday 17th September Parent Forum (Shakespeare)**
 - **Monday 21st September GCSE Winchester Law Courts Citizenship Trip**
 - **Tuesday 22nd September open evening (Cherbourg)**
 - **Thursday 24th September open evening (Shakespeare)**

- Friday 25th September Beetlejuice Trip
- Monday 28th September open mornings week
- Thursday 8th October year 7 Literacy and numeracy evening (Shakespeare)
- Monday 12th October Year 11 Mocks begin
- Thursday 15th October Parent forum
- Friday 16th October Restart a heart day
- Thursday 22nd October School closes for half term / Non-uniform Day
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Wednesday 21st July 2027

KEY SCHOOL LINKS FOR PARENTS

- [Updating your child's information via the Arbor App](#)
- [Reporting my child's absence via Arbor](#) or email attendance@Crestwood.hants.sch.uk
- [Absence requests, including holidays](#)
- [Extra Curricular Activities](#)
- [Parenting Support - CRESTWOOD - COMMUNITY SCHOOL](#)
- [Parent Forum - CRESTWOOD - COMMUNITY SCHOOL](#)
- [Key Dates](#)
- [School Letters](#)
- More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Crestwood can be found on our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter Feed](#), [Instagram Account](#) and [YouTube Channel](#). Reshares and likes are always appreciated.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- [SORA](#), our reading app in partnership with Hampshire School Library Service
- [Dealing with Fake News, Hoaxes and misinformation, NSPCC](#)
- [Kooth is an online platform to support young people with their wellbeing](#)
- [NHS111 Mental Health Triage Service](#)
- [On and around water - Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service, Official website of Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service \(hantsfire.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Parent Zone](#)
- [CEOP Education](#)
- [Reporting harmful content online](#)
- [Childline, Online bullying](#)
- [PARENT ONLINE SAFETY](#)
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>
https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/
<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Internet-Matters-Discord-Guide-1.pdf>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjV0IKYp>
- [Parental control software](#)

CAREERS UPDATE

- Open Events and useful websites- Local colleges and apprenticeship providers offer students and parents/carers a chance to look around and speak to them about their courses/apprenticeships. Please use this link for the dates  COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS 2026/27 and check out the websites for useful information.
- Careers Meetings are available with Mrs Smith to discuss options and colleges. Please email her on d.smith@crestwood.hants.sch.uk if your child/ren requires a meeting.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Summer Term 2026

Day	Extra Curricular Activity	Teacher	Campus/Venue	Time
Every day	Homework Clubs	Mr Green Mrs Parnell-Bray Mrs Gray	Library/IT Room (both campuses)	3.00-4.00 3.00-3.30 (Fri)
Monday	Cherbourg Crochet and Knitting Club For beginners and experienced crafters.	Ms Coltro	Cherbourg Library	3.00-4.00
	Creative Writing	Mr Green	Shakespeare Library	3:00-4:00
	School Production (Audition Only)	Miss Carter	Drama studio - Shakespeare	3:30-5:30
	Athletics	Mr Stead	Shakespeare	3:00-4:00
	Athletics	Mr Read and Mr Harris	Cherbourg	3:00-4:00
	Singing Club	Mr Trott and Mr Cox	S2	3:20-4:20
	Year 8&9 Steel Band (existing players)	Miss Glenn	Cherbourg T1 Shakespeare U2	3:30-4:30 CH week 2 SH week 1
	KS3 Art Award Club	Miss Coull	SH-G8	3:00-4:00 Wk B
	KS3 Clay Club	Ms Bray	Cherbourg	3.00-4.00
Tuesday	Hair and Make-Up Club	CH - Miss Carter SH - Mrs Copelin	Drama Studio Both campuses	3.00-4.00
	Dance Club	CH- Miss Keenan SH- Miss Kimber	Drama Studio Dance Studio	3.00-4.00
	Cherbourg Year 7 Steel Band	Miss Glenn	Cherbourg T1	3:00-4:00
	Panatical Steel Band (existing players)	Miss Glenn	Cherbourg T1	4:15-6:45
	Revision Hub (Yr 11 only)	Mr Sansom Miss Houston	Library (CH) and G13 (SH)	4:00-6:00
	Cricket	Mr White	Shakespeare	3:00-4:00
	Cricket	Mr Collis	Cherbourg	3:00-4:00
	The Writer's Room		Shakespeare G23	3:00-4:00
	Year 10 English intervention	Miss Tseng & Mr Thompson	Cherbourg M5	3:00-4:00
	Shakespeare Crochet and Knitting Club For beginners and experienced crafters.	Ms Coltro	Shakespeare Library	3.00-4.00
Wednesday	D&D Club	SH- Mr Green CH- Mr Waren	Both campuses- Library	3.00-4.00 3:00-4:30 (CH)
	Girls' Football	Mr Skirth	Cherbourg	3.00-4.00
	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	Mr Johnson Mrs Bezant	Cherbourg M7 Shakespeare Canteen	3:00-4:30 SH week A CH week B
Thursday	Panatical Newbies (year 9-11 existing players)	Miss Glenn	Shakespeare U2	3:30-4:30
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	Science Club Yr 7 & 8	Mr Neil, Mrs O'Loughlan, Mrs Wujewski, Miss Hurst, Ms Maher, Miss Ragnar, Ms Gray, Mr Nicholas, Mr Waren, Miss Newman	Shakespeare G9/ Cherbourg M12	3:00-3.45
	CH Rock Band	Mr Trott and Mr Cox	CH - S2	3:20-4:20

	Chess Club	Mr Green	Shakespeare Library	3.00-4.00
	Rounders	Mr Read & Mr Collis	Cherbourg	3:00-4:00
	Rounders	Mr Stead	Shakespeare	3.00-4.00
	Debate Club	Mr Thomson	Week A: Cherbourg, M1 Week B: Shakespeare, G23	3.30-4.30
	SPARX Reading club	Mr Vivian	Week A: Shakespeare G15 Week B Cherbourg M1	3.15-4.15
Friday	Production Pit Band	Mr Downs	Cherbourg T1	3:30-5:00
	Shakespeare Year 7 Steel Band	Miss Glenn	Shakespeare U2	3:20-4:20
	Beyond the book (fantasy, sci fi, romance book - Year 9 and above)	Miss Godechoul	Shakespeare G25	3.00-4.00
	SH Singing Club	Mr Trott and Mr Cox	Shakespeare U2	3:30-4:30

All clubs are free of charge and open to all students unless identified above.

You must sign up for the club via Arbor (except homework club and revision hub).

***Steel bands and production rehearsals are by invitation/audition only.**

If, for any reason, clubs are unable to run on a particular day, parents will be informed via email and the school's Facebook page.

Clubs will not run on Mondays when we have Staff Inset training sessions but parents will be informed in advance of this.

Let's Build a **KINDER, SAFER HAMPSHIRE**

Everyone has the right to
feel safe and be respected.

Help and support is available.



Call Hampshire
Domestic Abuse Service
03300 165 112 (24/7)



Visit
hants.gov.uk/domesticabuse
for support and information



In an emergency, always dial **999**.

**DOMESTIC
ABUSE
CAN AFFECT
ANYONE**



*Together, we can
make a difference.* 

**YOU
ARE NOT
ALONE**

Let's listen. Let's support.
Let's build a safer Hampshire.
#SaferHampshire



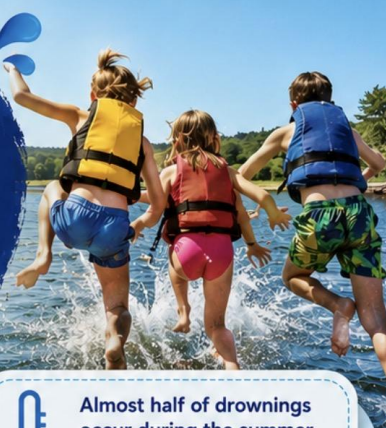
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WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water. ♥

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK.

MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.



As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.



Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:



EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME

Including bath time safety and garden hazards.



STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS

Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.



PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE

Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".



AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.



WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference ♥

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.



Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.



For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit:
www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/



Enjoy the water
Stay safe
Look out for each other



HSCP

Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Safeguarding children together

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OPEN EVENTS

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2027

SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2027

WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2027

THURSDAY 10 JUNE 2027



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