



Friday 26th April 2019

Week commencing Monday 29th April: **Week 1 Timetable**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We do hope that all our students, families and staff enjoyed the glorious Easter weekend weather and that the chocolate was plentiful. We have already been back a week and the school is buzzing across both sites. This week has seen students back in lessons and enjoying their learning. We are very proud of Year 11 and their efforts, taking the opportunities over the Easter holiday to come in for revision sessions that many of their teachers put on. As we roll into May, the GCSE exams will start in earnest. Good luck to them all.

Also over the Easter break, we had two amazing school trips jetting off to sunny destinations. We had a Science trip, led by Mr. Neil, to Florida. Students got the chance to take part in the NASA junior training programme. Mr. Neil said that the students were brilliant and everyone was bowled over by the experience.

We also had a Humanities trip to Italy led by Mr. Topazio. The staff and students had a great time absorbing the culture that Rome had to offer. They toured the Coliseum, visited the Vatican and sampled Italian cuisine. The group then spent a few days down in Naples and got the chance to visit the ruins at Pompeii. What a great visit!

Finally, this week has also seen Year 8 students and their parents being given the opportunity to attend one of our two Options Evenings in preparation of them choosing their GCSE subjects for next year. The students had the chance to speak to their teachers and start to make plans on which options they might like to take when they start Year 9. It was great to see so many students using very mature thought processes to decide which subjects would best suit them.

Crestwood School Council is campaigning for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on Chestnut Avenue. The students are very passionate about this issue and we urge you to support the campaign [here](#).

We would value ongoing dialogue with parents on what else you would like mentioned in this bulletin. So if you have any thoughts please do not hesitate to contact us on the email addresses below. There are some key dates for parents to be aware of, in the coming weeks:

- Please note that Inset Days for the Summer Term will be Friday 19th July, Monday 22nd July, Tuesday 23rd July
- The initial inset day, for the new academic year in September, will be Wednesday 4th September 2019. On Thursday 5th September, Year 7 and 11 will return at 8.30am, with whole school returning at 10.00am to commence period 2 at 10.15am. Friday 6th September will be a normal school day for all.
- We will be having an additional Inset Day on Friday 27th September after our Open Evenings.

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Junior Bake Off

Junior Bake off is looking for the UK's best young bakers aged between 9-15 - applications close on Monday 6th May 2019

To apply, please go to: WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

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Options Evening

Please find attached details of the Options Process. Be aware that Resistant Materials is a late addition to the subjects available: it appears on the Options Form but is not included in the information booklet.

The process can be completed online at:

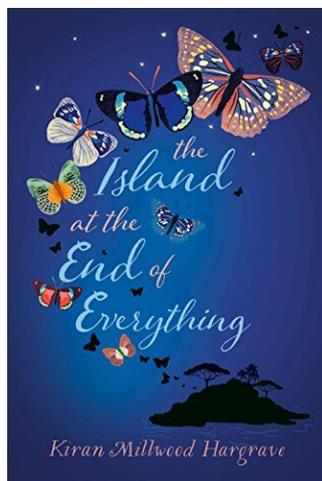
www.optionschoices.online

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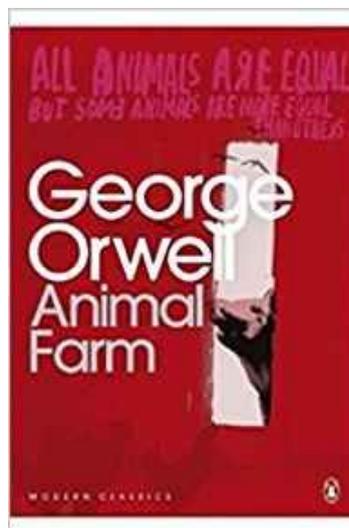
Reminders/Important Notices

BOOK CLUB

A short while ago Year 9 students were invited to join our after school Book Club and the first meeting took place on Thursday 7th March. Our first book was 'The Island at the End of Everything' which received mixed reviews from our members. Our next book is 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell, a well known classic. If any students would like to join, the next meeting is on Thursday 4th April, 3-4pm on the Cherbourg Campus. A minibus service is provided between campuses. Please see your English teacher to put your name down and collect a copy of the book.



Ami lives on Culion, an island for people who have leprosy. Her mother is infected. She loves her home - but then islanders untouched by sickness are forced to leave. Ami's desperate to return before her mother's death. She finds a strange and fragile hope in a colony of butterflies. Can they lead her home before it's too late?



When the downtrodden animals of Manor Farm overthrow their master Mr Jones and take over the farm themselves, they imagine it is the beginning of a life of freedom and equality. But gradually a cunning, ruthless elite among them, masterminded by the pigs Napoleon and Snowball, starts to take control. Soon the other animals discover that they are not all as equal as they thought, and find themselves hopelessly ensnared as one form of tyranny is replaced with another.

YEAR 10 - WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience - Year 10 - 1st to 12th July 2019

The deadline for work experience is fast approaching.

Thank you to all the parents and businesses who have help with placements.

If you or your child still has not returned a completed WEX8 form, please help them or contact me and I will help them. Any students who do not have a placement will be expected to be in school during those weeks.

Thank you

Mrs Dawn Smith

Careers

Where am I going? Are your children wondering about their futures? Do you have questions about qualifications and careers? Why not take a look at the fantastic careers resource on the school website?

<http://crestwood.hants.sch.uk/school-information/curriculum/careers/>

Career Companion gives information about all sorts of pathways - Apprenticeships, A-Levels, Vocational and practical courses for all year groups and for parents. Just follow the link, click on the Career companion Logo and find a whole host of information on possible future pathways. If you are not sure what you want to do, try the free SACU student test (parents can do this too - find out if you are in the right job!)



A screenshot of the Career Companion website interface. On the left is the Crestwood Community School logo. The central part shows a laptop displaying the website's main page with a search bar and featured providers like 'CGI' and 'LDN'. On the right is the Isle of Wight Council logo. Below the laptop is a 'QUICK LINKS' section with various icons for year groups (yr 7 to yr 11, 16th form), Further Education (FE), UNI, Parent/Carer, Labour Market Information (LMI), Apprenticeships and Traineeships, SEND, CVs & Job HUNTING, GAP YEAR, Careers Info & Films, Work Experience & Internships, Finance, STEM, Destinations, and Training Providers. At the bottom are navigation links: LOGOUT, ABOUT US, PRIVACY POLICY, HELP, and the Career Companion logo.

<https://sacu-student.com/>

Simply sign up for free and take the test - all you have to do is choose the pictures which most match you and this amazing resource will point you at a range of possible careers - it also tells you how to get into those jobs and even what the salary might be! Any questions about careers - please contact Andrew.whittick@crestwood.hants.sch.uk or

Mathematics

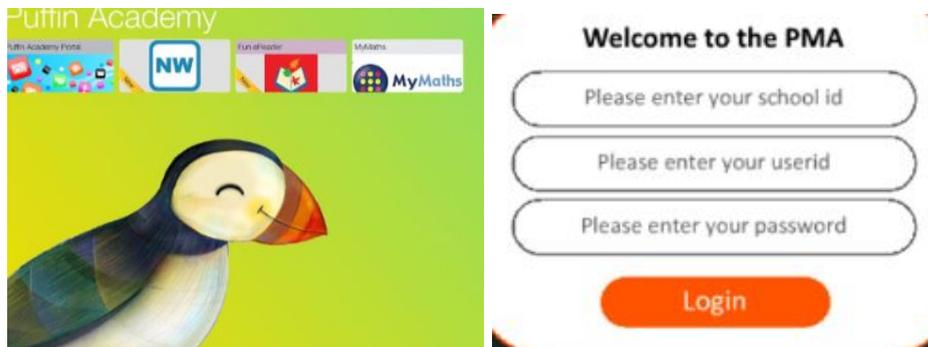
Mymaths Website

Some pupils have been experiencing problems using the mymaths website at home when using tablets. To overcome this issue Mymaths have given the following guidance:

When searching for the app it should look like the following:



After downloading the app and clicking on it, it will take you to the following window.



If you click on the Mymaths icon it will take you to the Mymaths website and pupils need to login as normal. They should then be able to access everything and complete all homework tasks without any issues..

If you still experience problems using the site you can contact me on the following email address paul.caplen@crestwood.hants.sch.uk and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Year 11

In preparation for their Mathematics exam in June, Year 11 will be set different types of homework on a three week cycle.

- . week 1: Problem solving questions
- . week 2: Knowledge organisers and topic specific revision
- . week 3: Completion of a GCSE mathematics paper.

This week they will be given some problem solving questions which will need to be handed in the following week. Last week All pupils were given a GCSE paper to complete and were given two weeks to complete it to the best of their ability. This will also need to be handed in next week. Completion of homework is vital in preparing them for their GCSE exam in the Summer. Your help supporting these pupils in completing their homework to the best of their ability will be gratefully appreciated.

PIXL Maths App

All year 11 pupils have been shown how to access the pixl maths app and should have now downloaded this app on their phones if they have one. The app contains a range of in-built questions that allow students to practice (on or offline) the core skills within the Mathematics curriculum to ensure success in any GCSE exam. The app then allows areas of weakness to be remedied through therapy videos to ensure progress is made. With the ability of creating endless questions around the same topic, students are then able to test themselves to ensure that the problem has been resolved.

When logging onto the app the following screen will appear

The school id is CR1270.

For a pupil named John Smith,

- The user id would be: smithJ
- The password would be: smithj19Awards

Spending a little time on this app each day the tools they can use to help them prepare for their Summer examinations. As such I would appreciate it if you could encourage any year 11s in your care to do this.

Mr Russell is preparing a folder of revision resources for year 11. A guide to using this app will be included in this.

Thank you, Mr Caplen