CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 9th November 2026

Week B Menu: Week 2

KEY MESSAGES THIS WEEK

- This week has seen 3 sold out performances of Legally Blonde Jr. The performances have been amazing and congratulations to all the Students and staff who have been involved. Our School Improvement Manager, Kate Broadribb, emailed us after she saw the show on Thursday evening, which said:

  "WOW! I am so grateful for being able to see the school production last night. The talent of the cast, band, dancers, stage crew was on full show and you can easily see future performing arts careers for so many. It was wonderful to have some time to enjoy seeing young people at their very best and a school community coming together to celebrate that. Please thank all your students and staff involved."

- We will be holding our Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday 11th November at 10.30am on both campuses. We will be doing the 2 minute silence at 11am.

- Year 11 Parents evening is taking place on Thursday 19th November. A letter with information about booking will come out next week and booking slots will open at 8am on Wednesday 11th November.

- Please remember that there is a **FREE** breakfast provided on each campus - Shakespeare in the crescent and Cherbourg in the hall. There are cereals, crumpets, brioche, toast, juice, yoghurts, and hot drinks provided.

- Our Christkindlmarkt will be held on Thursday 3rd December on the Shakespeare Campus.

- Year 10 will be sitting a mock exam in English and Maths on Tuesday 1st December

- Reminder to parents that we are holding flu vaccinations in the coming weeks. Cherbourg Campus is on 13th November and the Shakespeare Campus is on 20th November.

- A recent letter was sent to all Parents regarding not coming onto the School Site without an appointment. From this point forward, no parent/carer will be allowed on the school sites without an appointment. Students are expected to enter the school sites on their own and parents/carers collecting their children at the end of the school day should arrange a mutually convenient place to meet with their child(ren) which is off the school site.

- If your child brings a bicycle to school, please ensure that they have a cycle helmet. We are increasingly concerned about the number of students who do not routinely wear them.

- Please ensure you are accessing Arbor as parents, as it can give you the latest behaviour reporting and notifications.

- Please can we ask that if you have a concern about anything that happens at school, you email the appropriate person or adminoffice@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 inappropriate communication.

- **Attendance and punctuality**
  - Please ensure your child attends school **before** 8.25 am.
  - Any child arriving after 9 am 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

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS

- The **INSET Days for 2026/27**
  - **Wednesday 21st July 2027**

- **Key dates**
  - Friday 13th November Children in Need Day / Non-Uniform Day
  - Friday 13th November Flu Vaccinations Cherbourg Campus
  - Thursday 19th November Year 11 Parents Evening
  - Friday 20th November Flu Vaccinations Shakespeare Campus
  - Thursday 26th November Parent Forum
  - Tuesday 1st December Year 10 Mocks
  - Tuesday 1st December Year 8 Fieldwork
  - Tuesday 1st December Year 10 Mocks
  - Wednesday 2nd December Year 8 Fieldwork
  - Thursday 3rd December Christkindlmarkt (Shakespeare)
  - Monday 7th December HLMAP trip
  - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day
  - Thursday 10th December Year 8 and 9 Literacy and Numeracy Evening (Shakespeare) (Invite only)
  - Monday 14th December HLMAP trip
  - Friday 18th December End of Term/ School Closes 1pm

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=XjV0lKYp
- 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.

Parent Forum – Your Voice Matters!

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for our latest Parent Forum. It was another valuable opportunity to come together, share experiences, ask questions and have open and constructive conversations about school life.

We discussed a range of topics, including:

Communication with Parents and Carers

We talked about the importance of clear, consistent and timely communication between home and school. Parents shared their thoughts on recent communication regarding access to the school site and highlighted the importance of ensuring that our messages reflect our commitment to positive, approachable relationships with families.

Open Evenings and Early Closures

Parents shared feedback about the notice given for early school closures linked to Open Evenings. We discussed why these evenings are so important in welcoming prospective families, supporting future pupil numbers and giving staff the necessary time to prepare and take a break before the event. Parents understood the reasoning

but highlighted how helpful earlier notification would be for families making arrangements.

School Uniform

We welcomed feedback on our new uniform, including its appearance, quality and consistency. Parents raised some practical points around sweatshirt durability, PE shorts and clearer communication about uniform expectations, particularly sock colours. This feedback will help inform future reminders and conversations with our uniform supplier.

Chromebooks and Access to Technology

We discussed the importance of students having appropriate access to technology to support their learning. Parents shared experiences around Chromebook availability, and individual concerns were signposted to the appropriate teams.

Online Parent Sessions – What Would You Like to See Next?

We were delighted to hear feedback about our online parent sessions. Parents suggested future topics including having difficult conversations with teenagers, healthy eating and body positivity.

We also discussed whether offering sessions on different days or at different times might make them more accessible. We will be seeking wider parent feedback to help shape future sessions.

We also discussed the upcoming online Parent Forum and whether this would make it easier for more families to participate.

The Parent Forum is not about complaints or confrontation. It is about conversation, understanding and working together.

You don't need to have a concern, a question or even something specific to say. You are equally welcome to come along, listen, meet other parents and gain a greater understanding of school life.

We recognise that we won't always get everything right, but listening to our families and reflecting on their experiences helps us continue to improve.

Your experiences matter. Your ideas matter. Your voice matters.

Whether you have attended before or have never joined us, we would love to welcome you to our next Parent Forum.

Together, we can continue building a school community where parents and carers feel heard, valued and involved.

PSHE & Personal Development Newsletter

This half term

We have been really pleased with the maturity and thoughtfulness students have shown in PSHE and Core Citizenship this half term. Students have engaged in important conversations about healthy relationships of all kinds, where to seek support, trusted adults, the role of safeguarding in and out of school and human rights;

showing a growing willingness to listen to different perspectives, ask thoughtful questions and reflect on their own choices.

It has been particularly encouraging to see students thinking carefully about how they can keep themselves and others safe, both online and in everyday life. These discussions help young people develop the confidence, knowledge and practical skills they need to make informed decisions, recognise potential risks and seek support when needed. We are proud of the positive contributions students have made to these important conversations.

Coming up in Autumn 2

Next half term, students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding through the following topics:

- **Year 7** will explore online safety, including sharing images, online bullying, protecting personal information and passwords, recognising scams, understanding fraud, and using artificial intelligence safely and responsibly.
- **Year 8** will learn about health and wellbeing, including puberty and body changes, periods, mental health, dental hygiene, antibiotics, vaccinations and how to access and use healthcare services.
- **Year 9** will explore citizenship and the justice system, including political parties, fake news in politics, the difference between criminal and civil law, police powers, the role of the courts and how criminal cases are dealt with. They will also learn how to campaign for change, helping them prepare for a potential future GCSE option in Citizenship.
- **Year 10** will continue exploring human rights, focusing on extremism and radicalisation, gender-based violence and human rights. They will also examine the influence of the manosphere through key takeaways from Louis Theroux's documentary, considering how harmful attitudes can be challenged and how to promote respect and equality.
- **Year 11** will continue preparing for life after Crestwood, focusing on college applications and making informed choices about their next steps. Students will write a personal statement, develop interview skills, learn how to create a CV and explore the importance of lifelong learning.
- **Our KS3 Safer Me tutor programme** will also continue to build practical safety skills. Year 7 will focus on cycling safely, Year 8 will explore rail safety and safe travel, and Year 9 will consider personal safety at events, looking after friends, spiking awareness and planning safe journeys home.
- **Our KS4 PDL tutor programme** will continue to build on awareness of key issues and preparing for life outside of Crestwood. Year 10 will further explore healthy relationships and how to protect themselves from dangerous influences, and Year 11 will be developing their understanding of good financial habits for their post-Crestwood life.

How can you support your child at home?

Some PSHE topics can prompt important conversations. You do not need to be an expert or have all the answers; simply showing an interest and listening without judgement can make a real difference.

You could ask your child:

- "What have you been learning about in PSHE this week?"

- “How can you tell if something online might be misleading or a scam?”
- “What would you do if you were worried about a friend?”
- “How can you recognise when a relationship or situation is becoming unhealthy?”
- “Who could you speak to if something made you feel uncomfortable or unsafe?”

Encourage your child to think critically about what they see online, question information that may be misleading, respect other people's boundaries and understand that asking for help is a sign of good judgement.

You can also reinforce the practical messages from *Safer Me*, such as planning journeys, staying aware of surroundings, making safe choices with friends and knowing how to contact emergency services.

Where can you find support?

If a topic raises questions or concerns, you can contact your child's tutor or the appropriate pastoral team at Crestwood.

The following organisations also provide reliable advice and support for families:

- **NHS** – www.nhs.uk: Physical health and mental wellbeing.
- **Childline** – www.childline.org.uk: Support for children and young people.
- **YoungMinds** – www.youngminds.org.uk: Mental health advice and support.
- **NSPCC** – www.nspcc.org.uk: Advice for parents and carers on keeping children safe.
- **CEOP Education** – www.ceopeducation.co.uk: Online safety and protecting children from online harm.
- **FRANK** – www.talktofrank.com: Information and advice about drugs.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can help our young people become informed, resilient and responsible individuals who know how to keep themselves and others safe, build positive relationships and make confident decisions about their futures.

Miss Shaw

Assistant Achievement Leader for Social Sciences (PSHE lead)

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Autumn Term 2026

Day	Extra Curricular Activity	Teacher	Campus/Venue	Time
Every day	Homework Clubs	Mr Green Mrs Parnell-Bray	Library/IT Room (both campuses)	3.00-4.00 (Mon-Thurs) 3.00-3.30 (Fri)
Monday	Cherbourg Crochet and Knitting Club For beginners and experienced crafters.	Ms Coltro	Cherbourg Library	3.00-4.00
	Year 10 Science Revision	Miss Darlington, Mrs O'Loughlan	Cherbourg, M14 & M12	3:00-3:30
	Year 10 Science Revision	Ms Luxman, Miss Hurst	Shakespeare, G9 & G3	3:00 - 3:30
	Creative Writing	Mr Green	Shakespeare Library	3:00 - 4:00
	School Production (Audition Only)	Miss Carter	Drama studio - Cherbourg	3:30 - 5:30
	Badminton	Mr Harris	Cherbourg	3:00 - 4:00
	Badminton	Mr Stead	Shakespeare	3:00 - 4:00
	Panatical Newbies (year 10-11 existing players)	Miss Glenn	Shakespeare U2	3:30-4:30
	Imagineers Club-Tech (Every fortnight)	Mr Campbell	Shakespeare G2	3.00 - 4.00
	Imagineers Club-Tech (Every fortnight	Mrs Harrison	Cherbourg T7	3.00-4.00
	Cooking Club (Every fortnight)	Mrs Fletcher	Shakespeare G14	3.00-4.00
	Cooking Club (Every fortnight)	Mrs Gustafsson	Cherbourg T8	3.00-4.00
	EBacc Culture Club	Rota of EBacc staff	Shakespeare E1 / Cherbourg W7	3.00-4.00
	Art Club	Mr Edmond Miss Coull Ms Bray	Cherbourg T10 Shakespeare G8/G10	3.00-4.00
Tuesday	Dance Live (Audition Only)	Miss Kimber and Mrs Gillard	Dance Studio - Shakespeare	3.30-5.00
	Cherbourg Year 8 Steel Band	Miss Glenn	Cherbourg T1	3:00-4:00
	Panatical Steel Band (existing players)	Miss Glenn	Cherbourg T1	4:15-6:45
	Soul Choir	Miss Carter Mr Hickson and Ms Rickard	Drama Studio Both Campuses	3:00-4:00
	Revision Hub (KS4 only - both campuses welcome)	Mr Sansom Miss Houston	Cherbourg Library	4:00-6:00
	Netball/Girls Active	Miss Sadler	Shakespeare	3:30-4:30
	Investigators Maths Club (Week B only)	All Maths Teachers	Cherbourg M4 Shakespeare E4	3:00-4:00
	D&D Club (Ch)	Mr. Waren & Mr. Cox	Library	3:00-4:30
	Year 10 English intervention	Miss Tseng & Mr Thompson	Cherbourg W4	3:00-400
	Shakespeare Crochet and Knitting Club For beginners and experienced crafters.	Ms Coltro	Shakespeare Library	3.00-4.00
	Science Club Yr 7 & 8	Rota of Science teachers	Shakespeare G9/ Cherbourg M12	3:00-3.45
	Duke of Edinburgh Award Yr10	Mr Johnson and Mrs Bezant	Week A Cherbourg M3 Week B Shakespeare E5	3:00-4:30
Wednesday	D&D Club	SH- Mr Green	Library	3.00-4.00

Thursday	School Production (Audition Only)	Miss Carter	Drama Studio - Cherbourg	3.30 - 5.30
	Revision Hub (KS4 only - both campuses welcome)	Mr Sansom Miss Houston	IT1 (SH)	4:00-6:00
	Girls Active/Netball	Miss Sadler	Cherbourg Sports hall	3.00 - 4.00
	Cherbourg Rock Band	Mr Cox	Cherbourg	3:00-4:30
	Shakespeare Rock Band	Mr Hickson	Music room	12:20-1:00 (lunchtime)
	Chess Club	Mr Green	Shakespeare Library	3.00-4.00
	Year 7,8&9 Basketball	Mr White	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
	Cyber security	Mr Moran	Week A and B T3 CH	3:00-3.45pm
	Computing Club	Mr Greene	Shakespeare IT1	12:20 - 1:00
Friday	Shakespeare Year 8 Steel Band	Miss Glenn, Mr Hickson and Ms Rickard	Shakespeare U2	3:20-4:20
	Production Pit Band	Mr Downs, Miss Glenn and Miss Hunt	Shakespeare U2 (practice room)	3:30-5:00
	Warhammer Club	Mr Cox	T12	3:00-4:00
	Football	Mr Stead	Shakespeare	3:00-4:00
	Football	Mr Harris	Cherbourg	3.00 - 4.00

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.**

The Revision Hub does not run every week, a schedule has been sent home to KS4 parents as it varies depending on exam dates. The Revision Hub is open on CH on Tuesday, and SH on Thursday, but students from both campuses are welcome to attend.

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.

Let's Build a KINDER, SAFER HAMPSHIRE

Everyone has the right to feel safe and be respected.

DOMESTIC ABUSE CAN AFFECT ANYONE



Together, we can make a difference.

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**.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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

#SaferHampshire

Hampshire County Council

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

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Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
Safeguarding children together


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EVENTS
SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026
SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2027
SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2027
WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2027
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