



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

Week B Menu: Week 3

KEY MESSAGES THIS WEEK

- It's been another great week at Crestwood. Lessons are very purposeful and focussed and students' engagement is really strong - thank you!
- Next week we will be conducting our routine fire drills and lockdown practices:
 - Monday 21st - Lockdown Practice - Cherbourg - 1pm
 - Tuesday 22nd - Fire Drill - Shakespeare - 10.30am
 - Wednesday 23rd - Fire Drill - Cherbourg - 2.30pm
 - Thursday 24th - Lockdown Practice - Shakespeare - 11.30am
- **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.

- **Need IT Help? Drop-In Sessions Available Next Week!**

Dear Students, if you are having trouble accessing Gmail, Sparx Reader, or Arbor, our IT Support Team is here to help. We are running daily drop-in support sessions after school next week from Monday to Thursday, between 15:00 and 15:15. You can find us in ICT Suite 3 on the Shakespeare Campus and in the Library on the Cherbourg Campus. No appointment is needed—just drop in to speak directly with a team member. Whether you are facing login issues, struggling to navigate school systems, or dealing with general tech problems, we are here to get you back on track. See you there!

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS

- **The INSET Days for 2026/27**
 - **Friday 23rd October 2026**
 - **Monday 2nd November 2026**
 - **Wednesday 21st November 2026**
- **Key dates**
 - 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 London
 - Monday 28th September Open Mornings week
 - Wednesday 30th September - Lion King trip
 - 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

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.

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
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	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. Warren & Mr. Cox	Library	3:00-4:30
	Year 10 English intervention	Miss Tseng & Mr Thompson	Cherbourg W4	3:00-4:00
	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	3:20-4:20
	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
Friday	Computing Club	Mr Greene	Shakespeare IT1	12:20 - 1:00
	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.

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**



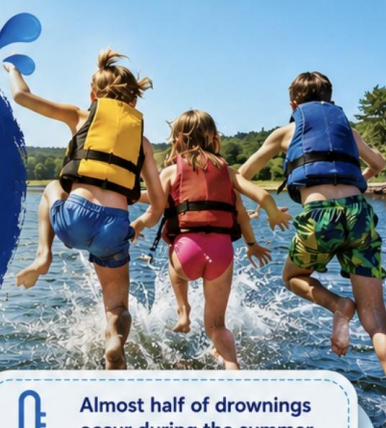
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WATER SAFETY

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/](http://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

SPARSHOLT
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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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