

06th June 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope this newsletter home finds you all well and that all students involved in both public examinations, and internal end of year assessments are managing their work and examination well and to the very best of their ability.

It has been a busy first week back at school after half term, with our annual term 6 careers talks for year 12 having started this week, as that year group continues to give serious consideration to their post 18 options. Work experience for year 12 and university and other post 18 advice and guidance sessions will run throughout this term, as the sixth form and careers team work to prepare students for applications in the next academic year.

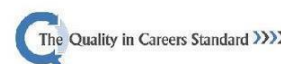
Our wonderful lion - Fortitudo - painted by members of year 10, was transported to Gloucester Quays today to join all the other lions, alongside larger ones sponsored by local businesses, and which will be displayed in the Lions at Large trail this summer <https://lionsatlarge.co.uk/>. I look forward, with the students who painted Fortitudo, to the launch event on the 2nd of July. There is still time to donate to the Big Space Cancer Appeal using the following link <https://www.justgiving.com/page/cryptschoolions>



On Thursday, we held our new staff induction day in school, in which we welcomed a small number of new colleagues into the school, who will formally join us in September. Joining The Crypt School staff in September are:

- Mr Alexander Borley - teacher of chemistry/science
- Mr Tom Farmer - head of Boys' PE/games
- Mr Christopher Hooper - teacher of MFL
- Ms Kathryn Marrs - teacher of Graphic Communication
- Mrs Nikola Stoneman - teacher of English
- Miss Thea Gooch - PE intern: Activity Leader in Exercise, Fitness and Personal Development

Thursday also saw the school closed to students, other than those sitting examinations, to enable staff to focus on curriculum and other planning in readiness for the new academic year in September. The annual planning, enables colleagues to fully focus on school and departmental planning work,



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updating subject curricula, assessments and working together to implement improvements which will benefit all students across next year.

On Wednesday, I was delighted to accompany a group of 16 students from South Korea during their visit to Gloucester, as part of an exchange programme organised by Stroud High School and built upon the enduring link between Gloucester(shire) and the city of Paju in South Korea. We visited The Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum, where the room which documents the Gloucestershire Regiment's involvement in the Korean war, was the focus of particular interest, before we visited the original Crypt Schoolroom, next to St Mary de Crypt Church; students were fascinated to learn of The Crypt School's long and enduring history. We hope to build a strong link with the city in the future, as part of a wider Gloucestershire friendship programme.

It was pleasing to see some cricket matches take place this week, and I do hope that the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions go well over this weekend. Well done also, to the two year 9 teams led by our head of physics Mrs John, who attended Cheltenham Science Festival on Thursday to take part in the finals of the Mira Showers Inter-Schools Sustainability competition at Cheltenham Science Festival.

Finally, congratulations indeed to year 8 student Sebastian, who has been offered a place on the Royal Birmingham Junior Conservatoire jazz course. Seb notes that, *"The course offers young musicians the opportunity to develop skills and general musicianship with a focus on performance. My chosen instrument is drums with the opportunity to try jazz organ at a later date."* A wonderful achievement.

With best wishes,

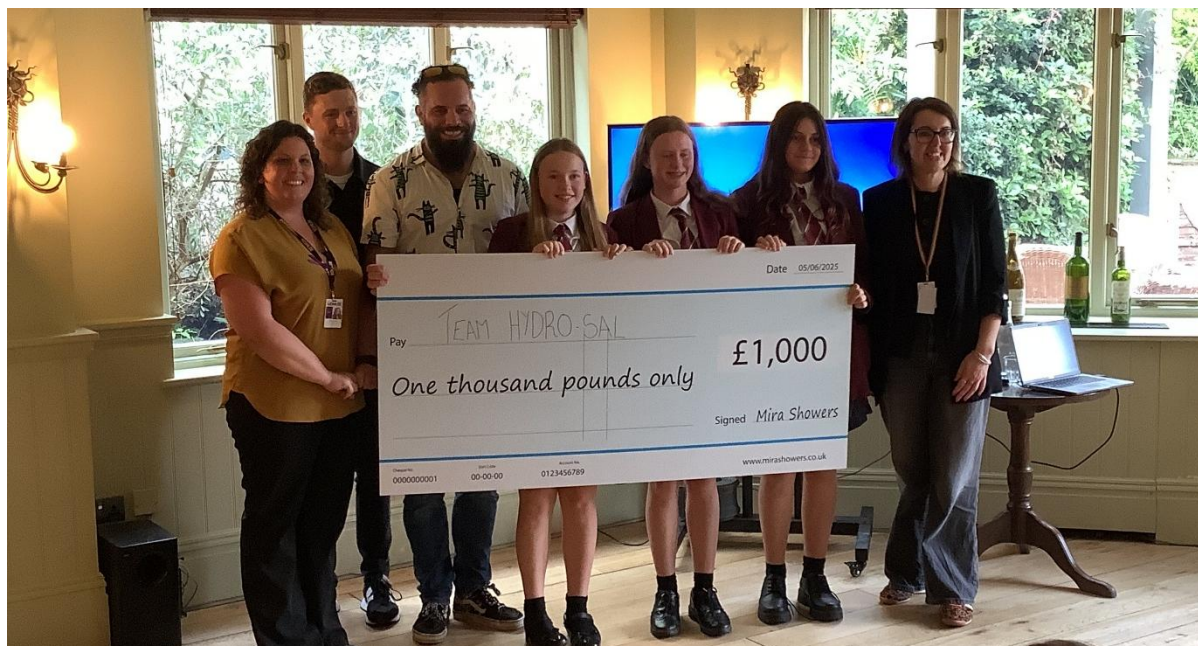


Nicholas Dyer
Headmaster

School Dates

10 th June	CSPTA AGM 6PM S Block
	Y7 Heritage Day
11 th June	Year 10 Work Experience
13 th June	Battlefields Trip
17 th June	Y10 Geography Trip #1
18 th June	Y10 Geography Trip #2
20 th June	Y11 Prom

Mira Showers Inter-School Sustainability Competition - Finals



The final was held on 5th June at the Cheltenham Science Festival. Both teams were outstanding – the audience of parents, teachers, other participants and staff from Mira Showers were blown away by the standard of the presentations from all three finalist teams. Our two Crypt teams were confident and professional; they had designed innovative products and could explain the choices of materials and parts very clearly. HydroSal (Tabitha, Phoebe and Georgia) designed the SalAway, a desalination device for use in areas experiencing water scarcity. Shower Sprout (Emilie, Klara and Holly) invented a dehumidifying device which captures the water vapour from a house and harnesses it to water plants. Both teams had sustainability and environmental concerns at the heart of their designs. The judges were impressed with their creativity and attention to detail. After a lengthy deliberation, the judges announced that HydroSal were the overall winners. The team members were awarded Amazon vouchers and vouchers to attend the Cheltenham Science Festival, as well as £1000 for the Crypt Science Department. Well done to all of the students who took part, but particularly Tabitha, Phoebe and Georgia.

Library Newsletter

I hope you had an enjoyable break. We have lots of things happening in the library over the next few weeks.

The Carnegie Medal winner will be announced on 19th June. A small group of students called The Crypt Bookworms have been reading the shortlist and told me about their favourite for us to put our vote in. The main 2 favourites were The Glasgow Boys and Play. The vote went in on Wednesday. The students are eager to see who the winner will be.

We will be having a Hunger Games quiz and a lunch break event in a few weeks to celebrate The Reaping Day which is 4th July.

The Upper School library has seen the following book series added to our shelves.



Scythe series by Neal Shusterman

"A true successor to The Hunger Games." Maggie Stiefvater

In a perfect world, what is there left to fear? A chilling and thought-provoking sci-fi novel from New York Times bestselling author Neal Shusterman.

A dark, gripping and witty thriller in which the only thing humanity has control over is death.



The "S.T.A.G.S." series is a young adult thriller series by M.A. Bennett, centred around the exclusive St. Aidan the Great boarding school, known to its privileged pupils as S.T.A.G.S.

The series follows Greer MacDonald, a new student who becomes entangled in a dark and twisted game orchestrated by the school's most popular and wealthy student, Henry de Warlencourt, and his gang.

Greer and nine other students are invited to Henry's family manor for a weekend of "huntin', shootin', and fishin'", but soon realize they are being hunted themselves.

The Summer series by Jenny Han

This is now a series on Prime Video, it would be ideal to read the books before watching the series – "This book has what every girl wants in a summer" – Sarah Dessen

We always encourage students to recommend books and series, so please let us know if there are any book titles we have not got or any new titles coming up that we need to have a look at and purchase for our library, both lower and upper school.

Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

We're pleased to let families know that the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is returning during the summer holidays, offering a range of free activities and meals for eligible children across Gloucestershire.

This summer, there will also be a special HAF Summer Fun Day in each district. These are a great opportunity for children to get involved in enjoyable activities close to home. Keep an eye on your local district's social media for the latest information and updates.

New Booking System

HAF has moved to a new booking system this year.

To book activities, families will need to register on the new Family Hubs Booking System:

[Click here to register](#)

CSPTA AGM and Meeting - 6pm 10th June 2025

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting in the S Block Room 1. All parents and staff at Crypt are very welcome.



The Crypt School Parent Teacher Association

Parents, Teachers and Friends

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Themed Menu



Tuesday 17th June

JD Loaded Cheesy, Bacon,
BBQ & Chive Chips

JD Loaded Cheesy, Bacon,
Crispy Onion &
Chive Chips

JD Loaded Chicken Curry,
Crispy Onion & Mint Yoghurt
Chips

JD Loaded Katsu, Veggie
Finger, Red Onion Chips

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with tastes from far and near...**

**Come and
Choose your
Favourite
Combo!**

**WE'VE GOT THEM
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