



6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

A warm welcome to a new school year and I do hope that everyone connected to the life and work of the school enjoyed a good summer.

As many will no doubt know, the School enjoyed a very strong set of public examination results at both A Level and at GCSE; indeed, the GCSE results achieved by last years' year 11 cohort were exceptional. At A level, 34% of grades were awarded at A*-A with 85% at A*-C, with our year 13 cohort progressing onto a variety of post-18 destinations including university, degree apprenticeships, employment, further training, gap years and so on. At GCSE, 19% of grades were awarded at grade 9, 44% at grades 9-8 and 66% at grades 9-7. My congratulations to all of our GCSE and A Level students on their achievements in the summer exams.

The high demand for places in year 12 this year, partly as a result of these outstanding GCSE results, our outstanding Ofsted inspection outcome and the high regard the school and its sixth form are held in, meant unprecedented numbers wishing to enrol into year 12 from both our own, as well as from other schools and colleges in the area. Those admitted into year 12 both met and exceeded the academic entry requirements and I congratulate them all on their success this summer.

For the incoming year 11, it is important that they work hard this year in their GCSE courses to achieve their individual and collective potential, and to enable their progression into the sixth form next September. For 2025 entry into Year 12 (the current year 11) the academic entry grades required have been increased from 36 to 48 points: that equates to 6 grade 8's at GCSE for example. Year 11 will be carefully supported across this academic year to help them reach that minimum standard to support their entry into year 12, and also given advice, guidance and support with regards to their post-16 plans, whatever they might be.

The school has a very able year 13 cohort, who will be setting the goals they wish to achieve in what will be their last year in school. They will be making important decisions about their post-18 futures, whilst focussing on their academic studies, aiming to achieve the best grades possible in the summer of next year. Many will already have decided their post-18 route, and will be submitting their university applications across the next term for those applying for the most competitive courses such as medicine, dentistry, Oxbridge and so on, they will submit their form earlier. As with year 11, each member of year 13 will be carefully supported to ensure that they make the right decisions for their own futures, whatever that may be. I wish them every success in their last year at school.



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Well done to those students in the current years 9 and 10 on their success in their RS GCSE short course and in the Computer science qualification, both sat in term 6. Year 10 formally commence their GCSE courses this term, and I encourage them all to work hard this year, building that foundation of knowledge and understanding needed to excel in year 11 and beyond.

On Monday, we welcomed staff back into school for a training day, with our new year 7 and year 12 cohorts attending for their induction days on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. I do hope that all students who are new to the school, settle quickly, establish friendships and make a strong start to both their academic studies and wider school lives. I hope that they, along with all our students, will feel a sense of pride in belonging to The Crypt School, and will live up to the high expectations that we have for them; that they will work hard in their studies, whilst embracing all the other opportunities open to them to develop and flourish in their young lives.

I know that Mrs Hargraves has already written home setting out the school's expectations around student behaviour and conduct, uniform standards and attendance, the use of mobile phones and the need for our students to develop into the responsible and respectful young adults that we all wish time to be. We also want all our students to understand and embrace the five values of our Crypt community, through which they can shape both positive attitudes and a personal moral framework around. These values are: integrity, kindness, pride, respect, and responsibility.

It will no doubt be another busy year for the school, its staff and students. Life at Crypt has always been so. I encourage each and every student to commit themselves fully to their academic work across this year, whether that is for those starting their secondary education with us in year 7, or for those in their last year at school in year 13. They should also all get involved in the rich wider life of the school, be that in sport, music or drama; in the many clubs, societies and other activities that run each week, or in acting as prefects, house and form captains and in always being kind and considerate to others. We aim to ensure that we create a caring, inclusive and welcoming space for all our students, through which they can be themselves, take pride in their work, in both their own, and in others' achievements and grow and develop into the young person they wish to become. We will provide them all with the teaching and learning that will help enable them to progress and flourish in their academic studies, offer them all opportunities to learn about their world, about themselves and about the many future opportunities open to them; we will support their pastoral needs and offer them a clear framework and moral compass through which they can themselves make informed decisions about their lives and increasingly be able to take responsibility for themselves, as well as for others too.

With continued best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Dyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicholas Dyer
Headmaster

School Dates

10th September - Individual and tutor group photos (Year 7, 10 & 12)

10th September – CSPTA S Block 6pm

13th September – Instrumental Showcase for Year 7

16th September – Year 10 Information Evening

17th September – Whole Year Photos (Year 7 & 12)

20th September – Year 13 Oxford University Trip

23rd September – Year 12 Information Evening

23rd September – Army Careers Visit

24th September – GCSE Music Pittville Pump Room Concert

26th September – Year 7 Disco

30th September – 2nd October – Year 8 Residential to Croft Farm

3rd October – Whole School Photo

3rd October – New Year 7 Pastoral Evening

Year 7 Disco

The Y11 netball team are holding a Y7 Disco to raise funds for their South Africa Tour

When: Thursday 26th September

Where: Crypt Sports Hall

Time: 4-5.30pm

Cost: £5 per ticket to include drink and snack

Tuck shop available for cash

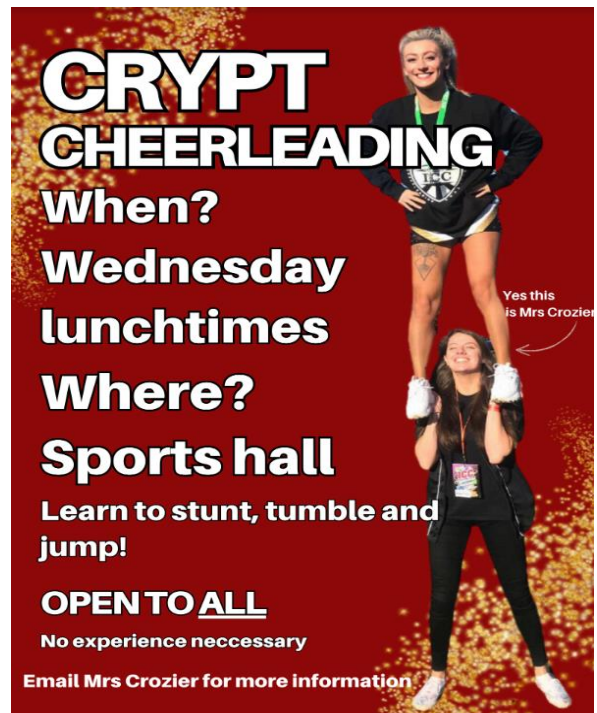
No need to travel home beforehand! Students can change in the changing rooms, and the Y11 Netball Team has organised rounders games from 3.15-4pm!

Tickets are on Parentpay

Cheerleading Club and Musical Theatre Club

Want to learn to stunt, tumble and jump?
Cheerleading club will be running on
Wednesday lunch times in the Sports Hall
from **Wednesday September 18th**, and is
open to ALL students (including all year
groups!)

Please note, this is not cheerleading with
pom poms, this is stunting (throwing people
in the air) and tumbling (rolls, cartwheels,
walkovers, handsprings, tucks etc.)
No experience is necessary - please arrive in
your PE Kit with clean shoes/ trainers or
socks.



Love musicals? Love singing and dancing? Come along
to Musical Theatre Club to learn West End & Broadway
numbers!

Musical Theatre Club will be running on Thursday
lunch times in the drama studio from **Thursday
September 19th**, and is open to all students (including
all year groups!)

Email Mrs Crozier if you have any questions.

Careers Talks

This year we are planning a series of Careers Talks that will enable our students to explore a variety of different career areas in a friendly environment. Hearing from experts in their field, students will be able to dig deeper and ask the burning questions on their mind.

We start this years' Careers Talks with The Army, who will be in school during lunchtime on 23 September. Sign up to reserve a place.

Year 12 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

For information, applications for the Extended Project Qualification have now opened and Year 12 have been emailed application forms. If students are interested in applying, forms need to be completed by **Friday 13th September** and submitted to E Gasan. Forms also require a signature from both parents/guardians and students.

Top Tips for Reporting Harmful Content Online



Social media has transformed how we communicate, share information, and connect with others, which has created new and positive opportunities for many people. However, alongside these benefits, social media platforms can also introduce individuals to harmful content. From cyberbullying and harassment to the spread of misinformation and impersonation, the impact of harmful content on social media can have a significant impact on others.

Read our article for advice on reporting harmful content online: [Top Tips for Reporting Harmful Content Online | SWGfL](#)

Free Parent Support Groups Starting September 2024



Are you worried about your child's mental health & wellbeing?

OUR FREE PARENT & CARERS SUPPORT GROUPS ARE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-18 LIVING IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Who can attend? Parents & Carers of young people aged 11-18 living in Gloucestershire.

Where? Sessions are delivered remotely via Zoom or face-to-face in venues across Gloucestershire.

When? Times vary. Please visit our website for the full timetable of dates.

How do I book?
Head to www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/

Or you can book by scanning this QR code with your phone.



10 SEPTEMBER - 15 OCTOBER
12:00PM - 1:30PM
GLOUCESTER

16 SEPTEMBER - 21 OCTOBER
10:00AM - 11:30AM
CHELTENHAM

16 SEPTEMBER - 21 OCTOBER
18:30PM - 20:00PM
TEAMS 5

19 SEPTEMBER - 24 OCTOBER
19:00PM - 20:30PM
TEAMS 6



We wanted to share with you details of the FREE Parent Support Groups that TIC+ are running in Gloucester, Cheltenham and online via Microsoft TEAMS from September 2024 over a course of 6 weeks. These groups are for parents/carers of children between the ages of 11-18 within Gloucestershire.

These established groups are designed to inform and support parents, helping them to understand their child's distress and discover effective strategies to improve their resilience. The group is also an opportunity for parents going through similar experiences to encourage, support and learn from each other in a safe and friendly environment.

All details are on our website under the following link : <https://www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/>



The Crypt School Parent Teacher Association

Parents, Teachers and Friends

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Our next meeting to be held on
Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 6.00pm

Venue: Sports Classroom 1, Sports Block, The Crypt School

**This is a group open to all parents and
carers and all are welcome to attend
and support meetings/events**

Agenda

1. **Present**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Review of standard agenda
Review of minutes in between meetings
Archiving requirements
4. **Treasurer's Report**
5. **Matters Arising Including Wish List**
6. **School Report**
7. **Future Activities/Events/Fundraising & Marketing**
Newsletter
Harry Potter quiz in school 17 October 2025
Tracy quiz idea
Christmas Fair organisation
Foreign currency/expired foreign currency
8. **School Clothing Sales**
9. **200 Club**

10. Date of next meeting – 2024/2025 dates

Tues 17 th October	Tues 7 th November	Tues 12 th December
Tue 16 th Jan	Tues 20 th Feb	Tues 19 th March & AGM
Tues 16 th April	Tues 14 th May	Tues 11 th June

11. AOB

Chairman: Claire Berry Vice Chairman: Claire Gooch
Secretary: Sharon Byfield Treasurer: Steve Scott
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The Crypt School Association is a registered charity dedicated to supporting the school, registration number 280200

House and Sixth Form Ties

Ties can be purchased from the school's uniform provider Monkhouse and directly from the school. To purchase from the school please use ParentPay. Tutors will pass any ParentPay order directly to students.

Elevate – Free Parent Support Webinar

Our upcoming webinar on motivation will show parents and carers how they can help to **keep their child motivated throughout the school year** with practical strategies like effective goal setting. At the end of the session, they will be running a live Q&A. This will give parents and carers the chance to ask any questions they have about helping their child to start the new school year with a positive attitude.

Live Parent Webinar: How to Get (& Keep) Your Child Motivated
Tuesday 17th September 6:00-7:00pm

[Click here to register for free](#)

Oxford University Admissions event

The Oxford University Society (Gloucestershire Branch) are presenting this year's Admissions Event at The King's School, Gloucester on Tuesday the 24th of September 2023 at 7:00 p.m. as part of their outreach programme. The evening will include a presentation on the admissions process and the characteristics that the university is looking for in

prospective students. There will also be a student panel discussion, with current Oxford undergraduates, on application experiences and life as an undergraduate. The event will be open to Y12 students considering applying to Oxford and teachers.

Tickets are free but must be booked [Ticketsource booking link](#)

MCAS and Communication

Unfortunately, there is an issue with the MCAS app and your child's timetable is currently not loading. This should be resolved by 20th September. Please can we ask when emailing the school, you include your child's full name and tutor group. Thank you.

Library

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break, relaxing and enjoying the chance to possibly read some good books.



If anyone has read something they want to tell us about over the summer break, please let me know. Book recommendations are always welcome along with book reviews to display in the library.

September 13th is Roald Dahl Day, we have a display with some interesting facts about him – did you know that he started his writing in his garden shed at 10.30 until 6.00 every day. Having a packed lunch so he was not disturbed at all – always writing in pencil on yellow paper?

Come in and find out more, we have a selection of his books, he wrote 21 in total.

I look forward to seeing you in the library. The upper school and sixth form/staff library is now on the balcony.