

11th April 2025



Dear Parents and Carers and Students

As we now reach the end of term 4, I wish all our students and staff a very pleasant break. Of course, for many students public examinations now beckon just after the Easter break, with GCSE and A Level exams beginning in May and Y12 also have important internal exams to sit at the very start of term 5. I know that our exam candidates have been working hard these last few months, and indeed across this academic year, and will continue to do so over the period before and during the examinations themselves. Our examination students have all been well prepared for their exams and with continued hard work, and the support of both home and school, I am sure they can all look forward to celebrating outstanding outcomes in August. Good luck and best wishes then, to all our exam candidates, including those in year 9 sitting their RS short course GCSE, as they embark on the final section of their 2025 examination journeys. I do hope that the year 10 exams went well this last week, results of which will be sent home early next term.

Congratulations indeed to Mrs Wales, our school admissions officer (and formally the headmaster's personal assistant) for being recognised, in the 2025 Pearson National Teaching Awards, for her outstanding contribution to both the school and education more generally, through receiving a Bronze medal in the Unsung Hero category. I know everyone connected to the life and work of the school will know, or be aware of Mrs Wales, and will feel as I do, that this award and recognition is very much deserved.

With my colleagues in mind, I would like to thank, on behalf of the whole school community, the following teachers for their outstanding work in school, but who are now leaving Crypt for new ventures. Mrs Alison Peake, officially retired in the summer, but generously agreed to cover for a maternity leave in maths, and who now places her teacher's chalk into her pocket for the last time. Mrs Peake has been an outstanding teacher of maths since joining the school as a trainee, after a career outside education; however, for many students she will be most fondly remembered and thanked for her leadership of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in school, and which flourished under her guidance, witnessing hundreds of students successfully undertake the award at Crypt, including many Gold award recipients. We wish her every happiness in retirement. Mrs Alison Longhurst has taught geography since 2018 and has been at the forefront of that department's outstanding success over recent years, in which numbers studying the subject at both GCSE and at A Level have grown hugely, with



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many year 13 students progressing onto study geography, or related subjects at university. Mrs Longhurst has also given much of her own time to support geography field trips and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and we wish her every success in her new role. Finally, thank you to Mrs Ormston, who has been teaching history and politics since last year, covering for Ms Hayes's maternity leave, which she returns from next term. Mrs Ormston has been a wonderful teacher of both subjects, and we only wish we had a permanent teaching role for her here at Crypt; however, we hope to see her here at Crypt again in the near future.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Crypt School Parent Teacher Association (the CSPTA). I would like to thank all those many parents/carers and staff who have so generously supported the work of the CSPTA over the last 50 years, and those who continue to do so. Over my time at the school, the CSPTA has raised literally tens of thousands of pounds on behalf of the school, monies which have benefited everyone who has worked at, or attended the school over those years. Most notably perhaps, the CSPTA have funded projects including two outdoor student covered areas, granted a large donation towards the building of the S (teaching) block, the sports pavilion, and the recent renovation of the main school hall, whilst also funding many smaller items for departments, such as microscopes for biology, many items of sports and musical equipment, books for almost every department across the school, and the library and most recently their funding of the wonderful wall art that now stands strikingly in many areas of the school. Members of the committee also run the second-hand uniform shop, offer refreshments for many school events and provide a wonderful welcome to parents/carers new to the school, and others who are able to get more involved, through the work of the CSPTA, in our rich school life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank long serving members of the CSPTA (who are sadly leaving this year) Gayle Stott, Claire Gooch and Committee Chair, Claire Berry, for all that they have so richly contributed to the life of the school, through their support and leadership of the CSPTA Committee.

Terms 3 and 4 have been busy for everyone connected to the life of the school, and I am sure that all students will take with them into the holiday some fond memories and highlights of that time since January. That may be in the arena of sport, where many of our students have excelled such as the U14 boy's rugby squad, who won the county cup against Dean Close a few weeks ago now, or the senior girl's netball squad, who excelled in their competition against King's at Oxstalls on Wednesday after school. It may be in the field of engineering, where our F1 in Schools Teams excelled in both the regional and national finals, as noted in my newsletter home two weeks ago; or in science, where our senior year 13 chemists excelled in the RSC examinations, or equally in maths, where students from across the school performed outstanding well in the national maths challenges for example. Other students have enjoyed trips and visits, opportunities to attend careers talks and seminars, including this week the whole of year 12 who attended a UCAS convention at Newport, and who now look forward to determining their post 18 pathways; or equally, those who have contributed

so fully to our school life through being members of the school parliaments, through mentoring and through other school leadership and community positions. Finally on this note, well done to those students from years 7 and 9 who performed “Medusa: A Latin Play” on Wednesday at lunchtime, outside in the sunshine in front of quite a sizeable audience; they have been rehearsing their performance for many weeks now, as part of the school’s Classic Club, under the guidance of Mrs McAvoy and other English teachers. Their performance (in Latin) was absolutely brilliant - well done to all involved. So, whatever memories and highlights students may take into the Easter break, I do hope that they have found the last three months rewarding.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our fundraising efforts on behalf of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity - Big Space Cancer Centre - appeal; many of you have very kindly donated on the JustGiving page, with a very large amount being contributed to the appeal through payments made on ParentPay, for today’s non-uniform day in aid of this great cause. I’m sure that we will be able to meet our school target of £10,000.

I would like to end this newsletter home by thanking those students in year 13 who have given up a considerable amount of time this past year, to act as school prefects and to serve as members of our sixth form student executive team. They have all been outstanding leaders of the sixth form and of the wider school body; in particular though, I would like to thank outgoing Head Boy - Jack Mitten - and Head Girl - Lizzie Tweneboa - for their outstanding leadership of that group, and of the wider student body too.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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

Nicholas Dyer
Headmaster

School Dates

28 April	Term 5 starts week 1
30 April	Multicultural Day (non-uniform)
1 May	Junior Maths Challenge
2 May	Y11 Soak the Teacher
2-4 May	Silver DofE
5 May	Bank Holiday
7 May	Y11 Last day
8 May	Y8 Parent/Carer Evening Virtual
9 May	Y13 Last Day

Year 12 Students Explore Future Pathways at UCAS Discovery Newport 2025

On April 7 2025, our Year 12 students attended the UCAS Discovery event at the International Convention Centre (ICC) Wales in Newport. This event provided a comprehensive platform for students to explore a multitude of post-18 options, including university courses, apprenticeships, and career opportunities.

The UCAS Discovery event is designed to assist students in making informed decisions about their future. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with representatives from over 100 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers. They participated in live expert talks covering various subjects and received guidance from qualified careers advisers. Additionally, students could interact with UCAS experts to gain dedicated support regarding their options.

Mrs Attwood, Year 12 Pastoral Support Worker commented, "It was great to see our Y12 students take advantage of this opportunity to speak to lots of different universities and other post-18 options in one place. The feedback I got from some of the Y12s I spoke to was really positive and had helped them either whittle down their shortlist or consider options they hadn't thought of before. Lots of them were also sporting new sunglasses and bucket hats that they had picked up from various exhibitor stands!"

The event featured several dedicated zones:

- Universities and Colleges Zone: Students conversed with numerous institutions about available courses and campus life.
- Apprenticeships and Employers Zone: This area provided insights into apprenticeship opportunities and firsthand accounts of working within various industries.

- **Big Q&A Stage:** Attendees listened to talks on diverse subjects, career advice, and received practical support with applications, finance, and accommodation.
- **Chill and Charge Zone:** A relaxed space where students could consult with careers advisers and UCAS experts.

Feedback from our students was overwhelmingly positive. Many appreciated the chance to gather information directly from university representatives and employers, which has been instrumental in clarifying their post-18 choices. The expert talks were particularly well-received, offering valuable insights into various career paths and the application process.

Attending the UCAS Discovery event has significantly contributed to our students' understanding of the opportunities available to them after Year 13. We encourage all students to continue researching and reflecting on their future pathways, utilizing the resources and connections made during this event.

George, Year 12 commented "The UCAS Discover Day was informative and allowed an in depth and personal university advice, providing information about previously unconsidered opportunities."

This experience has set a solid foundation for our students as they consider their future pathways beyond The Crypt School. Building on this momentum, Terms 5 and 6 will introduce our Career Insights Programme. This initiative offers over 25 career talks and culminates with work experience and the University and Employment Conference during the last week of term. We encourage all students to actively participate in these events to further explore and refine their post-18 options.



Multicultural Day

Wednesday 30th April 2025

To celebrate inclusivity, Multicultural Day is a non-uniform day. Wear traditional clothing, cultural attire, or a sports kit representing your heritage—whether it's a national kit, cricket whites, or cultural dress, show your pride! Take part, explore new experiences, and celebrate the richness of our school community.

Global Food Showcase – Room 11 | 13:15

Scottish Dancing – Drama Studio | 13:30

African Drumming Workshop – Music Studio | 13:15

Scavenger Hunt – Start at the Pastoral Office

Roaring 20s (USA) – Room 37 | 13:15

Gloucestershire Culture: Farming & Rugby – Room 14 | 13:30

Language Workshop (Spanish & German) – Room TBC | 13:30

Henna Tattoos – Quiet Area | 13:30

Additional Activities (Starting 28th April):

Apartheid in Sport – Room TBC | TBC

Library Displays – Books from different cultures

Make a Samosa – Room 11 | Thurs & Fri at 13:15 & 13:45



Classics Club - Medusa: A Latin Play!

This term, our Classics Club has been hard at work preparing for and, as of this week, performing a Latin play about Medusa. We've dedicated time to translating and rehearsing the script as well as creating props and costumes to bring it all to life. We are so proud of our students' commitment and particularly of their impressive line delivery! Thank you to all involved, including our marvellous audience. Stay tuned for more classical antics next term...



Parent and Carer Workshop - Study Skills with Dr Kate Billington

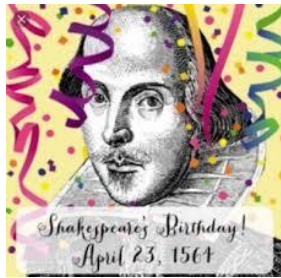
We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our recent workshop on study skills, led by our brilliant educational psychologist, Dr Kate Billington, Dr Mackenzie Menon (EP) and Lorena Medina (assistant EP). The session was really useful with attendees gaining a wealth of tips and strategies to support their children's learning and to try and increase engagement. The warm and supportive atmosphere made the event a positive experience for everyone involved. A huge thank you to Dr Kate for sharing her expertise, to our SEND department for organising the workshop, and of course, to our wonderful parents and carers for their enthusiastic participation!



DR KATE BILLINGTON

Library News

This week has seen students hunting around the school trying to find a chick in a yellow easter egg picture – once found they return to me in the library to receive their prize which is an Easter Egg. Lots of students asking staff for clues – which of course no one knows except me. There were ten to be found throughout the week.



Over the Easter break it will be William Shakespeare's birthday celebrations. On the return to school, I will be running a quiz about William Shakespeare for the students to take part and win a free book. The quizzes are very popular and all students who take part are put into a draw as well as receiving merits for taking part.

The Friday Game Club is proving to be very popular. There is a wide selection of board and card games available. It is a great way to unwind with friends and promote wellbeing after a busy week at school.



I am constantly keeping my eyes open for new book titles for the library and ask students for recommendations. Students who read book series are always eager to let me know when a new book is due to be released. One of our very popular series is The Hunger Games, I am pleased to say that the latest in the series Sunrise of the Reaping will be on our bookshelves after the Easter holiday



"Collins is an excellent writer, and there are moments of surprising lyricism. Sunrise on the Reaping contains enough both to snare new readers and to satisfy the most bloodthirsty fan" - Guardian.

Are you having a Spring clean? If so I would like to mention that we are always pleased to receive any book donations you may have. Please always think of the school library if you come across any books you would like to get rid of. Teenage fiction or non-fiction are always welcome.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Music Newsletter

With Easter almost here, we would like to reflect on an astonishing term of achievements. In March, we held our collaborative Evensong performance with Gloucester Cathedral, producing breathtaking harmonies of Parry's I Was Glad within the majesty of the building. Just two weeks after, we held our Spring Concert, showcasing our incredible, high-standard and inclusive musical community as we performed Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man, with a diverse programme of orchestral and newly formed ensembles producing an exceptional display of connection and wonder.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Year 11 students as they hit huge milestones in their GCSE work this term. Both performance recitals and compositions have been submitted and 60% of their overall GCSE is now complete. They have produced truly wonderful pieces of work and have been good listeners in all pieces of feedback provided. We wish them all the best as they now prepare for their listening paper exam in June.

Looking ahead, our Jazz Band have been progressing with their Cheltenham Jazz Festival repertoire and in a great place to exhibit their programme on Sunday 4th May. Our choir and orchestra have made a strong start to the Founders' Day repertoire with the Kyrie from Byrd's Mass for Four Voices and our celebratory favourite Crown Imperial from William Walton.

We would like to offer a round of congratulations to Areeba, Abigail, Madeleine, Rayna, Calvin and Julian for their outstanding exam results in their ABRSM and Trinity singing and instrumental exams. A special round of applause to their music tutors who made these results possible.

On Saturday 12th April, Mr Whittaker will be leading Newent Choral Society for their concert performance of Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. Members of our own school community will be performing in the Ragazzi choir as part of the work, with the event promising to be an exciting showcase of the 80th anniversary of the society.

Ticket information can be found in the link [here](#).

Chess Champion

Congratulations to Zack in Year 7 who represented England U12s at the Chessmates International tournament in York. Zack gave an exemplary performance, winning all his matches and leading England to second place behind Germany.



Funded STEM workshops - Gloucestershire County Council (HAF)

Bloodhound Education is a charity that delivers hands-on science and engineering activities for schools and the local community. We have over 13 years of experience providing practical enrichment workshops that engage families of all ages.

We are running the workshops listed below, fully funded by Gloucestershire County Council under the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme. Visit [HERE](#) for further information.

Lunch will be provided for all children eligible for free school meals and funded places.

- **Cotswolds-** Wednesday 16th April 2025
Cirencester Baptist Church GL7 1YE
- **Gloucester-** Thursday 17th April 2025
Hucclecote Community Centre, Gloucester GL3 3RT
- **Forest of Dean-** Tuesday 22nd April 2025
The Wesley, Forest of Dean Community & Arts Centre, Cinderford GL14 2AB
- **Cheltenham-** Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Springbank Community & Resource Centre, Cheltenham GL51 0LH
- **Tewkesbury-** Wednesday 23rd April 2025,
George Watson Memorial Hall, Tewkesbury GL20 5PX
- **Stroud-** Friday 25th April 2025
Stonehouse Community Centre Stonehouse GL10 2NS

IT Online Shop

The iPad accessory store where you can buy items such as pencils or replacement cases at a discount is now open and will close at the end of March. Once the store is closed all orders will be shipped to the school for distribution to the students.

<https://store.albion.co.uk/the-crypt/>

There is also a link on the iPad page of the website (under our parents)

Girls into Electronics - STEM opportunity for girls in Years 10, 11 and 12

We have 6 places on this event at the University of Bath on 9th July. This is open to all girls in Y10 and 11, and any girls in Y12 who are studying one or more of Maths, Physics or Computer Science.

Please register your interest by sending an email to Mrs John by 2nd May (sjohn@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk)



Girls into Electronics



Discover Electronics on a one day course at a leading university. A unique opportunity for girls aged 14-17.

Wednesday 9 July 2025



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- Hear from women who are working in the Electronics industry
- Attend a sample lecture, a department tour and meet current students
- Get hands-on with Electronics activities
- Find out about rewarding careers in the Electronics industry (green energy – artificial intelligence – healthcare – consumer electronics – autonomous & electrical vehicles)



“ The event was fun, insightful and Electronics Engineering is now definitely an option when considering career opportunities.

Girls into Electronics attendee 2024

To sign up or find out more information visit:
www.ukesf.org/what-we-do/girls-into-electronics

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Term 4 Crypt PE Newsletter- Miss Leask Director of Sport

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well.

The fourth term was a very busy and exciting one, with plenty of fixtures, cup competitions and clubs to be a part of. Each term the PE department will release a newsletter detailing what all our sports teams have been up to during the term.

As always you can keep up to date with all things Crypt PE by following us on instagram @thecryptschoolpe. If you would like to share information regarding your child's sporting success outside of school. Please send all information to hatkinson@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk, with your permission we want to highlight as many of our students sporting successes as possible.

Rugby Overview

U12 - (Mr Jakes)

Stats:

Played 13, won 6, lost 6, drew 1.

Year 7 Rugby officially closed for the year. What a season the boys have had. Term 4 included 2 massive games for the year 7s. Sir Thomas Richards was the first, the boys came up against a very strong team resulting in a loss. However, the students' resilience and tenacity was extremely impressive and we fought to the end. The second game against Pates resulted in a 65-50 loss, but the score doesn't represent how much effort the boys put in. I am immensely proud of what the Y7 rugby teams have achieved next year and can see them pushing to be a very strong and successful team in the future. Their passion for the sport shines through and I wish them all the best in the next rugby season.



U14 - (Mr Hart)

Wednesday 5th March was a very special day for all those involved in the boys year 9 rugby team. This was the final of the EDF Cup. In order to reach the final you have to beat every team. I know that sounds obvious but there are different finals on the day for those teams that lost in earlier rounds. What every team is striving for is to reach the EDF Cup Final. Wins

against Churchdown, Deer Park and a semi final win by 10 points to 8 against Marling meant that Crypt made the final for the first time in 3 years.

This in itself was an incredible achievement from a team that suffered early losses at the start of the season. In an ironic twist the team we were going to play in the final were an unbeaten team from Dean Close coached by our ex Director of Sport Mr Bawden.

The kick off was under lights at 7.00 and we managed to secure the home changing room. You can tell from the boy's reaction that this was a special moment. Eventually it was time to run out onto the pitch as a team and try and create some history.

Our message to the boys before we went out was to make a statement early, to plant a seed of doubt into the opposition that this was not going to be as easy as most people thought it would. And we delivered. George put the kick off high and short which resulted in a knock on, scrum to us and eventually the first try. It was clear from then this was going to be a competitive game of rugby. Trys were exchanged and going into halftime Dean Close had a healthy lead.



The second half can be a time when the boys tire but they went into another gear and with 10 mins to go Crypt were leading. The class of Dean Close was always evident and their full back was carving us apart and Dean Close scored under the posts to lead by 2 points. With 90 seconds to go we were awarded a scrum but George was down injured. He was happy to try and continue so this was our last chance. The ball came out of the scrum and into George's hands. He passed 2 players then went for the most audacious of chips over their defence. The ball seemed to hang in the air long enough for some of the coaches to doubt that decision. However, the ball bounced beautifully up into the hands of George to score what was the winning try.

Not since 2016 has Crypt won the EDF CUP so the celebrations were wild. This success is an incredible example of effort and resilience. The boys could have easily been lacking motivation at the start of the year with several heavy defeats. However they kept belief and bringing in 2 further coaches in Mr Dix and Mr Curruthers made all the difference.

Having been at the Crypt for many years now this is one of the proudest moments in my teaching career. The whole squad was amazing and proves what staying together as a team can achieve. We then held a celebration evening to watch the whole game back to celebrate again what an incredible achievement this was. Hopefully we can put the link on the school website for others to enjoy the game.



Girls Rugby - (Miss Leask)

During term 3 all girls were participating in rugby during the game, this might have been either squad or recreational rugby but it was great to see so many girls enjoying and participating in the sport. We were lucky enough to have Gloucester Rugby come in and provide an after school club during terms 3 & 4 in preparation for the Churchdown rugby festival.



Our girls really bought into the programme and we were able to field two U14 teams for the festival and one U12 side. The girls showed true grit and determination throughout. It was a very special day and we are extremely proud of all who took part. Our U12 team played in a round robin tournament and came second in the group stage. We



faced Ribston in the final who had already beaten us once. Carys, our U12 captain, gave a great inspirational speech and led by example, running hard and putting her body on the line which everyone then followed. We showed true resilience and determination and won the game 2 tries to 1 in a fantastic well battled final.

The U14s were unbeaten in their league, they faced a strong side in the semi final but worked together well as a team to unite and get the win. In the final they were brilliant throughout, showed excellent communication skills and perseverance. Big mention to U14 captain Maya who led by example and MiMi in Y8 who despite being one of the younger players absolutely dominated in the ruck.

Football Overview

U13 - (Mr Hart)

It has been a difficult season for the year 8 boys football team coming up against some strong opposition and missing out by a single goal in 3 games. I have been thoroughly impressed by the attitude of the entire squad with over 40 boys keen on playing competitive football. Sadly due to staffing we were unable to put on any B team fixtures. However, over 20 boys still played at least one competitive game. Well done to Coby and Roman for their part in leading the team and we all look forward to progressing in year 9.



U14 - (Mr Atkinson)

Stats:

Played 6, won 4, lost 2. Goals scored = 25 Goals Conceded = 15

A mental week of four games in seven days defined the year 9 boys' season. After wins against Churchdown and Gloucester Academy in previous weeks, they went into the City Cup Semi-final feeling confident. The opponents were St Peters, who played the majority of the football and were a very good side, the year 9 team unfortunately losing 4-1 and ending our cup run.

What followed were two grammar school derbies in two days. To begin, the year 9 boys team had an emphatic 7-2 win against Tommies, which helped them get over the disappointment of the semi-final just four days previous. Then 24 hours later they took on Pates, leading 4-2 at half time. Unfortunately, the boys could not see the game out and went down to a late Pates winner, losing 5-4.



This is an extremely talented group of football players, who will learn from the two disappointing results. It was a pleasure to be their coach this season and I look forward to seeing how they progress as they get older.

Many thanks to players Harrison & Enrico for their help, advice and support with all things year 9 boys football.

U15 - (Mr Windsor)

Played 6. Won 1, Drew 2, Lost 2. Goals for 13, Goals conceded 15

To say this season was “a mixed bag” is probably a fair assessment given the overall record of the U15s. The year started brightly with a convincing win against our neighbours Holmleigh Park, and the team showed great resilience to dig in for a draw away at a strong Henley Bank. They weren’t able to build on this going forward, playing out a 0-0 stalemate with Churchdown in the last City Cup group stage match, but nevertheless qualified for the knock outs. A gut-wrenching 2-1



“friendly” defeat at home in the last minute to our rivals Tommies was followed with a difficult game away at St Peter’s, who showed their class in winning 5-1 to qualify for the City cup final. We ended the season with a more positive performance at Pates, eventually drawing 5-5 in an end to end battle. It has been a pleasure leading this group, who have been keen from the outset with excellent numbers committing to training each week. Well done to Owen E for finishing as top goalscorer from centre back!

U16 - (Miss Leask)

A short season for our U16 boys this year, we only managed to play 4 games and a different league structure this year means we were just shy of reaching the semi final. The boys played some really great football, the highlight against Pates where we started to find our rhythm and link up play. We came away from the season with 3 wins and 1 loss.

Senior Football - (Miss Leask)

A strong start to the season for our senior boys, they made it through to the 4th round of the ESFA, the furthest we have ever got to in the competition. We felt confident going into the county cup games and finished our season placing second. We faced Sir Bernard Lovell School in the quarter finals in a highly competitive game. Unfortunately we lost 3-1 and exited the competition. Many thanks to Chris Gooch for his excellent coaching and expertise. Another thanks to Will T 1st team captain who has shown excellent leadership throughout the season.



Girls Football - (Miss Leask)

Our U16s made it through to the regional 7 a side competition. We had 7 girls in the team and came into the tournament as underdogs. Unfortunately we lost a player early on due to injury and the girls battled hard playing with one player down. They lost one game and then went on a great run of not losing a game. They were excellent throughout showing great determination and grit. They ran their absolute socks off and finished the tournament higher up than we initially anticipated.



Netball Overview

District Tournaments

This term saw more netball taking place and kept the teams very busy. Our U12, U13, U14 and U16 have all taken part in the district netball tournament. We had the pleasure of organising and running this tournament for the second year in a row. The teams played some brilliant netball against teams including Denmark Road, Ribston and Kings. Every team made it through to the semi finals and made it in the top 4. Unfortunately, the U16s just missed out to win it by 2 goals. A great show of netball and improvement made this year. An excellent way to end the netball season. Congratulations to all the girls who took part. Thank you also to all the students who came and helped organise the tournaments.



Keeping with tournaments the U15 team took part in the Maydent tournament at Cheltenham Ladies College. The team came together and played some really high quality netball. The resilience and focus of the U15s this year has been excellent. They had some great wins and stayed enthusiastic even after an injury within the team on the day. We look forward to them being part of the senior programme next year and seeing how much they can improve.



U16 (Miss Burnside)

The U16 netball team were in action again this term still involved with the Sisters in Sport competition. The girls have made it through to the semi finals, for this tournament, for two

consecutive years. The team travelled all the way to Hurstpierpoint College to compete for the semi finals. They started the match strong with a great team morale to win the game, which continued throughout. We led by two goals in the first quarter due to some excellent center pass set ups and 100% commitment from every player on court. In the second quarter the opposition fought back strongly with some excellent defence. We struggled to get the ball to goal and it cost us. We had 7 goals to turn over for the third quarter. The U16 team regrouped and fought hard for every interception. We turned over around 15 passes however couldn't take the ball to goal. In the final quarter the girls never stopped fighting and the end score was 40-31 to Hurstpierpoint College. This was an unlucky result and the girls were by far better on the day, however sometimes it doesn't go your way. We are beyond impressed and proud with the performance of the U16 team and individually every single one of the girls have performed outstandingly. We are so proud of their success and we look forward to what they can do next year. Some of the team are going their separate ways this year so we wish them luck in their next steps for sixth form or college. Keep playing netball!

Senior Netball (Miss Leask)

A mixed season for our senior netball team, we played some challenging fixtures against the likes of Cheltenham Ladies College, Dean Close and Kings School. The girls just kept getting better and better throughout the season and all sights were set on the showcase match held on the 9th April at Oxstalls arena. We faced Kings in a fantastic competitive match, the girls were outstanding showing great teamwork, grit and determination. We started the first quarter looking very nervy but slowly grew into the game. Our defence was outstanding and our shooters did not miss! We finished the game winning 29-27! Massive shout out to Isabella who was our player of the match and was outstanding with her shooting throughout the game. Also to Kiara who has been a brilliant captain throughout the last 2 seasons and a great role model. Good luck to all our Y13 leavers!



Basketball Overview (Miss Burnside)

Y7 and Y8 Junior NBA

The U12 and U13 junior NBA basketball has been in full swing. Over the last two terms the teams have played against four local schools over three tournaments. Every tournament has given an opportunity for a large number of pupils to take part and compete. Over the three tournaments the Year 7s ended up finishing 6th out of 8. The Year 8s have finished 4th out of 8 only losing 3 games. The teams have done so well that they have both advanced to the next round. If they win the next game they will have made it through to the semi final competition.



To further that, the Year 7s played their match on Tuesday and beat Alcester Grammar School 14-11. Congratulations to all the pupils in the junior NBA competitions and we look forward to seeing how both teams progress.

Swimming Gala (Mr Atkinson)

On the 27th February, 30 students from years 7-10 visited GL1 leisure centre for the annual Gloucester City Schools Swimming Gala. Competing in a range of races, both solo and relays, everyone represented themselves and the school excellently.

A special mention to the junior boys who raced in year 8, 9 & 10 races and won them all! Overall we won 10 races in total which was fantastic to see for a school without a pool!

Crypt school kit

As most parents are aware we do hand out sports kits for our students to wear. We are really proud of our school kit and we have worked really hard to gain funding to pay for our sports kit. Unfortunately some students are not handing back their kit after it has been worn and this is having a negative impact on other teams across the school. If we carry on not receiving our kit back we unfortunately won't be able to wear it anymore as we do not have the funds or spares to replace them.

If you notice some kit in your washing that isn't your child's can you politely remind them to hand it back to the PE department.

Fixtures

A reminder that all fixtures can be found on The Crypt School sports website via socs.

<https://www.cryptsport.co.uk/?id=376&desktop=1>

You can keep track of what fixtures are coming up and if your child has been selected.



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.