



Headmaster's Letter

24th April 2026

Dear parents/carers and students,

Culture week at the Crypt School

My thanks to all students, led by Ms Hayes (History and Politics and school Inclusion lead) for celebrating culture week in school. On Monday, students wore clothes into school which celebrated their own cultural identity, with many also bringing into school prized family artifacts for display. Food, of course, is central to all cultures and cultural events, and that was indeed the case at Crypt, with food from across the world brought into share on Monday for all to try. At a time of increased division in our society and wider world, it was wonderful once again to see our Crypt students celebrate their own cultures, their identities, within our shared Crypt School spaces.

Career development

Year 12 commenced their summer careers programme with the option to attend one of three career insight talks on Wednesday afternoon, as they consider their post 18 pathways further. Thanks to Mr Germaine, careers leader, for organising those talks and for our speakers for giving up their time to attend the school, either in person or remotely. Talks this week focussed on: veterinary medicine, engineering and business management.

Academic studies and examination

Year 10 examinations have continued across the week, and it has been very encouraging to see how seriously these have been taken by all students, whose behaviour in these examinations has also been



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exemplary. They are a year group with immense promise and I am sure that each student in year 10 will continue to make strong progress in both their academic work and in all else that they undertake as they move from year 10 into year 11. Other year groups are also preparing for their forthcoming internal exams and assessments, with year 12 internal examinations taking place between the 27th of April to the 8th of May. With examinations in mind, this week has seen the MFL speaking exams take place; last year's GCSE MFL results placed the school amongst the top performing grammar schools in the county, and I am sure this year's cohort will perform just as well, if not better!

Year 8 parent's evening was held last night, which I hope proved a useful occasion for parents/carers to be updated as to their child's progress in their learning and personal development. Appologies for our internet providers technical issues on the night.

Sport

Many fixtures took place across what was a very sunny week, and which included year 10 handball, year 7 and 8 girl's rounders, senior boy's cricket against Tommies and the athletics district trial, which was held at Prince of Wales stadium in Cheltenham, with our team coached by former Olympic 800m runner, Mr Hart. Most notably perhaps is the continued success of our girl's U14 Rugby squad who played in the EDF Cup at Kingsholm last evening and performed brilliantly, winning their semi-final match and only narrowly losing out in the last passage of play in the final. Next week, our girl's U16 football team will play in the county cup finals at Cirencester town on Monday of next week - good luck to those involved. All fixtures and results can be found on the following link: https://www.cryptsport.co.uk/Fixtures_List.asp?Id=376&TID=2019676&SID=20

Student executive farewell Lunch

Last Friday, as a thank you to the year 13 members of the the school's Student Executive Team, who help senior colleagues lead and manage, not just the sixth form, but the wider school too, enjoyed a lunch with members of the sixth form staffing term, as a thank you for the effort and commitment, as well as the real difference to the life and work of the school, that they have so richly contributed over the last year.



Gloucester History festival Spring weekend

It was a pleasure to attend the Gloucester History Festival Spring weekend, and introduce one of the speakers - Cambridge History Professor Rory Naismith - who spoke about his new book on King Offa - King of the Mercians. The Festival will also be running in September, and we hope to be able to involve our own students in that festival week, which is chaired by Old Cryptian, Andrew Pitt.

Staffing Update

From the 11th of May, and after almost two years of being seconded to each others' posts in school, Ms Susan Glock (currently Director of Post 16 Education and of Student Personal Development) and Mr Robert Biggs (Deputy Head - Academic) will be moving back to their original roles on the school's senior leadership team. Ms Glock and Mr Biggs have enjoyed an enormously successful secondment to each others' roles over that time, ensuing both continuity in the quality of our offer in each area, and in strengthening each respective area through bringing new insight into those important aspects of school life; they return to their original roles in school with great pride and satisfaction in their work across that seconded period.

Therefore, as of the 11th of May, any enquiries regarding the sixth form, or regarding student personal development should be made now to Mr Biggs, and any issues related to the academic life of the school, to Ms Glock.

With my continued best wishes,



Nicholas Dyer
Headmaster

Dates For Your Diary

28th April	CSPTA AGM and Meeting 6.30pm all welcome
29th April	Junior Maths Challenge
1st - 3rd May	DofE Silver walking practice
4th May	Mayday Bank Holiday school closed
6th May	Year 11 Last Day
8th May	Year 13 Last Day

Ski Trip - Les Deux Alps

For those that attended the ski trip to Les Deux Alps over Easter they have returned with many memories, new skills and learnt a little bit about themselves.

We flew out very early on a Saturday morning arriving at the site in time to get their ski gear sorted. Getting 92 students through this stage was challenging but the students were very patient and excited to ski on the Sunday.

First day on the slopes was steady ensuring everyone was in the correct ski group for their ability. The snow conditions were excellent and -2 air temperature was ideal for skiing. This was very consistent almost every day with all lifts and slopes fully open, very little queues for the lifts up the mountain and students progressing at a fast rate. By the end of the 6 days skiing everyone was competent and skiing well. We did have some injuries but thanks to the medical staff on site and the Crypt Staff this was dealt with really well.

Post ski the students had access to the town plus a pizza night and laser tag. We were also entertained most evenings by a live DJ and a talent show.

Speaking to many of the students they had a wonderful time and would really like to ski in the future. Thank you to all the staff that made this trip possible, especially Mrs Williams. The 2027 ski trip is already fully booked but we are already talking about 2028 for the current year 7 and 8 students.



Support for talented young athletes: FLAIR Applications

Applications are now open for FLAIR – Freedom Leisure’s Athlete Investment & Recognition programme. Freedom Leisure support hundreds of talented athletes across England and Wales, helping those competing at a national level to progress towards elite performance. Through the programme, athletes receive free access to our leisure centres, providing the facilities, space, and support needed to train and excel.

👉 Applications are now open:

<https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/flair/>



AGM Agenda 28th April

Dear All

This coming Tuesday 28th April sees the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Crypt School Parents Association (CSPTA). The meeting will begin at 6.30pm, and is being held in the Crush Hall at the school. We anticipate the meeting will last around 90 minutes.

Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

This is a special year for the CSPTA, both in terms of new opportunities for 2026 / 27, and changes taking place within the group as the secretary, finance, deputy chair and chair roles will become vacant. As we are all volunteers I would encourage everyone to be active and play a part in our ongoing successes, no matter how small the contribution.

If you would like to be more involved, or kept up to date with our activities but unable to attend the meeting, please do get in touch with us via cspta@cryptschool.org

Have a great weekend, and look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Tuesday.

Mike Byfield – Chair CSPTA



The Crypt School Parent Teacher Association

Parents, Teachers and Friends

cspta@cryptschool.org

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
51st Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 28th April at 6.30pm

Venue: The Crush Hall, 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. **Welcome by the Chairman**
2. **Present**
3. **Apologies**
4. **Chairman's Report**
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - For the year 2024-2025
 - For the month ending March 2026
6. **Election of Officers**
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
7. **Volunteers to assist the Committee**
 - 200 Club
 - Refreshments
 - Uniform
8. **Headmaster's Remarks**
9. **Bids**
10. **Events**

18 June New Y7 Pastoral Evening
24 June Open Morning
1 July Y7 and 8 Showcase Concert
4 July Cabaret Evening – possibility to have optional food and drink tickets (Ms Crozier)
11. **Uniform**

New policy and current preloved stock
Scarves
12. **200 Club**
13. **Dates of Next Meetings**

Monday 18th May
Tuesday 30th June
14. **AOB**

Chairman: Mike Byfield Vice Chairman: Tracy Scott
Secretary: Sharon Byfield Treasurer: Steve Scott
Web: <http://www.cryptschool.org/association-aims/> Email: cspta@cryptschool.org

Blackbridge 1st Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday 28th April

In partnership with Blackbridge Charitable Community Benefit Society, we're inviting you to join us for a day of FREE activities - enjoy a gym session, try a class on us, or simply pop in for a hot drink & cake.

What's on:

09:00 – 13:00 Breakfast Club (£1 coffees)

09:30 – 14:00 Health MOTs (blood pressure & “Know Your Numbers”)

11:00 – 11:45 Body Balance (FREE – booking required)

11:00 – 12:30 Walking Football (charges apply)

14:00 – 15:30 Tea & Cake Party (One Church – free refreshments)

18:00 – 19:00 Circuits (FREE – booking required)

19:30 – 20:30 Yoga (FREE – booking required)

All day:

✓ **FREE** gym access

✓ Bring a friend for **FREE**

☎ To book or find out more: 01452 946069

Valuables

We would like to take a moment to gently remind families about our guidance regarding personal valuables in school. To help maintain a positive and respectful environment for all, we encourage students to avoid bringing in expensive items or large amounts of money wherever possible.

While we are proud of the high standards of behaviour demonstrated by the vast majority of our students, limiting valuable items in school helps to reduce unnecessary temptation and supports us in upholding those standards consistently.

If there is a genuine reason for a student to bring a valuable item into school, we strongly encourage them to hand it in to the school office or a member of staff at the start of the day. We are very happy to store such items securely until the end of the school day.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message with your child. Working together in this way helps ensure a safe and focused learning environment for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Year.

Summer Term Parent Support Series

elevate
education

Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60- minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

**Scan the QR code
to register**



In the Summer Term, we'll cover:

- 1. Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)**
- 28th April @6:00pm (BST)
- 2. How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**
- 12th May @6:00pm (BST)
- 3. How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress**
- 9th June @6:00pm (BST)
- 4. How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated**
- 23rd June @6:00pm (BST)
- 5. How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success**
- 7th July @6:00pm (BST)



Supporting a teenager can feel overwhelming ...

You don't have to do it alone!



Our NEW & FREE live Zoom webinars are here to support you!

Our NEW live webinars give parents and carers practical tools, expert guidance, and a safe space to support young people's emotional wellbeing.

By taking part, parents and carers can:

- Understand their young person's challenges
- Learn practical strategies for resilience and wellbeing
- Gain tools to manage difficult conversations, set boundaries, and resolve conflict
- Feel more confident, supported, and less alone
- Access live Zoom Webinar sessions easily from home

Join us online and take the next step in supporting your child's wellbeing.

To find out more, or to book onto a session, visit

www.letstalkwell.org.uk/parents-carers/webinars

Limited spaces

Who: Tailored for Gloucestershire parents and carers of children ages 11-18.

When: A range of topics delivered across the year.

Where: Online Zoom Webinar

FREE COUNSELLING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN GLOUCESTER

Who is Ignite Life?

Ignite Life is a Bristol-based youth charity that supports young people and families facing disadvantage. In 2025, we supported 99 young people with counselling, 56 young people with mentoring and 105 households a week with food provision. We have received funding to expand our counselling service into Gloucester.

**HAVE YOU BEEN FEELING SAD,
STRESSED OR OVERWHELMED? YOU
DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT ALONE.**

What is the service?

- Free 7 week block of 1:1 counselling sessions.
- For young people aged 5-25 in Gloucester.
- A safe, confidential space to talk.
- Support to build resilience, confidence and coping strategies.
- Based in Gloucester.
- Referrals welcome from schools, parent/carers, and young people.

To make a referral and further information,
please contact gloucester@ignite-life.co.uk.

