



# The Cranbourne Catch Up

*A School Newsletter*



**Edition 11 - Friday 2 May**

## A bumper crop of lettuce

Our Horticulture students have been busy growing lettuce which will be used in the Canteen.

Last week, they put together this protective netting to keep it safe from the pesky Cranbourne pigeons!



## Reading University

On Wednesday 30 April, we took a group of Year 9 students to Reading University to explore the campus and learn more about the courses on offer.

They participated in a Q&A session where they had the opportunity to delve deeper into student life and attended a lecture.

The trip allowed students to gain insight into university life and begin thinking about their future aspirations and career paths.

A second group will have the opportunity to visit on Monday 12 May.

## Celebrate VE Day



Celebrate VE day with us in the Canteen on Friday 9 May.

Enjoy an afternoon tea box filled with a sandwich, snack, cake and scone for just £2.60.

Tickets can be purchased from the Canteen.



**Don't forget! The Cranbourne Food Pantry is open to all every Thursday between 11.15am and 12.15pm.**

## GCSE Exams

Our Year 11 students will be starting their GCSE exams in the coming weeks. Here's a few tips to remember when tackling revision:

We all learn in different ways and have different revision techniques that work for us. Whether you like to write it out, make flashcards, record yourself talking... do what works for you!

Revising so you can keep your knowledge fresh and perform to the best of your ability is important, but so is taking a break. Make sure you remember to factor in the time to do the things you love.

We're extremely proud of the commitment and dedication towards their studies so far and we know they will do us proud! Remember exam timetables can be found on Edulink.

## Raising awareness of Motor Neurone Disease

This week, Mr Long has been delivering assemblies to raise awareness about Motor Neurone Disease and how it affects the lives of those living with it.

Students have been learning about Rob Burrow's inspirational story and have been encouraged to take a moment to pause and reflect.

On Sunday 11 May, Mr Long is taking on the Leeds Marathon in aid of the MND Association and has already raised more than £1,300.

To find out more information about Rob's story, or if you would like to make a donation, please visit <https://www.mndassociation.org/get-involved/donations/rob-burrow>



# News from the PE Department



A huge congratulations to Year 7 student Charles E for his incredible first place win at the Roma Open Taekwon-do ITF back in March.

Charles regularly attends Wildcats Combat here in Basingstoke and loves what he does!

Congratulations on your excellent achievement, Charles! Cranbourne Community is so proud of your commitment and dedication to your sport.

A few weeks ago, Year 9 student Lucas travelled to Wales to compete in the NATB season's final race.

Despite a challenging race including an extremely hilly course and a tangle at the finish line, Lucas finished in third place.

This impressive result combined with his previous wins this season secured Lucas the Reserve Champion in the Junior league – what an impressive achievement! Well done Lucas!

## QMC Superstars

On Tuesday 29 April, students from Years 7 to 9 visited QMC to take part in the annual 'Superstars' PE Event.

This is a well-established fixture on our school calendar, which pits the best of the best from Basingstoke and wider district against one another, across a range of challenges.

These included rowing, swimming, cycling, running and archery - to name a few!

Our team were extremely motivated and gave it their all, earning a respectable 5th Place. Congratulations to Danny H made the podium for the second year running as the runner-up in the Year 8 boys competition.

Well done to all of the participants, who were exemplary in every respect and great ambassadors for our Cranbourne Community!



## Mr Kerrison takes on the Brighton Marathon



On Sunday 6 April, Mr Kerrison ran the Brighton Marathon in aid of the Alzheimer's Society, raising an incredible £1,200.

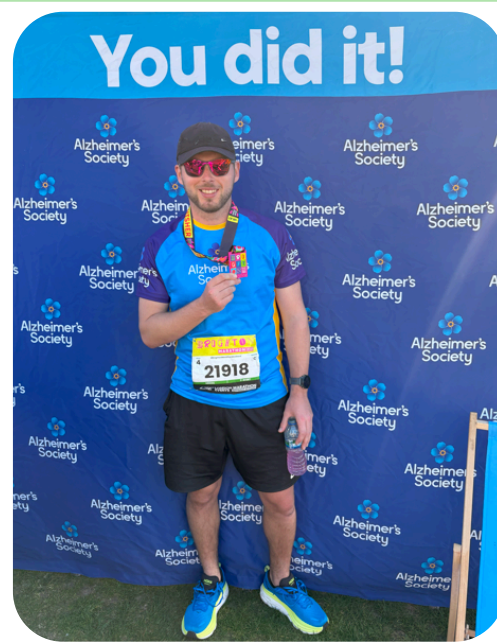
It was a challenging race, with the heat getting the better of him around the 30k mark, but Mr Kerrison finished with an impressive time of 4 hours 40 minutes!

Congratulations to Miss Whitehouse's tutor for guessing the closest finish time - your box of treats will be with you next week!



## New PE extra-curricular timetable

The new PE after-school club timetable for this half term is now available to view on the Edulink noticeboard.



## Don't forget a Water Bottle

As the weather starts to improve and we begin to see higher temperatures, please ensure you are sending your child into school with a water bottle.

Staying hydrated throughout the day is essential to your child's health, focus and ability to learn.

We have water fountains on site where they can refill their bottles as needed or they can purchase a water bottle from the Canteen or Snack Shacks for 50p.

We **do not** have paper or plastic cups to give out to students. Water bottles should be clearly labelled with your child's name so we can easily return to them to students if they are lost.

## Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Prom will take place at Cranbourne on Friday 27 June. Tickets are now available to book via ParentPay for £15. Please contact the Finance Office via [finance@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:finance@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk) if you have any issues purchasing.

We have a number of prom dresses and suits that have been donated to us available for students to hire for a deposit of £10. School will be open on Thursday 29 May between 12pm and 1pm for for students to view and try on. Please speak to Mrs Gare or Mrs Ryan for more information.

## Dates for your diary

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## Update to Medical

From Tuesday 6 May, minor injuries including bumped heads will now be communicated via Edulink.

The message will detail the incident and any actions taken by staff and the Welfare Team. Phone calls will still be made home where necessary.

## Book of the Week

Our Reading Ambassadors are pleased to bring you their book of the week (24.04.25):



### Amari and the Great Game by B.B Alston

If Artemis Fowl and Men in Black has a magical baby raised on Percy Jackson - it would be this! This is the second instalment in the Supernatural Investigations trilogy.

After saving the supernatural world (no big deal, right?), Amari thought her first summer as Junior Agent would be smooth sailing. But things are anything but easy!

With danger, mystery and epic twists, this is a must read!

## Year 10 Work Experience

This week our Year 10 students have been out at their work experience placements, gaining valuable insight into the world of work and learning lots of new skills.

We're looking forward to welcoming them back to school and hearing all about it. Be sure to read our next edition where we will share more about their experiences!

## LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 22.04.25 Year 7 abc+

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| Dishi Y   | Poppy C | Scarlet W |
| William M | Dylan C | Lexi P    |
| Elise M   | Jack S  | Connie S  |

Reading University Trip - 12 May

Cranbourne Union of Students - 14 May

Student Leadership Elections - 20 May

Spanish Trip Departs - 21 May

Half Term - 26 to 31 May