



The Cranbourne Catch Up

A School Newsletter



Edition 10 - Friday 4 April

Celebrating Our Students' Successes

On Thursday 27 March, we were delighted to celebrate the achievements of our students at our Spring Rewards' Evening.

We were treated to a fantastic performance of 'From Now On' by the Cranbourne Vocal Band and Head Student Mayana wowed us all with her rendition of 'Never Enough' from The Greatest Showman.

Congratulations to all who received an award, we are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication you show to Cranbourne life.

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 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies are now available to be ordered via ParentPay.

Hoodies cost £24 and students have a wide variety of colours to choose from. If students wish to try different sizes or view the colours, they can visit the Finance Office.

Hoodies must be ordered by Friday 25 April. Full details can be found on the Edulink noticeboard.



The Cranbourne Food Pantry will be open as normal throughout the Easter Holidays. Every Thursday between 11am and midday.

Sustainability pledges for a Greener Cranbourne



You may remember a few months back, our Green Cranbourne students were collecting information on how we travel to school and calculating our carbon footprint.

The results showed that a shocking 43% students arrive by car vs just 35% who walk and 17% who take the bus. 118 students get a lift to school despite living less than 2 miles away – if you added this up across the week, students in cars travel the same distance from Basingstoke to Tanzania!

Our school staff completed the same survey and combined with this data, our carbon footprint generates approximately 154.6 tonnes of Co2 each year. This equates to 21,335 meat based meals and we would have to plant 6184 trees to offset the damage caused by our carbon footprint!

To help reduce our carbon footprint, students have been making sustainability pledges in exchange for 10 House Points.

Year 7 student Jessica is going to turn off their electrical devices when not in use, Sophie in Year 10 is going to start bringing a reusable water bottle to school and Head Student Mayana is going to buy her clothes from Vinted to reduce landfill!

Jasmine in Year 7 is going the extra mile and has pledged to grow their own vegetables, donate their old uniform to our second hand shop and eat less chocolate!

As a community, we can make a difference if we all make small changes.

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Prom will take place at Cranbourne on Friday 27 June between 6pm and 9.30pm. Full details can be found in the letter on the Edulink noticeboard. Tickets will be available to purchase soon.



Celebrations at the Silent Disco

On 3 April, eligible students enjoyed a session at our Silent Disco as a reward for having high attendance and good punctuality.

The Sports Hall was transformed into a party scene, complete with disco lights and glowsticks. Students had the choice of two channels they could flick between, so they could choose which songs they wanted to listen to.

The atmosphere in the Sports Hall was absolutely electric – 'Silent Disco' might be the name, but the room was anything but! Students had a fantastic time dancing and singing with each other, with the highlights being Taylor Swift's 'I Knew You Were Trouble', Katy Perry's 'Firework' and Adele's 'Set Fire to The Rain'.

We're so pleased we get to offer exciting activities for our students to enjoy, and we hope they had a fabulous time! Be sure to check our Facebook page for videos!

Our Dutch Pen-Pals Arrive at Cranbourne

Last week we hosted our Dutch pen-pals from our twinned school, Lodewijk College in South Holland for a fun-filled day of activities. Here's Poppy M's review of the experience:

"On the first day of meeting our pen pals, we all got to know each other, our school, interests, hobbies and friends. We took part in two lessons with Mrs Lilley and Mr Ndlovu.

In History, we learned about both English and Dutch history and if we were friends or foes. Our next lesson explored our countries poetry and different writing techniques. Me and my pen pal thoroughly enjoyed it as we worked together.

For lunch we made yummy pizzas and to finish our afternoon, we did a variety of sports like, football, rounders, and swimming. It was a fun day, and we all had an amazing time.

The next day, we met in Oxford and our first destination was the Oxford ice rink. This was a good opportunity for us all to get to know each other with an activity we all enjoyed. Ice-skating was fun, we all picked up skating rather quickly!

After ice-skating, Mr Kimber led us on a tour of Oxford, we saw so many magnificent university buildings and other sites, including the castle/prison.

For lunch we had a break in the shopping centre, Westgate. Our pen-pals liked seeing some shops they had never been to before. We all had some lunch and then departed for a tour of Christchurch College.

This was my favourite part as we got to see many of the scenes where Harry Potter was filmed. We saw the famous dining hall, stairs and church, it was amazing! We all each had a multi-media headset to learn the history of the college and I really enjoyed hearing how the college got so popular.

Overall, I think that this experience was one I will never forget. I have made lifelong friends would recommend this to everyone. We are all hoping to go to the Dutch school if we can!"



News from the PE Department



On Friday 21 March, Year 7 student Ellis competed at the Artistic Gymnastics British Championships in Liverpool, making his debut in the Men's Under 14 category.

Ellis delivered routines in Floor, Pommel, Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars and High Bar, earning him some fantastic placements throughout the competition including 2nd place in Floor, 4th in Rings (missing the bronze by just 0.1 mark!), and 5th place overall out of 72 gymnasts!

On Thursday 20 March our Year 7 and 8 Girls Football team competed against Everest, playing 2 games.

After displaying some excellent teamwork and determination, they won 2-1 against A team and drew 0-0 with B team.



Our Year 7 and 8 girls had an incredible experience working with Basingstoke Rugby Club, embracing the opportunity to improve their skills and grow their love for the sport.

They represented Cranbourne fantastically, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the sessions. Their engagement was outstanding and many of them demonstrated real potential.



Mr Kerrison takes on the Brighton Marathon Alzheimer's Society

Mr Kerrison is running the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 6 April for the Alzheimer's Society, and has raised more than £1,000 for the charity!

Tutor groups have been guessing what his finish time will be, but who will be the closest?

Wishing you lots of luck as you take on this challenge - the Cranbourne Community is cheering you on!

Last weekend, Ethan E attended the Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club Junior Awards and walked away with a staggering 5 awards and 1 medal!

He took home Most Improved Nominee, U15 Sprints, U15 Jumps, U15 Club Champion, Dedication and the prestigious Betty Byett – honouring the most up and coming athlete.

Ethan's dedication and hard work to his sport is truly inspiring to us all in the Cranbourne Community, and it has been incredible to watch his progress.



Role Model Students Award

w/c 31.03.25 recipients



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Samuel E x2	Jamie P	Charley D x2	Amie M	Admirer A
Anillece E	Harley H-P	Liam B	Adeola O	Ropafadzo x2
Jayden V	Owen B	Lily S	Abigail S	Chloe S
Florence W	Danny H x2	Richie W	Alfie H	Tristan R
Maisie B	Aubrey R	Lucas S	Claudia B	Matthew W
Reuben D	Emily G	Demi A	Lily S	Yvonne M
Hamish H	Lexi P		Mylan T	Peyton F
Daria M			Hamish R	Gypsy F
Chloe H			Riley R	Faith C
Shriyan V				Jessie F
Tyde C				

Thank You For The Music

My, my, what a trip to remember! Our students had an absolutely Super Trouper time watching Mamma Mia!—a show filled with dazzling performances, infectious energy, and, of course, the unforgettable music of ABBA.

On Thursday 27 March, we took 64 students to London to watch Mamma Mia on the West End. From the moment the lights dimmed to the final curtain call, the excitement in the theatre was electric!

For many, this was their first experience of a professional musical, and they were completely captivated by the stunning choreography, vibrant costumes, and powerful vocals.

From the hilarious moments that had them giggling like Chiquititas to the heartfelt scenes that left a few Slipping Through Their Fingers tears in the audience, the show had everyone completely hooked.

There was laughter, gasps, and even a few happy tears filled the theatre as they followed the heartwarming story of love, friendship, and finding yourself—set against the beautiful backdrop of a sun-soaked Greek island.

Our students were the perfect audience, knowing The Name of The Game, showing their best theatre etiquette (no S.O.S. needed!), engaging with the performance, and soaking up every moment. And when it came to the finale, they simply couldn't resist joining in with clapping along to Dancing Queen and Waterloo with huge smiles on their faces.

Hearing them sing ABBA classics all the way home was proof that the magic of live theatre had truly worked its charm. This trip was more than just a fun night out—it was an inspiring experience that left our students buzzing with excitement, new ideas, and a love for the performing arts continuing to grow and excite students' cultural capital.

One thing's for sure—after this trip, our students will definitely be saying, Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! more theatre experiences like this! A huge thank you to Miss Parfitt, Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Mead and Miss Holden for accompanying me on the trip to make this a success.

Mr Juliff - Head of Performing Arts

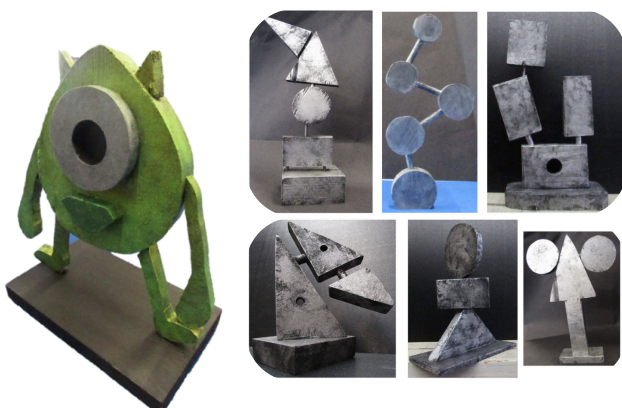


Year 9 Success in 3D Design

Our Year 9 students have been working hard in their 3D Design lessons creating geometric sculptures inspired by the work of David Smith.

Using hand tools and machines such as a scroll saw, disc sander and pillar drill, students constructed their own versions before painting them black and stipple painting them in a metallic colour, giving the worn metal effect.

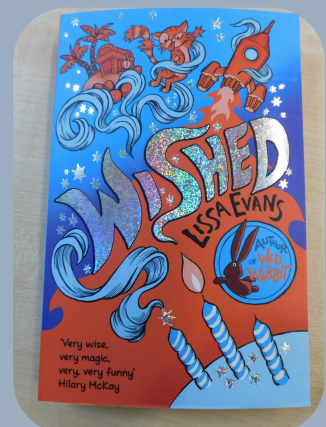
Miss Napolitano is so proud of their outcomes and for the dedication and hard work shown by the students. Well done!



Book of the Week

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

Wished by Lissa Evans



From the bestselling author of *Wed Wabbit*, *Wished* is a hilarious, heart-warming adventure about unexpected magic, the power of wishes, and what happens when you get exactly what you wished for — just not in the way you expected.

Perfect for young readers who love humour, surprises, and a touch of magic!

Students can visit the library during break or lunchtime to pick up a copy.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

During the Easter holidays, there are a selection of Year 11 revision lessons taking place.

Students are welcome to attend as many sessions as they would like.

More information on what sessions are available and how to sign up can be found on Edulink.

Student Leadership Elections

This week in assemblies, students have been given information about our upcoming Student Leadership elections.

There are a number of leadership opportunities they can apply for, including Prefects, Head Students and Deputy Head Students.

The recruitment pack is available to view on the Edulink noticeboard - applications must be handed in to Heads of House by Friday 25 April.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 30 April.

5 minute appointment slots can now be booked via Edulink.

Dates for your diary

April

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Easter Holidays - 7 April to 21 April

Year 10 Parents' Evening - 30 April

Reading University Trip (F band) - 30 April

Students get a glimpse into the theatre world

On 1 April, our students had the incredible opportunity to witness the phenomenon that is Hamilton. From the moment the first beat dropped, they were completely captivated by the breathtaking performances, powerful storytelling, and unforgettable music.

With its blend of hip-hop, history, and high-energy choreography, Hamilton delivered a performance that had our students on the edge of their seats. They were in awe of the lightning-fast lyrics, the emotional depth of the characters, and the sheer brilliance of the cast. Some even found themselves Helpless in the face of the show's powerful moments, while others were Satisfied simply taking in the spectacle.

But the magic didn't stop there! Before the show, students were treated to an exclusive technical demonstration, where they got a behind-the-scenes look at the intricate lighting, sound, and stage mechanics that bring Hamilton! to life. Seeing how the stage works and how the crew seamlessly transitions between scenes gave them a whole new appreciation for the production.

After the final bow, students had the chance to take part in a post-show Q&A with members of the cast and crew. From discussing the challenges of performing at such a fast pace to insights on how the show is kept fresh night after night, it was an inspiring session that gave our students a glimpse into the world of professional theatre.

Our students were the perfect audience - fully engaged, showing the Ten Duel Commandments of theatre etiquette, and appreciating every moment. And when the final note rang out, they were not throwing away their shot to give a standing ovation!

As we left the theatre, the excitement was Non-Stop - with students buzzing about their favourite moments, rapping lines from the show, and debating whether they were Team Hamilton or Team Burr.

It was an unforgettable experience that left them inspired, energized, and with a newfound appreciation for the power of live theatre. One thing's for sure - after this trip, they'll be saying You'll Be Back to the theatre as soon as possible!

Many thanks to Mrs Podhradsky and Mrs Langdale for accompanying me on this trip!

Mr Juliff, Head of Performing Arts



LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 24.03.25

Year 11

abc+

Victor P
Radiance O
Evie R

Tia A
Peyton F
Ana Maria D

Brooke S
Taylor L
Charley P

Gypsy F
Murat A
Ropa C

