The Cranbourne Catch Up

A School Newsletter



Edition 8 - Friday 7 March

Don't forget! The Cranbourne Food Pantry is open to all every Thursday between 11am and midday.

Manicures with Year 9

Our Year 9 Hair and Beauty students have been practicing their basic manicures.

After learning all about different nail shapes, the contra-indications and structure of the nail, they put this knowledge to the test in their practical lesson.

Students successfully carried out a safe and effective basic manicure on each other, impressing Mrs Simpson with their maturity and professionalism. Well done!





Year 8 Residential Trip

Year 8 students have the chance to attend an exciting residential trip to Runways End Activity Centre on Monday 14 July to Wednesday 16 July.

An Information Evening is taking place on Monday 10 March to give further details - please view the letter on Edulink for more information.

Upcoming Parents' Evenings

It's a very busy Half Term with lots of upcoming Parents' Evenings. These are an excellent opportunity for you discuss your child's progress with their teachers and learn more about how you can support their learning at home.

Appointments are booked via Edulink by clicking on the 'Parents' Evening' tab and selecting the correct event.

Year 9 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 12 March
Year 8 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 2 April
Year 10 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 30 April

Booking will open once you have received a letter from Mr Pegler with full details.

Spanish Watersports Trip

If your child is attending the upcoming Spanish Watersports Trip in May, don't forget the Information Evening on Monday 17 March.

It is essential you and your child attend so you do not miss any important information.

Salisbury Cathedral Trip

Last week, our Year 7s visited Salisbury Cathedral, where they had a fantastic time learning about its history as a place of worship, explored the site with an expert and viewed the Magna Carta.

After learning more about the importance of the Cathedral, they took part in a workshop and created banners to celebrate their own freedoms and rights.

They will be applying this knowledge to their classroom studies in the coming weeks. A big thank you to Mrs Lilley for organising the trip and to all support staff who attended.



Work Experience with the Army

Over the Half Term, Year 10 students Deborah, Kwasi and Riley attended an intensive work experience placement with the British Army at a training camp in Surrey.

Alongside gaining first hand experience, Army personnel gave careers talks throughout the week, showing them an insight into different roles within the armed forces.

To give them the most authentic experience, students were given a full uniform to wear at all times and slept in the barracks with their peers.

Activities throughout the week included running drills, marching in parade, camping in open fields and learning the art of camouflage.

The highlight of their week was taking part in two stealth missions - one during the day, and one overnight. The night mission required them to sleep in the woods, eating from ration packs and listening in on nearby conversations without being caught.

The students had a fantastic time - here's what they had to say:

"The week was challenging but we learnt how to work as a team, forming strong bonds and overall was a fun week." - Deborah

"I thought it would be a gruesome experience, with very strict rules and not much downtime, but it turned out to be very enjoyable!" - Kwasi

Riley described the week as "unique, exciting and action packed" and recommends giving the placement a go.

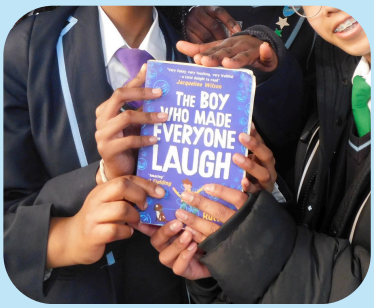
All three students are keen to pursue a career in the Army, Deborah and Riley via the medic route, whilst Kwasi aspires to attend Officer training in Sandhurst.







Book of the Week



Our Reading Ambassadors are pleased to bring you their book of the week (w/c 12.02.25):

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter

"Billy Plimpton has a big dream — to become a famous stand-up comedian. But he's convinced that his stutter will stand in his way. At first, he decides to stay silent so that no one at his new school will hear him stammer. But how can you tell jokes without saying a word?"

If you're looking for an inspiring book for young readers, or a story that will make you both laugh and think - this book is for you!

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

LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 10.02.25 Year 9 abc+

Roshish	Bethan G	Akhi
Jedidi	Trish C	Charlie P
Maddie H	Harry N	Ellisonsa
Maisie H	William A-C	Edward S
Adam E	Paola	Finley C
Taylor K-R	Bipasa	Caitlin G
Lucas S	Sybil	Ali A

Visit us...
OPEN EVENING
24th April 2025 | 5-8pm
Qm Queen Mary's College
QMC students achieved 70% A*- C 2024 Results Day
AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO START EXPLORING OPTIONS BEYOND SCHOOL
- Tour the campus
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- Hear from the Principal
- Discover the Triple A+ Programme
- Talk to staff and students
- Explore enrichment options



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Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF

News from the PE Department





Our Year 8 and 9 netball teams competed against Bishop Challoner last week, showing determination and fantastic teamwork throughout both matches. Despite unfortunately losing their match, the Year 8 team never gave up – supporting each other to the very end. Year 9 secured an impressive 13-1 victory after showing strong attacking play and a solid defence.

Well done to Grace and Isla for being named Players' Player in their matches for their outstanding performance and skills on the court.



Congratulations to Ollie who competed at the Genesis Interclub Tournament in High Wycombe on Saturday 1 March as part of the Nemesis Marshal Arts Club. Ollie competed against 5 others in his category and took home a Gold and Bronze medal in kickboxing. Well done Ollie – we can't wait to see what you do next!

Our Year 7 Girls Football team have played some fantastic matches in the last few weeks, representing Cranbourne amazingly. Their teamwork is impeccable, keeping possession of the ball for the majority of their matches and are working hard on their best formations.

Congratulations to Lucas who competed with Axel in the British Sleddog Sports Federation/NATB British Championships round 3 last weekend.

Despite challenging conditions and lots of mud, Lucas placed first in his category and will be representing Great Britain in France later this year.

The Cranbourne Community will be cheering you on, Lucas!





This week 4 students represented Basingstoke in the County Cross Country event at Down Grange. They were excellent ambassadors for the Cranbourne Community, holding their own against an amazing field of runners.

They also supported the running of the event for the whole of Basingstoke and impressed Mr Howland and Mrs Triquart with their maturity and sportsmanship. Well done!

James C - 20th

Danny H - 26th

Emma J - 24th

Shaylah J - 52nd







Recycle your pens

Did you know each year the world throws away 1.6 billion pens?

We're pleased to share our new mini pen recycling bins, which students will find in classrooms across the school.

They can place any old, damaged and used pens in the bins and our Recycling Monitors will bring them to Reception to be recycled at Ryman.



Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club have been working hard to clear overgrown areas in our vegetable patch ready for spring.

We're looking forward to planting more veggies and seeing the results of their efforts!

Don't forget, Green Cranbourne Gardening Club are always looking for more budding gardeners to join in – they meet every Wednesday after school.





Dates for your diary



Year 8 Residential Information Evening - 10 March
Year 9 Parents' Evening - 12 March
Year 10 Mock Exams begin - 17 March
Year 8 Options Evening - 26 March
Spring Rewards' Evening - 27 March

NEW FOR 2025

NHS
Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

HAMPSHIRE CAMHS
INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSION
YOUNG PERSON'S MENTAL HEALTH

10am - 2pm

Wednesday, 5 March 2025 and then every first Wednesday of the month

The Arc, Jewry Street
Winchester, SO23 8SB

This is an opportunity for parents/carers, professionals or young people to come and chat to our CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources.



hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk

PROM 2025!

Have you got your prom dress yet?

If not, give Rachychic Dress Boutique a message and get booked in for your 1-2-1 appointment. Scan the QR codes for links to my facebook or Instagram. You can also text or call 07541 044202.

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Role Model Students Award

w/c 3.03.25 recipients

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Issac Y	Ruby S	Samuel H	Lauren B x2	Myleen R
Tahlia A	Ollie B	Harry N	Claudia B	Charlie C
Dylan C	David NO'L		Abigail W	Evie R
Jasen T	Lily-Rose J			Aimee G
Elijah H	Maisey B			Admirer A
Samuel E x2	Emberrose S			Emily P
Megan D	Aoife G			Anushka B
Wojciech B	Emma J			Jessie F
Ivy U-B	Leo P			Evie B
Daria M				
Florence F				
Sienna-Rae H				

Model Student