



# The Cranbourne Catch Up

*A School Newsletter*



**Edition 2 - Friday 3 October**

## QMC Young Leaders

On Friday 19 September, our Student Leadership team attended the Young Leaders event at Queen Mary's College, designed to build their confidence, teach new skills and explore the responsibilities of their leadership roles.

Students had the opportunity to meet with last year's Young Leaders, participate in a Q&A with Basingstoke's MP Luke Murphy, and enjoyed a tasty networking lunch.

They built new connections by tackling the marshmallow-spaghetti-tower icebreaker, created and presented a Christmas market project and practised giving clear directions whilst drawing blindfolded.

Our students returned to us confident, buzzing with enthusiasm, and determined to succeed in their roles!



**Don't forget! The Cranbourne Food Pantry opens every Thursday between 11.15am and 12.15pm.**

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted to once again be supporting the Rotary Club in their Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

The appeal aims to deliver shoeboxes filled with various toys, books, hygiene items etc to disadvantaged children in countries across the world.

Last year we were overwhelmed by the generosity shown by our Cranbourne Community – we received so many donations we ran out of shoeboxes! We'd love to spread more happiness this festive season, and we're asking each of our tutor groups to collectively make up a box.

Students will earn 10 house points for contributing and items must be brought into school by Friday 18 October.

Tutor groups will decide on the age range and gender for their box's recipient and work out a plan for which items students should bring during PDL, but for more guidance on what items to include, please visit

<https://wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk/>

## You Asked, We Listened.. Silent Disco returns!

In response to student feedback, we're excited to announce the return of the Silent Disco. Sessions will take place during the school day on Tuesday 21 October and Wednesday 22 October.

To receive an invitation, students must maintain 100% attendance from Monday 29 September to Monday 20 October, be on time to school each day and be punctual to all lessons.

Entrance costs 50p and will include a glowstick. Refreshments will also be available to purchase during the disco.



# Dutch Exchange Trip

On Monday 22 September, 40 of our students embarked on the return trip of their Dutch Exchange Programme. In Year 9, the students were matched with their Dutch pen pals and last year we had the privilege of hosting Lodewijk College at Cranbourne for a day of activities.

On Monday evening, our students arrived in Ypres in time to attend the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate. Head Student Amalie was invited to lay a wreath in memory of the unknown soldiers who lost their lives in the Ypres Salient of World War 1.

On Day 2, students were excited to reunite with their pen pals at the college, where they spent the morning getting a taste of Dutch school life, delved into the History of the Netherlands and competed in teams in the epic quiz. At lunchtime, they worked together to make a tasty selection of pastries, fruit skewers and desserts before finishing the afternoon showing off their competitive sides in a variety of sports activities.

On the third and final day of the trip, students began the morning exploring Brugge and enjoyed some tasty waffles. After travelling back to Ypres, they visited the Passchendaele WW1 Museum and Tyne Cot cemetery, where they were immersed in the interactive displays, ventured into the reconstructed trenches and paid their respects in the memorial gardens.

The trip was an excellent opportunity for our students to enrich themselves in Dutch history and deepen their knowledge of the First World War. They have made lifelong friends with their pen pals and we're so grateful to Lodewijk College for hosting us! A huge thank you to Mr Kimber, Mr Ndlovu, Mrs Ryan and Miss Hadkinson for taking them.



# Pen Recycling

You may remember last year we launched our pen recycling scheme, encouraging staff and students to recycle their finished pens and prevent them going into landfill.

We're pleased to share during this time, we have recycled an impressive 10kg of pens – that's the equivalent of two bowling balls!

Even the smallest of actions can make a big difference in the wider world, and help us on our mission to make Cranbourne greener.



**FREE!**

## Sport & Games - for Youth Mental Wellbeing



Attendee sign up

**Time** Wednesdays at 4-5pm (Ages 10-14)  
**Term-time session**

**Venue** Sports Hall, Everest Community Academy, Oxford Way, Basingstoke RG24 9UP

**Description** Fun, free and interactive session to enjoy different games & activities and help improve the mental wellbeing of young people. A great way to help build confidence and self-esteem and meet new people!

This group is provided **FREE** by mental health charity Sport In Mind for the benefit of local young people. Any questions email [youth@sportinmind.org](mailto:youth@sportinmind.org)

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## Wessex Wonder Women

We're pleased to be launching our new initiative 'Wessex Wonder Women' where we're inviting local women from a variety of professions to inspire our female students.

You'll deliver a lunchtime session to a small group, sharing your career journey, the challenges you've overcome and any advice you'd give.

We'd love to hear from as many different industries as possible to help inspire our students, break down barriers and open their eyes to the many opportunities out there.

If you'd like to inspire the next generation of the Cranbourne Community, please email [a.pope@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:a.pope@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk) for more details.

## Year 11 Geography Trip

As part of their Geography GCSE, Year 11 will be going to East Head and West Wittering Beach, Chichester Harbour on Wednesday 15 October.

If you have not yet done so, please ensure payment is made via ParentPay by Friday 10 October.

## Flu Vaccinations

Don't forget - the School Immunisation Team will be in school on Friday 10 October to administer the Nasal Flu Vaccination to all year groups.

Ensure you've completed the e-consent form for your child:

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/>

## Cranbourne Has Talent

This week, auditions for Cranbourne Has Talent have been taking place, and we have been blown away by the quality of performances!

Mrs Simpson, Mx Philo and Mr Juliff are busy choosing finalists and we will be revealing the line up very soon!

The Final will take place on Friday 17 October from 6pm. Tickets are available free of charge from Mrs Simpson.



## LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 15.09.25

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Tahlia A	Michael H	Sophie B
Eli A	Alexander G	Emily P
Ebony C	Jans D	Ralphie S
Ronnie C	Eliza C	Isaac S
Oscar P	Kaine D	Jayden S
Archie G	Shalom B A	Mia K
Joshua C	Jackson H	Emberrose S
Brooklyn M	Jasmine R	Adelene A
Scarlett H	Ben F	Elliot S
Max B	Piper R	Ethan O
Tyler H	Freya M G	Muna N
Maisie M	Willow C	Aurora S



## Horticulture Harvest

Last week, our Horticulture students were delighted to deliver their corn harvest to Mrs McGarry.

The corn was cooked and served as part of our main meal offering in the Canteen, enjoyed by staff and students!



## Post 16 Opportunities and Work Experience

### Network Rail Engineering Insight Day

Step inside the world of railway engineering with Network Rail's Engineering Insight Day on Tuesday 28 October.

Whether you're curious about the technology behind train journeys or considering a career in rail, this event offers a unique behind the scenes look at the industry.

The session, aimed at 14-16 year olds will take place between 10am and 3pm at Network Rail, Basingstoke Rail Operating Centre.

Sign up at

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=4cMsw9dTU--A9WhWMYUCcfhsH09xkJKipIUfNg9LPdUNVpGNEdRMDNNSEILSVpBRzM5Sk5EWFgzNS4u&route=shorturl>

### Chelsea FC Post-16

Chelsea FC Post-16 College Programme are running open training sessions at Sparsholt College on Wednesday 29 October between 9am and 12pm.

The day includes an introduction and overview of their Post-16 Programme and a training session.

For more information and to confirm attendance, visit

[www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

## Virtual Work Experience

Futures For All are running a number of opportunities for virtual work experience placements over the October Half Term.

There are a variety of industries available including publishing, computing, film & TV, astronomy and engineering.

If your child is in Year 10 or 11, find out more at

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-search>

## Cultural Diversity Evening

Our annual Cultural Diversity Evening will take place on Wednesday 22 October between 5pm and 7.30pm.

The evening is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate inclusion and showcase the range of cultures we have here in our Cranbourne Community.

Alongside treating us to exceptional performances, students will be setting up stalls selling food, arts and crafts and more, with profits being donated to local charities.

Everyone is welcome – we'd love to see as many people there as possible! Speak to Mr Ndlovu if you would like to participate.

### Dates for your diary

## October

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	31		

**Cranbourne Union of Students - 6 October**

**Flu Vaccinations - 10 October**

**Year 11 Geography Trip - 15 October**

**Year 10 I-Construct Trip - 16 October**

**Cranbourne Has Talent - 17 October**

**Cultural Diversity Evening - 22 October**

**INSET Day - 24 October**

**Half Term - 27 to 31 October**



Last week, our Year 9 Netball team competed against Brighton Hill, in a closely contested game, with both teams playing at a high level.

The team worked brilliantly together, showing excellent passing and determination right to the final whistle. Great movement in the shooting circle helped the team to secure a hard-fought 11-8!

Players of the Match were awarded to Grace and Madi who both showed fantastic skill throughout. A brilliant effort and well-earned victory!

Well done to Eliza, Madi, Frankie, Laila, Florence, Grace, Aubrey and Macie.

Despite being short of players, the Year 8 Netball team put in an outstanding performance against Brighton Hill this week, showing incredible determination and teamwork.

They worked tirelessly to cover every part of the court and their resilience and spirit shone through, securing a 6-4 win.

Every player played their part, but Player of the Match was awarded to Robyn, whose energy and composure made a real difference.

Congratulations to Mollie, Annabelle, Robyn, Freya and Olivia for their fantastic teamwork!



# Role Model Students Award

## w/c 29.09.25 recipients

Challenge	Care	Creativity	Community
Sam J	Addison G	Mia P	Eli P
Casey S	George A	Olly M	Alexander G
Brin B	Owyn E	George M	Nathan F
Abigail S	Olivia W	Roman L	Evie-May E
Tyler H	Rory B		Jacob P
Chloe M-T			Olivia W
Joseph C			Daisy A-C
Alexander G			George S
Wilson U			Aoife G
Skye F			Luca C
Luke G			Shalom B-A
Flora A			Ethan L
Lily S			Jet-Dean W
Leo H			Riley W
Ariyaunna L			Bobby P
Poppy M			
Scarlet W			
Zeren D			
George M			
Beth D			
Kwasi A			
Rebecca M			
Bianca M			
Kyle A			
Brooke B			
Ollie C			
George M			
Rory B			

