



The Cranbourne Catch Up

A School Newsletter



Edition 3 - Monday 3 November

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted to be supporting the Rotary Shoebox Appeal once again this year and have been absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity shown by our incredible Cranbourne Community! Our students have donated enough items to fill nearly 90 boxes – that's almost double what we did last year!

A special mention must go to Mr G's tutor group for filling an impressive 7 shoeboxes! A big thank you to every member of staff, students and parents for helping us to spread a little happiness this festive season.



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

Restart a Heart

On Thursday 16 October, we were delighted to welcome the South Central Ambulance Service to Cranbourne to deliver 'Restart a Heart' sessions to our Year 8s.

Our students spent the sessions learning how to give CPR to adults, children and babies and getting some first hand practise in with the dummies. They explored how to use a defibrillator and had the opportunity to ask questions about life as a first responder.

A huge thank you to Chloe and Lana for giving up their time to work with our students and giving them the skills and confidence to save a life.



Photo Day

School Photographers' Cardwell and Simons will be visiting Cranbourne on Friday 7 November to take photographs of all students in Years 7 - 11.

Please ensure your child is wearing full, smart uniform including blazers and jumpers on this day.

Full details on how the day will run and how you can order photos is in the letter, which can be found on the Edulink Noticeboard.



Cranbourne Has Talent

On Friday 17 October, we hosted the Cranbourne Has Talent Final, where our 8 finalists took to the stage to compete for the 2025 crown.

We had a really diverse variety of acts make it through to the final this year, including musical acts, dancing and an exceptional diabolo routine.

Starting the show off with a bang, Year 8 student Anabelle M gave a fantastic singing performance, enhanced by her impressive BSL skills.

Next to perform were dance duo Leala and Jordan who wowed us all with their flawless energetic routine. Rock band Duality took to the stage next with their rendition of Ozzy Osbourne's 'Crazy Train'.

Year 10 student Malachi impressed the audience with a fantastic diabolo routine packed full of impressive tricks, before Christopher treated us to a wonderful original composition on the piano.

Nlende and Olivia P brought a smile to our faces with their dazzling rendition of 'Tomorrow' and Year 10 band 'Main Men' returned boldly to the stage following their success at the Summer Concert.

The final performance of the competition was delivered by Lily F, who sang another fantastic original song. At the interval, Year 9 Dance treated us to a sneak peak of what they have been working on for their 'Rock and Roll' module and their enthusiasm and energy was infectious.

Whilst the votes were being counted, our very own Miss Williams closed the evening with a sensational singing performance. It was an incredibly tough competition, with each act performing so exceptionally, however there can only be one winner!

Third place - Duality
Second place - Lily F
First place - Leala and Jordan

A big congratulations to everyone who took part, it was truly fantastic to watch you all perform with such confidence and enthusiasm. Keep an eye out for videos of their performances on our Facebook page!



College Application Deadlines

Year 11 students should now be thinking about life beyond Cranbourne and starting to make choices about next steps. College application deadlines are fast approaching:

BCOT - End of December
QMC - 8 December
Peter Symonds College - 8 December
Sparsholt College - End of December

For help with applications, please see Miss Day or Mrs Pope.

New York 2027

Mr Messingham is delighted to be taking a group of Year 9 and 10 students to New York in February half term 2027.

Students studying Art, Photography or Product Design will have received a letter with the full details.

ParentPay will open for deposit payments at 4pm on Monday 3 November.

Ski Trip 2026

We're pleased to announce our annual Ski Trip will be back in December 2026.

Each year it is a fantastic trip where students return to us filled with confidence and buzzing with stories from their skiing adventures.

Details are currently being finalised and will be announced very shortly!

LSA Coffee Morning

Are you passionate about supporting young people and making a real difference every day? We're looking for Learning Support Assistants to join the Cranbourne Community, helping to support the development of our students with Special Educational Needs.

On Wednesday 12 November, we will be hosting a coffee morning from 9.30am to 10.30am, where candidates will have the opportunity to get a feel for life at Cranbourne, meet the Compass team and ask any questions about the role.

Read the job description and find the application forms on our website.

Allergies in the Canteen

We've updated our allergen list for the snack items we sell in school.

This can be found on the Edulink noticeboard or on our website.

Cultural Diversity Evening

On Wednesday 22 October we hosted our annual Cultural Diversity Evening which was an excellent chance for us to come together and celebrate our student's cultural heritage and what makes us who we are.

Our students gave some exceptional performances including singing, dancing and poetry readings in their home languages.

Did you know at Cranbourne we speak an impressive 50 languages amongst our students and staff?

We also had several stalls set up by our students where they sold arts and crafts, delicious homemade food, jewellery and henna. The atmosphere in the Sports Hall was electric and we were so impressed by how confident all of our performers were. Our attendees supported them phenomenally, cheering them on and showering them in a thunderous round of applause!

A special mention must go to Dishu and Laiba for their incredible hosting skills and introducing each act to the stage, and to Jess and Calvyn for manning the sound system for the evening.

A big thank you to all who attended and of course to Mr Ndlovu and Mr G for organising such a fantastic event where our students have the opportunity to celebrate their cultures with the Cranbourne Community.

Be sure to check our Facebook page for videos from the evening - coming soon!



Adult Learning Courses

Hampshire County Council have launched new free Adult Learning courses for those over 19 and living in Hampshire.

There are a variety of courses on offer including Healthy Cooking on a Budget, Managing Household Budgets, Digital Skills Workshop and more.

Visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries>

Togetherness Hub

Togetherness is a new NHS digital hub for emotional health learning. It gives families free access to expert guidance on child development, wellbeing, brain changes and more.

Visit <https://togetherness.co.uk/learn/>

Myth Busting workshop

On 23 October, our Year 8 students attended a careers workshop exploring 'What is a job? Busting the myth!'

The sessions are designed to develop key employability and life skills such as communication, collaboration, self-awareness, critical thinking and confidence.

Students engaged with employees from UNUM with enthusiasm and commitment and had the opportunity to delve deeper into the world of work.

Dates for your diary

November

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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

Photo Day - 7 November

Year 11 Mocks Begin - 10 November

GCSE Graduation Evening - 26 November

Cranbourne Union of Students - 26 November

Year 10 Army Day

On Tuesday 30 September, Year 10 participated in a session with the British Army, led by former Cranbourne Pupil, Lance Corporal Kelan Rutter.

Our students had the opportunity to get stuck into a number of different activities which encouraged them to think outside the box, problem solve and come up with logical solutions. They engaged in a Q&A session with the soldiers, where they asked thoughtful questions about life in the Army and learned more about the opportunities and pathways offered.



Youth Wellbeing Conference

On Friday 10 October, our Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors attended the Mental Wellbeing Youth Conference held at The Anvil.

Year 8 student Ella G shares what they got up to:

"We wrote down the things that help us to stay calm and positive on post it notes and shared our ideas with each other. We explored what makes us feel anti-social and worked in teams to balance a handful of nails onto one single nail!"

We played a game where we had to guess which celebrity was on our heads and discussed public figures who suffer with mental health problems.

After lunch we played a game of Jenga, where every block had a challenge to complete. Lots of these challenges were ice breaker questions such as 'what is your favourite thing to do?'. We then talked about unusual foods we eat and how it is okay to be a bit strange!

Overall, it was a really fun and enjoyable time and I think we should go again next year!"

Silent Disco

On Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 October, eligible students enjoyed their Silent Disco sessions as a reward for high attendance and excellent punctuality.

This reward was chosen by our Cranbourne Union of Students after the success of last year's event.

Students had a fantastic time singing and dancing with each other - the highlight being Taylor Swift's 'Shake it Off'!

We're grateful to be able to offer these exciting incentives to our students to enjoy. Be sure to check out the videos on our Facebook page!



Year 10 Work Experience

We're excited to share that our Year 10 students will be taking part in a week long work experience placement in the Spring Term.

Students will be responsible for securing their own placements and will be using the Unifrog platform.

F band: Week beginning 20 April 2026
G band: Week beginning 27 April 2026

A letter with full details has been sent out and can be found on the Edulink noticeboard.

Recording at QMC

On Wednesday 22 October, our Year 11 students had the chance to record their GCSE Music Solo Performances at QMC's recording studio.

It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience the technical side of music production, what facilities are on offer at the college and hearing their finished tracks gave them a real confidence boost!

Year 11 Geography Trip

On Wednesday 15 October, our Year 11 GCSE Geography class went to East Head and West Wittering Beach in Chichester Harbour.

Here's what Brin had to say about their trip:
"We started the day being led along the beach, whilst our tour guide told us all about the important aspects of the beach such as the salt marsh and the spit. We learnt about the shape of the East Head Spit and the key points around it and had the opportunity to sketch the groynes."

We had a talk about different coastal management strategies used at the West Wittering which was linked to what we have been studying in our lessons.

We then measured the heights of material deposited against the groynes, which showed us the direction of the Long Shore Drift. We also took measurements of the beach, the height of the sand and shingle and the distances from the sea. All of this data goes towards our coursework. It was great to have the chance to put our skills and knowledge to the test!"



LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 6.10.25

abc+



Jack H	Poppy M	Cris M
Ariyaunna L	Martha T	Luke J
Daisy G	Ayomide	Yash J
Kwasi A	Franklin S	Emilia P
Jess D	Alice D R	Sophie S
Ryan M B	Victory O	Charlie P
Alicia C	Evie G	Esther H
Nathan R	Precious B	Cary Ann D
Rocco S	Hemashree S	Aiissa S
Maximilian K	Ella M	Ethan O



News from the PE Department



Congratulations to our Year 10 boys football team for their win against Blue Coat on Tuesday 7 October!

They played a fantastic match with strong teamwork and resilience throughout.

A great start to the year – let's keep the wins coming!



Congratulations to Year 7 student Jack who has earned his blue belt in Karate.

Jack had his grading on 27 September and passed with a first class – what an impressive achievement!



On 6 October, our Year 7 boys football team played a match against Costello where they pulled off an incredible 4-1 win.

It was a thrilling game, beginning 1-0 down but their fantastic teamwork helped them to turn it around and secure the win.

Leo T was the man of the match with a superb performance as goalkeeper – keep it up, boys!

Congratulations to Ethan E who finished the outdoor athletics season in September representing Hampshire in the Inter County Championships. He came second place in the U17 boys - an impressive achievement!

Following his success, Ethan has been selected by England Athletics to attend some upcoming Long Jump training days at Brunel University.

But it doesn't stop there - Ethan has also been recognised as a potential candidate for the England Athletics Youth Talent Programme next year!

Well done Ethan, the Cranbourne Community is so proud of everything you do. You are a fantastic Ambassador for the school and we're always cheering you on!

Well done to Year 8 for winning their football match against Blue Coat on Wednesday 22 October.

It was a thrilling match and we took home the win 6-3 after some impressive teamwork.

Special mention to Evie T and Jess E who stepped out of their comfort zones joining the boys and made a huge difference to the team.

Such a great effort from the team and some superb football played all round!

Role Model Students Award

w/c 20.10.25 recipients

Challenge	Care	Creativity	Community
Ronnie C	Charlie P	Ruben N	Olivia K
Jacob P	Deana W		Raoul V
Willow L x2			Shalom B-A x2
Cassidy K			
Anesu M			
Theo N			
Bob S-J			
Nathaniel H			
Mehmet B			
Eden R			
Jack M			
Jayden C			
Freya H-S x2			
Supriya G			
Saffiyah A			
Chloe M-T			
Edward S x2			
Eben V E			
Dariola O			

