



The Cranbourne Catch Up

A School Newsletter



Edition 5 - Friday 28 November

Wessex Wonder Woman


Last week, as part of our new Wessex Wonder Woman initiative, we welcomed Councillor Stacy Hart to Cranbourne to deliver a lunchtime session with our Year 9 girls.

Stacy spoke about her duties as a Councillor, shared the steps she took to get to where she is now and answered every question our students threw at her!

Back in October, we were joined by Emily Roberts, Head of News for the Basingstoke Gazette and Andover Advertiser, who shared an insight into journalism, challenges she's faced over the course of her career and spoke to students about why trusted news is so important.

The initiative aims to inspire our students, break down barriers and open their eyes to the many career opportunities out there. A big thank you to both Stacy and Emily for giving up their time to work with our students!



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

Reading University Trip

On Wednesday 26 November, our first group of Year 9 students visited Reading University.

On arrival, they were greeted by Student Ambassadors who gave them a tour of the campus, showing the accommodation, student union, libraries and lecture rooms.

Our students then had the opportunity to ask any questions about uni life and the Ambassadors shared why they chose their courses and how they were finding it.

In the afternoon, students attended a STEM taster session which explored the question 'Can we use fingerprints to tell the age and gender of those who made ancient artefacts?'

It is hoped that every Year 9 student will have the opportunity to attend a university visit this year. Our next group will be visiting Southampton Solent on 3 December.

Winter Showcase

Join us for an evening of musical performances at our Winter Showcase on Wednesday 3 December.

Tickets are available to purchase on Ticketsource for £4 (adults) and £2 (students) – book yours now at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Calling all creatives - if you're passionate about art and photography, now is your chance to shine!

The theme is **Climate Change** - use this as inspiration to capture a photo or create a piece of artwork and share what it means to you.

You have until **Friday 12 December** to submit your piece.

Email your entry to Miss Miller via s.miller@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk or hand physical copies into her office.



The winner will be announced at the Whole School Assembly on Friday 19 December - Good luck!

Year 7 Salisbury Cathedral

Year 7 will be visiting Salisbury Cathedral in February as part of their learning for History and Religious Studies.

Payment can be made now via ParentPay. Full information can be found on the Edulink noticeboard.

Book of the Week

This week's Book of The Week is 'Resist' by Tom Palmer.

"As the brutal Second World War stretches on with no end in sight, life for ordinary Dutch people in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands is fraught with peril and hardship.

There is very little to eat and the population lives under the constant threat of arrest and enslavement.

After the murder of her beloved uncle and the capture of her brother, Edda is determined to do anything she can to help the resistance fight back against their oppressors. But what can a teenage girl do and how much risk is she willing to take?"

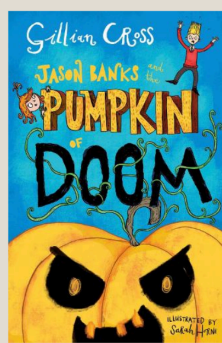


Dyslexia Friendly Book of the Week

"A charming and witty tale of bullies, pumpkins and unlikely friendships.

Jason Banks is a bully. No one likes him and even the teachers are scared of him! It's time that someone taught Jason a lesson and he might just have met his match in the strange pumpkin that keeps appearing on his doorstep.

Will Jason ever learn the error of his ways? And can he crack the case of the dreaded Pumpkin of Doom."



Upcoming College 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

BCoT and QMC will be at Cranbourne to support with applications on 1 and 8 December. To book in, speak to Mrs Pope or email a.pope@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk

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w/c 17.11.25 abc+ 

Freya S	Aubrey B	Arthur K	
Maisie M	James P	Ruby S	
Noah L	Amelia B	Bella W	
Amelie M-J	Amelie K	Archie S	
Menaal I	Jamie P	Aoife G	
Rainie H	Yury A	Demi A	
Poppy M	William A-C	Poppy F	

GCSE Graduation Evening

On Wednesday 26 November we were delighted to welcome back last year's GCSE cohort for their Graduation Evening. It was a fantastic evening filled with celebration and a great opportunity to catch up with our students and find out what they are up to.

Heads of Department awarded students with Subject Awards for their excellent academic achievements and Heads of Houses each chose a student who had represented their house values throughout their time at Cranbourne.

The prestigious Headteachers Award was given to Hayden C in recognition of his distinguished leadership, exceptional academic success and remarkable accomplishment as a semi-professional tennis player.

Any students who did not attend are able to collect their GCSE certificates from Reception.

News from the PE Department



On Monday 17 November, our cross country team delivered outstanding performances across all year groups, demonstrating determination, resilience and team spirit.

Emma ran an exceptional race, finishing in 2nd place and earning qualification to the next stage. Shaylah gave an incredible run, securing 13th place in a highly competitive age division.

All Year 8 and 9 boys finished inside the top 30, with Harrison standing out with an excellent 6th place finish and qualifying for the next stage.

Abigail delivered a brilliant performance, finishing in 3rd place and qualifying with confidence. Our Year 10 and 11 boys were hugely successful, with three athletes qualifying. Special mentions to Edward coming in 3rd, Joseph 4th and Luke 6th.

Well done to Emma, Shaylah, Harrison, Rudy, James, Ethan, Abigail, Edward, Nathan, Joseph and Luke.

On Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 November, four of our Year 7 students attended the prestigious All England Open Championships in Blackpool, representing the South-East of England.

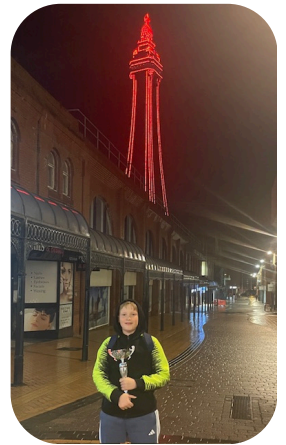
Hours of hard work and determination have gone into qualifying, and our students were up against some very tough competition.

Leala and Jordan, winners of Cranbourne Has Talent 2025, took home 4th place for their Freestyle Fast Pairs and 6th place for the Rock and Roll Pairs.

Lucas danced in the Freestyle Solo category after qualifying in May, and successfully placed 5th with his partner Niamh in the Rock and Roll Pairs.

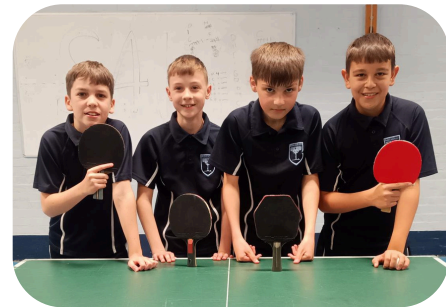
Lucie made the quarter finals in her heats with her partner – a personal best!

All four students competed in their group number as part of their team 'Boogieliocious' who came in second place for the 13 and under category – the highlight of the weekend!



On Monday 24 November, our table tennis teams visited Blue Coat School, having qualified to play against the top teams in Hampshire.

Our girls team secured third place, with our boys fighting their way to the final. After beating Saleasian College and a number of private schools along the way, the boys took home first place!



Our Year 9 Sports Leaders have been delivering 'Energise me' sessions to Year 1 students at Chalk Ridge.

The infants are so immersed in all the activities and our leaders are doing a fantastic job at encouraging them to get involved!

We're very proud of how incredibly our leaders are representing the Cranbourne Community and the confidence they are showing. They will continue to deliver sessions until the end of term.

Our Year 10 Sports Leaders have been working with the Year 2 students at Castle Hill, delivering training to them to become play leaders.

Our students are displaying excellent leadership skills, running the sessions with confidence and supporting the younger students with ease.

The Year 2's have been fantastic, eager to get involved and listening to our students instructions diligently. We can't wait to continue working with them!





On Monday 24 November, our Year 10 football team played a semi-final of the Hampshire Schools Cup against Costello.

Here's Jack B's account of the match: "The game started off well and it was fairly equal. It got to half-time and no team had scored yet. It was a very close game, with both sides keeping equal possession of the ball. Both Cranbourne and Costello had multiple chances to take the lead, however both teams pulled through till the end.

The final score remained 0-0, and the game was taken to penalties. Although it was very dark at the time, the penalties went on. Cranbourne and Costello had both missed one penalty, and the result continued to be shared between the two. It wasn't until Cranbourne's fifth penalty where the referee decided that the game could not go on, and the final decision was a 50/50-coin toss.

Unfortunately, Cranbourne lost the coin-toss, and Costello took the win. However, it does not excuse the fact that it was a brilliant game, and both sides gave it 100% effort."

Congratulations to Harrison N in Year 8, who just represented Great Britain at the European Championships (Biathlon, Triathlon and laser run) in Turkey.

He's just earned a place on the Modern Pentathlon development pathway which can lead to the Olympic Pathway. This is a huge achievement, well done Harrison!



Last week, Year 8 student Ellis C travelled to Portugal to compete in his first International Gymnastics competition.

Ellis had outstanding success in an age category where he was up against boys much older than him. Displaying an incredible performance across 6 pieces of apparatus, he came away with individual medals in every event and was crowned the All-Around Continental Cup Champion!

- Floor - Bronze
- Pommel - Silver
- Rings - Gold
- Vault - Silver
- Parallel Bars - Gold
- High Bar - Gold

Dates for your diary

December						
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				

Year 11 QMC Clinic - 1 December

Winter Showcase - 3 December

Year 8 QMC Rewards Trip - 3 December

Year 9 Solent University Trip - 3 December

Year 9 QMC Rewards Trip - 4 December

Year 11 BCoT Clinic - 8 December

Autumn Rewards' Evening - 10 December

Monitor Day - 12 December

The Lion King Trip - 17 December

Christmas Lunch - 17 December

Year 7 QMC Rewards' Trip - 18 December

Whole School Assembly - 19 December

Role Model Students Award w/c 24.11.25 recipients

Challenge	Care	Creativity	Community
Eva C	Evie G	Evie G	Paola H
Charlotte K	Jess D		Jordan G
Anisha R			Piper R
Amie M			Jet-Dean W
Adeola O			
Anshu M			
Joshua S			
Zayd K			
Kaashvi T			
Artur M			
Nethuli A			
Amanda O			
Emilia R			
Laasya N			
Jessica J			

Well done!



Model Student