



# The Cranbourne Catch Up

*A School Newsletter*



## Edition 5 - Friday 19 December

### Winter Showcase

On Wednesday 3 December, our first Winter Showcase took place, where we were wowed by the phenomenal performances from our students.

Year 9 Drama delivered some fantastic deadpan sketches, Year 9 Dance raised the energy with 'Rocking Robin' and we were impressed by the bravery of several first-time performers.

The cast of our upcoming production of Guys and Dolls Jr gave us a sneak peek of what they have been working on and we can't wait for performances to begin in February!

We're so proud of everyone who braved the stage to perform - we have some very talented students at Cranbourne! Be sure to visit our Facebook page to enjoy some clips from the evening.

### Diamond Excellence Award

We are delighted to have been awarded the Diamond Excellence Award, validated by the Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS).

At Cranbourne, we are truly proud of our diversity. By celebrating both what unites us and what sets us apart, we unlock the strength to grow together.

We endeavour to remove barriers and inequalities in attainment and achievement, to improve educational outcomes for our children who are learning English as an additional language (EAL) and young people from Black, Minority Ethnic (BME) heritages.

We are the first secondary school to receive such a prestigious commendation recognising our community's commitment.



### College Deadlines

Year 11 don't forget to make your college applications! QMC and Peter Symonds deadlines have now passed, but BCOT and Sparsholt College are due by the end of December.

### Food Pantry Christmas Hours

We know this time of year can be difficult for many families, so our Cranbourne Food Pantry will remain open to parents and carers in our Cranbourne Community over the Christmas holidays.

Our doors will be open on **Tuesday 23 and 30 December** between 10.15am and 11am to collect food items and toiletries.



# The Big Cranbourne Clear Up 2025

Our annual Big Cranbourne Clear Up took place on Friday 12 December and was once again a huge success! 34 students headed out into our surrounding area armed with litter pickers, kindly donated to us by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

They collected an impressive 16.5kg of landfill waste and 9kg of recyclable materials. Some other notable finds included 31kg of chairs, half a scooter, a piece of the school fence, some garden gnomes and a toilet door.

A big thank you to Mr Targett and Mrs Blackburn for supervising our students and well done to all who got involved!

## Solent University Trip

On Wednesday 3 December, some of our Year 9 students visited Solent University, where they had a tour around the campus and got a feel for university life.

Our students were especially impressed by the amazing computer labs and visual effects department on offer. They had quite the shock after playing a game exploring budgeting where they realised they can't live off takeaways!

The day rounded up with a create your own campus task which was completed with lots of enthusiasm. They created a course specific university with every facility you could possibly think of including being able to hire quad bikes to get around!

We had some fantastic feedback from the university who were very impressed by how engaged and inquisitive our students were.

BETTER DUST OFF THAT FLAPPER DRESS AND GET THOSE LUCKY DICE!

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# Good Dols

PERFORMANCES TUESDAY 10 TO FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026

TEAM A - TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
TEAM B - WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON TICKETSOURCE OR SCAN THE QR CODE

CRANBOURNE PERFORMING ARTS



## Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 16 December, our students got into the festive spirit and enjoyed a tasty Christmas Lunch.

They had the choice of turkey, gammon or butternut squash alongside a chocolate yule log for dessert.

A huge thank you to the Canteen team for working so hard to prepare such a fantastic meal for us all to enjoy!



## Autumn Rewards' Evening

On Wednesday 10 December, we celebrated an evening of excellence at our Autumn Rewards' Evening. It was a fantastic opportunity to welcome parents to our school and reflect on the achievements and success of the Cranbourne Community.

Cranbourne Vocal Band opened the evening with an fantastic performance of 'When You Believe' and Year 9 student Lily F wowed us with their original composition 'Toy Soldier'.

The prestigious Headteachers Award was won by Year 7 student Leala P for making such an excellent start to school this year and really embracing what it means to be a Cranbourne student.

We are so proud of our wonderful students who work hard in all that they do and hope they continue to strive towards excellence in everything.



## Supporting our Cluster Schools

Year 9 students have been delivering sessions to primary school students at Chalk Ridge as part of their Cranbourne Aspire Diploma.

Our students were tasked with organising and planning sessions for the younger pupils and decided on Corner Football, Indoor Rounders, Slime Making and Basketball.

We're so impressed by how well our Year 9s rose to the challenge and confidently delivered their activities like true leaders.



## Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 7 January between 4pm and 6.30pm. Don't forget to book your appointment slots via Edulink.

## Cable Recycling

Have you got a drawer overflowing with old cables for appliances you've not owned for years? Or maybe you've recently upgraded to a newer device and no longer need your old charger?

As part of our ongoing endeavours to improve sustainability at Cranbourne, we are pleased to now be able to recycle old cables.

Metals like copper are commonly used inside cables and wires and end up in landfill. It uses a lot of energy to extract them from the earth's crust and has a huge impact on the environment.

By bringing them into school, we can ensure they are sustainably disposed of and any money raised from the sale of the copper will be reinvested back into our Green Cranbourne initiative. Cables can be dropped off at Reception.

## Wessex Wonder Woman

On Tuesday 2 December, as part of our Wessex Wonder Woman initiative, we welcomed Katie from AWE and Cathy Agozzino from Grandir UK to Cranbourne.

Our Year 9 girls learned more about AWE's mission and how they protect the UK through nuclear science and technology, whilst Cathy offered them an insight into the world of Early Years, sharing stories about working with children in their nurseries.

These sessions are an excellent opportunity for our students to learn more about different industries and gain insight into possible future career pathways. The next session will be when we return after Christmas!





## The Lion King

On Wednesday 17 December, students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to London's West End to see The Lion King, and they truly had a roarsome time from start to finish.

The students were impeccably behaved throughout the entire journey and were a real credit to the school. Upon arriving in London, they enjoyed lunch in Victoria Embankment Gardens. Despite it being winter, the weather was pleasant and provided a lovely setting before the afternoon's adventure continued.

The walk to the theatre became an experience in itself, as students passed iconic landmarks including the Savoy and the Strand, taking in the buzz of the West End and spotting posters for many current and upcoming musicals along the way. This offered a valuable insight into the wider theatre industry and London's vibrant cultural scene.

Following the performance, which captivated and inspired all who attended, the students continued their exploration of the city on the walk back to the coach. En route, they passed other popular productions such as The Play That Goes Wrong and Hercules, all while soaking up the festive atmosphere, bright Christmas lights, and the hustle and bustle of London at this special time of year.

It was a thoroughly enriching and memorable experience, combining outstanding theatre with cultural exploration, and a day that students will undoubtedly remember for years to come - for some of them it was their first time to London or even a theatre. It is trips like these that make me proud to teach and enrich and expose students to the magic of theatre and what performing arts can do!

Thank you to Mrs Podhradsky, Mrs Sparks and Mrs Saye for accompanying me on this trip, helping to make it possible.

-Mr Juliff, Head of Performing Arts



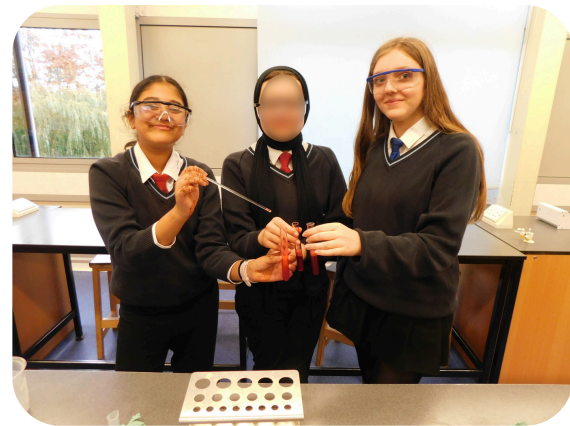
## Physics Week

Last week, Physics Week took place which was a lively and engaging 4 day event that gave students the opportunity to explore physics beyond the classroom.

The week began with a focus on Energy and Sustainability, encouraging students to think about real-world challenges and future solutions. This was followed by a Debate Club session on "Is nuclear energy the future?", where students demonstrated excellent critical thinking and communication skills. The winning team stood out for their clear reasoning and strong closing argument opposing nuclear energy.

Year 7 students enjoyed a hands-on Racing Cars and Forces activity, which helped them to understand key physics concepts through practical learning. The Space and Galaxy sessions captures students' imaginations and the careers workshop inspired curiosity about future opportunities in Science.

Physics Week follows the success of Biology Week, which took place back in October. We're looking forward to Chemistry Week which will be coming soon!



# News from the PE Department



On Wednesday 10 December our Year 8 boys football team put on a great performance in the Power League Tournament, finishing in third place!

The matches were extremely close and our team performed excellently, with fantastic sportsmanship throughout. Well done boys!

## Christmas Lights Display

Members of our incredible Cranbourne Community have been hard at work preparing their spectacular Christmas lights show, which takes place every evening at 4.30pm and 6.30pm until 2 January.

They are very kindly and generous raising money to support our school - please do give them a visit and celebrate the festive season.

Full details for Workshop Illuminations can be found on their Facebook page or their website: [www.workshopilluminations.co.uk](http://www.workshopilluminations.co.uk)



A huge well done to the Year 7 and 8 Girls Football team who played three matches in the regional league at the end of November at The Vyne.

Securing a default win over the non-attending Costello, they started strong against Blue Coat, with the match finishing in a 2-2 draw.

Testbourne gave a great match considering they were a player short, but we took home a 4-1 win thanks to some excellent goals from Kenya and Evie.

Despite very cold temperatures and challenging opposition, our girls are through to the semi-finals! We're so proud of the amazing teamwork and dedication displayed from our team.



Congratulations to Year 8 student Aubrey who has been awarded her Shodan Black Belt after successfully completing 5 gruelling hours of grading on Sunday 14 December.



## LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 01.12.25

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Jamie C	Jack B	Maisie H
Carter M	Beth D	Joseph C
Mark H	Thomas G	Deborah A
Beth H	Sophie O	Esmae W
Louie D	Aiden N	Adam A
Yasmin A	Eliza C	Liam-Jay B
George S	Chloe M-T	Majeed I
Abigail S	Jordan G	Leala P
Eben V E	Ava-Rose L	Rhoda O
Sahishnu M	Charlie P	Dexter F
Sophia G	Jessica D	Sofia F
Lily S	Alex B	Zayaan R
Ellie-Mai G	Kaitlyn M	Joseph B
Faisal H	Uma F	Charlotte K



# Book of the Week

This week's Book of The Week is 'The Case of The Vanishing Granny' by Alexander McCall Smith.



*"Roll up! Roll up! The Shortbread Family Circus is in town! Billy, Fern and Joe are the stars of their family circus, but they also have another talent... they're experts at solving mysteries!"*

*They soon make friends with a young boy named Tom, who can't enjoy the circus because his granny has disappeared! With the help of their astonishing circus skills, can the Shortbread Circus stars crack the clues and find Tom's Granny?'*

# Safeguarding Newsletter

Did you know we publish a safeguarding newsletter every month?

The newsletter explores different topics, trends we see in school and offers advice on how to have important conversations at home.

Past editions can be found on the Edulink Noticeboard or online at [www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/safeguarding](http://www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/safeguarding)

# Year 11 Leavers Prom

Tickets to Year 11 Leavers Prom 2026 are available now!

Purchase via ParentPay. Full information can be found on the Edulink noticeboard.

# Enrichment Clubs

A new after-school enrichment club timetable will be out when we return from the holidays - be sure to keep an eye on Edulink!

Don't forget, you'll receive 5 House Points each time you attend a club!

# Expectations in January

When we return to Cranbourne in January, it is an opportunity to start fresh and we expect students to come to school ready to learn.

We believe in establishing a culture that supports learning, which is reflected in our expectations of personal appearance. A smart appearance develops a sense of pride which reflects in a more positive approach to learning.

Please ensure students come to school wearing their blazer and tie everyday, skirts are an appropriate length and trousers are the same width from knee to ankle (not flared, or skinny fit). Students should not wear make up, false eyelashes, nail varnish or false nails.

Our uniform expectations can be found on our website: <https://www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/uniform>

# Dates for your diary

January						
MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
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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	

**Return to School - 5 January**

**Year 11 Parents Evening - 7 January**

**Year 11 Curry & Revision Night - 15 January**

**Year 7 Parents Evening - 21 January**

**Strictly Come Dancing Live Trip - 23 January**

**Cluster Conference - 23 January**

**Cranbourne Union of Students - 28 January**

**Intermediate Maths Challenge - 28 January**

# Role Model Students Award w/c 15.12.25 recipients

Challenge	Care	Creativity	Community
Henry R	Jessica E	George S	Ralphie S
Alex B	Roman L	Theo W	Jamie P
Abbey S	Hemashree S	Anabelle M	Craig M
Ollie C	Olamide O	Vishan B	Louie B
Majeed I	Anabelle M	Elise M	Daniel L
Furkan D		Sophie O	
Evie G		Faith R	
Ava-Rose L			
Amelie K			
Rylee N			
Jordan G			
Eloise F			
Amie M			
Demi A			
Melina G			
Ellieonsa C-T			
Joseph C			
Jacob P			

**Well done!**

**Model Student**

