



The Cranbourne Catch Up

A School Newsletter



Edition 9 - Friday 13 February

Donations to Camrose

Before Christmas, we asked for donations for The Camrose as part of our Social Action Project. We were once again blown away by the generosity of our parents, carers and students and are so pleased to be able to help vulnerable members of our community.

We raised £78 in cash and received a large amount of food, clothing and toiletry donations, including:

- 87 toiletry items
- 21 jars of sauce
- 130 tins of vegetables
- 64 bags of pasta, rice and noodles
- multiple packets of socks, underwear, hats and gloves
- 7 puddings, 10 boxes of chocolates and a whopping 28 packets of biscuits

A big thank you to Mrs Reddy and our Student Leadership Team who visited the Camrose Centre last week to deliver the items, and of course to all who sent a donation into school!



Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies are now available to order via ParentPay.

Hoodies cost £24 and colours and sizes can be viewed outside the Finance Office.

Orders must be made by Friday 20 March.



The Cranbourne Food Pantry will remain open as normal during half term - Thursday 19 February between 11.15am and 12.15pm.

New Head of White House



We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Head of White House, Mr Head.

He will take over the role from Miss Miller when we return to school after half term.

Ofsted Inspection Report

In the first week of term, we welcomed Ofsted Inspectors to Cranbourne. The dedication, hard work and resilience of our staff, students and families shone through and we are incredibly proud of our Cranbourne Community.

The Inspection Report is now available to read on our school website.

Celebrate Chinese New Year

On Friday 27 February, we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with a tasty meal of sweet and sour chicken, egg fried rice, chow mein noodles and a spring roll for just £2.60.

Tickets will be available to purchase from the Canteen when we return after half term.

Friday 27 February CHINESE NEW YEAR

Sweet and sour chicken
Egg fried rice
Chow mein noodles
Vegetable spring roll

*Vegetarian option available

Tickets available to purchase from the Canteen for £2.60

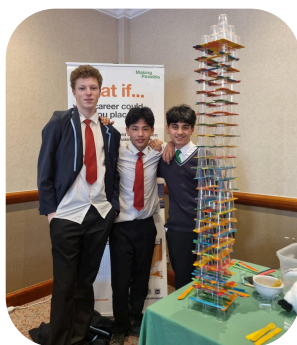


Get Inspired

On Wednesday 4 February, our Year 10 students attended the Get Inspired Careers event at the Apollo Hotel. The event brought together a wide range of local employers to help inspire young people and broaden their understanding of career opportunities in the area.

Students engaged in a variety of hands-on, interactive activities including robotics, coding challenges, virtual reality experiences, science demonstrations and life-skills such as CPR.

It was a fantastic event where our Year 10s were able to strengthening their understanding of the world of work and gain inspiration ahead of their upcoming work experience placements.



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Easter Holiday Theatre Session

Calling all budding thespians! New Projects Association are running a free session in the Easter holidays for 12 to 18 year olds to explore the world of Shakespeare.

Young people will engage in activities and workshops designed to inspire and engage before performing a mini-production of Twelfth Night. The event will take place at Rucstall Community Centre on Thursday 2 April.

Find out more and book a free space at <https://events.bookitbee.com/new-projects-association/twelfth-night-in-a-day/>

SNG

Sovereign Network Group

Prom wear

February 19th

10am-12pm

Roger Morris Centre
Eastrop way Basingstoke

We have a selection of preloved suits and dresses available for sale, everyone welcome. pop down between 10 and 12 and take a look. Minimum donation £10.



Reading University Trip

On Wednesday 11 February, another group of our Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit Reading University where they could tour the campus, learn more about the courses on offer and speak to current undergraduates about university life.

The trip aimed to broaden aspirations and inspire students to consider Higher Education.

They finished the day with a hands-on archaeology workshop, analysing ancient fingerprints to uncover how people in Egypt lived and worked.

Sparsholt College Open Day

Sparsholt's next open day will take place on Saturday 7 March and is a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 students to start exploring their options for life after Cranbourne.

Tour the campus, speak to current students and learn more information about the subjects and courses on offer.

Book a place at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sparsholt-college-open-event-saturday-7-march-2026-tickets-1611274859479?aff=oddtcreator>

Reporting Student Absence

If your child is absent from school, it is really important for you to let us know.

Email

student.absence@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk as early as possible, and by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

Please give a reason for the absence and an expected return date. If you are unable to email, please call your CPP.

If we do not hear from you, your child's absence will be registered as unauthorised, and we will contact you as part of our processes around safeguarding.

Guys and Dolls Jr - A message from Mr Juliff

What a week! Cranbourne has been transformed into the bustling streets of 1950s New York as students brought Guys and Dolls Jr. to life.

This year's show was an ambitious undertaking to say the least. With its fast-paced dialogue, iconic musical numbers and the introduction of a two cast production! I was particularly impressed by the commitment, discipline and growth shown throughout the rehearsal process and our cast truly rose to the challenge.

Behind the scenes, the success of the production was supported by a dedicated creative and technical team and I want to thank all the staff and students who contributed to the smooth running of performances, especially Mx Philo and Mrs Vaughan. I really felt Cranbourne Community come together this week to celebrate and savour this special event in the school calendar.

Most importantly, this production showcased the breadth of talent within our school community. Students not only performed with confidence but also developed transferable skills: collaboration, time management, public speaking, and creative problem-solving. For some, this was their first experience of a full-scale musical; for others, it was an opportunity to step into leadership roles and mentor younger cast members.

Congratulations to every student involved on stage and behind the scenes. Guys and Dolls Jr. was not just a performance; it was a testament to teamwork and the transformative power of the arts.

Let's get ready for Arts Month and then heading to Crunchem Hall for Matilda Jr!



Aerosol Cans in School

A reminder that aerosol cans (deodorant, perfumes, hair products etc.) are not permitted on school site.

Students found to be carrying these items or using them in school will have them confiscated.



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

[@sportinmind](https://www.instagram.com/sportinmind) info@sportinmind.org www.sportinmind.org 03001021400



Working in partnership with **NHS**
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Supported by **Basingstoke and Deane**



A **free** mental health & wellbeing event for all parents and carers who support or work with young people

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 2026
QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE, CLIDDSDEN RD, BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE RG21 3HF

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

PACE events consist of two main components:

1. A number of introductory sessions on young people's emotional health and wellbeing.
2. Information stands from local organisations.

Attendees can choose which sessions they would like to attend; select as many or as few as you would like to attend.

NEW SESSIONS:

- Understanding Adolescence & Their Mental Health
- Introduction to Low Mood
- School Avoidance & School Transition
- Eight Skills to Support a Young Person
- Sleep Optimisation
- Understanding Suicide & Suicidal Thinking

To find out more and to book scan this QR code



BOOK YOUR SESSION SPACE AT:

hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5 March.

Students can collect their £1 book token from the Library, which can be exchanged for one of this year's books.

More information can be found at <https://www.worldbookday.com/>



Year 7 Visit Salisbury Cathedral

Last week more than 150 of our Year 7 students visited Salisbury Cathedral, giving them the opportunity to bring what they are learning in History and Religious Studies to life.

After exploring the Cathedral and seeing the 800-year-old Magna Carta with their own eyes, they took part in an interactive session on the importance of rights and responsibilities organised by the incredible Salisbury Cathedral team.

They spent the afternoon crafting a banner focusing on a right that feels most important to them.

A big thank you to the team at Salisbury Cathedral, to Miss Wood and all staff members who attended the trips!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Your Attendance, Your Achievement, Your Future



95%

- 48 lessons missed each year
- 8 days in total
- 45 hours of learning missed

The hours add up... even one day absent here and there has a huge impact on your learning.

90%

- 96 lessons missed each year
- 16 days in total
- 90 hours of learning missed

Aim to be in school, every day and on time

85%

- 144 lessons missed each year
- 24 days in total
- 136 hours of learning missed

We expect at least 96% attendance from our Cranbourne Community - keep your eyes peeled for our attendance streaks to earn your rewards!



Winchester Road Petition

Following the recent tragic death of a 17-year-old on Winchester Road, local residents are calling for an urgent review of the road's safety measures. Many families have raised concerns about children having to cross this busy road to reach the three schools - including ours - located nearby.

The current speed limit is 30mph along Winchester Road, there is only one crossing and very little signage to signal to drivers to slow down owing to the three schools that are close by.

Residents have asked us to share their petition so they can demonstrate the strength of community concern and push for action:

<https://www.change.org/p/urge-hampshire-council-to-review-winchester-road-s-traffic-measures>

Enrichment Clubs

There are a few small changes to the after-school enrichment club timetable - please check the updated version on the Edulink Noticeboard.

Girls Football Success

On 29 January, our girls football team travelled to The Hurst for their semi-final fixture against Everest. After going 2-0 down in the first half, the girls came back stronger and with great determination to take the game to 2-2 at the final whistle.

It then went on to penalties and after a sudden death, the girls unfortunately lost the match. We're so proud of their courage taking a penalty under pressure and their resilience throughout.

The team then went on to play the 3rd place play-off against Blue Coat and based on previous fixtures against them, we knew we were in for a tough match! Our girls however really shone through and played some great football! With some great passing, teamwork and strength, the team pulled off a 4-0 win!

Congratulations to the whole team, you played amazingly and did the Cranbourne Community very proud!



Are you following us on Social Media?



Twitter
@Cranbourne_info



Facebook
/Cranbourneinfo

Hair and Beauty Sessions

This week, our Year 9 Hair and Beauty students have welcomed Lauren Boylan, owner of The Facialist Hants as part of their My Look, My Story project, which helps promote self-esteem and positivity.

Lauren works as a Skin Health Practitioner who specialises in acne inflammatory, skin concerns, hormones and wellbeing. Lauren's work allows teenagers to understand the internal factors behind skin conditions, and gives them the knowledge of how the skin works and how they can prevent skin issues.

Our students found these sessions very informative and has given them the knowledge to feel confident in their own skin. A big thank you to Lauren for giving up her time to support our students in their learning.



Book of the Week

This week's Book of The Week is 'Letters to a Dog' by Piers Torday.



"Jamie is in hospital waiting for a life-changing operation. And to make a difficult time even harder, he's fallen out with his dad and refuses to speak to him when he comes to visit.

To keep his spirits up, Nurse Shirley suggests he writes a letter to the dog he desperately wants to adopt from the local dog home. But imagine his surprise when Dog writes back!"

Dates for your diary

| March | | | | | | |
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Cranbourne Union of Students - 4 March

Year 9 Options Evening - 4 March

Year 9 Parents Evening - 11 March

Year 6 New Intake Evening - 18 March

Year 9 Options Form Deadline - 18 March

Dutch Exchange Visit - 24 March

Dutch Exchange Visit - 25 March

Year 8 Options Evening - 25 March

Spring Rewards' Evening - 26 March

LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 02.02.26

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Lyra S
Brooklyn M
Isla B
Rishon C
Ben G
Ava B
Alisha M
Connie S
Oliver F
Demi A
Penny-Anne S
Noing L
Demi A
Freddie I
Connor H
Jedidi J

Ethan A
Daniella A
Abigail A
Jay S
Archie S
Flora A
Laiba I
Bethan G
Trish C
Kyle A
Harry N
Paola H
Ava W
Harry N
Eva B
James H

Olivia P
Craig M
Muna N
Kristalyn A
Harry H
Dominic T
Chimamanda K
Poppy M
Charlie M
Charlie P
Brody F
Ted S
Jacob P
Armani N
Elizabeth A
Emily H

