



The Cranbourne Catch Up

A School Newsletter



Edition 14 - Friday 22 May

Student Leadership Team

On Tuesday 19 May, students voted for who they want to be Cranbourne's next Student Leadership Team.

Our Thomson House Ambassadors did a fantastic job at keeping the replica polling station running smoothly, allowing our Cranbourne Community the opportunity to let their voices be heard.

We are delighted to introduce our new Student Leadership Team for 2026-27:

- Poppy M and Kyle A - Head Students**
- Amanda O - Head of Community**
- Sam M - Head of Creativity**
- Brody F - Head of Care**
- Demi A - Head of Challenge**

Wali-Ahmad K, Declan H, Merryn L, Sochima A, Bethan G and Isla S will support our Senior Leadership Team as Senior Prefects.

Congratulations to you all, we're very proud of how much hard work and effort you put into your campaigns and speeches. We can't wait to see you thrive in your new roles!



Year 11 Revision Sessions

Over the half term, there are a selection of Year 11 revision sessions taking place to help maximise their chances of achieving the best possible grades in their GCSE exams.

Full information can be found on Edulink.



The Cranbourne Food Pantry will remain open as normal throughout half term - Thursday's between 11.15am and 12.15pm.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will launch on Thursday 4 June, running on Thursday and Friday from 7.50am to 8.25am. Students can enjoy a free breakfast item and start their day in a calm environment.

In order to help plan food deliveries and staffing we need to know roughly how many students will be attending.

A letter has been sent out on Edulink with a link to a short form to sign your child up.

Sushi in the Canteen

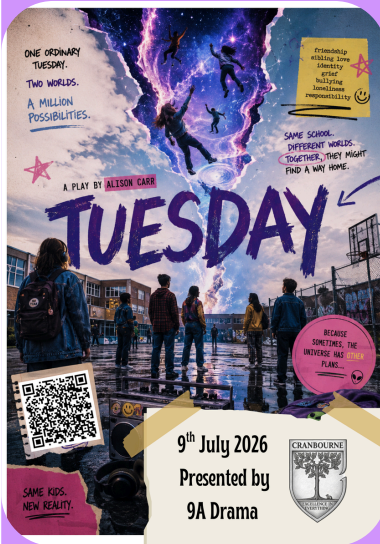
This week we've launched 2 new sushi products, breaded chicken and vegetable sushi. Why not give them a try for £2?

We're excited to be introducing new food items in our Canteen and Snack Shacks and student feedback is essential in helping us to decide what foods to serve.

We've seen a great response to our new muffin flavours and salad bowls – be sure to let us know what else you want to see in school!



Arts Month



Tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school

Scratch Built Productions Workshop

On Friday 15 May, our Year 9 Drama students had their second workshop with Scratch Built Productions, where they continued to contribute to the development of The Toy Hospital, a new production being created for Basingstoke Festival.

During the session, students explored a range of professional theatre-making techniques including experimenting with stage design concepts, devising original material and considering how creative ideas are transformed into a fully realised production.

Nick and Becky delivered a fascinating Q&A session where they shared valuable insights into their careers and the collaborative process behind creating theatre for young audiences.

The workshop gave students the opportunity to work with industry professionals, develop their creativity, confidence and understanding of how theatre is made beyond the classroom. Students also began working towards their Bronze Arts Award which recognises young people's engagement with the arts and encourages them to develop as artists, leaders, and audience members.

Mr Juliff is incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and imagination the students have shown throughout this project and look forward to seeing how their ideas help shape The Toy Hospital in the months ahead!

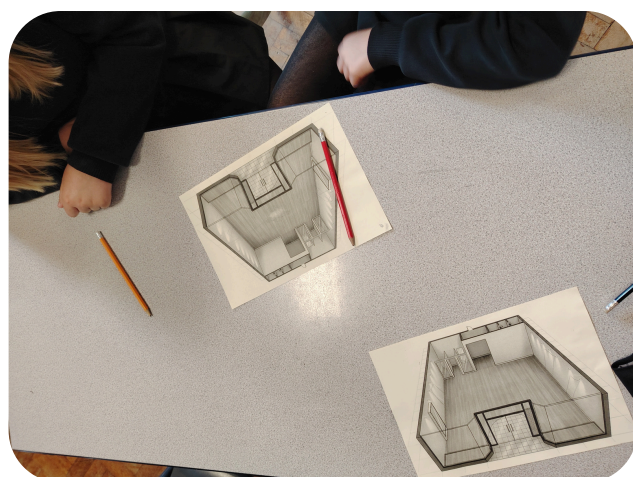
See Matilda in the West End

We're excited to share that we've secured tickets to see Matilda in the West End on Wednesday 2 December.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and all payments must be made via ParentPay.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to see the show performed professionally before we stage our own production of Matilda Jr in 2027.

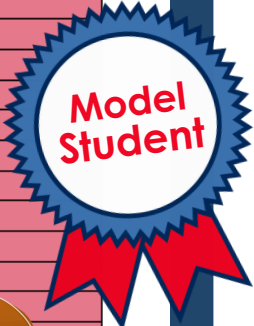
Full details will be announced when we return after half term - keep an eye on Edulink!



Role Model Students Award

w/c 18.05.26 recipients

Challenge	Care	Creativity	Community
James W	Kayley G	Aubrey R	Kayley G
Jess B	Chloe E	Casey-Leigh W	Jessica E
Olly B	Romik RM	Artur M	Oskar C
Fin B		Jynelle H	Artur M
Fatma C			
Joseph C			
Taylor K-R			
Isla D			
Chimamanda K			
Shaniyah S			
Ashton H x2			
Grace J			
Arjun V			
Milly C			
Miriam M			
Lucas B			
Beth H			
Eloise F			
Miral E			
Declan H			
Jynelle H			
Ahrika G			
Sofie-Blake H			
Ellis A			
Benjamin G			
Riley W			
Riley B			
Sophie B			



Apprenticeship Opportunity

BCoT have an opportunity for an Administration and Events Apprentice to join their marketing team.

The role would be perfect for any school leavers looking gain experience in administrative work, marketing and events coordination whilst working towards a Business Administrator Level 3 Apprenticeship.

Find out more at

<https://www.fejobs.com/careers/bcot-ac/job/administration-and-events-apprentice-1551766/?lang=en-GB>

Year 11 GCSE Exams

We're so proud of how well our Year 11s have conducted themselves so far this GCSE season. Their behaviour has been exemplary and they are working so hard. Their dedication is truly admirable.

We're so proud of all you are achieving!



LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 04.05.26

abc+



William A-C	Lily-Rae R	Zack L
Joseph P	Penny-Anne S	Martha T
Evie O-H	Samuel A	Freddie M
Mia M	Maisey B	Oliwia W
Haveesha V	Martina F	Danny B
Shanghae R	Poppy N	Jonah N-L
Jackie G	Scarlet W	Harley H
Chloe E	Aoife G	Eli P
Phoebe C	Amie M	Jacob H
George M	Lucas D	Jose K
Faiz H	Phoebe B	Harrison S
Cassidy K	Poala H	Arthur K
Ismail D	Emily H	Daisy A-C
Callum L	Zachary G	



Water Bottles

With the weather starting to warm up, a reminder to please ensure students come to school with a water bottle.

It is essential for them to stay hydrated throughout the day, and we do not keep plastic or paper cups on site to give out.

There are water fountains across the school to refill bottles when needed.

Fish Masterclass

On Thursday 14 May, Mrs McCoy hosted Cranbourne's first fish skills masterclass! Students had the opportunity to handle, process, trim, gut, fillet and cook a Cornish Sole, also known as Megrin.

Mrs McCoy works with the Fish Heroes scheme, which aims to give students across the UK opportunities to learn about, prepare and cook fish. They are focused on seeing what is available in our native waters and giving recognition to under-utilized species of fish. Cornish Sole is abundant in UK waters and a more sustainable option.

The fish was provided by The Fish Shop in Camberly, and was freshly caught on Wednesday morning ready for the masterclass. Students learned more about Cornish Sole and how they are caught, before Mrs McCoy demonstrated a simple yet delicious recipe for the students to recreate.

They had a fantastic time and were very proud of their creations! Some were so determined to practice their newly acquired skills that they took a whole fish home – we hope their families enjoyed their dinner!



Parking Reminder

Cranbourne is located in a residential area and parking can be extremely limited. We would like to remind parents to be considerate towards our neighbours when parking in the surrounding areas during school drop off and pick up times.

Parked cars should not be blocking driveways, garages or junctions and you should always switch off your engine while waiting.

To keep our students safe, cars are not allowed to be driven onto the school site without a prearranged appointment or medical reason.

Cars entering the school gates should be parked appropriately in a designated parking bay and not blocking the entrance/exit to the car parks, Reception area or other parked cars.

We appreciate your support in helping to keep our school site safe for all students and staff.

Message from the Governors

Following the recent parent survey, the governing body has been busy reviewing the comments we received about how we engage with the Cranbourne family about who we are, our role and what we have been up to.

We've had a couple of changes to the governing body over the last month – firstly Melissa Paxton, our chair for over 10 years and Donna Titcombe, our finance committee chair for over 8 years, have stepped down. As the new chair of governors, I extend to them both our grateful thanks for the enormous contributions they have given to the strategic direction and financial stability of the school over their tenure and wish them both well for the future. We also welcome Nicholas Gausden who joins us as the newly elected parent governor and wish him well as he settles into the new role.

In January this year, the board were extremely proud to see OFSTED recognise the hard work and dedication of staff and students in their report. The board continues to review and approve school policies and challenge leaders in key areas around educational outcomes, behaviour and attendance and will now be working closely with the headteacher and senior leadership team to review areas of focus and action plans to continue to drive the outcomes Cranbourne is known for in the community.

A significant milestone was also reached in March with planning permission granted for the new school build and having spoken to a number of parents, students and staff, governors are aware of the excitement this is bringing to Cranbourne's future – as a board we have appointed a link governor to work closely with the leadership team to provide support as this key project moves forward.

Finally, as we head towards the end of the year, the Board of Governors wish all our Year 11 students the best of luck for their exams!

BCoT Apprenticeship Fair

Want to know more about apprenticeships? BCoT are hosting an Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair on Monday 15 June.

Meet local employers, speak with the experts and get top tips on what makes a stand out candidate.

Find out more and register at www.bcot.ac.uk/apprenticeship-fair

News from the PE Department

Our students have been busy competing at various sporting events in the last few weeks, achieving new personal bests and giving some excellent performances!

Emma J had tremendous success at the last two events she's competed at, setting new personal bests in Hurdles, Shot Put and 800m. She also took home the Bronze for her High Jump after setting a personal best of 1.50m. Emma will be competing at the Hampshire School's Pentathlon at the end of May after securing the Bronze medal at the Hampshire Athletics Multi Events Championships.

Abi S competed at the Hampshire County Athletics Championships, setting three new personal bests and took home three medals! She secured the Bronze in Triple Jump and 800m and Silver in 400m, also securing national qualifying time.

Jess E set a new personal best in Javelin at the Hampshire Field and Track Championships, throwing 24.7m and now holds the Basingstoke Athletics Club record for Under 14s.

A huge congratulations to all three of our students for your achievements, you make the Cranbourne Community very proud with your dedication and commitment!

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Rounders Team who secured a brilliant 10 ½ - 10 victory against Bishop Challoner in a very close and competitive game. Jessica and Freya were standout performers, showing excellent batting and fielding throughout to help the team edge ahead and claim the win.

Our Year 9/10 team were narrowly defeated losing 10 ½ - 9 ½ in an exciting match! Kaitlyn delivered an impressive individual performance, contributing strongly with both bat and field as the team battled hard until the final innings.

Well done to both teams for representing Cranbourne with so much determination and fantastic sportsmanship.



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

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Day of Sport

We have had a change to our school calendar and Day of Sport will now take place in June.

Key Dates

Year 9 Field Events - Monday 8 June
Year 7, 8 and 10 Field Events - Friday 12 June
Day of Sport - Thursday 18 June
Tuesday 7 July - Swimming Gala

Students have been signing up to participate in events in PDL this week. Expectations and timings have been shared with students, and more details will be communicated to parents and carers nearer the time.



Concentration Aids

We would like to remind you that slime/putty is not an authorised concentration aid and should not be brought into school.

Where a concentration aid is genuinely needed, this will be agreed individually between students, parents/carers and a member of staff as part of a support strategy.

Authorised concentration aids have to be silent and small enough to be held in a closed palm. Only these items are permitted to be brought into school.

Year 9 & 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 mock exams will begin on Monday 22 June, with Year 9 starting on Monday 6 July.

Mock exams are an excellent opportunity for us to gain insight into students' current understanding and to identify gaps in their knowledge.

The timetables can now be viewed on the Edulink noticeboard. Personalised timetables will be available after half term.

Dates for your diary



Arts Month: Sparkleshark and PA Showcase - 3 June

District Athletics - 11 June

Year 9 Futures Day - 12 June

Field Events - 12 June

Arts Month: Summer Concert - 17 June

Day of Sport - 18 June

Year 7 Futures Day - 19 June

Year 8 Natural History Museum Trip (F Band)- 19 June

Year 8 Natural History Museum Trip (G Band)- 22 June

Careers Fair - 23 June

Year 6 Transition Days - 25 & 26 June

Year 8 Futures Day - 26 June

Books of the Week



'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again' by Frank Cottrell Boyce

"When the Tooting family finds a vast abandoned engine and fit it to their camper van, they have no idea of the adventure that lies ahead..."

'The Small Things' by Lisa Thompson

"Anna's anxious when she's picked to befriend the new girl in her class. For a start, Ellie is ill and can't come to school herself. So Anna has to communicate with her though a new kind of robot. Compared to the other girls, Anna doesn't have anything exciting to talk about and so when Ellie asks her a question, a little white lie pops out. Then another.. and another. When Ellie finds out the truth, can their friendship survive?"



Attendance Prizes

Students have been busy collecting stamps on their 1% better attendance cards... time to reveal the prizes!

During the last two weeks of term (1-17 July), we will be randomly selecting winners across 5 days. Attendance cards must be placed in the box in CPP to be in with a chance of winning.

Day 1



£10 Amazon voucher

Day 2



£10 Amazon voucher

Day 3



£15 Amazon voucher

Day 4



£15 Amazon voucher

Day 5



£20 Amazon voucher



Smint selection



£10 Vue voucher



£15 JD voucher



£15 Greggs voucher



£20 JD voucher



£10 One For All voucher



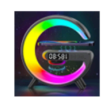
Headphones



Bluetooth speaker



Wireless earbuds



Wireless speaker/lamp

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