



The Cranbourne Catch Up

A School Newsletter



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Summer Rewards' Evening

On Wednesday 15 July, we celebrated an evening of excellence at our Summer 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 their performance of 'Count on Me' and Year 9 student Archie impressed us with his rendition of Sinatra's 'L.O.V.E'.

The prestigious Headteachers Award went to Sochinaza for her continuous engagement in enrichment across the academic year.

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



Cranbourne Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 9 September between 5pm and 8pm. In order to allow staff to prepare, school will finish early at 12.50pm on this day.

We'll be looking for Student Ambassadors to give tours to visiting families and help out in Departments when we return in September.

The Cranbourne Food Pantry will remain open as normal throughout the summer holidays. Every Thursday between 11.15am and midday.



Skoolkit Discount Week

Don't miss Skoolkit's discount week – Cranbourne families can get 10% off uniform when they shop in store between Monday 20 and Saturday 25 July.

If you prefer to order online, use code **'SUMMER26'** for free delivery between Saturday 25 July and Saturday 1 August.

All online orders must be placed by Friday 14 August to be delivered in time for the new school year.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

As part of our commitment to our Green Cranbourne initiative, we encourage families to donate any unwanted uniform your child may have outgrown at the end of each academic year.

Donations can be given to Reception when we return in September.

Our free second-hand uniform shop will be open to parents on Thursday 6 and 13 August from midday until 1pm.

For more information, please contact Kathy Gare on k.gare@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk

Summer Holiday Activities

Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) offers fully funded fun and educational activity sessions to support low-income families during the summer holidays.

There's still time to book spaces, visit: <https://eequ.org/hampshirehaf>

Arts Month 2026

What a month. What a celebration. What another incredible year for the Arts at Cranbourne!

Arts Month has now come to an end and we want to take a moment to celebrate the creativity, talent and dedication of our amazing students. This year, we've been proud to showcase:

- Year 9E's production of Sparkleshark
- Year 9A's production of Tuesday
- Year 10's A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Performing Arts Club Showcase
- Year 9 Dance Show
- Summer Concert

Every rehearsal, performance, workshop and creative opportunity has helped students grow in confidence, develop new skills and discover the power of the Arts.

A huge thank you to our incredible Performing Arts Department, Mr Juliff, Mx Philo and Mrs Vaughan for all the hard work that goes into organising events and supporting our students. We're so lucky to have such dedicated, creative and committed staff guiding our Cranbourne Community and inspiring them to explore creative pathways.

Here's to another year of creativity, collaboration and performance – next stop: Matilda Jr!



Year 10 BCoT Taster Day

Year 10 visited BCoT on Thursday 9 July for their Taster Day, where they had the opportunity to attend three classes at the college.

Options included Travel and Tourism, Animal Management, Hairdressing, Media Make-up, Early Years and many more!

It was an excellent chance for them to experience college life and get a taste of what they could study when they leave Cranbourne.

Our students had a fantastic time and return to us inspired for their futures!

A special mention must go to Maisie C who absolutely thrived in the Health and Social Care session. The tutor said they'd never seen anyone so passionate!

Careers Programme at Cranbourne 2026/27

We're expanding our Careers Programme for 2026-27 and would love to involve members of our community who might be willing to support our students.

If you work in a company, run a business, or know someone who might be happy to share their expertise, host a workshop, offer a workplace visit, or support work experience, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

You can complete this form to tell us what opportunities you'd be open to – selecting yes does not commit you to anything, but helps us tailor our invitations:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=b1bfW9VPwUyzPWjJUNd0lClnBZNtuTtBpl3IGz2jWCIUNVc1RUhSTDQxNkxPRVhJQUo3WjJMNfhJMi4u&route=shorturl>

Rewards Trips

This week, students who earned 1500 House Points this year attended our Summer Rewards Trips. They had the choice to visit either Thorpe Park or Marwell Zoo and had a fantastic time!

Well done to all who earned their place!

Futures Day

This year we launched Futures Day, our new work-shadowing initiative for Key Stage 3, which aims to give students an early insight into the world of work and help them begin making connections between school, skills and future pathways.

We're delighted that 381 students successfully completed a one day work placement, placing us ahead of national expectations and ensuring students begin to develop confidence, curiosity and early employability skills before their work experience week in Year 10.

In total, we have facilitated 541 work placements this year - a Cranbourne record! Thank you to all of the families and local businesses who have helped support our careers programme and inspire our students.

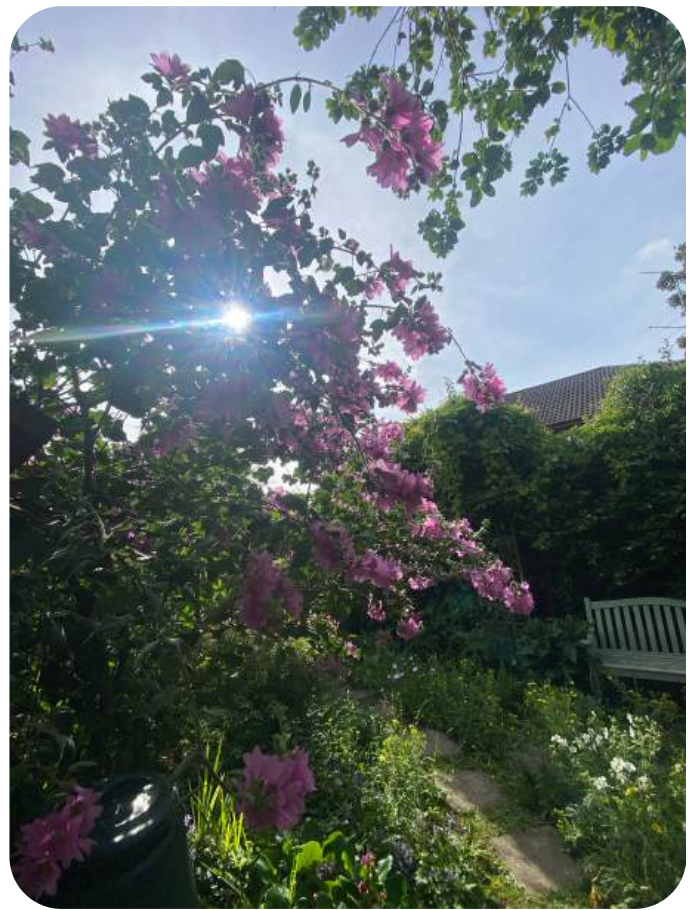
We're so proud of how well our students engaged with the day and would like to share some of the feedback our students received from their placements:

"F showed great communication, even with a patient who was tricky to talk to. He asked thoughtful questions and helped put him at ease." (Mobile Foot Health Practitioner)

"L demonstrated fantastic resilience and teamwork. She grew in confidence as the sessions went on." (BCoT)

"N asked excellent questions and showed a great attitude - every technical skill can be learned, but attitude is key." (Taylormade Golf)

"M remained unfazed in a busy hospital environment and communicated confidently with everyone he met." (Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital)



Year 7 students Ariella and Phoebe did some gardening as part of their placement.

Here's what they had to say:

"At Futures Day, me and Phoebe visited a house to cut the grass and to garden. We started the day with trimming the plants and then we cut the grass. It was a wonderful sunny day, but quite a workout!"

"It was an amazing experience, but very hot!"

DearALICE

On Tuesday 14 July we welcomed British band DearALICE to Cranbourne.

Year 8 and 9 had the opportunity to attend a session with them, where they performed some of their songs, held a Q&A session and discussed social media and the effect it can have on mental health.

Our students had a fantastic time, and really enjoyed listening to the boys speak about their own experiences and how they handle the pressures of having a social media following.

We've had some fantastic feedback sharing what a positive impact the session had on our students and how it has encouraged them to speak up about issues affecting them.

A big thank you to the band for spending the morning with us and inspiring our students!

Be sure to check out the videos we've posted on our social media channels!



Are you following us on Social Media?



Twitter
[@Cranbourne_info](https://twitter.com/Cranbourne_info)



Facebook
[/Cranbourneinfo](https://www.facebook.com/Cranbourneinfo)

Year 8 Natural History Museum Trip

Back in June, Year 8 visited the Natural History Museum, allowing students to see real life examples of what they had been learning in the classroom.

Despite being a very hot day, our students loved exploring the exhibits, learning more about the history of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.

They spent the afternoon wandering around the Mammal Hall, visiting the famous blue whale model and viewing the dinosaur species they talked about in lessons when learning about continental drift.

A highlight of the trip was getting to see all the fascinating rocks and minerals our planet can make, including uranium, obsidian and lots of other awe-inspiring gems!

One group were ecstatic to discover the Cranbourne meteorite! Despite sharing our school name, it didn't land in UK, but in Australia. Although our students did invent their own version of events... blaming the meteorite for causing the hills behind A-block!

A hard hitting new exhibit 'Fixing our Broken Planet' explored the human impact on the planet and inspired students to reflect and think about changes they can make.

Here's what a few of our students had to say about the trip:

"We saw lots of really cool stuff including huge diamonds and radioactive things. I want to go again!"

"My favourite part of the trip was looking at the dinosaurs. I'm so glad Miss Oliver was there to answer all of my questions.. and let us go in the gift shop!"

"It was such a fun trip! My favourite part was the earthquake simulator."



Year 9 Horticulture

Year 9 Horticulture students have now passed their Level 1 Horticulture Award with flying colours!

Over the course of the year, they have grown fruit and vegetables, developed an awareness for the environment and learned lots of new skills.

They have been working hard to keep our allotment plot tidy and have grown tomatoes, potatoes, sweetcorn, broccoli, courgettes and cucumber which will all be used by the Canteen in September.

This week, they delivered 40 lettuces to the Canteen, saving school £35 and helped to reduce our food miles.

Well done to Thomas, Sean, Freya, Isla and James!



End of Term Disco

On Thursday 16 July, students who maintained their attendance streak earned their invitation to the end of term disco. Students had the chance to unwind, sing along to some of their favourite songs and have a dance party!

Mx Philo and Miss Wood got them all dancing along to the Cha Cha Slide and YMCA was a firm favourite with our Year 8s.

Year 10 had a great time forming dance circles and encouraging each other to show off their best moves, and ended their session with a sing along to Wonderwall!

We're so grateful to be able to host these kinds of events for our students to reward them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to their education.

CAD Fitness Cafe

Year 9 have been delivering sessions to primary students in our local cluster schools as part of the Cranbourne Aspire Diploma (CAD).

CAD combines classroom based activities and outdoor activities designed to push students out of their comfort zone, take initiative and develop leadership.

On Wednesday 1 July, one group went to Castle Hill Infants School to run the Fitness Cafe.

Here's what Aoife thought of the experience:

"We were split into two groups and taught the children about healthy lifestyle, discussing nutrition, healthy eating and fitness and exercise. Everyone participated and had a great time! The kids were engaged and excited to take part in the activities including trying food and answering questions about food and nutrition."

The second group created an exciting blood pumping obstacle course for the students to complete. Everyone had a great time and we hope they learnt all about how to be healthy!"



CAD Computing Lessons

On Friday 10 July, Year 9 student William took on the challenge of teaching a class of 33 Year 7's a computing lesson - completely on his own!

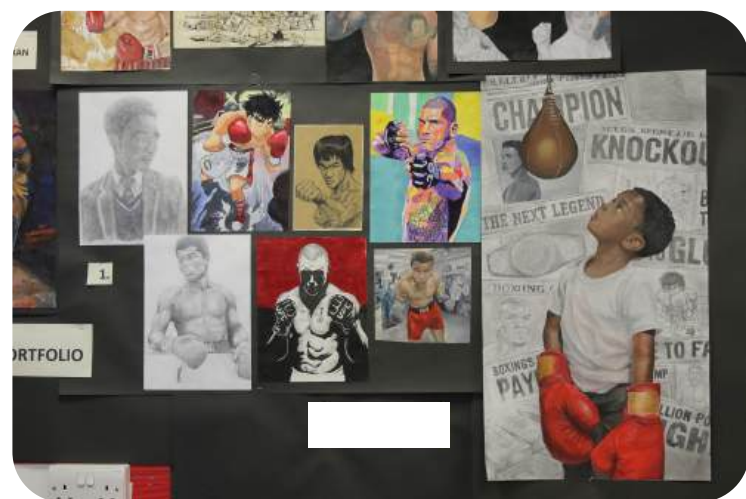
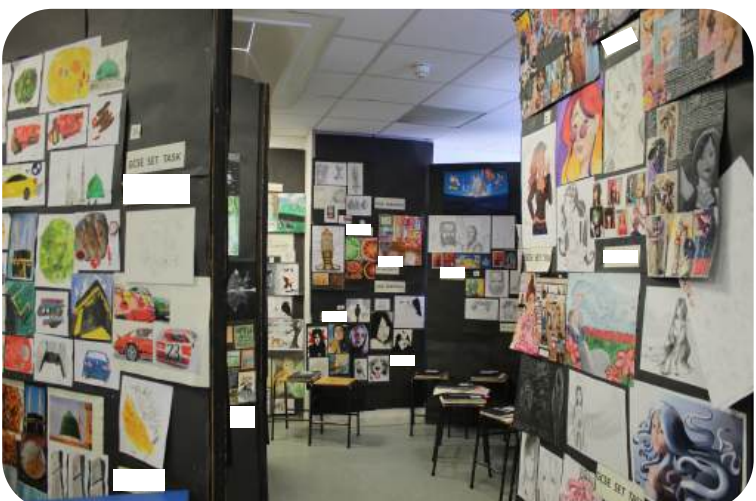
This session was part of his Cranbourne Aspire Diploma, where he has shown tremendous leadership skills.

Well done William, perhaps we will be welcoming you back to Cranbourne as a member of staff in the future!

GCSE Artwork

Back in June, our GCSE Art students had their moderation, and our fantastic Art Department set up a wonderful exhibition displaying their work.

We're absolutely blown away by the creativity and talent on display. So much hard work and dedication went into each and every piece and you can see the evolution of their ideas throughout the process.



Day of Sport 2026

The results are in!

Day of Sport saw students compete in various sports events to earn points for their House. It was truly fantastic day where we enjoyed watching our students show incredible enthusiasm, sportsmanship and embrace their House Spirit.

Participation = points and for the second year running Austen showed up where it counts, earning themselves 1689 points and taking home the gold!

White House did a phenomenal job, winning in three out of 4 of the events categories, but the Swimming Gala was once again where everything changed. Austen earned themselves a whopping 501 points here, launching them into the lead, with Thomson earning an additional 386 points, allowing them to sneak ahead into second place.

Congratulations to Miss Alner and all of our Austen students - can you make 2027 a hat trick?



4th place

1216

Winner of the
Wooden Spoon



3rd place

1520

Winner of Field Events
Winner of Team Events
Winner of Athletics
Events



2nd place

1533

Year 7 Champions
Year 8 Champions
North Room
Champions



1st place

1689

Year 9 Champions
Year 10 Champions
Winner of Swimming
Gala

Silver Green Trees Award



We are delighted to have been awarded the Silver Green Trees Award from the Woodlands Trust in recognition of our efforts to make Cranbourne greener.

To celebrate, Green Cranbourne club held a tree party on Thursday afternoon where they decorated shortbread biscuits in the shape of leaves, decorated trees with ribbon and created tree related artwork.

We can't wait to continue working towards our Gold Award next year!



Role Model Students Award

w/c 06.07.26 recipients

Challenge	Care	Creativity	Community
Henry R	Ethan A	Lily M G-D	Dolly-May S
Eva C	Matilda A	Ellie C	Amanda O
Freddie B-S	Poppy M		Louie B
Chloe-Jay S	Macie R		
James W	Rhoda O		
Alex B	Pehar Y		
Dylan G	Emma F		
Ollie C	Jaden S		
Lilly M	William A-C		
Madeline B-W	Moniye A		
Elsie T-W	Joseph B		
Emma J	Priya H		
Laasya N	Muhammed D		
Craig M	Cody S		
Jackie G			
Adam A			
Alanis P			
William P			
Ellis C			
Kayley G			
Uma F			
Eloise F			
Tilly M			
Cassidy K			
Freyja M			
Millie D			
Akeelah E			

Model Student

Well done!



Dates for your diary

September

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				

INSET Day - 1 September

First day of Term - 2 September

Year 9 CATS - 7 September

Year 7 CATS - 8 September

Open Evening - 9 September

Open Morning - 15 & 16 September

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening - 23 September

Year 11 Porchester Castle Trip - 25 September

Ski Trip Information Evening - 30 September

Year 7 - 11 Monitors Available - 30 September

Open Water Safety

During the summer months, many young people spend time around open waters which can pose serious risks, even when it appears calm or safe. It doesn't take long for things to go wrong – even for strong swimmers.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK have a great guide for how to have important conversations with young people to educate them on the risks and how to keep themselves safe: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety-for-teenagers>

The latest edition of our Safeguarding newsletter is dedicated to open water safety. Read it online at www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/safeguarding

Rail Safety

The rail network helps get people to where they need to be, but can also pose many risks, especially to young people.

Unsafe behaviour around railway tracks, stations, overhead line equipment and level crossings leads to severe, life-threatening and criminal consequences.

Staying switched on around the tracks is essential to keep everyone safe. Lots of helpful resources can be found online at <https://switchedonrailsafety.co.uk/12-16-years/resources/>