

# The CRANBOURNE Catch Up School Newsletter



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## A Message From Miss Conlon...

Dear Parents and Carers,

With a new year, come many new resolutions and it is clear to see that students and staff have returned with energy and drive to provide and embrace opportunities at Cranbourne. The past few weeks have raced away again and it has been lovely to see the participation and achievements of our community.

With PE and sport close to my heart, I want to thank and congratulate the students who have put themselves forward to compete locally and further afield in table tennis, badminton, basketball and cross country. Our student leaders have also been active in working with one of our feeder schools, Chalk Ridge, to develop the Year 5 students' skills in trampolining and their skills in being coaches.

Our community offer continues to grow and students in Year 7 have been gaining experience by cooking with our fabulous canteen team. Each Friday morning, they spend time batch cooking meals for families to go in our Food Pantry. So far, they have produced shepherd's pie and Bolognese, soups and sauces.

One of the biggest events this month was the Career's Fair, which saw lots of local businesses meet at Cranbourne for the

day and speak with our students in Years 7-11. I was delighted to see some ex-students set up their stalls and share their success with our current students, inspiring them and planting ideas of next steps.

Looking ahead to the next few weeks, both Year 10 and 11 will move into the mock exam phase. In preparation, revision timetables are being completed in tutor time and Year 10 students who haven't got their revision guides yet should do so in the next couple of weeks for all their subjects. Revision guides are available from school.

As I walk around the school day to day it is fabulous to see our students engrossed in their learning, enjoying each other's company at break times and being role models to peers and visitors. Earlier this month we had a visit from the Local Authority, who specifically referred to how polite and thoughtful our students are. As a school, our numbers are growing rapidly and with that comes busier corridors, busier toilets and social areas. We must learn to adapt to this, so I ask that students continue to be respectful of each other, move sensibly around the school and think of others before themselves.

*Miss Conlon*

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- Year 7 cooking in the canteen
- Celebrate Chinese New Year with us
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## CRANBOURNE'S FIRST CAREERS FAIR



On Thursday 11 January, we hosted our first Careers Fair with lots of exciting opportunities for our students to learn about life beyond Cranbourne.

We had a variety of local businesses and organisations such as Anvil Arts, Basingstoke Gazette, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Olesya Nailss, Royal Air Force and many more, who discussed their industries and the path that led them there.

Local colleges Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke College of Technology and Sparsholt College chatted to students about the different subjects they can study and gave advice about their future applications.

Reading University shared their knowledge on student life and their admissions criteria, and AWE talked about alternatives to university, including apprenticeship schemes.



We were also joined by paramedics Carly and Jak who taught students how to give CPR and spoke about what it is like to work on the NHS frontline.

We hope that the day gave students lots of inspiration for their future career aspirations. A big thank you once again to all the incredible businesses and organisations that gave up their time.



## YEAR 7 COOKING IN THE CANTEEN

We are excited to be able to offer our Year 7 students the opportunity to work in our Canteen, gaining experience of working in a commercial kitchen and learning food health and safety guidance.

As you may know, we have recently launched the Cranbourne Food Pantry, where we are able to support our community with fresh produce, canned goods and toiletries etc each week, kindly supported by the Community Food Link.

Our Canteen team will be using any leftover produce to batch cook and freeze meals, which will be available to collect the following week from the pantry.

Last week, our first group of Year 7 students Laila, Poppy-Mae and Leo spent the morning batch cooking a delicious shepherds pie.



## JOIN THE CRANBOURNE COMMUNITY



Our Cranbourne Community is growing, and we're looking to employ more teaching staff to join us in September.

If you, or anyone you know are passionate about achieving excellence in everything, we'd love to hear from you.

We have a variety of teaching vacancies available on our website.

Visit: [www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies](http://www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies)

## HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR LEGALLY BLONDE TICKETS YET?

Cranbourne is getting ready to turn pink, with rehearsals for this year's production of Legally Blonde well underway.

Our talented cast are working hard to deliver a showstopping performance for you all!

We have three performances on sale which take place on 20, 21 and 22 March.

Performances will be in the Main Hall and start at 6pm - get ready to bend and snap!

Tickets are available online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school)



## CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH US

**Friday 9 February**  
**CHINESE NEW YEAR**  
Sweet and sour chicken  
Egg fried rice  
Chicken chow mein  
Spring roll  
Vegetarian option (Quom) available  
Purchase your tickets from the Canteen for £2.60

**SEND SUPPORT MORNING**  
ARE YOU A PARENT/CARER OF A CHILD WHO HAS OR MAY HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES?  
UNSURE OF WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE? OR JUST WOULD LIKE TO SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS TO YOU?  
THEN JOIN US  
**Wednesday 24th January**  
**Wednesday 20th March**  
10am-12pm  
CRANBOURNE SCHOOL,  
WESSEX CLOSE, RG21 3NP  
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, OR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE PLEASE CONTACT  
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**GO FAR GO FURTHER**  
BASINGSTOKE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY BCOT  
**OPEN EVENTS**  
**Monday 2 October 2023**  
4.30pm to 7pm  
**Saturday 25 November 2023**  
10am to 12.30pm  
**Monday 29 April 2024**  
4.30pm to 7pm  
**APPRENTICESHIP FAIRS**  
**Monday 5 February 2024**  
4.30pm to 7pm  
**Monday 17 June 2024**  
4.30pm to 7pm  
For any enquiries please contact our Schools Liaison Team at [schools.liaison@bcot.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@bcot.ac.uk)  
**REGISTER NOW BCOT.AC.UK/OPENDAYS**

## UPDATES FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

### KS3 GIRLS BADMINTON

As a school, we took two teams to a district competition with the aim to represent Basingstoke schools at a county level.

**Mia S, Chloe S, Lily M** and **Brooke S** managed to progress to the finals of the the competition against The Vyne, unfortunately losing 3 of the 5 very close games after losing the final game by just 2 points.

All girls including **Paige H, Jola O** and **Evie S** represented Cranbourne fantastically with great sportsmanship and confidence the whole time. Well done!

### KS4 BASKETBALL

Basketball made a return to Cranbourne with KS4 boys team winning out in a very close game against Costello, coming down the final shots with the result ending in 41-40! Congratulations, boys!

## CRANBOURNE REPRESENTED AT CROSS COUNTRY



A big congratulations to **Luke C**, **Deja W** and **Abi S** who represented Cranbourne at the district cross country event on Saturday 20 January. They were fantastic role models for our school and performed well against very tough competition. Well done to you all!

## TABLE TENNIS TRIUMPHS FOR GRACE



On Wednesday 10 January, Year 7 student **Grace P** competed in the County Individual Table Tennis Final in Southampton.

Grace won the Girls U13's match and has now qualified for the National Final in April.

Congratulations, Grace! Good luck in April - we know you'll do the Cranbourne Community proud.

## TRAMPOLINING CLUB TAKES OFF!

Our brand-new trampolining club is off to a fantastic start!

The students, led by Mr Kimber have started with the basics and are looking forward to starting work on the high-level skills in the coming weeks as they develop their skills and gain confidence.

The students are also given support to coach one another and this really helps their own development in a new sport.



## HIGH FLYING CHALK RIDGE PUPILS AT CRANBOURNE

Every Thursday, we welcome a group of Year 5's from Chalk Ridge for a session of trampolining on our Olympic sized trampolines.

With much excitement, our guests had an introduction to the basic skills and a new fun filled activity in the gym. Our first sessions have been brilliant, and it's so good to have our visitors make the most of and share our facilities and expertise.

What impressed Mr Kimber the most, is their excellent manners and attitude to learning. All the students responded well to feedback and even started coaching each other using their newly acquired knowledge!

We look forward to continuing over the term as we master some of the more difficult challenges.



## 'ENERGISE ME' SPORTS FUNDING PROJECT

We have been so fortunate to have secured funding for Chalk Ridge Primary School and Cranbourne to collaborate on a new sports project that aims to target pupils affected by inequality, and those needing mental health or general health intervention.

The plan is for Cranbourne Sports Leaders to deliver sports sessions to run for six weeks from after February half-term until Easter. Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, secondary leaders will look to inspire KS1 and 2 pupils and in return, will gain valuable skills in leadership, organisation, communication and perhaps most importantly, confidence.

The £1000 secured funding will be spent purchasing equipment to benefit the whole school as a legacy of the project with alternative provision sports equipment. We hope this can continue long into the future to benefit many more students.

## SONIC THE HEDGEHOG UPDATE

You may remember back in November, our Gardening Club discovered Sonic the hedgehog in trouble by some of our oak trees. Sonic was collected by a rescue service and they've been in touch to say he's finished his treatment.

When Sonic arrived, he weighed just 277g but he has now grown to a whopping 729g! His release was delayed due to the recent weather, but he's now ready to head back out into the big wide world!

Another big well done to the students in our Gardening Club for rescuing Sonic.



## LOST PROPERTY REMINDER

A reminder to please ensure all uniform, PE kits, coats, water bottles etc are labelled with your child's name. We are only three weeks into the new term and already have an ever-growing collection of unnamed lost property items in Reception that have not been claimed.

## UPCOMING MOCK EXAMS

Year 11 mock exams will commence on Monday 26 February.

Mock exams are an important asset in establishing your child's current understanding and identifying gaps in their knowledge ahead of their GCSE exams in the summer.

Year 10 mock exams will begin on Monday 12 March.

Further information and timetables for both year groups can be viewed on our website: [www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/students/exam-prep](http://www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/students/exam-prep)

## ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

As part of our vision to make Cranbourne more sustainable, eco-friendly and to reduce our paper use, we are now sending letters home virtually and using online consent forms. These are being sent both via text message and by email. Please make sure we have a valid email address and up to date contact number on file so you don't miss any communications from us.

## ROLE MODEL STUDENTS AWARD

w/c 22.01.24 recipients

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
William P	Paola H	Leland S	Victor P	Liv P
Archie S	Owyn E	Kwasi A	Hasan Y	Hayley B
Eliza B	Ted W	Lillie H	Amelie C	Claire K
Lyra S	Emily H	Beth H		Ankit G
Madeline B-W	Dolly-May S	Altay B		Olamide A
Harry B	Ruby F	Victory O		Chelsy M
Nina G	Ashton R	Sophie D x2		Ihor F
Ellie M		Fatma C		Ruby H
Nicole M				
Nathaniel C				
Finlay A				
Sean E				
Bella B				
Freya H-S				
Aoife G				
Lily F				
Piper R				
Maddy B				





# CATCH UP CALENDAR!

What's on in the weeks ahead...

**UK Maths Challenge:** Wednesday 31 January

**QMC Rewards' Trip:** Thursday 8 February

**Half Term:** Monday 12 - Friday 16 February

**Year 9 Options Evening:** Wednesday 28 February



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