

# The CRANBOURNE Catch Up

School Newsletter



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## A Message From Miss Conlon...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Looking back at the past term, exams and parents' evenings have dominated our agenda. Both of these are integral to making sure that each student is given the best education, that they can take up the extra-curricular opportunities offered to them and grow a little more.

At this time of year, we come together to celebrate the achievements of the term at our Whole School Assembly. For Year 11 this is their last assembly, a milestone completed and they can fully focus on the summer examinations. We are extremely proud of what they have achieved so far and encourage all to attend the revision sessions put on over the Easter holidays at school.

Year 7 are now two terms in and have found their place; participating in class, performing on the stage, representing the school at sports, being ambassadors and student leaders. Lots of opportunities are coming up for Year 7 including the ski trip, casting for Sister Act Jr, Day of Sport and much more.

Year 8 and 9 have started to make some decisions about their education, what options to choose next year, and for Year 9 how this will begin to shape their future.

Finally, to Year 10, finding out what it feels

like to go through the exam process and come through the other side. Getting ready to go on Work Experience and engaging in student elections. We are all excited to see who will nominate themselves and become our new Student Leadership Team. More details about this will be published next term.

Our new communication system, EdulinkOne, is now up and running and we hope that you are receiving the relevant notifications. All students should be logged in to their accounts to access their homework, sign up to extra-curricular clubs and see their attendance.

The summer term will hopefully bring some sunshine with it but in the meantime, I wish you all a very happy and restful Easter.

*Miss Conlon*

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## CRANBOURNE TURNS PINK FOR LEGALLY BLONDE JR

A huge congratulations to the cast of Legally Blonde, who turned Cranbourne pink last week (Wednesday 20 - 22 March) and performed a sensational run of shows! Our cast worked like true professionals putting in an incredible amount of effort, showing extreme dedication and doing Cranbourne proud! A message from Mr Juliff, Head of Performing Arts:



"I can't honestly believe it. These students have worked like true professionals in our pop up theatre, performing to four live audiences over the space of three days. The efforts put in by all students really shone through and I am so proud of every single one of them. They are the most tenacious students who have applied themselves to all the demands of musical theatre – dancing, singing and acting; we have some real triple threats in our midst here at Cranbourne!

I cannot thank the staff enough that have helped steer Legally Blonde Jr to a glittery success. Legally Blonde is a very high energy show and I had my work cut out for me! The students worked tirelessly to perfect their performances and have taken it all in their stride. I am so proud of them.

The show could not have gone on without the help and support of our incredible members of staff. For starters, we would not have any tech or singing without the wonderful Mx Philo. It was trial and error at points but they worked so hard to get the sound quality working well in the space we had.

Mrs Vaughan has been a vital asset to the team, as always, and was there every step of the way. Miss Williams and Miss Parfitt also came onboard this year and without them, the load would have just gotten too much. They were at rehearsals supporting, taking photos and putting together the amazing programme.

This is a very costume heavy show and whilst it was the junior version, I wanted to really inject the professional disciplines of costume and show the students the backstage demands of a performance as well as on stage. Miss Welborn created a magic dress that works fantastically for Elle's quick change. Miss Sears was my lifesaver - she was quick to drum up an eager crew for set painting and the finished set was amazing.

The support shown to not only this production, but the Performing Arts in general at Cranbourne is truly amazing and I am so proud to be part of the Cranbourne Community.

A big thank you of course to our wonderful parents and carers. Thank you for helping the students to learn their lines, source bits of costume, bring them to rehearsals etc. You helped the production flow like a well oiled machine and I hope you are as proud of your children as I am."



## PERFORMING ARTS UPDATES FROM MR JULIFF

Wow, what a very busy term we have had these past few weeks, and we are only starting to gear up!

Our Year 11s are now finished with their BTEC Drama journey. Students took on the mammoth task of creating a ten minute play from scratch with the stimulus of 'Treasured Memories' to be performed in a museum to a culturally diverse audience. They were required to think about all the logistics and skills that would go into this play, and use all of their knowledge from Years 9-11. They did fantastically and I am very proud of them!

A big well done to Year 10 for their incredible Component 1 grades! They have done so well. Any students who have not yet received their grade, please see me (Mr Juliff) to find out the next steps. Don't forget - Component 2 coursework is due the first week back after the holidays on Wednesday 17 April!

Next term, Year 8 will be looking at Soundscapes in Drama and Year 7's will be looking at Japanese Dance. Please make sure Year 7 students bring grippy socks with them for their dance lessons if they do not want to go bare feet.

## NHS CADETS - ST JOHN AMBULANCE

NHS Cadets is a scheme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS to provide young people with the opportunity to explore roles in healthcare. The programme is now accepting applicants for the next cohort, which will take place at St John Ambulance First Aid Training Building in Basingstoke, beginning in April.

The Foundation pathway is suitable for 14 to 16 year olds and takes place on Monday from 5pm until 6.30pm, NHS Cadets will learn about a range of exciting healthcare topics, develop leadership and communication skills and gain insight into volunteering. If your child is interested in applying, please visit <https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/join-today> for more information.

## TRIPS TO THE THEATRE WOW STUDENTS

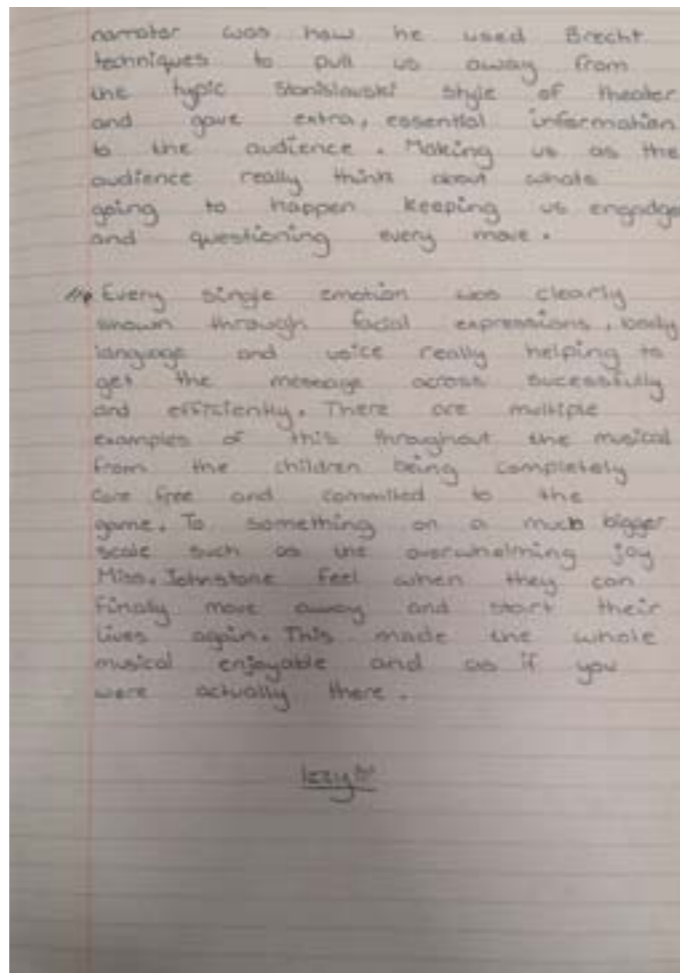
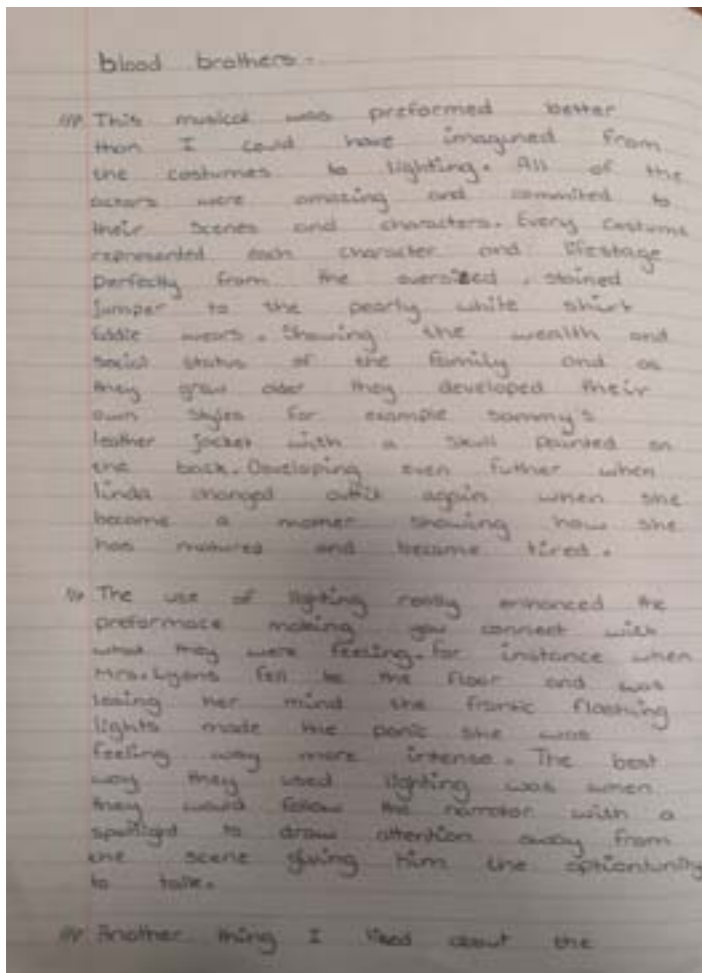
On Tuesday 27 February and Thursday 29 February, our Performing Arts students were lucky enough to attend performances of Blood Brothers at the Mayflower Theatre and Julius Caesar at The Haymarket Theatre.



Students Izzy F and Jessica D have written their reviews to share with you:

Julius Caesar - Jessica D

"I give Julius Caesar an 8.5 out of 10. Although at times it was hard to understand or wrap your head around. It was very good. The costume and moving set were amazing. They executed scenes very well, whether it was love, happiness, anger or death. They were a small cast of about 8 multi-rolling but even the small cast was able to produce an excellent performance. The text, appeared in boxes with labelled names moving around to be by the characters. This was very innovative tech part of the performance. The cast spoke boldly and clearly and showed emotions well. The show felt very fast. Overall very good - would watch again!"



## CHALK RIDGE VISIT CRANBOURNE FOR FUN-FILLED MORNINGS



On Thursday 14 and 21 March, we welcomed groups of Year 4 students from Chalk Ridge Primary School to Cranbourne for a morning of fun-filled activities.

The sessions were confidently led by our amazing Year 9 Cranbourne+ students as part of their projects, which is designed to improve their future life skills. Our students were excellent ambassadors for the school, encouraging the Year 4 pupils to get stuck in and give each activity a go and showed fantastic leadership skills.

The activities included cupcake decorating, making fruit kebabs, playing dodgeball and other sports, before watching a dress rehearsal performance of our Legally Blonde Jr Production.

Our visitors were a fantastic audience and behaved remarkably well. They left Cranbourne having had a splendid time and found out that 'big school' is a friendly and great place to be. We can't wait for their next visit!



## EDULINK ONE INFORMATION

We have now begun to use our new parental information and communication system, Edulink One. Edulink is a web and app-based system that provides one-stop access to your child's timetable, attendance information, exam results, house points, homework and other important academic information.

We are now using Edulink to set your child's homework. This can be viewed by clicking on the 'Homework' button on the Edulink homescreen. SatchelOne will no longer be used.

Letters to parents, posters and information about upcoming events will be added to the Noticeboard, where you are able to view them all in one convenient place.

If you or your child have not yet logged into your Edulink account, please ensure you do so as soon as possible. If you have not received the login information, or are having any other issues logging in, please email [a.pope@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:a.pope@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk) with your child's name in the subject line.

## TEXTILES AT CRANBOURNE

A small group of Year 7 students were tasked with creating headpieces with the theme of climate change.

Their inspiration for the headpieces was littering. Did you know that more than two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK everyday? More than 350 million drinks cans are picked up of the ground every year. This contributes to climate change because so many end up in landfill, the sea and our green spaces.

The first headpiece focuses on how these drinks cans can be repurposed and made into wearable art instead of ending up on our ground. The students crushed and sprayed the cans in various metallic colours to represent the theme 'trash to treasure'.



The second headpiece explores how normalised it is now that plastic and rubbish are intertwined within our countryside and green spaces.

The piece stresses the importance of recycling and reducing littering as around 2.9 million small mammals such as shrews, hedgehogs and voles die each year after getting stuck in bottles and cans thrown onto grassland and parks.

A big well done to Abigail D, Poppy-Mae H and Nlende N who worked so hard to create these magnificent headpieces. Their hard work has paid off as their work is now going to be photographed and displayed in Hampshire!



## REPRESENTING BASINGSTOKE AT THE DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY



On Tuesday 5 March, six of our students represented Basingstoke at the District Cross Country.

Each student performed fantastically, each running their personal best races and were excellent ambassadors for Cranbourne.

Well done to Emma J, Danny H, Oliver M, Caitlin G, Zoe G and Ed S!

## BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

The Year 8 boys football team have represented Cranbourne this term with two very strong victories over Aldworth School and two very close games against The Vyne and Costello School. The boys showed great resilience and team work to play against such tough competition and have shown amazing sportsmanship when engaging with their opponents.

The team: **Ellis B, Theo N, Marcus J, Oliver F, Danny H, Samuel B, Charlie P, Dylan G, Brody F, Harry N, Alfie C, Jake H, Taylor K-R, Toby T and Jack B**

A very well done to the Year 9 team who saw off Everest away from home, winning 7 - 3 on Monday 25 March. We have played all of our games away from Cranbourne, losing only to Brighton Hill and we should hopefully progress to the semi-finals. The magnificent Fin B scored a perfect hat-trick (header/left foot/right foot) **TWICE** in one game (tallying six of the seven goals in the game) - incredible! The boys showed fantastic teamwork, with all players enabling Fin to 'do his thing' and win the game.

The team: **Fin B, Finley R, Daniel I, Louie D, Thomas G, Logan A-M, Kwasi A, Luke C, Thomas W, Hamish R, Guilherme M, Ryan M, Joseph C, Alfie H, Rohit G and James G**

## YEAR 7 NETBALL TEAM

Our Year 7 Netball team have done amazingly this half term playing in their first fixture against other local schools.

We have won two games overall, and the whole team have all shown fantastic improvement throughout the fixtures and have constantly shown great team spirit!

We are very excited to see the continued development of the Year 7 Team.

The team: **Abigail A, Amelia B, Maddy B-M, Frankie B, Florence C, Isabel F, Lily F, Hezekiahna G-A, Aisha H, Ivy J, Nicole M, Maisie M, Aubrey R, Macie R and Eloise S**



## SKI TRIP 2024 PLACES NOW AVAILABLE

Following our successful ski trip to Austria last year, we are very pleased to announce a new trip for December 2024. Students will be going to Boi Taul, Spain during the Christmas break for a week of winter activities.

To secure a place for your child to attend the trip, an initial non-refundable deposit of £250 must be given to the Finance Office. The total cost for the trip is £1,100 and the remaining money will need to be paid in fixed monthly installments, beginning in May.

Places on the trip are limited and will be allocated after careful consideration of suitability to attend this trip. Your deposit will be returned should the school decide that your child is not suitable for the trip before offering a place, or if your application is too late and all places are filled. A waiting list will be compiled to ensure a fair allocation of spaces, should this be necessary.

Full details can be found in the information letter on the Noticeboard on Edulink.



## SPORTS LEADERS SUPPORT KS1 & 2

Our Sports Leaders have just completed their project 'Energise Me', where they have visited students from Chalk Ridge Primary School each week.

They have been busy delivering sports sessions to KS1 and 2 pupils, teaching new games, supporting them to develop their skills and gain confidence in their abilities.

Our students have done an excellent job and have represented Cranbourne fantastically. They have gained skills in leadership, communication and most importantly, gained confidence! It has been lovely to watch them thrive in their roles as Sports Leaders.



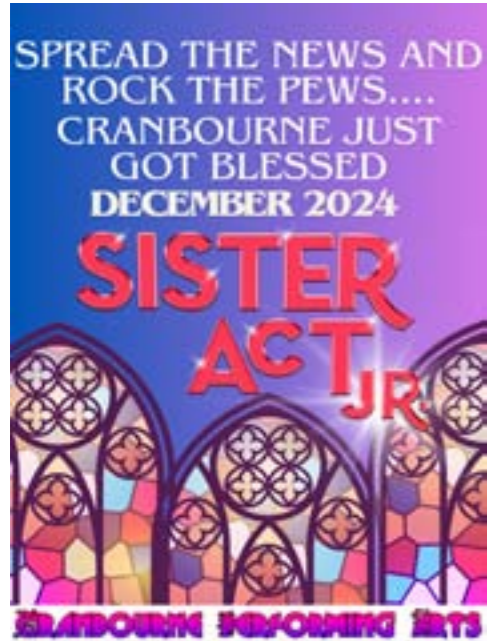
## YEAR 11 LEAVERS PROM

Year 11 Leavers Prom will be held at Cranbourne on Friday 28 June, starting at 6pm. A letter has been sent home to parents of Year 11 students with full information and a link to a consent form to complete by Monday 15 April.

We have a number of prom dresses and suits that have been donated to us available for students to hire for their Year 11 Prom for a deposit of £10. We have a variety of styles, colours and sizes, some of which are pictured below. The school will be open on Tuesday 9 April between 9.30am and 11.30am for students to view and try on the dresses/suits. For more information, please contact Kathy Gare on [k.gare@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:k.gare@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk)



## CRANBOURNE'S NEXT PERFORMING ARTS PRODUCTION



Following the success of Legally Blonde Jr, we are pleased to announce the next Performing Arts Production will be Sister Act Jr!

Audition information will be announced shortly and performances will take place in December.

For all the eager sisters, you can secure your tickets now with 10% off using the code 'FABULOUSBABY10' by visiting

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school)

## DUTCH EXCHANGE STUDENT VISIT



On Tuesday 19 March, our students visited Portsmouth for a day of activities with their Dutch pen-pals from our twinned school, Lodewijk College in South Holland.

It was fantastic to watch the students finally meet face-to-face and enjoy their time exploring the Historic Dockyard, HMS Victory and the Spinnaker Tower.

A big thank you to all the staff involved in making this happen for the first time since before Covid.

As we know from previous years, the bonds made as part of this programme last into adulthood and we're excited to see it back up and running!



## RAMADAN MUBARAK!

Lots of students in our Cranbourne Community are currently fasting for Ramadan. Here's Wali A-K and Adam E explaining all about Ramadan:



"2 weeks ago, we started fasting for our month of Ramadan. We fast every day throughout Ramadan, even on school days! In our religion, fasting means that you can't eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. We organised an assembly in order to share our beliefs and traditions with the rest of our school community.

We presented with confidence and courage to the entire school! We explained the significance of Ramadan and the great festival of Eid at the end.

Why do we fast?

- It is part of the 5 pillars of Islam
- To prove our faith to Allah
- To know how poor people feel
- To learn to be patient
- To cleanse your sins
- To grow spiritually
- To develop awareness of God

Well done to Fatima, Wali, Muhin, Armaan, Furkan, Shafin, Ismail, Muhammed, Ismet, Majeed, Adam, Abdul, Emil, Safin, Yousef, Hasan, Murat and Rifaaz for your excellent assembly!

We were all praised and applauded for our efforts, commitment and bravery. It felt very reassuring to know that our friends and peers were supporting us. We hope that we helped everybody to understand more about the month of Ramadan. Ramadan Mubarak!"

## ROLE MODEL STUDENTS AWARD

w/c 18.03.24 recipients

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ronya B	Ruby F	Fin B	Amelie C	Chelsey M
Abigail D	Daisy A-C	Fronieco S	Lucy M	Sonjok T
David O	Charley D	Dulcie C	Grace B-C	Madl W
Nina G	Esme H	Chloe M-T	Jessie F	
Arnella B	Lillie-Rose L	Elise W	Charlie C x2	
Nicole M	Kacey J	Deborah A	Hayden C	
Jet-Dean W x2		Sophia F	Adam B	
Ethan A		Isabelle F		
Nlende N				
Kamila C				
Erik F				
Harley H-P				
Jacob H				
Freya H-S				
Isla M				
Finlay A				





## CATCH UP CALENDAR!

What's on in the weeks ahead...

**Year 8 Parents Evening:** Wednesday 17 April

**Spring Rewards' Evening:** Thursday 18 April

**Year 10 Work Experience:** Monday 22 - Friday 26 April

**Year 10 Parents' Evening:** Wednesday 24 April



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