

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

WHO WE ARE

We are a school rooted in its community where aspirational learning and opportunities transform the lives of our pupils.

Our Mission is to transform lives and strengthen our communities to make the world a better place



Dear CEC families

Welcome back! This first week has flown by! It has been lovely to welcome our #Crantasic pupils back to the Campus and hear all about their summer adventures.

We started the week with 2 days of INSET where staff received training on family relationships, keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) updates, SEND & medical and our teaching habits. All our training involved using booklet pages and staff delivering sessions modelled our teaching habits throughout ensuring we had plenty of deliberate practice to hone our skills for your children.

Wednesday and Thursday were our induction sessions. On Wednesday, it was great to be able to welcome and get to know our wonderful new Year 7 pupils, and welcome back our dedicated Year 11 pupils who had the day to focus on what year 11 will look like and think about their next steps once they finish their CEC journey. Then on Thursday, we welcomed back the rest of the Secondary phase and provided extended induction time to remind all pupils about our expectations and habits, as well as allocating time for the completion of our 'all about me' quiz and time to work on their personal purpose pitch (more about this next week).

Here are our 20 key teaching & learning habits. We would like you to discuss these with your children and ask them to explain each one to you. We will be providing habit spotlights via this newsletter to provide more detail, including the cognitive science research behind each, so you can learn about why we use these proven techniques to support our pupils to learn and achieve excellence.

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Academic questions	Cold call	Think time	No opt out	Echoing
Circulating	Think, pair, share	Control the game	All hands up	Everybody writes

We have lots of updates within, so please do read on. We have also attached our 'fridge letters' containing all the key dates for each phase next year which will hopefully help you plan for the year ahead.

It looks like the lovely late summer sun is here to stay for the weekend, so I hope you all get an **opportunity** to enjoy it over the weekend.

Stay **safe** and take care.

Mr Stephen Farmer
Head of Campus



"Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come!" - Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

Here at CEC, our teachers strive to deliver consistently high-quality lessons to enable our learners to make the very best progress. In order to ensure this, we have defined our 20 CEC teaching habits. No matter what the subject, our pupils will experience these evidence-based, proven teaching strategies in every lesson. By defining these consistent habits, our teachers have a common set of tools which they can use to deliver their lessons in the most impactful way, and our pupils experience common approaches to teaching in every classroom, meaning they can fully focus on the lesson content. We'll be visiting each of these consistent habits during our newsletter over this year.

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LOST PROPERTY

We already have a lot of unnamed property being handed into Pupil Services daily. Please make sure your child's name is on all belongings brought into school.

If you have lost something, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance, or email reception@cranbrook.education including your child's name and a full description of the item and we will try to reunite you.

WE ARE ANTI-BULLYING

As a Campus, we are consistently looking to improve both the prevention, and way in which we deal with, bullying incidents. Last year our Primary pupils trained up anti-bullying ambassadors through the Diana Award and this term we will be doing the same with Secondary pupils. We will also be working towards the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark (ABQM) which is a nationally recognised award for schools who have an effectively implemented anti-bullying process.

This year we are going to be opening consultation on the way we deal with bullying for all stakeholders, and would like your involvement. We are looking for parents to join our steering group which currently involves Senior Leaders, teaching and non-teaching staff, pupils and governors. This small steering group will help to navigate how we work towards improving the way in which we identify, report and deal with bullying incidents. It will also look at the preventative measures we put in place as a Campus. As part of this, we will draft an anti-bullying policy which will replace our current anti-bullying statement:

If you are interested in becoming part of the steering group, please [fill out the google forms](#) **by Friday 22nd September.**

We are looking for one parent per key stage so if we have a lot of interest we can't guarantee a place. Please note if you would like to be involved in this steering group you may need to be available during the school day.

YEAR 9 PUPILS

Just a reminder that we are running the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year. To sign up for the Bronze DofE Award, please join the Google Classroom 4cxmbr and think about what activities you would like to do for your Volunteering, Physical and Skill Sections. Each should be an activity they can continue for an average of an hour a week, for either three or six months.

The deadline to join the Google Classroom is Wednesday 13th September 2023, after which we will send details to those signed up about payments and officially getting started.

If you would like to receive the joining information that was sent before the Summer Holidays again, please email Mr Milverton at ollie.milverton@cranbrook.education

LESSON REMOVAL @ CEC

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about the fantastic work we carry out in Inclusion at CEC when someone is placed in or is sent to Lesson Removal. I want to try and ease any worries parents/carers might have as they start the new school year. They may well have heard many “horror stories” about what Lesson Removal is and what happens when a pupil finds themselves there!

When a pupil arrives they are given a few minutes to settle, they may be upset or angry, before being asked to talk about what happened. They will then complete what is called a “Reflection Sheet”. This is a series of questions aimed at getting the pupil to reflect on what has happened and think about the things they might have done differently in this situation.

Whilst the pupils are doing this our wonderful Pupil Services team is creating a timetable for the pupils while they are in Lesson Removal. This allows us to collect specific work from each lesson that the pupil would normally be in meaning very little lost learning even though they are working away from the rest of the class.

The pupil will also have a social time (break/lunch) and after-school detention to carry out any homework or anything else they need to catch up on also as part of their time in Lesson Removal.

All the time the pupils are in the Lesson Removal there will be at least one member of staff, Mr. McConachie, Miss Art, or Mrs Stevens-Hale, in the room to support them with their learning and answer any questions they might have about the work.

Lastly, the member of staff who sent any pupil will also have the opportunity to speak with the pupil to work out ways to move forward before the next lesson, this is also known as a “Restorative Conversation”. This is to allow a fresh start for the pupil's next lesson.

That is just a fraction of what we do down in Inclusion @CEC so if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask! Please email any questions to inclusion@cranbrook.education.

Mr McConachie - Inclusion Manager

SECONDARY OPEN EVENING 26TH SEPTEMBER



OPEN EVENING

For anyone with younger families or friends in Primary we will be holding our annual Open Evening event in September for pupils wishing to join us in Year 7. Please visit

<https://www.cranbrook.education/openevening> to register an interest to attend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



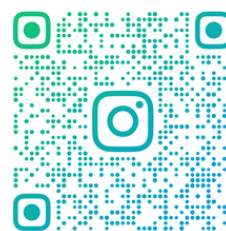
Secondary Open Evening
Tuesday 26th September

Year 7 Meet the Tutor
5th October

Just One Tree Day
Friday 13th October

PE @ CEC

For all information regarding expectations, assessments and updates from the PE department, please follow PE @ CEC instagram page



@PE.AT.CEC