

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

As we end another week, we also look forward to next week and welcoming our prospective new pupils and their families to our open evening which is taking place on Tuesday. If you know families with children in Years 6 or 5 then please do let them know about the two open evening slots (3:45pm and 5:45pm) that we will be hosting. More information here: <https://www.cranbrook.education/openevening>

We are also hosting a range of visitors from other education Trusts from across the country as part of the Ted Wragg Trust collaboration days. We look forward to showing them our #Crantastic Campus and our Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind and Safe pupils.

Homework! We need your help please. We have a very clear, research informed homework system where all pupils are expected to complete 1 hour of homework/independent study per weekday. This is outlined in their knowledge organisers and consists of a range of online learning platforms (Bedrock vocabulary, LanguageNut and Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader and Sparx Science), and Knowledge Organiser work which contains the key facts and most powerful information that needs to be memorised to help pupils master their subjects and be successful in lessons. Please support your child(ren) to be ready by discussing their daily homework tasks, providing them with the space and time to complete their work and helping them where possible. Our specialist staff provide support sessions during break, lunch and after school the day after the allocated completion slot if additional support is needed. Find out more here: <https://www.cranbrook.education/homework>

Finally, I have really enjoyed reading our Pupil Parliament applications, along with Mrs Diane Brown – Deputy Headteacher Secondary and look forward to hearing all the wonderful ideas for school improvement from our pupil parliament once it is formed.

Stay **safe** and take care.

Mr Stephen Farmer
Head of Campus



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

**Individual School Photos
(Year 7, 11 & New Starters)**
Thursday 19th October

Family Photos
Monday 13th November from
3.15pm

CEC FAMILIES SURVEY

We are excited to launch our annual families survey and would be grateful to hear your feedback on what is going well at the Campus and what we can do to help us improve. The survey is anonymous, should take no longer than 15 minutes and must be completed in 15 minutes. The survey will remain open until Tuesday 3rd October 2023. For your chance to win £50 vouchers, take the [survey here](#): or scan the QR code below with the camera on your smartphone.

<https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/MvJ2Z9>



ALLERGY & MEDICAL POLICY

If your child has a specific medical condition that relates to food and is supported by medical evidence, please read the [Dolce Allergy & Medical policy](#) which provides information on how allergies are managed and supported. If you would like to register your child, please contact Amber Cook, Area Manager by emailing amber.cook@dolce.co.uk. If you have any questions concerning the use of SchoolGrid, please email reception.



YEAR 7 'SETTLING IN' MEETINGS

We are pleased to offer parents and carers of our new year 7 pupils an opportunity to meet your child's tutor in person if you would find this helpful. 6 min slots for Thursday 5th October between 3:30pm and 7pm are now available to book on MCAS. Please click on Parents Evening in the left hand menu to book your slot. Bookings are live from 3pm today.

These settling in meetings are entirely optional, but offer you a chance to meet your child's tutor on a 1:1 basis and discuss any queries or concerns you may have as they settle into secondary school here at CEC. Please note this event is face to face and will take place in the school atrium (downstairs). Please arrive at reception just before your booked time.

As Head of Year for Year 7, Mrs Thomas will also be available to chat to parents. We look forward to seeing those of you who wish to book a slot.

TEACHING AND LEARNING AT CEC: ALL HANDS UP

When checking for understanding in class, you'd expect to see some pupils with hands up, volunteering to answer and contributing to the classroom discussion. Here at CEC, we want to see all hands up, every time! When our teachers pose a question to the class, we use All Hands Up to ensure our pupils are actively engaged in their lessons - every pupil should want to be the one to answer every question. After being given Think Time to process the question and formulate their response, teachers will ask for "All Hands Up" to check that every learner can answer. Teachers will then call on a selection of pupils to determine if the class is ready to move on.

As the expectation is that all pupils will contribute, any hands that don't go help the teacher to identify pupils who may need more scaffolding to reach their learning objective. If no hands go up, the teacher knows the whole class will benefit from some more instruction before they are ready to move on. Importantly, All Hands Up creates an energy and team spirit in the room - when pupils know they're likely to be picked to contribute, they more actively engage in thinking. The habit also makes pupils aware that it's always good to give it a go and that wanting to answer every question will help their progress.



UNIFORM POLICY

Over the summer we changed our uniform policy to black or grey socks only. The initial reason for the change was because we had a number of pupils wearing white socks over black tights or white socks with logos on them, neither of which is part of the required uniform.

However, we have had feedback from both pupils and parents that plain white socks are as smart as black or grey, and that those that do adhere to the policy should not be penalised.

We are always keen to listen to your views and, where appropriate reconsider; as such as long as socks are not logoed or worn over tights, black, grey or white can be worn.

Unfortunately summer is now behind us. Therefore, students are now expected to wear their blazers to school. Many thanks for your support.

LATEST VACANCIES

FUSION CLEANING STAFF (2 VACANCIES)

For more information or to make an application, please visit cranbrook.education/vacancies

If you are interested in working for us, but there are no suitable vacancies for you at this time, we would still love to hear from you. Please drop your CV in to our talent bank so that we have your details.
cranbrook.education/vacancies



FIRE EVACUATION DRILL

On Wednesday 27th September 2023, we will be holding our first fire evacuation drill. We practice evacuating the building safely once per term so that pupils from all phases (Nursery, Primary and Secondary) are clear on what they need to do if there is ever the need to evacuate the building. We expect all pupils, staff and visitors to leave the building calmly and in silence when evacuating the building. Please do discuss this evacuation with your children so they are aware it is happening as it is the first drill of the academic year and lots of pupils will not have experienced our fire alarm and process before. During the Spring term, we will not inform you or pupils, however, we will inform staff so we can prepare for our most vulnerable pupils and adults.

In Nursery and Primary, pupils, staff and visitors leave via the nearest fire exit and then line up in the Primary multi use games areas (MUGA) at the front of the building for roll call.

In Secondary, pupils, staff and visitors leave via the nearest fire exit and then line up on the 3G pitch for roll call.

Once all pupils, staff and visitors are accounted for, pupils will be escorted by their teacher back to their classrooms.

MUSIC

Already this term we have been having some exciting visitors and events in music! On Tuesday 12th we had the incredible Sonopera in to work with our #Cranastic year 10 pupils who opted for music. They created a performance of the song Happy by Pharell Williams and started their compositions, which they will complete over the next four weeks.

On Thursday 14th we had Wren Music working with our year 10 pupils, as well as some specially chosen year 9s. They got to try out a range of instruments and make music as a group.

This week clubs started, and our brilliant visiting music teachers began lessons again. If you are interested please get in touch by emailing alex.hawkins@cranbrook.education

CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Year 11 have got off to a flying start with College appointments hot off the heels of their 1-2-1 careers appointments and work experience in year 10. All year 11 pupils should now have an Exeter College prospectus and have been offered a Bicton College one. If anyone is interested in a prospectus from any other post 16 provider please let Mrs Jenkins know who will be happy to source one for them. Don't forget, applications will be opening soon for courses after school so look out for open evenings!

CAR PARK ACCESS

We would like to remind our families that our car park not available for use. There is no pedestrian access or walkways through the car park. Blue Badge holders can have access to the limited spaces available but please bring your Blue Badge to the main reception to be registered. Please remember that the car park is closed to moving traffic at key times of the day. A 5mph speed limit that applies to all users.

A copy of the guidelines can be found by clicking the link below

<https://www.cranbrook.education/carparking>

BREAKFAST CLUB

Primary and Secondary: Breakfast club is open every day with Miss Cartwright from 8.00-8.20am in the atrium. All pupils are welcome to enjoy some cereals, toast, juice, yoghurts and fruit.

SECONDARY CLUBS

As part of the normal school day, we offer a selection of clubs and activities at break, lunch and after school. Most of these are free and are run by our Secondary Staff, giving everyone the opportunity to take part in a wide range of different activities. Pupils are reminded of these clubs in their Tutor time briefings three times a week. You can find our current In-School Club timetable by visiting our [website here](#)

CEC Extra-Curricular Programme 2023/24 - Secondary Phase - Cycle 1

Day	Time	Activity	Activity Leader	Location	Staff
All Days	8am - 8.30am	Breakfast Club*	Miss Cartwright	Library	AD
Mon/Tue	3pm - 4pm	Maths HW Support	Miss Cartwright	Library	AD
Mon	Break	Language/Doubling HW	Miss Cartwright	Library	ADP/OG
Thur	Break	Science HW support/revision	Miss Cartwright	Library	SEA
Thur	Lunch	Sports Studies support/revision	Miss Cartwright	Library	SWB
Mon	LUNCH	Choir*	Miss Cartwright	1237	ADP/MSC
		BoFF training (Year 9)	Miss Cartwright	1243	CEC OUTDOOR ED
		K54 Football (Year 9)	Miss Cartwright	Sports Hall	SWB
		Volleyball (Week 8)	Miss Cartwright	Sports Hall	SWB
Tue	BREAK	Team Kodomo*	Miss Cartwright	Library	ROF
		Rainbow 15 (BTD4K)	Miss Cartwright	1247	OG
		Girls Football*	Miss Cartwright	Sports Hall	CEJ
		Drama	Miss Cartwright	Main Hall	MSJ
		Choir*	Miss Cartwright	1239	MSJ
Wed	BREAK	Musical Theatre	Miss Cartwright	1237	BBB
		Language Leaders*	Miss Cartwright	1272	ADP
		Netball	Miss Cartwright	Sports Hall	CEJ
		K53 Science*	Miss Cartwright	1206	BBJ
		K53 Boys Football	Miss Cartwright	Sports Hall	External
Thu	BREAK	Gammon*	Miss Cartwright	1272	ADP
		Knitting*	Miss Cartwright	Library	HW
		Rock Group*	Miss Cartwright	1237	ADP
		Warhammer*	Miss Cartwright	1247	OG
		Basketball	Miss Cartwright	Sports Hall	External
Fri	LUNCH	Book Club (Year 9)	Miss Cartwright	Library	HW
		Rubik's Cube*	Miss Cartwright	1239	MSJ
		Soul Band*	Miss Cartwright	1237	ADP

Clubs with a (*) marked next to them could count for a Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Clubs run by External staff may have an additional charge for people who wish to take part

CRANBROOK TOWN CENTRE - CONSULTATION - SOUNDING BOARD

The purpose of the Sounding Board is to work with Ash Futures on designing and delivering the community engagement process on Cranbrook Town Centre. We are looking for local people who reflect different interests and needs in the community. It will involve a small number of meetings (maximum 4 in total) in October and November to discuss ideas for the consultation. We already know in general terms what we will do, but would like the group to help plan the events and communication methods, and bring in local knowledge and ideas. In addition to meeting, we will establish some form of online group (eg WhatsApp) for the duration of consultation, to allow group discussion outside the meetings.

The Sounding Board is about creating and running the best engagement process. Everyone in this group can also have their say once this process is in place. If you would like to find out more, feel free to contact me by email- gerardcouper@gmail.com or phone on 07866 361111

IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES REGARDING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Over the coming year, CEC is taking part in a research project called 'BITUP'. BITUP is a programme which aims to improve communications between schools and families regarding school attendance. It involves sending families regular updates about their children's recent attendance if it falls below 95%. The EEF and YEF are funding an evaluation of the programme to assess whether BITUP improves pupils' school attendance. For more information, please see the [Research Project Information Sheet](#).

THE BIG AMBITION - HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition is open to children and young people in England aged 0-18 years old.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

PERKY PEOPLE

Proud Engaged Ready Kind Safe

We celebrate a selection of pupils who have gone above and beyond and have been recognised by their Tutor's for their positive contribution to our Campus Community.



Year 7

Finley Perryman for being KIND, thoughtful and considerate to all members of the tutor group.

Abigail Priju for being READY - always organised and always smiling.

Flossie Arnould for being PROUD. Always smiling and uniform immaculate every morning.

Christopher Gambie for being ENGAGED. Really excited and engaged with homework.

Year 8

Willow Morrison for being proud of our campus at all times.

Hawa Fofana for representing our campus and trust of schools in a video.

Isabella Nutt for turning up to school everyday with the correct uniform and equipment.

Summer Harris for being KIND to others and carrying a bag of books home for her sister.

Eliza Holt for always making sure we are all SAFE at CEC.

Year 9

Sabreen Kay for always working hard in lessons

Maria Byers for always being an active learner and giving her best

Daniel Cheung for always being on time to lessons and line up, ready for the day

Oliver Winter for always representing CEC's values and saying good morning to staff each day

Ruby Curran for always being considerate and thoughtful in school towards peers and staff

Year 10

Alfie Emmanuel for taking pride in his learning and having a very mature and positive start to year 10.

Tempy Forsyth for being engaged in all aspects of school life and being an excellent role model in the year group.

Arlind Lleshi - for always being ready. He is always on time with everything he needs and always greets teachers politely with a smile in the mornings.

Lucia Webber-Seranno for always showing kindness to students and teachers. She is always so polite and helpful.

Alfie Walker for having an excellent start to year ten and showing that he understands the importance of being safe on the CEC campus.

Year 11

Proud - Amelia Szczecina Completing all work in lessons to a high standard.

Engaged - Stanley Wood Always engaged in his lessons and being engaged in conversation with staff.

Ready - Jasmin Reed Always ready for her lessons and always organised for the day.

Kind - Speaks nicely to all staff and students she interacts with.

Safe - Oliver Craven (and Basketball crew) For reporting an incident at break with the basketball and being sensible.

More fantastic examples of PERKY PEOPLE from this amazing PERKY year group!

HOUSE POINTS



8135 Total



8032 Total



7992 Total



7665 Total



ATTENDANCE



95.23%



95.46%



96.39%



95.81%

