

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

It has been a busy week with lots of exciting visitors. On Tuesday, we held our open evening for current Year 6 pupils who will be joining the Secondary phase in September 2024. We had over 200 families attend the evening to hear and see all about what makes us so special at CEC. I want to give a special shout out to Caitlin-Jo Sadler and Mateen Kay who delivered excellent speeches on what it is like to be a CEC pupil, to Connor Valentine and Ryan Needs who staffed the front desk and welcomed our guests, Daniel Cheung and Malachi Morris on the piano and all the pupils who helped in departments. I was very **proud** to showcase our wonderful school and look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort next year.

During the day on Tuesday, we hosted several Trust leaders from Somerset as part of the Ted Wragg Trust Collaboration Days. During their tour of the Campus, the visitors commented on how smart our pupils looked, how calm and **engaged** our classrooms were and they were blown away by our curriculum booklets.

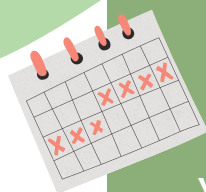
Yesterday we hosted Dame Rachel de Souza, The Children's Commissioner and her team who spoke to pupils from Years 7, 10 and across Key Stage 2 from CEC, Exwick Heights, Isca, Sidmouth and West Exe as part of The Big Ambition, a national survey of children across England to hear what they think is important so their voices can shape future policies. I was incredibly **proud** of our CEC pupils and all the pupils from our family of schools who posed some thoughtful suggestions for future change.

Homework is an area where our pupils could be doing better! We need your help to support our pupils, your children, to be **ready** for their learning by completing their one hour of homework each weekday as outlined in their knowledge organisers. <https://www.cranbrook.education/homework>. Completing meaningful homework is proven to improve academic success and is an area where we need to work in partnership.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay **safe**.

Mr Stephen Farmer
Head of Campus





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 7 Meet the Tutor
5th October

Just One Tree Day
Friday 13th October

Family Photos
Monday 13th November from
3.15pm

UNIFORM POLICY CHANGE

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.

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 one sitting.

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/>



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 and aims to hear their thoughts, opinions and ideas in the run up to the next general election. She wants to make sure 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 is open until Friday 15th December.

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

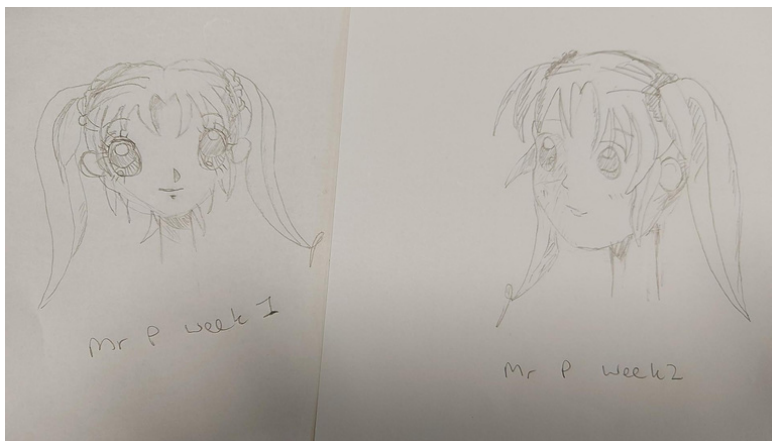
DRAMA UPDATE

This week in Drama year 8 have started their journey into comedy by exploring clowning. They practised the skills of escalation and see saw through the use of props. Well done year 8!



EXTRA-CURRICULAR: TEAM KODOMO

The Japanese word Kodomo describes characters who are brave young teens who get involved in cool adventures. We decided it was the perfect name for our new Manga drawing club! Team Kodomo! meets every Tuesday breaktime to practice, refine and most importantly enjoy drawing manga characters. After only two weeks, we're already starting to see our skills develop - even Mr Pepperell seems to be getting better! We're now looking forward to preparing our first manga exhibition and maybe expanding to club to allow more members and more time for drawing.



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.

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.



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



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

JUST ONE TREE

Our school will be taking part in JUST ONE Tree Day on 13th October 2023. Each child is being encouraged to wear something GREEN in addition to their choice of PE kit or Non-Uniform and donate £1 via MCAS to fund the planting of their tree. JUST ONE Tree supports collective action on the climate crisis with Just £1 plants 1 Tree.

JUST ONE Tree, an official partner in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, is an award-winning non-profit removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation. JUST ONE Tree supports reforestation projects in areas severely affected by deforestation such as Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique & Brazil. In doing so they have the greatest positive effect on limiting global warming whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within local communities through the provision of training, agricultural education and sustainable incomes.

More information can be found at: <https://www.justonetree.life/>

So far we have planted 1,543 trees with Just One Tree. We look forward to counting the number of trees that our school community can plant this year!

MORE EXCITING REHEARSALS IN MUSIC.

Sonopera came in for their second rehearsal with the brilliant y10 BTEC music group. They are composing a piece together and this week it was really coming together. We had the second rehearsal with the TedWragg choir. The TedWragg choir compiles of all the trust schools and will be performing at the 25th Anniversary celebration. All our music clubs are now in full swing and you can see what clubs we offer on our extra curricular timetable. We also offer music lessons on a variety of instruments. Please email Alex.Hawkins@cranbrook.education

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

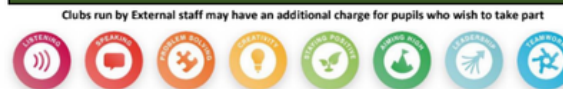
As part of the normal school day, we offer a selection of clubs and activities at break, lunch and after school. Most of these are free and are run by our Secondary Staff, giving everyone the opportunity to take part in a wide range of different activities. Pupils are reminded of these clubs in their 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	Skills Builder	Location	Staff
All Days	8am - 8.30am	Breakfast Club*		S073	Pupil Support
All Days	3pm - 4pm	Homework Club*		Library	AZ
Mon/Tue Break&Lunch		Maths HW Support		Maths	Maths
Mon Break		Language/Duolingo HW		French	ACP/OGR
Thur Break		Science HW support/revision		S218	SEA
Thur Lunch		Sports Studies support/revision		S203	SWB
Mon	LUNCH	Choir*		S237	AEH/MSJ
		DoFE training (Year 9)		S243	CEC OUTDOOR ED
	3pm - 4pm	KS4 Football [Week A]		Sports Hall	SWB
		Volleyball [Week B]		Sports Hall	SWB
Tue	BREAK	Team Kodomo*		Library	RXP
		Rainbow (LGBTQIA+)		S147	OGR
	LUNCH	Girls Football*		Sports Hall	CEJ
		Drama		Main Hall	MSJ
		Chess*		S229	MDM
Wed	BREAK	Musical Theatre		S237	BXB
	LUNCH	Language Leaders*		S172	ACP
		Netball		Sports Hall	CEJ
	3pm - 4pm	KS3 Science*		S206	RMJ
	3.15pm - 4.15pm	KS3 Boys Football*		Sports Hall	External
Thu	BREAK	German*		S172	ACP
		Knitting*		Library	HW
		Rock Group*		S237	AEH
	LUNCH	Warhammer*		S147	OGR
	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Basketball*		Sports Hall	External
Fri	LUNCH	Book Club [Year 7]		Library	HW
	3pm - 4pm	Bullet Journalism*		S229	MDM
		Soul Band*		S237	AEH

Clubs with a [] marked next to them could count for a Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award



CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER VISITS EXETER SCHOOL TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT CHILDREN CARE ABOUT

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, visited Cranbrook Education Campus yesterday to meet with a group of children in Key Stages 2, 3 and 4 from schools across Exeter and East Devon including Cranbrook Education Campus, Exwick Heights Primary School, West Exe and Isca Academy.



Children shared some great ideas on the issues affecting them, and how the Prime Minister could help improve theirs and other children's lives. The Children's Commissioner's role is to promote and protect the rights of children, especially the most vulnerable and speak up for them to ensure their opinions are heard.



She also took some time to visit the school's Community Hub, EX5 Alive, which provides cradle to career support for children, young people and families in Cranbrook and East Devon to improve the quality of life within Cranbrook and the surrounding area. They work with a wide range of external partners, including the Live and Move Sport England fund (Move More Cranbrook), Exeter Foodbank, Action for Children, Parental Minds, Cranbrook Medical for social prescribing and Reach Academy in Feltham to ensure they provide the highest quality of community support for local young people and their families.

Dame de Souza is in the South West to raise awareness about The Big Ambition, which is a national survey of children and young people across England. Children are encouraged to complete the survey so that in the lead up to the next General Election, decision-makers know what children think is important.

Once completed the Children's Commissioner will take the thoughts, opinions and ideas of children who completed the survey to those in Government to ensure that they listen to the voices of young people on what they think should be done to improve children's lives.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until the 15th of December and can be completed [here](#).

Moira Marder, CEO of the Ted Wragg Multi-Academy Trust said:

"It was great to have Dame de Souza visit some of our schools - the work her office does is so important and the children really enjoyed hearing about the purpose behind The Big Ambition Survey. I know they really appreciated the opportunity to share their ideas about what matters with people who have the ear of policy makers.

"At the Ted Wragg Trust we are completely on board with the Children Commissioner's mission to speak up for children, especially those who are vulnerable, and everyone was delighted to be a part of her mission to make the world a better place for young people."

Stephen Farmer, Head of Campus at Cranbrook Education Campus said:

"It was brilliant to welcome Dame de Souza to Cranbrook today, her passion for promoting children's ideas is obvious and the group of students that met with her were really interested to hear about how their ideas would be fed back to those running the country.

"At the Campus we believe that ensuring children are engaged in their learning is key to making sure they succeed and we are so proud that our students are taking part in shaping the country for the children of the future."



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

Lily Ward - KIND and welcoming

April Tidball - always PROUD in every aspect

Olek Bouffaut - always READY in morning line up

Aoife Jennings - always ENGAGED and settling in really well

Year 8

Ellie Fallon for being PROUD of our school out at the open evening.

Ava Acutt for being ENGAGED at open evening.

Daniel Walczynski for being an all round READY legend!

Phoebe Wade for being KIND to her tutees and helping at open evening

Lily Harris for using the lift with her foot injury. How SAFE!

Year 9

Connor Valentine - for always being Proud of the school and representing it so well at Open Evening,

Sabreen Kay for being Engaged in every aspect of school life,

Maisy Libby for always being Ready for school in line ups,

Oliver Winter for always being kind with his politeness and friendliness

George Stokes for being concerned for pupils' safety during the fire drill.

Year 10

Mateen Kay for representing the school and his excellent speech on open evening.

Hanine Dersouni for getting involved and making sure she gets the most out of year 10.

Oakley Lang always having his equipment and being prompt to lessons

Ella Barlemore for always being polite and thoughtful to others.

Nathaniel Hoskins always acting in a way to keep himself and others safe

Year 11

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

HOUSE POINTS



11843 Total



11690 Total



11949 Total



11056 Total



ATTENDANCE



94.30%



94.88%



95.28%



94.87%

