



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

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Secondary Update - 22nd March 2024

Dear CEC Families,

At last some dry weather has arrived! It was lovely to be able to enjoy it with pupils during break and lunch when on duty this week. Please find our key updates from the week and upcoming information/dates below.



Week 12 - super teaching week - All assessments and PPE papers will be marked by the end of our non-pupil day on Monday 25th March and then pupils will get to go through their papers during their super teaching lessons on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March so they can celebrate (🎉🎉🎉🎉) where they have remembered knowledge effectively and get a chance to focus on knowledge that they still need to learn and commit to their long term memory.

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Year 11 Update

Our #Crantastic year 11s with over 95% attendance received their leavers hoodies this week. I am so **proud** of our Year 11s and how hard they have been working. You look super smart in your



hoodies!

This week our year 11 pupils **engaged** in some revision techniques.

On Monday it was Century, an online platform which uses AI to tailor your revision to the individual learner, Tuesday was Flash Cards, Wednesday was Cornell notes and Thursday we looked at the Pomodoro timing technique.

Today the year 11s received their Countdown Booklet. Year 11 tutors will be checking what revision the year 11s have done in tutor time each morning. We encourage families to speak to their children about their revision and help support them to be **ready** for their exams. Great work year 11.



Music Exams

I am extremely **proud** of our Year 10 and Year 11 music pupils this week. The year 10 music pupils were off timetable on Tuesday completing their Component 2 coursework. All the y10 class performed at the end to a supportive and **kind** audience made up of families and other pupils. The year 11 music pupils were off timetable on Thursday completing Activity 2 of the Component 3 exam. They were focussed and **engaged** all day and now only need to complete one more Activity before finishing the entire music course! Well done to all our #Crantastic music pupils.

Pupil survey celebrations

Last week, Head of Campus, Stephen Farmer, and Head of Primary, Krisha Gandhi, met with Executive Leaders within our Ted Wragg Trust to analyse our recent pupil survey data. The feedback from this survey is so important as it reflects the voice and experiences of our pupils, and is a valuable insight into the our school offer from a pupil perspective. We are pleased to share three areas our campus is excelling in from our pupils' perspective:

- Our culture of reading. Being asked to read across varying subjects by all teachers is a reflection of our commitment to reading to support learning.
- Our commitment to valuing pupil voice. Our Pupil Parliament plays a vital role in decision making within the school and are often consulted with on key decisions - for example, when choosing our school lunch providers. We are proud to have a number of other opportunities for Pupil Voice through our other pupil leader groups such as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Our pupils' requests have also been actioned where appropriate such as Rainbow Buddy Benches in the playground and Secondary wearing PE Kit on PE Days.
- Our fair treatment of pupils by staff - Over the past few years, a focus for our campus, across Primary and Secondary, has been developing a consistent approach to how we support pupils - both in learning and behaviour. No matter which classroom they are learning in, pupils should know what to expect. We recruit staff who share our values and train our team weekly so that, in all classrooms, pupils feel supported with best practice, ambitious aspirations and high expectations. Since our pupil survey results last year, we have also been working on sharing the reasons behind decisions to promote transparency and understanding with pupils. We are really pleased to see pupils recognise this as a culture of fairness across our campus.

Pupil Progress and Wellbeing meetings

Our second new style pupil progress and wellbeing (PPW) evenings will take place on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th April 2024. If you have a specific area that you would like to discuss during the PPW meeting, please email it to your child's tutor in advance so they can prepare (tutor email addresses can be found here: <https://www.cranbrook.education/contact-us>.) The MCAS invite to book your PPW meeting will be coming out next week.

Lock-down practice

Next Wednesday (27th) afternoon, we will be holding a lock-down practice. During this practice, the lock-down alarm will sound which is a long continuous sound – this makes it easy to distinguish from the fire alarm. We will stop the alarm after 1 minute but this will give pupils chance to know the difference. During the lock-down practice, pupils and staff will be expected to stay in their classes and lock the doors. Senior leaders will walk the corridors and usher any children who are in the corridors or in the bathroom to the nearest office or classroom. Senior leaders will then go to each classroom to inform pupils and staff that the practice is over. **Please do discuss this lock-down practice with your children so they are aware it is happening and they can prepare and thank you for your support.**

Trust Review statements

#Crantastic. Our weekly Trust Review statements for this week:

- Posts of responsibility and social enterprise opportunities contribute well to pupils' character development. Through consistent and persistent messaging, pupils display a strong understanding of British values and protected characteristics, giving detail as well as naming them.
- The school provides meaningful, unbiased careers opportunities for all, such as visits from employers and 1:1 careers sessions.
- Consistencies in retrieval practice are resulting in primary and secondary pupils being able to recall their current and prior knowledge, some with detailed knowledge from memory.
- Pupils articulate and embody the PERKS values well. They value their school and their teachers and speak warmly of the support they receive and can access.

Opportunity

Online safety assemblies from the Police

Years 7 through to 10 had assemblies this week lead by the police. The focus of these assemblies was being safe online. The police officer also went through using social media safely, online bullying and anti social behaviour. All students listened attentively and were ENGAGED throughout the delivery.





Stamp out spiking sessions for Years 8-10 after Easter

Dawn Dines CEO founder of SOS Global will be attending to run interactive workshops on all current social issues including drug and alcohol awareness, SOS Global are the National lead to train on all spiking related issues.

- Wed 17th April - Year 10
- Thurs 18th April - Year 9
- Fri 19th April - Year 8

Ofsted Big Listen children's survey

Ofsted want to hear from the children they work for via this short survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ofstedbiglistenchildren>

- Find out more about Ofsted's Big Listen campaign here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen>



Show and tell

We would like to celebrate and appreciate more of the achievements that our #Cranstasc pupils achieve outside of school via this newsletter and our social media channels. Please do send us pictures and short summaries of these, including sports matches, drama performances, Scouting/outdoor challenges, singing, gymnastics, circus skills, fund raising, volunteering, charity events and any thing else that is worth shouting about to reception@cranbrook.education



Ice Pack Amnesty

We are currently missing most of the small ice packs from Pupil Services that we use for pupils bumps, scrapes and other minor injuries so are vitally important! They will look similar to this. If any pupil has accidentally brought one home or it's in their school bag can they return it to Pupil Services please.

Egg-citing Easter Competition

Lauren, Chelsea, and Caroline from our egg-cellent Business Support team will be joined by our Chair of Governors, Les Bayliss, to judge the PTA Egg decorating competition at the end of term! Its no yolking matter and they are all super egg-cited and have high egg-pectations! We hope pupils will use their egg-quisite imaginations and create some cracking creations.



Learning

Year 8 Options

Following pupil, parent and staff feedback we are pleased to let you know that we will now offer pupils the chance to choose their Options subjects at the end of Year 8. This change means that pupils have three-years to study the Options subjects they have chosen in depth.

Furthermore, we are now also in the position where pupils can choose two Option subjects to study alongside their Core subjects - English, Maths and Science; and their foundation subjects – History, Geography, Languages, Personal Development and Core PE.

Pupils will continue to study both History and Geography throughout Year 9 before choosing one to study at GCSE in KS4 at the end of Year 9.

Options Evening will be on May 9th and details will follow with timings and the structure of the evening. The process will allow pupils and parents/carers to find out more about the course including course requirements and future pathways. They will then make their choices by the end of the May half term.

In the meantime, we would like pupils to indicate their initial preferences so that we can gain an insight into potential numbers for each subject. This is will not be considered their final choice and is used for internal purposes only, so pupils will be able to change their minds when it comes to submitting their choice of Options in May.

This is the link to the Preliminary choices form which you can go through at home, however, we will give pupils the chance to complete this in tutor before we break for Easter on the 28th March.

<https://forms.gle/gDZoTszVjeFeeZu4A>

Natural Selection - Science

Year 8 getting stuck into a practical demonstration of Natural Selection as part of their Science revision. We taped our thumbs to our hands to mimic what it would be like without opposable thumbs. We then timed how long it took to complete the following tasks with and without thumbs:

1. Sharpen a pencil
2. Tie a knot in a piece of string
3. Open a bottle lid

They were super ENGAGED and worked like scientists to record and compare their results!





Community

QUESTIONS ABOUT CRANBROOK?

Meet your East Devon District Councillors

Wednesday 3rd April 2024 7-8pm

Cranberry Farm

KEVIN BLAKEY, KIM BLOXHAM & SAM HAWKINS
WORKING TOGETHER AS CRANBROOK VOICE



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Kevin Blakey, Kim Bloxham and Sam Hawkins - working together as Cranbrook Voice

Self Harm Support

Join us for 'Self Harm Support' on Monday 25th March 19.00-21.00. This workshop is designed to provide guidance and support for parents whose young people hurt themselves when overwhelmed by their emotions. Join us as we explore practical techniques and navigate the complexities of support.

Parental Minds co-produce mental health support guides from family lived experience with input from professionals and researchers. These guides have been used to develop this skills workshop, which is for parents and those who support others mental wellbeing.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/PMSelfHarm24>

Monday, 25th March

19.00- 21.00

Online, Zoom



Cranbrook Colour Run

If, when you think of running, you think of very serious looking people, lycra clad, sprinting along paths and anxiously looking at their smart watch, you need to think again. Our partners in Cranbrook, Move More Cranbrook, are putting on a running event with a difference, and it's one that you won't want to miss. The Colour Run (and summer fete) will take place in Cranbrook on Saturday 6 July and guarantees to be a fun day for the whole family. The running events consist of a 2km fun run and a 5km. Organisers say that this isn't about how speedy you are, it's all about people of all ages having fun and getting stuck in. More here:

<https://liveandmove.co.uk/cranbrook-colour-run/> and here: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/cranbrook-running-club/cranbrook-country-park-colour-run>



DICE provides families with information, advice and support to help them provide a safe and protective environment for their child or young person. To find out more, see the attachment below

Dice Leaflet.pdf

[Download](#)

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Awards & Rewards

PERKY PEOPLE

Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind and 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

Thomas Johnson: Being ENGAGED by extending everyone's vocabulary during reading canon.

Ethan Griffiths - Outstanding ENGAGEMENT in extracurricular activities over the weekend.

Elizabeth Beacham: Continually KIND and caring to all members of the tutor group.

Brooke Williams: Settling in fantastically well and always being READY for the school day.

Year 8

Ellie Cook for instilling the PERKS of #Crantastic every day.

Isabella Nutt for being helpful in lego club and KIND to others.

Ava Acutt for being a PERKY person daily!

Summer Forsyth for being one of the KINDest people I know! You always ask me how people's days are going and are always PROUD and READY to help out.

Year 9

Proud: Chloe Hynam for always working really hard in lessons.

Engaged: Martyna Wojtczak for being engaged in lessons and creating some excellent artwork.

Ready: Lexi Salter for always being at line up on time and ready for the day.

Kind: Olivia Cox for being supportive and kind towards friends.

Safe: Alex Winslade for being safe on campus at all times.

Year 10

Kristen Woodhead for taking pride in all her learning and having an excellent attitude to mocks.

Lauren Jackson for her continued hard work in year ten and for always being engaged with her learning!

Alfie Baseley for always being ready to learn.

Max Thurtle for always showing kindness to others and being polite and respectful to all members

of staff!

Millie Sevour for making a helpful and safe decision this week to support her peers!

Year 11

Archie Isaacs : For being in school every day and doing his PPEs.

Zoe Bradshaw : For being engaged in all lessons and PPEs.

Owen Hardware : Being ready for his exams and always having correct equipment and uniform.

Mary Jane Huacan : For being polite and kind to staff and being a positive presence around school.

Tyler Deams-Troake : Being safe in his Drama exam.

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Congratulations to pupils who obtained their House Point Awards this week.



Bronze Awards

Sol Northcott

Tyler Daems-Troake

+ 4 other students



Silver Awards

Harmony Joy

Liam Needs

+1 other student



Gold Awards

Mia Webb

Willow Morrison

Kallisa Blair

+ 3 other students



Platinum Awards

Isabella Nutt

Mia Bourne

Kada Farley

+5 other student

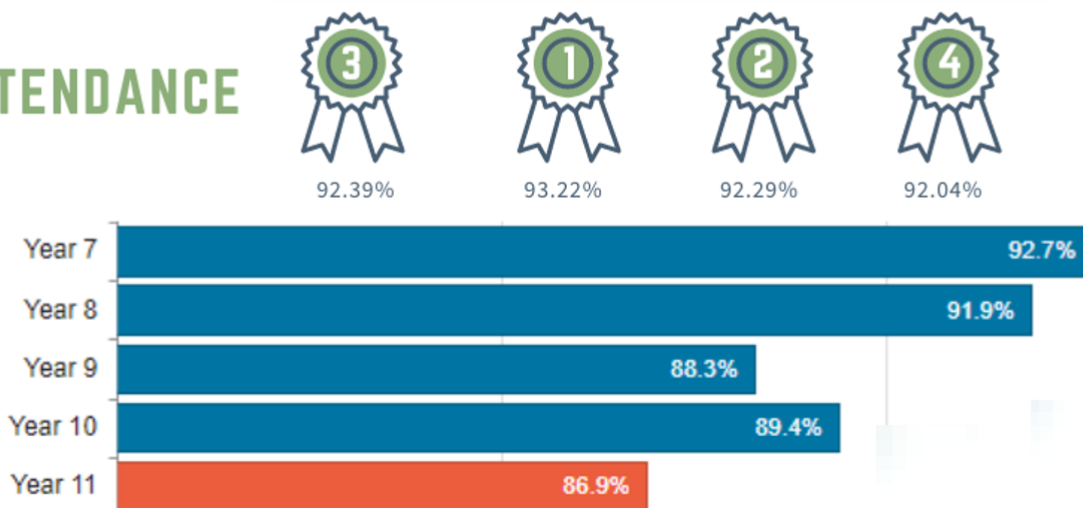


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HOUSE POINTS



ATTENDANCE



Car Parking

We have a small car park at the campus that is intended for use by visitors and staff who live outside of Cranbrook only. Please walk to the campus where possible. If you do drive to the campus, there is plenty of on road parking available if families continue to park sensibly and safely. Blue badge holders who have responsibility for dropping off and collecting students may also use the car park and should bring their blue badge to the main reception office so details can be recorded. Please remember the speed limit is 5mph at all times. More information can be found on our website by clicking here www.cranbrook.education/carparking

An additional reminder

Please take a moment to share your thoughts about our campus on the Ofsted [ParentView platform](https://www.parentview.org.uk/). Your valuable feedback is crucial, especially as we anticipate an Ofsted inspection this academic year. Your perspectives will provide valuable insights and contribute to showcasing the strengths and positive aspects of our campus. The whole team greatly appreciates you taking the time to complete this.

Dates for the Diary



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Secondary Non-Pupil day (Cycle 2 marking and super teaching preparation) - Monday 25th March (Primary are in as normal)

Last day of Spring Term - Thursday 28th March. Normal finish time.

First day of summer term - Monday 15th April

Stamp out spiking sessions - Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th April

Term dates Term dates for 24-25 are available on the [website](#)

Please note that in October 2024 Primary has a two week half term.

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



Stephen Farmer

Head of Campus