



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

Secondary Update - 18th October 2024

Dear CEC families



TWT Awards: A Night to Remember!

Last night's Ted Wragg Awards were truly magical! We celebrated the incredible achievements of our students and honoured the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community members. The room was filled with joy, laughter, and a few happy tears!

A special thank you to all our sponsors and everyone who made this night possible.

We're thrilled to announce **Rebecca Crosby** as the **Overall Teacher of the Year** across our Trust!



Our CEC Winners and Nominees:

- **Inspirational Leader:** Ellie Jacobs
- **Inspirational Leaders:** Oliver Russell and Hannah Wickens
- **Unsung Hero of the Year:** Darren Clarke
- **Co-professional of the Year:** Paige Simpson
- **Teamwork Award (Students):** Pupil Parliament (Joe Soper, Ruby Curran – Secondary; Peggy Chapman, Ayda Groves – Primary)
- **Student of the Year:** Jacob Tomlinson
- **Student Community Leadership:** Oliver Ashley
- **Teacher of the Year:** Rebecca Crosby & Layla Crabtree
- **Teamwork Award (Staff):** Liz Partridge and the Year 1 Phonics Team

Stay tuned for our Award wrap-up video coming soon!





#Crantastic Ted Wragg Choir

What an incredible evening last night. Our #crantastic pupils travelled all the way to Crowne Plaza for a very glamorous evening singing for the Ted Wragg awards. It was a brilliant evening and the choir sang beautifully.

The Ted Wragg choir will continue to run next term. Please do get involved and join us! Its a great opportunity to meet new people and sing together with other pupils from schools in our trust community. Staff also welcome.

Homework Heros Shoutout!

A big thank you to the over 90% of students who consistently complete their homework on time! Your dedication and hard work are truly impressive, and we know your families deserve a shoutout for supporting you.

Need a Homework Hand?

Completing homework is an important part of reinforcing your learning, and we're here to help you succeed!

Here are some resources to keep you on track:

- **Knowledge Organisers:** These handy guides outline key information and skills for each subject. Find them online and your own copy inside your physical organiser. ([Link to Knowledge Organisers](#))
- **Subject Specialist Support:** Struggling with a specific homework assignment? Don't sweat it! The following day after each homework assignment is typically dedicated to support for that subject. Look out for drop-in sessions during break, lunch, and after school with your subject teachers.
- **Homework Club:** Want a dedicated space to tackle your homework with help from teachers and peers? Join our daily Homework Club from 3-4pm in the library. Finish your assigned work and free up your evenings for extracurricular activities, relaxation, and family time.

Homework Rewards Level Up!

We appreciate your hard work, and we're excited to announce we're reviewing our homework reward system to offer even more points and exciting rewards for completing assignments on time. Stay tuned for exciting updates!

Remember, completing your homework is an investment in your academic success. We're here to support you every step of the way!



Up to Date Data

To ensure we have the most up-to-date information for your child(ren), we kindly ask that you log into the MCAS App at your earliest convenience to review the information we currently hold. It is important that we have accurate records in case of emergencies and for general communication purposes.

To do this, please log into the MCAS App and then click on “Data Collection Form”. Please take a moment to make sure the following information is correct, such as:

- **Home Address**
- **Phone numbers**
- **Medical Information and Dietary needs**
- **Photo Consent:** (Click on “Parental Consent” and scroll through the list of consents available.) Please confirm if we have your permission to take photos/videos of your child and use them in our marketing materials which can be shared online.

If you have any questions or need assistance with accessing the MCAS App, please email reception@cranbrook.education.



Warm Clothes Reminder: Colder Weather

As we step into Autumn, we kindly remind you to ensure your child is dressed warmly. Pupils should wear their school jumper, blazer, or PE fleece to stay comfortable inside the building.

We are collecting coats, hats and gloves again for our community.

Please bring in any coats you no longer need or love to our reception. We will make sure they have crantastic new homes on the arms of those who need them most in our community.

Likewise if you need a coat please visit our reception to check out our rail from the 7th November

2025 Secondary School Applications Closing Soon!

A quick reminder that the deadline to apply for secondary school is midnight on 31st October. 🚫 Don't miss out! Submit your application now to secure a spot at your preferred school.

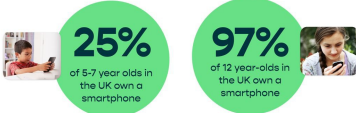
For more information, visit: [Devon School Admissions](#)



Emotional Literacy & Wellbeing: Screens and Learning: Finding a Balance for Success!

THE STATUS QUO

Almost all kids have smartphones by year seven. It's a new societal norm.



SOURCE: OFCOM Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes April 24 & March 22

Research shows a connection between excessive smartphone use and lower academic performance in students. While technology plays a vital role in our lives, finding a healthy balance is crucial.

Here's a quick summary of some key takeaways:

- **Distractions matter:** Texting, gaming, and social media during study sessions or class time can negatively impact performance.

Partnering for Success!

As a school community, we can work together to support healthy phone habits. Here are some ways you can help at home:

- **Set clear boundaries:** Establish rules around phone use during homework time and studying.
- **Create tech-free zones:** Designate specific areas of the house (like bedrooms) as phone-free zones, especially during evenings.
- **Encourage alternative activities:** Promote hobbies and activities that don't involve screens, like sports, music, or spending time with family.
- **Lead by example:** Be mindful of your own phone use around your children.
- **Talk openly:** Discuss the importance of focused learning and the potential downsides of excessive phone use.

By working together, we can help pupils develop healthy phone habits that support their academic achievement and overall well-being.

We encourage you to explore the [linked research article](#) for more details

Let's keep the conversation going! Share your tips and questions with us for future newsletters.

Join Us for a Community Q&A Night!

Want to learn more about the Campus or Cranbrook? Join us for an open discussion with school leaders, local councillors, and other community representatives.

When: Wednesday night, 7-8pm Where: Cranberry Farm

Who: Steve and Krish (Cranbrook), Amy and Mel (St. Martin's), Kevin, Kim, and Sam (East Devon District Councillors)

Topics: Ask questions about anything related to the Campus, the town, or local services.

We often have the added participation of police, our MP, and local church leaders.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your community and get informed!

**QUESTIONS ABOUT CRANBROOK?
Meet your East Devon District
Councillors
Wednesday, 23rd October 2024
7pm-8pm - Cranberry Farm**

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



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Moving around the campus

A polite reminder to families that cycle or scoot to school that these should not be ridden anywhere on site. We ask please for you to dismount from your bike / scooter at the school gates and use the shelters provided. **It is essential that bikes and scooters left on site are secured using bike locks!**

We have a small car park at the campus that is intended for use by blue badge visitors and staff who live outside of Cranbrook only. Please walk to the campus where possible and if you do need to drive to the campus, there is plenty of on road parking available. Please remember to park sensibly and safely for our neighbours.

Thank you

Nut and Peanut Free School

We have a number of staff and students who have a severe allergic reaction to nuts and peanuts and it is important that we keep them safe. In this regard, we ask that students, staff and visitors do not bring products containing nuts and peanuts into school.

Products that should not be brought into school include:

- Peanuts and nuts and products containing peanuts or nuts
- Peanut butter and peanut based chocolate snacks (snickers / reece's pieces, Nutella etc)
- Items where peanuts or nuts are listed as main ingredients
- Nut or peanut based oils or products

Products that are allowed:

- Items that "may contain nuts" and "may contain traces of nuts" or "made in factories that use nuts". These present a low risk and are not direct ingredients in the products
- All other non nut-based snacks and food stuff.



Free School Meals Eligibility

If you wish to check your child's eligibility for Free School Meals, please use the [Devon Citizens Portal](#) This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 who will check eligibility, answer questions and help with your application.



Feedback

We work closely with our catering provider Dolce to ensure students are provided with healthy and nutritious meals. If you have any comments or feedback you wish to share about the food, we welcome you contacting us by emailing reception@cranbrook.education

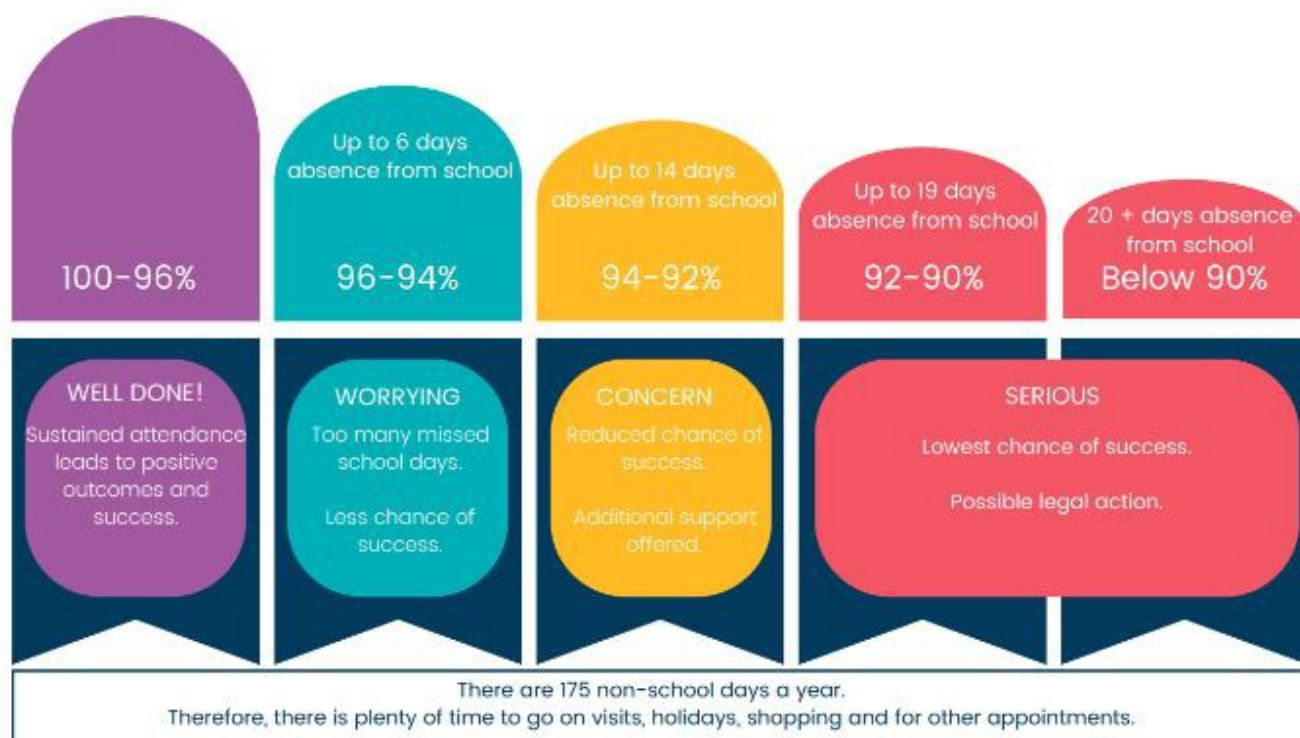


Student Statements

If your child needs to make a statement following an incident at school, please use the QR code to access the required form.



Days off school can impact on your success



Holiday in term time letter

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Opportunity

International Lunch Club

The International lunch has become a really safe place for some of our new students who feel a bit lost at times, as they are facing the challenges of a new culture, new language, new weather and new friends.

Therefore, after a culinary conversation yesterday with one of our lovely students, we came with the idea to bring something traditional from each country to share.

This is an invite to everyone that wants to share something from their country and is an opportunity to get to know each other. Come and join us next Monday at lunch time and have a cup of tea with us - speak to Miss Conny for more information



Secondary Extra-Curricular Timetable

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Lego Therapy

Nick and Ethan wanted to show off their Lego success after building a landscape of London.



Open Days

Bicton College Open Days:

18th January 2025: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

26th April 2025: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bicton College Taster Days:

28th October 2024: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

17th February 2025: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

28th May 2025: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

[Events - Bicton College](#)

Duchy College Stoke Climsland Open Events:

25th January 2025: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

23rd April 2025: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Duchy College Stoke Climsland Taster Days:

29th October 2024: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

18th February 2025: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

27th May 2025: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Contact us

As College Advisers we can help students with their preparations for joining Exeter College after their GCSEs. We can help with queries regarding the courses on offer, entry requirements, the application and interview processes, travel, and the Exeter College Academies, as well as student life and Apprenticeships.

my.newzapp.co.uk



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Exeter College Open Events start on 10th October

[Download](#)

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Cycling to school

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Learning

PERKSY People

Lets celebrate the pupils who have be Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind and Safe this week

Year 7

PROUD Lionel Olenderek for being PROUD of his behaviour and supporting others.

ENGAGED Darya Serbov for SMASHING and being super ENGAGED with Bedrock

READY Adam Mussani for always being READY.

KIND Taylor Byrne for being KIND to all.

SAFE Rowan Valentine for being SAFE around the campus

Year 8

P: Charles Williams - Showing great pride in his learning and a fantastic approach to school.

E; Mina Oryakhail - A brilliant attitude to learning, with a willingness to improve in all areas.

R: Riley Spry - Ready to assist and support others in a variety of subjects.

K: Aiden Clarke - Incredibly kind to his team and showing spectacular sportsmanship.

S: Finnley Sanders - Safe and caring when working with others during PE.

Year 9

Proud- Riley Connet for making CEC proud by representing the school brilliantly during PPWs

Engaged- Aqua Ip for being engaged in the school community

Ready - Grace Kuruvila, for making a great start and always being ready to learn

Kind- Katie Richardson for being kind by being a good friend to everyone

Safe- Rosy Robillard for keeping the school safe and looking out for everyone

Year 10

Proud: Fliss Wade - I'm really proud of the brilliant work Fliss is creating in Art. She's really dedicated and puts a lot of focus into what she's doing.

Engaged: Alex Winslade - Alex has been working so hard in English, demonstrating that he is really engaged in lesson and stepping up to challenges.

Ready: Ruby Dowd - Ruby is always ready for school in the morning and arriving to lessons on time. Thank you for always being ready to learn.

Kind: Malachi Morris - Malachi is always demonstrating kindness towards his friends and peers, and saying hello to teachers. Thank you for helping to make CEC a kind and friendly community.

Safe: Emily Holt - Emily is really conscious in school by being calm and considerate of others.

Year 11

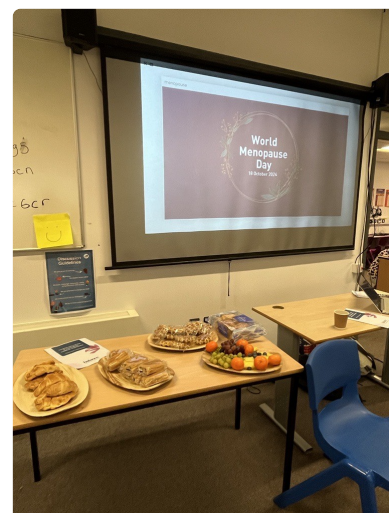
Community

Menopause Awareness Day

Friday, 18th October was **Menopause Awareness Day**. Raising awareness about menopause is crucial as it helps reduce stigma, encourages open conversation, and provides support for those experiencing menopause, either directly or indirectly.

To mark this important day, we held an **Introductory Menopause Breakfast** for all staff to create an opportunity for those going through menopause, supporting someone who is, or those who simply wanted to learn more to attend a welcoming space for open discussion, sharing experiences, and learning about the support available within our school community.

Useful Menopause Resources (UK-Based):



- **NHS Menopause Overview:** A detailed guide on menopause symptoms, treatment options, and advice on managing day-to-day life.
[NHS Menopause Overview](#)
- **Menopause Matters:** A comprehensive resource providing expert information on menopause, treatments, and lifestyle tips.
[Menopause Matters](#)
- **The Menopause Charity:** Offers support, education, and resources for individuals and workplaces.
[The Menopause Charity](#)
- **Henpicked: Menopause in the Workplace:** Guidance for employers and employees on managing menopause at work.
[Henpicked – Menopause in the Workplace](#)

Support our Families Seeking Asylum and Refugees in Cranbrook

Our school supports a number of Families Seeking Asylum and Refugee families to access education and thrive in their new home as part of our #Crantastic Community.

We want to extend our support further, but need your help! Many of our families lack access to basic essentials and the joyful things many of us take for granted.

We want to brighten our families lives and support them with whatever they need. Whether it is toiletries, food, football boots to join a team, prom arrangements, birthday celebrations, transport or help setting up new homes. We want to be there for them.

In addition, each year we collect physical donations to bring a sparkle of joy to the children in our community during the festive season. Last year's response was phenomenal, but some age groups –like teenage boys–were less represented. Your donation will help ensure that every child, regardless of age, has something magical to open over the holidays.

If you would like to get involved in our Holiday Gift Appeal or contribute to our fundraiser. Please see our poster detailing the items we are collecting for this Years festivities or follow this link to our JustGiving page!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/familiesseekingasylumandrefugeesincranbrook?utm_term=YVaxxgxXV

Together, we can make a meaningful difference and spread happiness to those who need it most in our community. Thank you!

HOLIDAY GIFT APPEAL



Help us create magical gift boxes for children seeking asylum and refugee children in our community.

We are collecting items for children aged newborn to 18-years old. We will curate your kind donations into boxes of joy for each of our vulnerable children.

All donations are accepted via our reception at Cranbrook Education Campus, Tillhouse Road, Cranbrook, Exeter, EX57EE.

Last date for donations is the 2nd December.

For Any bulk donations or queries please contact ellie.jacobs@cranbrook.education



If you would prefer to donate money rather than items please scan our QR code to access our Just Giving Page or follow:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/familiesseekingasylumandrefugeesincranbrook>

Suggested items include:

Empty boxes with lids

For Babies (1 month to 3 years):

- Soft toys or comforters
- Baby blankets
- Board books
- Rattles and teething toys
- Baby bath products

For Young Children (3 to 11 years):

- Picture books/ New to English Books
- Colouring books and Pencils
- Toys & Puzzles
- Craft Kits
- Slime/ Playdough/ Bubbles
- Toiletries (Haircare, bodycare, dentalcare)
- Stationary sets
- Sweets/Chocolates/Crisps
- Sports equipment (e.g., football, skipping ropes)

For Teens (13 to 18 years):

- Journals/notebooks
- Headphones or small tech gadgets
- Toiletries (Haircare, bodycare, dentalcare)
- Fidget Toys
- Hair Accessories
- Sports accessories
- New to English books or novels
- Fashion accessories
- Nail Varnishes
- Games
- Sweets/ Chocolates/ Crisps





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Parental Minds Support Hub Online Hub Teams / 10.00-11.00	2 Parental Minds Support Hub BOOKABLE 1:1 Online Hub Teams / 10.30-11.30	3 BOOKABLE 1:1 Online Hub Teams / 13.30-14.30 Eating Disorder Support Zoom / 19.00-21.00	4 Telephone and WhatsApp support available daily 10 - 6
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John Lewis Community Room, Sidwell St, Exeter, EX4 6NN
All Saints Church, All Saints Rd, Sidmouth EX10 8ES
1-2 Kings Court, New Street, Honiton, EX14 1HG

For all **School Holiday** hubs, or for a virtual **1:1 session** please book with us via WhatsApp
07907 614 516



All events are shared via Parental Minds, and Parental Minds Support social media pages

■ Online Peer Support
 ■ Face to Face Peer Support
 ■ Online Workshop
 ■ School Holiday
 ■ Bank Holiday

CEC Careers

Do you work for a business who is invested in future careers? Do you enjoy speaking with young people and igniting a spark? Is the thought of copious amounts of tea and biscuits a deal breaker? Well look no further! We are really excited to announce that we are hosting our annual careers fair on Wednesday 13th November and this year we want to be bigger than ever. Please share this flyer with any business contacts you may have and email careers@cranbrook.education if you are able to be a part of finding your future workforce.

Cranbrook Careers Fair Invitation

For businesses and education providers

COME AND MEET YOUR *future Workforce*

Wednesday 13th November 2024

What we will provide:

- Hundreds of excited and engaged pupils from years 5-11
- Potential work experience and part time job connections
- An opportunity to shout about your business
- A hugely warm welcome
- Refreshments

What would we love from you:

- Confirmation of attendance
- Electrical requirements
- Dietary requirements



Watch last years fair here



Timings and final numbers to be confirmed in the Autumn term
Confirm attendance to careers@cranbrook.education

Anti social behaviour in the community

We have been made aware of a small number of youths, some who attend CEC, causing anti-social behaviour in the community. Firstly, we would like to praise the majority of our pupils and other Cranbrook youths who demonstrate the values of pride and kindness. Please remember, these are the majority.

However, for those who do not demonstrate our values and who are being anti-social and breaking the law, please report them and their actions to the police either by calling 999 or reporting via the Devon and Cornwall Police online 101 service here: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>



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Dates for the Diary

Term dates for 2024/25

Please take a moment to review the Key Dates and mark your calendars accordingly. If you have any questions or need further details please email

Key Dates for 2024/25

October

Dates for the rest of this academic year can be found above.
Highlighted dates for October are

PTA Halloween Bake Sale 25th October
End of Term - 27th October



Please note that details of our Privacy Policies can be found [here](#)

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



Stephen Farmer

Head of Campus