



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 - 6th December 2024

Dear CEC Families,

This week, I want to express how proud I am of all our pupils for their engagement during assessments (Years 7-9) and pre-public exams (Years 10 and 11). A special shoutout goes to Year 10, who have approached their PPEs with exceptional maturity and readiness. Individual assessment results will be shared with pupils during lessons next week, while detailed reports will be distributed in the first week back after the winter break.



On Wednesday, we had the privilege of hosting five members of the South West Social Mobility Commission. They visited to see our impactful “Cradle to Career” initiatives. We showcased our wonderful EX5 Alive community hub and discussed our efforts to support great teaching through:

- Fortnightly coaching
- Weekly deliberate practice sessions
- Triangulated professional development for staff

We also shared our expertly sequenced curriculum, delivered through carefully designed booklets, which continue to enhance learning outcomes.

A reminder that Monday is a non-pupil day for Secondary.

We look forward to welcoming Secondary pupils back at 08:25 on Tuesday 10th December.



Monday 9th
December

SECONDARY NON PUPIL DAY

Primary students are
in as normal



Crantastic Festive Events

Click the button above to view our Crantastic Festive events from the Campus and the wider community

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events and Updates:

- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday, 13th December
Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers over their normal uniforms.
Donations can be made [via MCAS here](#)

- PTA Christmas Fayre – This Afternoon

We hope to see many families at our festive PTA Christmas Fayre, enjoying the activities and seasonal cheer.





Homework Process Improvements:

Based on feedback from pupils and families, we are updating our homework process. Please see the detailed update from Mr. Rich Pepperell (Assistant Headteacher – Pedagogy and Practice) below. We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your children to complete their homework tasks, which are proven to significantly aid their progress and attainment.



Changes to homework January 2025.pdf

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333.2 KB

Year 8 and Year 9 Options Choices:

Mrs. Diane Brown (Deputy Headteacher – Secondary) has shared the preliminary options form with Year 8 students. This form allows them to indicate their preferences for open options (Art, Computer Science, Dance, Drama, Food Tech, Music, Sports Studies, and Triple Science) for Years 9-11. Pupils completed the form during AM registration. Please review and discuss their choices. If adjustments are needed, use this link: [\[Year 8 Preliminary Option Choices\]](#).

Year 9 students have also been asked to select their Humanities option for Years 10 and 11. Use this link to submit any changes: [\[Year 9 Humanities Options\]](#).



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

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.

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



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.

School Attendance and Illness

Its that time of year when there are lots of bugs being passed around. Sometimes it's difficult to know whether your child should come to school or not. The poster below gives a bit more guidance

If you are ever unsure or would like further advice, please speak to one of our attendance team. You can contact them on attendance@cranbrook.education

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL TO GO TO SCHOOL?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor coughs & cold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ear infection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cold sores
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conjunctivitis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tonsillitis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respiratory infections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head lice

GO TO SCHOOL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whooping cough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Covid
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High temperature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chickenpox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scarlet fever
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diarrhoea & vomiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measles

STAY AT HOME

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please note: We are also able to keep and administer medication in school if the correct form is filled in. Please speak to our Reception Team to arrange this

Handwashing is really important this time of year, please encourage your child to do this regularly to avoid the spread of germs.



Reporting an Absence

Absences need to be reported no later than 8.30am. To make this process as easy as possible for you, there are various ways that you can do this:

1. The School Number – 01404 823293 (Please leave a message)
2. Via email - attendance@cranbrook.education
3. Via MCAS or the link on the website home page

For all options please state your child's full name, class and reason for absence. If you do not contact the school your child will be given an automatic unauthorised absence, these remain on their school records.

All of the above options are checked every morning. While we are unable to reply to all messages, please rest assured they will be recorded.

Days off school can impact on your success



There are 175 non-school days a year.
Therefore, there is plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and for other appointments.



Holiday in term time letter

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Opportunity

Poetry Competition

Well done to Daiana Ionica for winning our CEC Secondary poetry competition!

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Daiana wrote an inventory poem which can now be read in the Secondary library. She has won a poetry book containing a poem for each day of the year. And well done to our runner up: Eliza Holt! We are very **proud** of all entrants!



Cranbrook Christmas light switch on

A massive well done to all the #crantastic performers at the Cranbrook Christmas light switch on Friday 29th.

We performances from the Primary y6 Choir, from the Secondary Choir and the school show cast.

They should be very **proud** of their excellent singing but also for representing CEC by being **kind and safe**. It was a brilliant event to be part of and I am so pleased to be involved in events in the heart of our community.



Secondary Extra-Curricular Timetable

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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:

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:

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

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

[Events - Duchy College](#)



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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Learning

Year 10 made a fantastic start to their Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) this week. Their conduct in exam conditions and the effort they put in to their papers showed a real dedication to their education. The exam invigilators even made a special effort to let the year group know how impressed they were with the way our pupils approached their assessments. Well done Year 10!



PERKSY People

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

Year 7

Proud - Darya Serbov for outstanding effort with homework this half term and being in the top 25 of the national Language Nut Competition

Engaged - Harry Birkbeck for trying his hardest in every lesson

READY - Finley always has all his equipment ready each morning.

KIND - Sophia Hodge for being a kind member of the classroom

SAFE - Oscar Edghill for looking out for those around him

Year 8

P: Florence Arnould - Going above and beyond to partake in school where possible.

E: Mandjou Berete - Engaged in his school work and always prepared for the day during tutor time.

R: Katie Huacon Arias - Always willing to read and ready for the day's learning.

K: Jonah Turner - Polite, well-mannered and a shining example of kindness.

S: Archie Coombes & Charlie Cooper - For being noticeably safe and sensible while being pupil runner.

Year 9

Proud - Rowan Barlemoor

engaged - Harry Tucker

Ready - Aliyah Basalim

kind - Rosy Robillard

safe - Nathan Lockwood

Year 10 & Year 11

I am very **proud** of all year 10 and year 11 for their excellent attitude and behaviour in their exams. They have been **engaged** in their revision and in the exams. Both year groups have also shown how **safe** they can be when lining up for their exams and respecting the exam conditions. By doing PPE's we can give clear feedback to pupils about what they need to improve on. It also gives them the opportunity to practise the exam processes which is an important part of being **ready** for the real thing in summer.



Community



Digital therapy enabling children to self manage their fears and worries

Recommended by **NICE**



Lumi_Nova_Parent_Info_Sheet_-_Devon.pdf

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707.8 KB

Free Education Skills Courses

This is FULLY FUNDED (FREE) for parents and carers in your area, from The ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency). Our deadline to enrol is approaching fast for our start date on 6th January 2025.

STUDY SMART Free Online Courses
Aspire Education
ncfef | **cache** | Education & Skills Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

6 Week Course Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

www.studysmartuk.online



Devon HAF Xmas Leaflet.pdf

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Dates for the Diary

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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

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



Stephen Farmer

Head of Campus

