

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 - 13th December 2024

Dear CEC Families,

It has been a wonderful week at Cranbrook Education Campus, filled with festive cheer and community connections. Here's a glimpse of our recent highlights:

Festive Celebrations Across Campus

This week has been buzzing with holiday spirit!

- On Monday, we enjoyed the Reception Nativity—a heartwarming start to the week.
- On Tuesday, our Rock Steady performers filled the atrium with lively Christmas tunes.

☆☆ Collaboration in Action! ☆☆

On **Wednesday**, we hosted 10 leaders and governors from across the Ted Wragg Trust. This inspiring session focused on sharing our experiences with booklet-driven practice and professional development. Together, we explored how this approach strengthens curriculum delivery and fosters staff growth—a true testament to the power of collaboration.



🏪 Building Community Links with Morrisons 🏪



On **Thursday**, I had the privilege of joining local civic leaders for an exclusive preview of the new Cranbrook Morrisons store. It was fantastic to meet the management team and begin building a relationship that promises exciting community initiatives in the future.

🎁 Campus Christmas Jumper Day 🎁

Today, our all-through Christmas celebration brought everyone together with Christmas jumpers, karaoke during Secondary lunch, and a beautiful carol performance by Years 1-6 in the sports hall.



Exploring Life Without Smartphones

Looking for an insightful watch? A recent **Channel 4 documentary series** explored the effects of banning smartphones in schools. This 10-minute clip from *This Morning* features Matt and Emma Willis discussing the experiment's impact on teenagers:

Emma and Matt Willis Test Life Without Smartphones in Schools | This Morning



Crantastic Festive Events

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

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair last Friday. We had such a lovely evening and saw so many smiling faces. There was much fun to be had from sports and music to raffles and cakes stalls, there really was something for everyone!



With your help, our fabulous PTA raised over £700. Thank you to everyone for their continued support!



Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 18th December

The celebration will feature festive food, delightful decorations, and cheerful music, creating a truly joyful occasion for all. Please note there will be no other food options available on this day, so if your pupil would rather have sandwiches, please provide them with a packed lunch.



Campus staff are excited to join in the festivities by sitting and enjoying lunch alongside the students in the atrium, sharing in the spirit of the season together.

Winter Showcase

Next Thursday (19th December) over 30 pupils from KS2 to KS3 will be performing in a winter showcase. They have been working really hard in weekly clubs to learn some songs and dance routines and would love to share with the CEC community. The event is open to all to attend. Please do come along from 4-5pm. Doors open at 3.45pm.



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Support from Kooth Over the Christmas Break

Kooth Digital Health provides free and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support for young people aged 11-18 in Devon. Their services are available throughout the holiday period, offering “on-the-day” support from the comfort of your home. Visit Kooth: www.kooth.com

 Winter 2024 Education short .mp4

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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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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

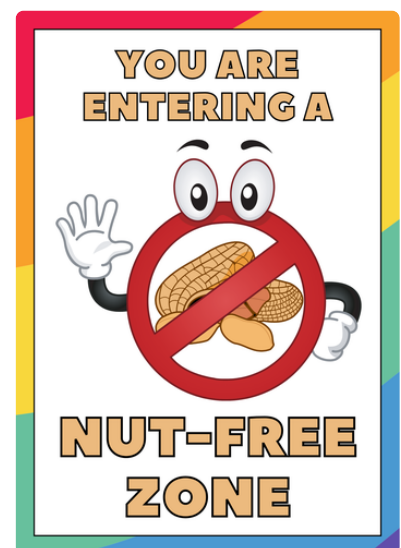
We have a number of staff and students who have a severe allergic reaction to nuts and peanuts and it is important that we keep them safe. In this regard, we ask that students, staff and visitors do not bring products containing nuts and peanuts into school.

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"/> 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



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.



NHS

Wet

Soap

Wash

Rinse

Dry

**Stop germs spreading.
The power is in your hands.**

Have you washed your germs away? Wash your hands.

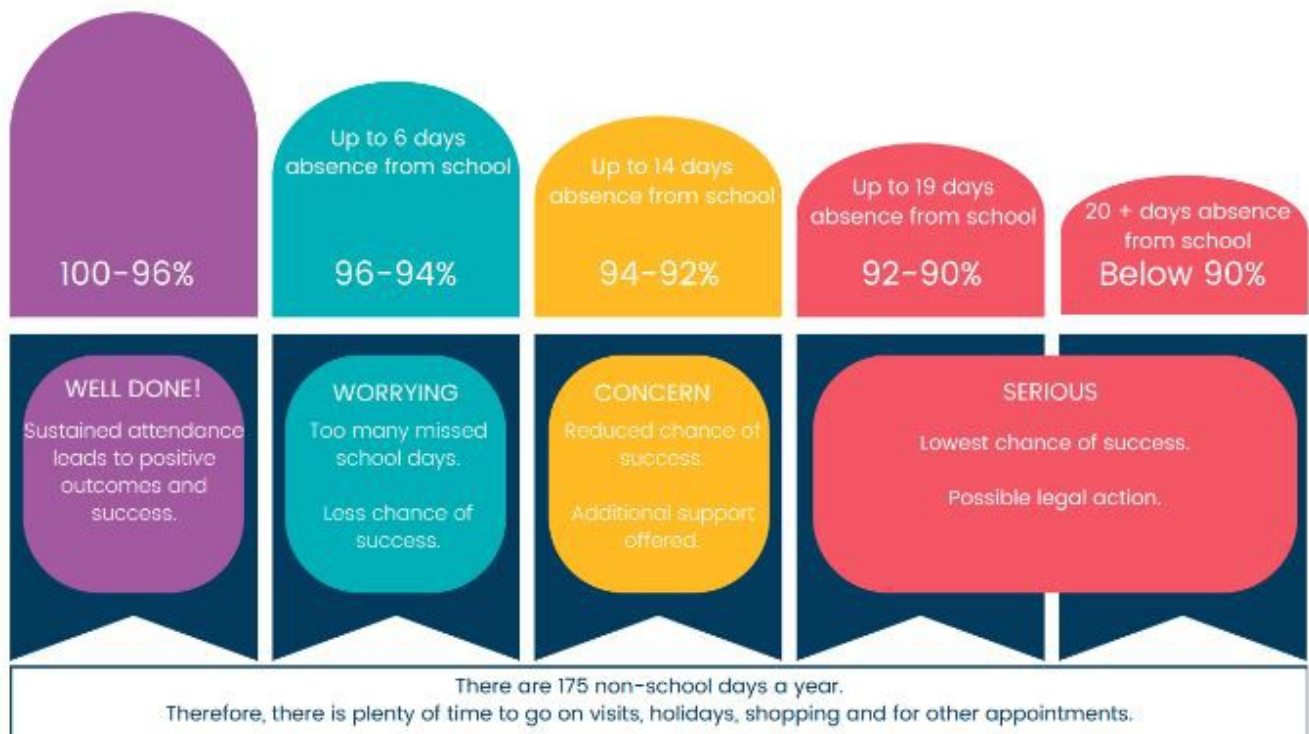
Absences need to be reported no later than 8.30am. To make this process as easy as possible for you, there are various ways that you can do this:

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



Holiday in term time letter

[Download](#)

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Opportunity

Scholarship Opportunity

We are very **proud** of our #crantastic pupil Malachi Morris, who this week was awarded a scholarship from Finchcocks to pay for piano lessons. Congratulations Malachi, we are so pleased you have this opportunity to grow as a musician.



DanSci showcase

A huge congratulations to Martyna in Year 10 who performed at the annual DanSci showcase and danced beautifully throughout, taking part in multiple dances and performing a variety of dance genres. More than 200 dancers took part, and following the show, Martyna was awarded one of only 6 trophies at the annual prize-giving, in recognition of her dedication, hard work and commitment. Well-done - we are very proud of you!



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](mailto:my.newzapp.co.uk)

Cycling to school

A polite reminder to families that cycle or scoot to school that these should not be ridden on site. We ask please for you to dismount from your bike / scooter at the school gates and use the shelters provided. Thank you



Learning

PERKSY People

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

Year 7

Proud - Jake Bradley for navigating class and campus

Engaged - Willow Long for participating well in school this week

READY - Jacob Tomlinson for getting equipment ready in the mornings without me nagging :)

KIND - Emma Lockwood - For being really kind to her tutor and everyone around her

SAFE - Robbie Brand for helping out with the PTA and saving the balloon arch

Year 8

P: Julia Krezelok - Encompasses all of our values and regularly goes above expectations.

E: Oscar Lander - Excellent engagement in assessments, using his adjustments maturely.

R: Abigail Priju - Always ready for the day, equipment, uniform and general readiness.

K: Joshua Saji - Incredibly polite and helpful around school. Always smiling!

S: Oliver Menhennet - Making sensible decisions around school and always willing to support others.

Year 9

Proud- the member of the fried Rat band (Dylan and Charlotte) for a brilliant performance at the Christmas fair

Engaged - to the whole year group for being really engaged in assessment week

Ready- Bea Bentley for making a real effort improve punctuality

Kind - Eythan Harding for always being really polite to staff around the school

Safe - Sophia Harvey for having such a great improvement to her attendance

Year 10

P: I'm proud of Ruby Curran for being resilient and kind in school everyday.

E: Pearl Hunter for focusing on her artwork so diligently, well done!

R: Joe Soper for being ready for the day and on time and representing his tutor through Pupil Parliament.

K: Dayana Moraga for being kind supporting a student who needed help.

S: Ethan Dixon for always being safe and conscientious to students and staff each week.

Year 11

All our year 11s have shown PERKSY behaviour throughout their mock exams.

They should be **proud** of their attendance in the PPE fortnight, which was 91% over the two weeks.

They were **engaged** in their exams despite having lots of long exams in a short period.

Pupils were **ready** for their PPE's because they revised using the countdown booklets.

They were **kind** to our invigilators and showed respect during the examinations.

They were **safe** when lining up outside and practising the routines needed for their actual GCSE's in the summer.

Well done year 11. The next two weeks has a heavy focus on analysing their PPE papers and analysing their answers. This will help them improve for the next mock exams in the Spring term.



Community

Research for children that are struggling to attend school

The study looks at how parents and caregivers cope with the challenges of supporting children who struggle to attend school due to anxiety or other emotional difficulties (commonly referred to as Emotionally-Based School Avoidance or EBSA). I aim to understand how caregiver stress and resilience shape their experiences, with the hope of improving support for families in the future. I'm looking to recruit parents or caregivers of young people aged 11–18 who experience these challenges. Taking part involves:

- Completing a short online questionnaire (around 20 minutes)
- Optionally, a brief follow-up interview

CAREGIVERS WANTED FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Are you supporting a child (aged 11–18) struggling to attend school due to anxiety or emotional difficulties (EBSA)?

We want to hear from you!

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- **THE STUDY**
This research explores how caregivers' stress and resilience shape their experiences of EBSA.
- **SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE**
Approx. 20 minutes
- **INTERVIEW (OPTIONAL)**
Approx. 60 minutes

LINK TO THE STUDY:
<https://tinyurl.com/2n48x3ut>

QUESTIONS? SEND ME AN EMAIL:
OLIVIA.M.DAWSON@DURHAM.AC.UK

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Durham University Ethics Committee.

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.



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



Dates for the Diary

Crantastic Festive Events

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

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](#)



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