

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 parents/carers

Brrrrrr. It has been cold this week. Please ensure pupils are **ready** and have suitable winter clothing for their journey to and from the Campus. Due to a number of staff absences, we were supported by senior leaders Mrs Walker (Monday) and Mr Boyes (Tuesday-Friday) from Lipson Co-operative Academy who are part of the Ted Wragg Trust. Both Mrs Walker and Mr Boyes commented on how calm and consistent lessons were, even when being covered. They were really impressed by the way we enact our curriculum via our booklets and visualisers. This is an area all our external visitors have been impressed with! And they also commented on how polite and **kind** our pupils are. It always makes me very **proud** to hear this feedback about our brilliant school.

Year 11's had a great **opportunity** on Tuesday and visited Plymouth University to find out all about University life and the range of courses available. A massive thank you to Mrs Jenkins for organising this.

Today, I spent the day in Feltham at Reach Academy with Mrs Fox, Ms Gandhi, Mrs Simpson-Horne (Matford Brook Academy) and Mrs Frances (Ted Wragg Trust) where we continued to review our **community** hub (EX5 Alive) work and share best practice as part of the national cradle to career programme. We will continue to increase the agencies and support offered by the hub to support you as our CEC families and the wider Cranbrook community.

Finally, **THANK YOU** if you completed our Trust wide parent survey. We received 285 responses (32%) from across the Campus. Read more about our results and our pupil survey in this weeks update.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and stay **safe**.

Mr Stephen Farmer
Head of Campus/Head of Secondary

WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

Trust Survey Results - Car Park Access - Strike Action - Science Club
Year 11 Trip - Online Reporting - Term Dates - Dates for the Diary
Awards & Rewards - Community Hub
Community : Learning : Opportunities
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CAR PARK ACCESS

Please can we remind all parents that unless you have authorisation, our car park is not to be used during drop off or collection. We have seen an increase in vehicles using the car park during these times which means that those families who need safe access or medical reasons are being put at risk. There is plenty of parking on the main road outside of the school.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Meet your councillor & E.on customer evening

Wednesday 25th January
6pm-8pm

Mr Farmer will be attending the E.on customer evening on Wednesday, along with local councillors, Kim Bloxham, Kevin Blakey and Sam Hawkins to both find out more about what support E.on can offer and answer any questions you may have about the town or the Campus.

Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 26th January

Half Term
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February

Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 23rd February

TERM DATES

We understand that the greyed out boxes on our term dates were causing some confusion and have managed to have them removed for the next academic year. Please [click here](#) to see the term dates for 2023/24

TRUST SURVEY

Thank you to those who completed our Trust wide parent survey. We received 285 responses (32%) from across the Campus. Below are the top 3 strengths and weaknesses that you have identified. Our pupil survey launches this week and we will be supporting pupils to complete the survey in tutor times to maximise the responses we get. We will be analysing the results of both surveys over the coming weeks and using your feedback to make improvements.

Strengths: top three results

88%	Parental confidence 26) How interested would you be to receive suggestions on how to support your child's learning and development?
87%	Ofsted Parent View 6) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement: "My child is happy at this school."
85%	Ofsted Parent View 9) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement: "The school has high expectations for my child."

Weaknesses: bottom three results

55%	Informing parents 19) How informed do you feel with regard to your child's academic progress?
55%	School accessibility 8) How confident do you feel that you can discuss difficult issues openly with the school?
32%	Informing parents 16) How informed do you feel with regard to how your child is doing socially at school?

STRIKE ACTION

Following the news this week from the National Education Union's call to teachers to take strike action, we will be speaking with teachers over the next few days as to their intentions. In line with the DfE guidance, our objective is for the Campus to remain as open as possible. Once we have a clearer picture of intended strike action, we will inform you whether the Campus will be open, closed or restricting attendance on Wednesday 1st February.

SPARX

We were #1 nationally (50 school) for our Sparx Reader homework completion and we remained top 2% nationally (1300 schools) for our Sparx Maths homework completion this week, demonstrating how engaged CEC pupils are with their homework which is proven to improve pupil outcomes by +5 months (<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework>)

YEAR 11 TRIP

Year 11 had an excellent trip to Plymouth University on Tuesday. Pupils got the opportunity to look around the campus, learn more about higher education courses and student life. Our year 11 students were engaged in the talks from current university students and are now ready to think about next steps post 18. Thank you for making us proud.



MCAS

In September we moved our MIS system to Bromcom which comes with an integrated communications portal for parents to have a digital link to the school. We are excited to announce that we are ready to start the release of this program and will be releasing details a year group at a time.

You will shortly receive a link to My Child at School which will allow you to log in via a computer or smart device to update your child's details as well as your own personal details. You will also be able to update/amend any Medical or Dietary requirements for your child so that as a school we can keep our MIS system as up to date as possible. Within the system it also holds a chat function where you can send a direct message to the school. (For example, if someone else is collecting your child or they had a bad night etc)

There is so much more available that the system will be able to do moving forward but these are the first things that will be available to you. This is going to have a positive impact on us as a school as it will streamline our communications allowing you as parents to have easier access to amendments that need to be made about your child.

Once you have received your link to the system please have go at logging in and setting up your account. The software can be used via the internet or you can download the MyChildatSchool App.

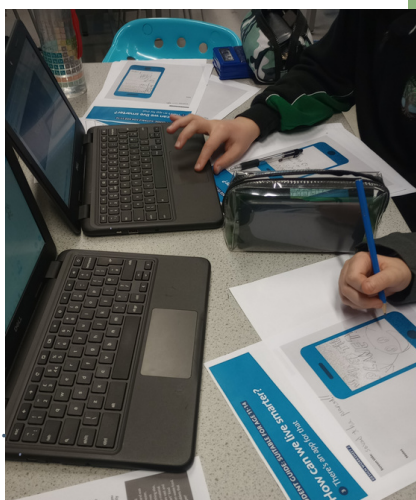
If you have any issues with logging in please contact reception@cranbrook.education and we will be more than happy to help with any requests.

SCIENCE CLUB

Human beings are pretty smart. We have transformed the world and thought up wonderful inventions. But what will the future hold for planet earth and the people who inhabit it? Can we use innovative technology to improve the quality of our lives as well as the world we live in? Can we live smarter?

In the third challenge of this half term's theme, the students learnt about the effects of waste on the environment.

They designed an app that incentivised recycling by allowing households to log how much they are recycling each week. They thought about what was the most important waste to recycle, how users could be rewarded for recycling and how users would use the app effectively.



READING AMBASSADORS

Our Reading Ambassadors from Year 7 and 8 have been visiting our Primary phase to read with students in Year 3. They are truly living up to their title, acting with maturity and kindness. You are all tremendous ambassadors for our school.

ONLINE PUPIL STATEMENTS

Below is the link/QR code for Pupils to access to complete a statement regarding an incident.

With the QR code we have generated, pupils can now complete statements at home on a computer, tablet or smart phone so we don't need to ask them to complete them on arrival to school.

Link:

<https://forms.gle/Ry5eQyXq3BPYNWVF7>



ONLINE ABUSE/INAPPROPRIATE MESSAGING REPORTING

There are increasing incidents of online abuse across messaging and social media apps such as WhatsApp, Instagram and Snapchat that occur when pupils are not in school.

Our advice when this occurs is always to report it to the police and the individual platform reporting methods. We have listed these links below

[Police](#)
[WhatsApp](#)
[Snapchat](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Facebook](#)

AWARDS AND REWARDS

Another huge congratulations to our pupils who obtained their House Point Awards in the past week.



BRONZE

Teagan Preston
Lily Thompson
Jasmin Reed
Meena Agar
Jack Cook
Tyler Daems-Troake
Owen Hardware



SILVER

Phoebe Wade
Nicola Chylinska
Khloe Shaw
Jas Harris
Sara Stemska
Kody Richards

Sophia Harvey
Ellie Cook
Ruby Soper
Tye Stewart
Maddie Hooper
Daniel Cheung

+ 6 other students

HOUSE POINTS



64326 Total



63856 Total



64035 Total



57118 Total



ATTENDANCE



90.87%



92.72%

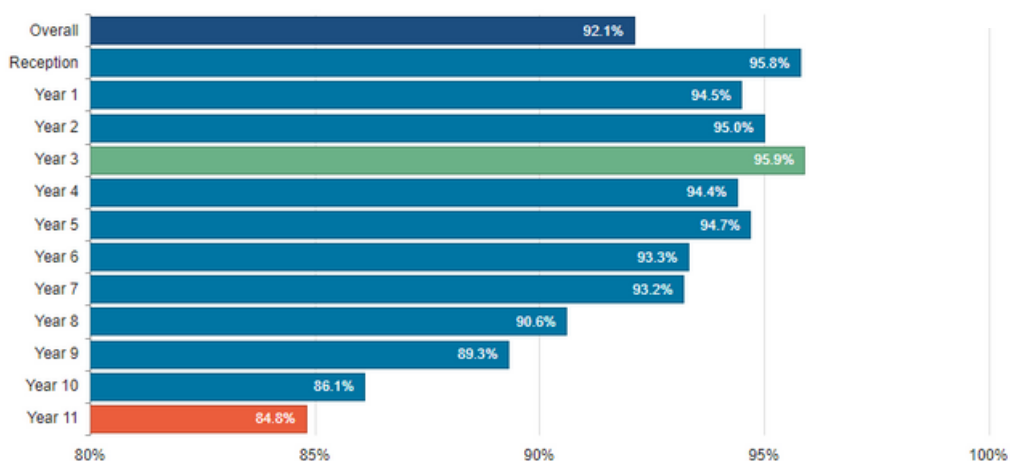


93.14%



91.84%

Overall



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

If you attend a community group that you feel may benefit other parents, please email the details to reception@cranbrook.education

Are you aged 13-18? Would you like to have a voice in research?

Want to know more? Come along to a online meeting on February 7th at 4pm and find out about this great opportunity.

We are researchers from health, history, literature, law and geography at the University of Exeter and we would like to learn from young people how you would like to be involved in research and explore ways we can work together on projects that interest you. We are interested in young people's mental health and narratives of wellbeing, environment and health and care experienced young people.

We are looking for 15-20 young people (aged 13-18) to attend up to 6 meetings over the next year, you will be acknowledged for your time. We would like to hold two of these meetings in person at the university (travel expenses will be reimbursed). You do not need to have any research experience to take part in this group, just an interest in research and a willingness to get actively involved.

Quote from one of our members: "This entire experience is a great opportunity, not only to be able to discuss the things you are passionate about, but also to work alongside a Russell group university. I am really enjoying working within this group"

I am interested, what do I do?

Talk with your parents/carer and get in touch with Camilla Forbes on: c.a.mchugh@exeter.ac.uk for more information.

Please note that we will need to ask your parent or guardian for consent prior to you joining the group.



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Online Family Sessions

A safe space to explore the communication needs of your 11-25 year old

Discover what your young person needs to better understand you, and to feel understood...

When: Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, on Zoom

Parents and carers of young people; attend our FREE, friendly and interactive 2 hour online workshop sessions, to explore how to support 11-25 year olds with their communication needs.

Every week, our short sessions will focus on one of the following questions:

How do I look after myself, to better look after my young person?

How can I communicate effectively with my young person?

What's going when my young person disengages or behaves in a way that I find challenging?

Sign up to our sessions as an individual, or in small groups of 2-4 people.

Scan the QR code, to see our session timetable!

To attend our FREE sessions, contact:

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