

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

What a week! Unfortunately, due to illness and childcare, we have had several staff absent this week. We are **proud** of how pupils have adapted to these changes and how they have **engaged** with the teachers who have been covering them. The majority of lessons are covered in house either by Mrs Chan, our cover supervisor, or members of the teaching team.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Year 10 parents/carers evening last night. With 80% turn out, you were our most **engaged** parents/carers so far this year. It is our Year 9 parents/carers evening on Thursday 23rd February.

We have also confirmed our plans for Wednesday 1st February during the first planned NEU day of industrial action. Please see the separate [letter sent to all parents/carers via groupcall yesterday morning](#). We are very sorry for any disruption to you and your child's education and understand that this situation will be frustrating, all members of our school communities will continue to treat each other with respect, recognising that all our staff are committed to providing a **safe** and secure environment and the highest quality of education for our pupils.

On a more positive note, Cranbrook's Community Hub – EX5 Alive, which is based at the Campus will be featured as a case study by The Centre for Social Justice <https://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/>, highlighting the excellent **community** support that this hub offers.

We have continued to top the national tables for our Sparx homework completion; however, we were knocked off the Number #1 Sparx Reader spot by a school in Plymouth. Please support your child(ren) to complete all their homework during the planned slot in their knowledge organisers so we can reclaim that top spot next week.

Fingers crossed; we have a dry weekend which I hope you all get to enjoy.

Mr Stephen Farmer
Head of Campus/Head of Secondary

WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

Student Survey - Activities Week - Term Dates - Booklet Volunteers - Snapchat MCAS - Online Reporting - Dates for the Diary - Awards & Rewards - Community Hub

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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](#)



STUDENT SURVEY

Pupils have been adding to the feedback received from you as parents/carers this week as they have completed our Trust wide Edurio survey. We currently have a 79% completion rate so please check with your child(ren) to ensure they have completed it by the deadline which is next Friday. We will be using the combined feedback to make improvements to the Campus.

ACTIVITIES WEEK

We shared our activities week plans for Years 7 – 9 with you yesterday.

We are looking into a residential option for Monday 17th - Tuesday 18th July for Year 7 and Wednesday 19th - Thursday 20th for Year 8 and 9 including 2 days of activities and an overnight stay (each day will consist of four, one-and-a-half hour sessions including zip wires, archery, trapeze, challenge course, axe throwing, Jacob's ladder, fencing and orienteering). The cost of this would be approximately £150 per person which would include transport, 2 days of activities, accommodation and food. Teachers will be accompanying the trip in line with legal ratios.

For the remaining days we are looking into a day trip to Woodlands, a day trip to QuayWest and finishing the week with our whole school quiz. The cost of these activities would be approximately £30 per person, per day, totaling £60 for the two days. These would run either side of the residential.

Before we can confirm any bookings we would like your feedback on the 3 options below and therefore we would be grateful if you could please complete the below expression of interest form for each child who attends the Secondary phase of the Campus. Please note that as this stage we are only asking for expressions of interest, full details of the activities and when money will need to be paid will be communicated to parents/carers once we have received feedback and finalised plans.

<https://forms.gle/cTeRvvDfgHtQL18b7>

ONLINE PUPIL STATEMENTS

Here 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>

SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is an app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. It's important to know that users of Snapchat should be 13 years and above so no CEC primary children should be using Snapchat.

What happens on Snapchat?

Snapchat allows snaps – photos and videos - to be sent to and seen by others. This can be for a quick period or can last in the stories section for 24 hours.

If you have older children or family members on Snapchat, or if younger children may be exposed to the platform in the home environment, there are some factors to be aware of:

- Who is your child / children / family members talking to online?
- Who does your child / children / family members consider their friends. Do they talk to 'online friends'?
- Are they in any groups on Snapchat and do you know all the people in these groups?
- What are their SnapMap settings? I.e. Are they sharing their location settings and, if so, with who?
- Do they have a streaks? This is a number of consecutive days two people have been sending Snaps to each other. Streaks may increase pressure to respond on Snapchat daily.
- Due to the nature of the app, your child / children / family members could be exposed to content which is not appropriate. Do they know to tell you about this and / or how to report it?
- Even if a picture or video shared on Snapchat is only online for a small period, it can be screenshot by a viewer meaning that it could be shared wider and is no longer in complete control of the original creator. Those using Snapchat should take care in selecting what it is they are choosing to post.

Does bullying happen on Snapchat?

- All platforms online, Snapchat included, have the potential to be used for cyber bully. It's extremely important that those using such platforms know how to block and report other accounts if necessary.

Top Tip:

Talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online. Remind them that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult (e.g. class teacher) if they have any concerns about what they have seen or experienced online.

DO YOU HAVE EXCELLENT SPELLING AND GRAMMAR?



BOOKLET VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers who care deeply about spelling and grammar to help us proof-read out expertly created curriculum booklets at the Campus. If you are available between 11th & 15th March, and would be able to help review the booklets, please email reception@cranbrook.education

MCAS

We continue to roll out access 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.

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.

HOUSE POINTS



67086 Total



66488 Total



66513 Total



59286 Total



ATTENDANCE



90.93%



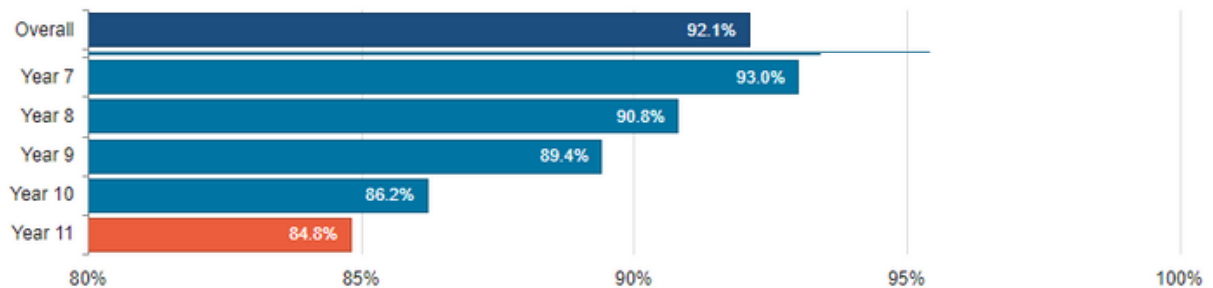
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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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 on 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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