

# 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

I am not sure what happened to January, however, we are now in February and there are only 25 days until Spring!

This week over twenty of our Year 10 pupils graduated from their CoachBright programme at the University of Exeter. We are really proud of all the pupils who took part in the programme and demonstrated their PERKS of being #Crantastic whilst attending their graduation.

We have been able to secure some excellent opportunities for pupils in Years 7-9 for their activities week (Mon 17th – Thurs 20th July) including a residential at PGL Barton Hall and day trips to Woodlands and Splashdown. We need your views on our plans before we make firm bookings, order the coaches and start payments plans. **Please complete this form by Monday. <https://forms.gle/ZsqnfcPKzaSdz8WQ7>**

Following feedback from a range of stakeholders including pupils, parents/carers, staff and external visitors, we will be moving back to full uniform every day after the half term break with pupils needing to bring in their PE kit and change on the days they have PE. Please ensure your child(ren) are Ready by talking to them about this. We have also included the announcement in pupil notices next week.

Our pupil survey closes tomorrow, and we are currently up to 82% completion in Secondary (3rd out of our 9 Secondary schools in the Trust). Please encourage your child(ren) to complete the survey by clicking on the link in their school emails. We will then analyse the results, along with the results from the recent parent/carer survey and will share the key strengths, areas to develop and our action plan with you shortly.

It is Year 9 parents evening on Thurs 23rd February and if you are a Year 9 parent/carer, you will have received the booking link via your email. The evening is blended so you can either attend in person or virtually. Please do book appointments so you can find out more about the progress of your child.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Stephen Farmer**  
**Head of Campus/Head of Secondary**

## WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

LGBT+ History Month - Routes for Roots - Meet the Governors - Science Club  
Vacancies - Dates for the Diary - Revision Countdown - Coachbright - Rocksteady  
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 have a small change to the 23/24 term dates and Secondary will be returning on 3rd January 2024.

We have also removed the grey boxes for the next academic year. Please [click here](#) to see the term dates for 2023/24

### VACANCIES

We currently have several vacancies across the campus including

**Administration Assistants**  
**Teaching Assistants**  
**Playworker - Primary Phase**

For more information, or to make an application, please [click here](#)



### LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH

This February, we are celebrating LGBT+ History Month at CEC. Students will have the opportunity to hear about LGBT+ Heroes and Heroines in assembly, and our library will feature a special LGBT+ area which will showcase positive LGBT+ inclusion and visibility.

We are also working on developing a photograph exhibition and gallery to mark the month and would love to include any photos of LGBT+ history and representation that you'd like to share. These could be pictures of your family at a PRIDE event, celebrations of LGBT+ weddings or even a family selfie!

Please send any photos you'd be happy to contribute to the exhibition to [oliver.russell@cranbrook.education](mailto:oliver.russell@cranbrook.education)

### ROUTES FOR ROOTS

East Devon District Council's Routes for Roots have produced this promotional video celebrating the Clyst Valley Regional Park. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4i2Ax2x5fcl>

### MEET THE GOVERNORS

*Iain Ford - Co-Opted Governor*



Having moved to Devon after graduating from university, I am passionate about improving educational outcomes for young people. My career to date has been working in education and data analysis. I have worked for a local education company for five years, before recently moving to a teacher survey company gathering teacher opinions nationwide. I hope to use these experiences alongside my data analysis background to help make Cranbrook thrive. I look forward to playing my part in the growth and success of Cranbrook Education Campus and the community that it serves.

### SCIENCE CLUB

Human beings are pretty smart. We have transformed the world and thought up wondrous 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 fourth challenge of this half term's theme, the science team tested different foods for energy content. This information will be vital when next week they make famine survival bars to help fight world hunger. Students had to carefully burn samples of food to release the energy within them and measure the change of temperature of a volume of water. The science team demonstrated excellent scientific skills and came to the firm conclusion that cheese puffs are stuffed full of energy.

## REVISION COUNTDOWN

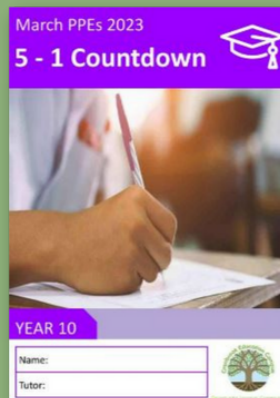
As we approach the PPEs (mocks), I have created a Revision Countdown booklet of compulsory tasks for pupils to do to ensure they are as prepared as possible for their exams. This will be in place of their knowledge organiser homework. All pupils have been given a paper copy and have access to a digital version through their Google Classroom. I am also sharing it with parents/carers as so many of you asked about revision at Parents' Evening.

You will notice that some of the tasks take them over their allotted time on their knowledge organiser, however, the time I have given is the maximum it should take and it will not take all pupils that long. Additionally, as they have their GCSE this year, I am sure you will agree that it is best that they are as well prepared as possible. There are additional resources available on the Google Classroom should they wish to use them, but I will continue to give them focused revision tasks right through to the GCSEs, so they do not need to go overboard with revising.

After half term, all of Year 10 will also receive Morning Mastery session in the hall on a Thursday during tutor time. These sessions are lecture style sessions where we focus on a specific skill or exam content before completing a short practice task. These have been a huge success with Year 11, and I am sure they will be as valuable to Year 10.

## COACHBRIGHT

We are Proud to celebrate that this week 20 of our Year 10 pupils graduated from their Coachbright Programme. Our pupils attended their graduation ceremony at the University of Exeter, where they had a key note speaker, explored the University site and engaged with challenges and activities throughout the afternoon.



## 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](#)



## 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>





## ROCKSTEADY

Last Tuesday our #crantastic Rocksteady musicians did their belated Christmas performance. We heard Last Christmas and Mr Brightside from our two amazing bands. Well done to Amelie, William, Jack B, and Luke in year 9. Kyle and Olivia in year 8 and Theo and Toby in year 7. If you would be interested in joining Rocksteady please contact Mrs Hawkins.



## AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



### BRONZE

Sam Faulkner  
Amelia Szczecina  
William Rutter  
Louie Wells  
Oliver Cook  
Liam Needs

+5 other students



### SILVER

Leo Back  
Mathias Leung  
Emily Holt  
Ethan Dixon  
Ralph Martin  
Lexi Salter  
Maddie Neal  
Ryan Needs  
Connor Valentine  
Alfie Emmanuel  
Harry Lander

Jamie-Leigh Moore  
Samuel Smith  
Ruby Curran  
Olivia Cox  
Dylan Hurley  
Joe Soper  
Eythan Harding  
J'miyah Lock  
Tamzin Miner  
Alfie Baseley  
+10 other students

## HOUSE POINTS



69348 Total



69022 Total



68811 Total



61237 Total



## ATTENDANCE



90.87%



92.72%

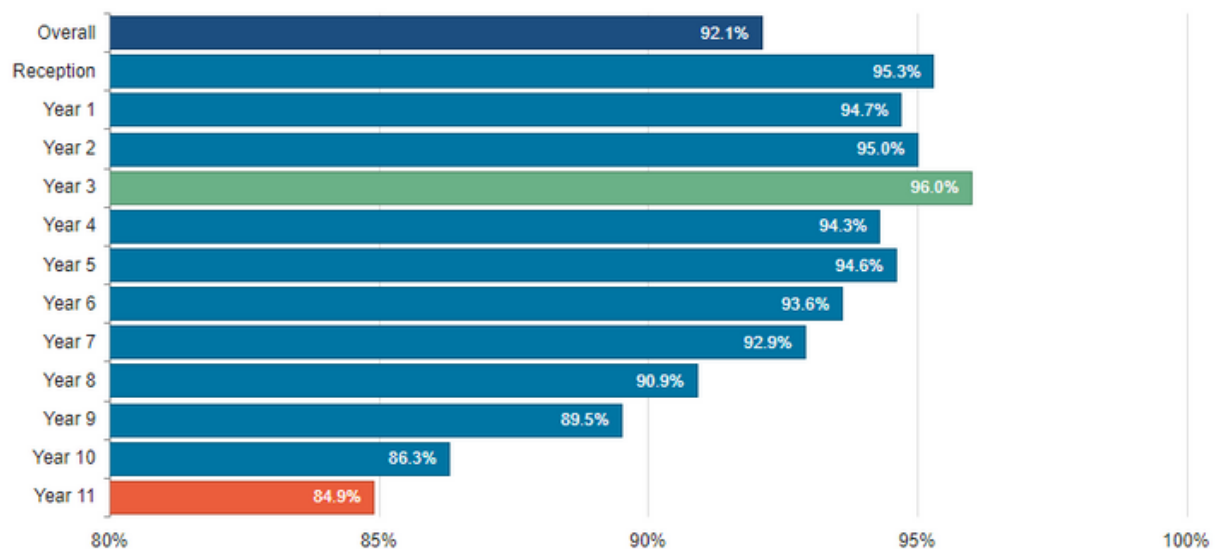


93.37%



91.92%

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## The Way We Talk

### Online Family Sessions

FREE support for  
parents & carers

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:

**08082 810155**  
[info@youngdevon.org](mailto:info@youngdevon.org)



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