

Dear Parents



I would like to congratulate the Year 11s on the way they have conducted themselves in their GCSE examinations. They have worked extremely hard and will be relieved that they are nearly over and so the long wait for results day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August begins! We will be sad to see them leave next week with the event being marked by firstly their Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June and then their prom on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

It has been exciting this week to see the contractors 'move in' to start work in the Sports Hall. The County are spending well over a quarter of a million pounds to replace the roof and make other improvements which we hope will be completed by September for the start of the Autumn term. Indeed the site will seem more like a builders yard over the summer holidays as along with other minor improvements around the site, we have three other groups of contractors in to repair the damage from the fire, refurbish two science labs and make improvements to the Drama Studio.

This week we have started running our annual Gifted and Talented workshops for students in Years 4 and 5 from our feeder schools. It is a delight to welcome so many primary students into the college to enjoy using our facilities and experience a range of lessons in many different subject areas. These workshops will be continuing until the end of term with initial feedback from the students being very positive and encouraging.

Betty Elkins  
Headteacher



CRANBOURNE CATCH UP

## Day ten Olympic day

Last Friday, Years 10, 9, 8 and 7 all took part in an Olympic day.

Students arrived at school in full PE kit with wonders of what the day ahead would bring.

Throughout the day, students took part in many activities that revolved around the Olympics, countries competing in the Olympics and even guest visitors from BCOT holding an intense physical lesson to get the blood pumping.

Also throughout the day, students visited QMC, where they took part in sports sessions that they had chosen a while before which included fun activities such as trampolining, hockey and boccia.

Overall the day was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A big thank you to the PE department for organising a memorable Day Ten.

Every member of staff at Cranbourne supported the day by working with tutor groups on an Olympics Quiz, slogans and banners

for their allocated country.

The college Librarian Miss Serena Cooper brought the Olympic rings to life with an impressive neon Hula Hoop demonstration and workshops for students.

PE teacher Andy Kimber said: "Our aim was to provide a fun packed and interactive day for all students to learn

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## Year 10 exams last week

During last week, select groups of Year 10s had to do a few of their GCSE exams. The exams began on the first Monday back following the summer half-term holiday, with an early-entry maths paper for an exclusive selection of students, who have been working tirelessly since Christmas 2011.

Students had dedicated large amounts of their time to revise for their exams so that they could achieve the successful results they craved. They even sacrificed hours over the half term holidays and after-school time to attend study clinics.

On Tuesday, there was a History exam (see right) that lasted 105 minutes. The exam atmosphere was intense.

Though all students found it challenging they all left the exam with a positive frame of mind. The same continued throughout the week, for the second half of the Maths exam, a population-centred Geography exam, and finally an English controlled assessment re-sit.

"I was really pleased with all the work and revision that I had put towards my exam, as I feel that it has really helped me achieve my best," said Thomas Richards.

## Diamond Jubilee

At the beginning of June, it was The Queen's 60th Jubilee celebrations and up and down the country many were celebrating her years on the throne.

In London, thousands gathered to see The Queen ride the Flotilla, and see the Concert, and more. Also, many people who were not in London were joining together for garden parties, BBQs and get-togethers.

I was no different. I went to my friend's BBQ in celebration and their house was decorated with bunting.

The spirit was high and the evening was fun, all around a great Jubilee Celebratory weekend.

**Ashleigh Thurston**

## History exam

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, Year 10 History students had their first GCSE exam that made up 37.5% of their final result.

After preparing for four topics they were able to choose their three strongest topics to answer the questions on.

"The exam went really well. I was really glad that I had revised and when I had no idea what to do on a question I followed Mr Rafter's tips which made it so much easier. I am really proud of what I wrote, and I can't wait to get my result because I think I did really well," said Ashleigh Thurston.

"I think what I learnt from this exam is that next time I will need to ensure that I focus my revision on all of the possible topics that come up so that I am strong on all of them as opposed to only one," said Charlotte Grogan.

For the rest of the year Year 10 will now be focusing on how Russia has developed, ready for their final exam next year.

## Staff face up to domestic chores



CBEC staff got creative for charity by drawing each other on a fundraising tea towel.

Miss Donnelly masterminded the scheme, which involved picking names out of a hat.

Staff were given a masterclass in portraits by Head of Art Mrs Whitehouse, who also gave written instructions for those unable to attend.

The results have caused much amusement in the staffroom—although some people are keeping quiet about who they drew.

## CBEC's first DofE group get Bronze award!

On the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June the Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh team had their final expedition for their Bronze Award.



Their mission for the expedition was to create a film to sell DofE to other students. They had planned out a route for both days.

They arrived at school at 8.45 on Saturday morning ready to walk 20.6km.

On the first day Team A had a longer route and had planned to navigate their way through the forest on cycle tracks.

However when they set off after their first part they discovered that their route was closed and had to redirect themselves through the forest.

They ended up walking through marshes and want to thank Miss Barnes for waiting two hours for them whilst they tried to find a new route back to the campsite!

Team B had a more successful first day. Despite some minor detours they arrived at camp bang on time.

At camp the groups were



assessed on their ability to use a camping stove, set up a tent and work as a team.

They then had a couple of hours to themselves which they spent socialising and filming parts of their video.

On the second day both teams learnt from the previous day's mistakes and made sure to check their map regularly.

"My favourite part of the weekend was becoming closer to the people in the group and putting the skills I have learnt over the past year into practise," said Harry Parker.

They were glad to hear that they all passed and are now completing their final sections before they can get their award.



## Olympics Day, continued from front page

about the Olympics past and present, together with the Olympic values which promote so many positive ideals to young people. The students at CBEC surpassed our expectations in so many ways and they grasped the day's activities through the various workshops provided.

Having the Judo players come to the college and perform was a highlight and this really whetted the appetite of our students with the London games just a month away. We hope that they will remember Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Determination, Courage, Equality and remain Inspired long after the games have been and gone.

The three Young brothers – Aidan, Alex and Austin – gave some eye-watering Judo demonstrations and even tried out some moves on Head of History Mr Stephen Tibble.

The brothers, who come from Fleet, told students about the history of Judo, explained its ethos of respect and answered their wide ranging questions.



**CBEC cyclists from Years 7-10 took part in the Hampshire Cycling Finals at Southampton Leisure Centre and they came third overall when all scores were combined.**



## Calendar Catch Up

### JUNE 2012

Fri 29th—Monitor Day  
Fri 29th—Year 11 Leavers' Ball

### JULY 2012

Mon 4th— Year 10 Drama performance  
Tues 3rd— Parent Focus Group  
Fri 6th—Year 6 Induction Day  
Wed 11th—Year 6 Parents Evening  
Fri 13th—Day of Sport  
Wed 18th—Year 7 & 8 Rewards Evening  
Thurs 19th—Year 9 and 10 Rewards Evening  
Friday 20th—Last day of term  
(Mon 23rd—Inset Day)

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