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## Cranbourne Catch Up CBEC's Biweekly Newsletter

September 12th 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy, yet very exciting term! I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to everyone who is starting at CBEC this term, whether it be students, staff or parents! The year 7 students have made an impressive start and are already finding their way around the college as if they have been here for months!

Some of you may recall that eleven months ago the Secretary of State for Education announced that the examination specification for English Language GCSE taken in England was changing overnight. This meant that our then Year 11 students, who had been studying for English Language, which included a mark for speaking and listening, were told that their speaking and listening controlled assessments were no longer included in their English GCSE grade but reported completely separately. As a consequence we approached results day with a slight trepidation but despite the late national changes, and tougher GCSEs in some subjects, we were delighted with our GCSE examination performance. Following the record breaking achievements in 2013 when 66% of students achieved 5+ A\*-C including English and Maths, this year 60% of our Year 11 students achieved this gold standard. There were many excellent individual performances, too many to mention, but I would congratulate specific subject areas; Art achieved 92% A\*-C, Geography 84%, English Literature 77% and Textiles 85%.

Please note that we will be finishing early on 24th September as this is our Open Evening. So many of our students return to college in the evening, working hard from 5.30 to 8.30pm, that it is important that they have a break in the afternoon. Prior to this event we hope to see as many Year 11 parents as possible at our Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 17th September. Given the rapid pace of change to GCSE examinations this is an extremely important event to help parents ask questions, like how to best help your child throughout KS4.

Yours sincerely,

Betty Elkins

Headteacher

## OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 24th September 2014  
6.00pm-8.30pm

(Address by B Elkins, Headteacher at 6.10pm and 7.10pm)

Come and see for yourself why you should choose CBEC as THE school in Basingstoke to send your child to in September 2015.

- Our trend of excellent GCSE Examination Results continues into 2014 with 60% of Year 11 students achieving 5+ A\* - C, including English and Maths.
- OFSTED rated the College as GOOD in all aspects in the most recent inspection and reported that, 'the school's track record since the previous inspection is impressive, its capacity for further improvement is strong.'
- Enterprising students possessing 'can do' attitudes who rise to every challenge.
- A dedicated and highly talented and committed team of teachers.

To book a tour of the college during the school day, please contact Mrs Sayers on 01256 868605 or by email: [s.sayers@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.sayers@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk)

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## YEAR 11 CLINICS

Year 11 students will soon be advised by letter on a weekly basis about which clinics they need to attend. Don't forget to chat to your son or daughter about this if they are in year 11!

## SPORTS DAY RESULTS

For Miss Yacoby, head of PE, this summer's sports day was her first at Cranbourne.

Below is her report on the day's events:

"On Friday 18th July the entire college arrived in their PE kit to participate in the day's events and build upon the points awarded for the Swimming Gala and the athletic field events, which took place earlier in the term. On a very hot day four tutor groups became victorious in winning the competition for their year group:

**Year 7:** 7SY with 360 points

**Year 8:** 8CB with 347 points

**Year 9:** KM with 349 points

**Year 10:** 10CO with 379 points

"Students competed in Rounders, Basketball, Football, Tug of War and Athletics. Both students and staff worked together to ensure that they had a representative in every event to score maximum points and those competitors who took on the 1500m on the track did exceptionally well in the heat of the day!"



## ENRICHMENT DAY

This year's Enrichment Day was held on Friday 11th July as a reward to all students who have achieved more than 800 stamps throughout the last academic year. The students were given the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities that were held both on and off site. Just some of the activities included were a summer fete, cycling, a salon day, arts and crafts, a trip to London and a trip to Marwell Zoo. Below are a few comments from staff on the day:

**Mrs Middleton:** "The salon day gave students an opportunity to sample a range of activities in the salon, starting with a relaxing Indian head massage session and finishing with a photo shoot in the afternoon."

**Miss Yacoby:** "Ten students on Friday took part in a sports activities day including Badminton, Tennis, Athletics, Handball, Lacrosse, Water Polo, Football, Basketball and Swimming. They focused on working together and team work throughout the day, including taking part in some specialist hammer throwing coaching and a number of competitions. In the end Buxton Army won by 7 points. Well done to all involved."

**Mr Kimber:** "56 students, along with members of staff, safely negotiated the peloton of cyclists through Basingstoke for a day of biking challenges and a quick stop for brunch and sporting fun before riding to the indoor go-karts in Chineham.

The go-karts became the highlight as the day just got better and better! Racing around the circuit was competitive fun and after the return cycle leg, we had all used our energy supply for the day but felt fully enriched!"

More information about all the activities will be available in the next issue of *News @ Cranbourne*, CBEC's termly magazine.



## Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

### September 2014

- **Wednesday 17th:** Year 11 Curriculum Evening
- **Wednesday 24th:** OPEN EVENING

### October 2014

- **Friday 3rd:** INSET DAY
- **Tuesday 7th:** Year 7 Curriculum Evening
- **Monday 27th - Friday 31st:** HALF TERM

### November 2014

- **Wednesday 5th:** Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
- **Friday 7th:** Senior maths Challenge
- **Friday 14th:** INSET DAY



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