



Cranbourne Catch Up CBEC's Biweekly Newsletter

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FEMALE ENGINEERING CHALLENGE VICTORY!

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A Girls' Day Out: Five Year 8 Cranbourne students, along with students from other local schools, recently took up the Female Engineering Challenge hosted by AWE in Tadley. Each team had to complete three tasks using the key engineering skills: planning, designing, construction, testing and time keeping. During the event, the creativity and perseverance shown by our team in their problem solving approach were second to none. This combined with their exemplary teamwork spirit ensured that Chloe Stevens, Laura Mitchell, Erin Quinlan, Charlotte Rand and Emily Parry beat all the other competitors and they scooped the ultimate prize. And more importantly, while achieving the top award, fun was had by all. Well done, girls!

By Mrs Williams



YEAR 11 EXAMS

Update from Miss Long

Year 11 students have settled well into their summer exams and it is great to see such good attendance in revision clinics and the breakfast club; classrooms have been bursting at the seams! Well done Year 11 for all your hard work and good luck for the rest of your exams.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is always sad to see staff leave and today we say goodbye to Mrs Laffoley who has worked behind reception at Cranbourne for the past 19 years. Her cheerful nature, dedication and willingness 'to just help out wherever she can', means she will be missed by us all. Sometimes I feel the support staff at the college are the 'unsung heroes'; without their hard work and support we would all be in a lot of difficulty! We all hope that Mrs Laffoley enjoys a long and happy retirement and does not miss Cranbourne too much!

As someone leaves others join and over the past month we have welcomed to the college Ms Cullen and Mr Pakula as Higher Level Teaching Assistants in the English and Mathematics departments, Mrs Birtles as a new clerk to the Governors and Mrs Woodroffe as a new technician in the Design & Technology department. We hope they all settle in well and enjoy the challenge of their work and supporting the students.

Over the past two weeks we have had the pleasure of Year 5 students, from three of our feeder schools, visiting Cranbourne for some taster sessions. Students from St John's Primary, Chalk Ridge Primary and Oakley Junior School have all visited and experienced a range of different lessons including Science, French, Music, Design & Technology, and Food. Other events are planned for immediately after half term for students from Kings Furlong Junior and Manor Field Junior schools. For any Year 5 students who do not attend one of our feeder schools they are welcome to attend our taster day on Thursday 18 June 2015. Just contact Mrs Sayers on 01256 868605 or by emailing s.sayers@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk for further details.

I do hope that you all have a good and safe half term break.

Yours faithfully,

B Elkins

DAY 10

Update by Year 10 Progress Manager, Mrs Koster

This Day 10 was pretty hectic as there were four other schools taking part in the Taster Day at Basingstoke College of Technology so there was considerable organisation needed! Students were asked to complete a choices form for the lecture and sessions they wanted to attend in the two time slots. Fortunately, due to students returning forms quickly and Mrs Penman-Fea's excellent organisation, we were the first school to send all the forms back to BCOT! This meant that most students got the choices they selected.

All the students were very enthusiastic about the experience. Forensics seemed to be very informative and of course the animal management session was also very popular, especially when students had the chance to handle snakes and hamsters! Some students were anxious about being with students from other schools but it was great preparation for college and university life, where they will need to mix with and meet new people. The day went really quickly and we received really positive feedback. The students conducted themselves very well throughout the day!

Year 7 Geography Day, by Mrs Davey



On Friday 15th May Year 7 spent the day doing activities to help them decide where they would spend a hypothetical £30,000 to improve the school site.

Students spent some of the day collecting data around site and they made judgements about the environment; for example whether it was noisy, smelly or natural looking. They also drew sketches of the environment and labelled them as well as taking photographs. In one session they learnt all about questionnaires and how to create good ones. They then created their own questionnaires which they answered for each other in another session.

The rest of the day was spent writing up the findings to create a geography project. This project will be finished over the next half term in their geography lessons. It would be helpful if students could transfer any photographs from their cameras or mobile phones to their documents in school or email them to themselves so that they can easily access them whilst they are writing up their projects.

Students commented that they really liked the day because they spent a lot of time learning outside and the activities that they did were very varied. Students have now started to develop their skills for future out-of-classroom geography learning sessions. This term is going to be busy for the department as Year 9 and Year 10 will also be out and about!

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

A representative from the National Citizen Service recently visited Year 11 students during their assemblies. Danny Smith spoke to the year group about a fantastic opportunity, which sees successful applicants taking part in a scheme that will help them to develop their personal skills before going to college.

More information about NCS, including online application, can be found at www.ncsyes.co.uk so take a look and get applying!



YEAR 8 AND 10 ROUNDERS

On Tuesday 12th May, the Year 8 and 10 rounders teams took on Everest and Fort Hill, once again captained by Poi Jones (Year 8) and Shamilla Mannan (Year 10). Both teams started out strong following last week's matches and some training beforehand. The Year 10's won both games, using their deadly combination of Charlie and Jaz at backstop and 1st base to get a number of players out before they had even managed to run. The Year 8s also won both matches, showing that they are learning a lot from training with the Year 10 students. Well done to Poi, Libby, Chloe, Wakai, Rhianne, Holly K, Jess, Lillie-Mae and Holly B in the Year 8 team and Shamilla, Charlie, Jaz, Sophie, Chloe, Katherine, Phoebe, Ola and Zoe in the Year 10 team!

Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

May 2015

- **Monday 25th - Friday 29th:** HALF TERM

June 2015

- **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th:** Whole College Production
- **Thursday 25th:** Leavers' Assembly
- **Friday 26th:** INSET DAY
- **Friday 26th:** Leavers' Ball

July 2015

- **Wednesday 1st:** Swimming Gala
- **Wednesday 1st:** Year 10 Drama Performance
- **Friday 3rd:** Monitor Day
- **Friday 10th:** Enrichment Day
- **Tuesday 14th:** Year 7 & 8 Rewards Evening, 6pm
- **Wednesday 15th:** Year 9 & 10 Rewards Evening, 6pm



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