

Cranbourne Catch Up

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CRANBOURNE BUSINESS LINKS: Students Visit Meggitt

At Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College we recognise the importance of real business links in developing students' potential as successful employees. One of the local businesses the college is currently working with is Meggitt, a British engineering company that specialises in aerospace equipment.

Design and Technology students recently visited Meggitt. Below are some of the comments made by the students who attended the trip:

"When I went on the trip I found it was a unique learning opportunity for myself. It was a great trip that I am very happy to have been able to go on."

"It was a good experience. I liked seeing how the factory worked. The factory part was the best part over all. I liked seeing how they made things and they gave us lots of demonstrations."

"My favourite activity that we did on our trip at Meggitt was going on the tour around the building. The purpose of this exercise I think was to give a better insight into the many available jobs in just one industry. It also gave me ideas for work experience and I learnt many things I didn't know before. Although I learnt quite a lot from the other activities this one was the one I thought would help me most in later life."

"It was a great experience and I learnt so many things that I didn't know before. It showed how much Design and Technology is applied to your general life. The tour was exciting, showing all the wears and tears that the product goes through before being made. Overall I thought it was a really fun trip and I thought the workers had an amazing understanding and work ethic."

The college would really like to develop as many business links as possible throughout the coming year. If you are part of a business and would love to be involved in Cranbourne, please contact Kim Sewell to arrange a meeting: k.sewell@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

The Year 8 boys sadly lost a well-fought final recently against Costello School. The match was held at Winklebury Stadium and they lost 4-0 to a good Costello team, despite an excellent team performance. There were also some really good individual performances, including the man of the match, George Eastman, as well as Reece Kynaston and Tommy Lucas all playing extremely well. Well done to the team for their hard work!

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you had a good Easter and were able to enjoy the lovely weather. It is hard to believe that we have only been back at college for one week – it never ceases to amaze me how much happens in the summer term. Of course, the GCSE exams are a major event and I am extremely impressed with the way our Year 11 students are working in the final preparations for their exams.

On the last day of the spring term we held our Whole College Assembly and I want to thank Aidan Jones, Izzy Scarr, Toby Blackburn and Lucy Swannell for the hard work and enthusiasm they put into organising this event, which is certainly not an easy thing to do. This was their final assembly and we will certainly miss their careful and efficient approach to organising!

We had very strong nominations for our Ethos Prizes and at the assembly I was delighted to be able to award them to the following students:

Working Together: Libby Stratton has been working with a student, teaching and encourage her to learn how to swim, improving her confidence so much that she took part in the swimming gala.

Personal Best: Chloe Stevens always tries 100%, not only for her own personal best but others in the class as well. Chloe achieved an average attitude to learning score of 4 in her last monitor and is always keen to push herself in every lesson.

Positivity: Saima Nishat is always cheerful, greeting people around the site, ready and willing to lend a helpful hand at any time, works hard in lessons and demonstrates a positive attitude in everything she does.

Enterprise: Kaitlin Haughton has displayed immense creativity and determination in her work with the Young Enterprise company.

Environment: Rebecca Hamer works tirelessly to support the college and her efforts make the school a pleasant environment in which to work and learn.

A number of our students have also worked hard to achieve their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and it was with great pleasure that I was able to present badges to Toby Blackburn, Cerys Crockwell, Alix Edmunds, Monika Gerung, Connor Hutchinson, Aidan Jones, Grace Marsh, Isabel Scarr, Emma Stewart and Lucy Swannell.

We are again looking forward to hosting the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening on Wednesday 29 April 2015. We are delighted to be able to run the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Cranbourne and I am very grateful to members of staff who give up their time to enable this to happen. I know that students who participate find it very enjoyable and worthwhile - if not challenging - and there is no doubt that it is a useful addition to any Personal Statement/CV!

We were entertained at our Assembly by some of our talented performers who also took part the previous evening at our fantastic Spring Concert. We have some amazing talent within the college but the thing I find most rewarding is to see so many students taking part, whether it is performing or behind the scenes – everyone is welcome to participate. Thank you to those of you who came to watch the concert and give your support. This is always greatly appreciated as is the lovely feedback we received from parents/carers. It certainly makes putting on such an event worthwhile!

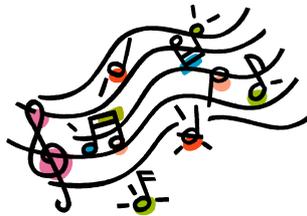
Yours faithfully,

B Elkins
Headteacher

SPRING CONCERT 2015

By Mr Charlton

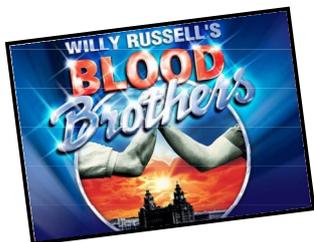
Parents and friends enjoyed a varied evening of music when the Music Prefects presented the Spring Concert. The first half concentrated on Years 10 and 11, with the senior GCSE students opening with their individual and solo final GCSE performances which ranged from the sublime playing of Molly Brown to the raucous rendition of Blondie's *One Way or Another* by Sam Jackson, accompanied by her band of Year 10 students. Next came Year 10's Electronica compositions. The students have been studying the works of Moby, Ultravox and other great exponents of this genre with one group performing in true moody Kraftwerk fashion and using only iPhones.



Year 9 are studying a foundation GCSE course and they opened the second half of the concert. This focussed on acoustic music and what was more fitting than some folk songs and sea shanties! The students had taken old lyrics and text and rewritten the music to create new unique versions. Some were love stories that were gentle and moving and in contrast, others were bawdy bar songs that required audience participation.

The concert was brought to a close by students from all years performing solo and individual works including a bass clarinet solo from Rebecca Hamer of Year 7! Again, the concert had to be held in the Sports Hall due to the size of the ever increasing audience. The students were in very high spirits and performed admirably. This term offers even more musical entertainment at the Summer Spectacular on July 16th. The Head of Music and Prefect Team are already being deluged with requests and ideas from hungry musicians and performers!

THEATRE TRIPS



The English and Drama departments have maintained their tradition of organising trips to the theatre. On the 30th March Mr Ndlovu and Mrs Affleck-Cruise took 38 students to Hatfield Halls in Croydon to watch *Blood Brothers*.

Below are some of the comments that students made about the production:

"I think the actors were great in portraying the story."

"It left us on the edge of our seats, and was amazing from start to finish."

"I felt like I was really there – it was that amazing."

"It was a really epic experience and I really got into the play. I would go and see it again."



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a brilliant adaptation by the National Theatre of the Mark Haddon novel, which transferred to the West End a few years ago and has been playing there since. Most of the Year 10 GCSE Drama class met at Basingstoke train station and we travelled up to the Gielgud Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue to see it, walking through Trafalgar Square (stopping to see the lions) and skirting China Town on the way. We grabbed a quick take-away and then headed to our seats in the Dress Circle, which gave us a wonderful view of the stage. The performances were inspirational, the actors working together as a connected group, supporting the main character of Christopher and playing roles that ranged from signs on a railway station platform to the words Christopher wrote in his book and the people in his life. The staging is amazing; escalators coming out of walls, patterns created by the lights on the floor and all around the stage, projected images - apparently simple, but mesmerising and creative ideas. The production gave the students a valuable insight into the play and was a reminder to me of just how much I love Drama and the theatre, particularly when the students were so bowled over by it!

By Mrs Affleck-Cruise and Mr Ndlovu

Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

May 2015

- **Friday 1st:** Junior Maths Challenge
- **Monday 4th:** BANK HOLIDAY
- **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
- **Friday 3rd:** Monitor Day
- **Friday 10th:** Enrichment Day



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