



# Cranbourne Catch Up CBEC's Biweekly Newsletter

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## TEEN TECH DAY 2014

On Tuesday 17th June, Mrs Williams took ten Year 8 students to the 2014 TeenTech event at Hampshire Court Hotel. Here are a few words from her:

"Everyone had a great time. From the initial apprehension – 'won't be inspired by much' and 'not sure what to do in the future' - they became highly interested in a career in science and technology after 'the best day ever!' The students were blown away by innovations used in the industry, such as the sophisticated technologies used in bank note security, 3D printing and fresh salad processing. They particularly enjoyed the team work challenges: developing an app idea and presenting to the entire audience; building a water raft model and testing it in a competition; transporting Lego pieces through an air tunnel and building the tallest Lego tower. The event finished on a high note for Cranbourne when Ben Taylor was awarded 2nd prize for his innovative futuristic technology idea: 'Use subatomic technique to dissolve disease!'"



### Teen Tech visit by Ben Taylor:

"It was nerve wracking at first but within 5 minutes of our first activity, App Design, the nerves were gone. We were all 'heads down and get done' when working on the task at hand. Finally, we had a couple of challenges. They were both innovative and well run, and generally very enjoyable."

## PARIS TRIP

On the morning of Friday 20th June, 48 CBEC students from Years 8 and 9 are making the journey to Paris. The weekend-long trip will take in a number of sights in the city, including the Cité de Sciences, Le Rendez-Vous Toyota, Disneyland Paris, the Stade de France and a cruise on the River Seine. Look out for a more detailed report on the trip in a future issue of CCU!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all parents who were able to come into school last week for Monitor Day. We appreciate seeing so many of you and know that the face-to-face contact makes a big difference to the progress that your sons and daughters make. Thank you as well to everyone who found time to fill in a questionnaire; the comments you make are particularly helpful, both positive and those offering suggested improvements. Once we have fully collated the responses we will include a summary of parental views in the newsletter.

It was also good to see so many of our Year 10 students attend school on Monitor Day to use the facilities to work on controlled assessments. Students were particularly working to improve their grades in ICT, Geography and BTEC Sport. There are also a number of Year 10 students staying after school on Thursdays to improve their grades for descriptive writing in English.

This week we have seen the last of the summer series examinations for 2014! I would commend the Year 11 students for their excellent behaviour and attendance throughout. We had a new Examination Officer, Mrs Allen, start at the end of March 2014 and she has done a fantastic job in ensuring that the examinations went smoothly. It was a credit to her that when officials arrived, unexpectedly from the exam board, we were given a glowing report for our procedures and standards which were described as "exemplary."

We are all looking forward to the Leavers Assembly for Year 11s next Thursday and the Leavers' Ball next Friday. Naturally as one door closes another opens...so to coincide with the Leavers' Ball on Friday we have Induction Day for the new Year 7s. One exciting part of Induction Day is the students meeting their new tutor groups; a team which will include two out of three of the new science teachers who will be starting here in September.

Yours sincerely,

Betty Elkins  
Headteacher



## STUDENT'S PHOTOGRAPHY PUBLISHED IN NATIONAL MAGAZINE

We are very pleased to report that Year 10 student, Olivia Jermy, recently had one of her photographs published in the latest issue of PhotoPlus.

'Hungry Squirrel' has been reviewed by the magazine and Olivia received the following comments about her photo:

"It's a great image Olivia - you've done well to get such a close-up shot at 180mm. The exposure is good, while the wide aperture and ISO of 800 have given you a fast-enough shutter speed to get a sharp shot of what is a very skittish creature."

Well done, Olivia!

## TRY SOMETHING NEW WEEK

Monday 16th June marked CBEC's final Try Something New Week of the year. This term's theme was "try something challenging". We asked teachers to make students aware of when they were being asked to push themselves academically in lessons. Students were asked to try their best to attempt these academic challenges and teachers were encouraged to challenge themselves by planning lessons which were slightly out of their comfort zones. Some of these strategies included class debates, Philosophy for Children, allowing students to create questions, and personal learning objectives as well as Treasoning.

The science department challenged students with a "code breaker" task, which students had to complete to unveil their lesson objective. The PE department challenged Year 7 students by introducing them to summer sports such as the high jump and the long jump. The most popular seems to have been Mr Kimber singing "Let it go" from the film *Frozen*. This served as inspiration for a Javelin challenge and one Year 7 student said that it inspired them to "do my best and be the best," so well done Mr Kimber! The MFL department have been teaching Japanese, which has been very well received all round.

## CRICKET UPDATE

Report by teacher of PE, Mr Kimber

The Year 7/8 cricket team have been playing fixtures and winning against The Vyne but missing out at Costello and The Clere (who fielded very experienced teams against our many debutants). Our skill level and knowledge of the game is increasing with experience and practise however and this has been notable in the field and the bowling displays. The next step is to get a few runs on the board and make it a harder task for the opposition bowlers.

Well done to all of the team members who have represented CBEC in the season so far and we hope to see further progress as the summer season continues.



## WORDS OF THE WEEK

Words of the Week are now used within the classroom by both staff and students. How many of this week's words can you also use at home?

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SAVOURING URGENCY**

## Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

### July 2014

- **Tuesday 1st:** Year 10 Drama Performance
- **Friday 4th:** Year 11 Leavers Ball
- **Monday 7th:** Swimming Gala
- **Friday 11th:** Enrichment Day
- **Wednesday 16th:** Years 7 & 8 Rewards Evening
- **Thursday 17th:** Years 9 & 10 Rewards Evening
- **Friday 18th:** Day of Sport
- **Wednesday 23rd:** Whole College Assembly - COLLEGE FINISHES AT 12.45pm

**Thursday 24th July - Monday 1st**

**September:**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



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