

## ROTARY TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 12th March, CBEC students attended the Annual Rotary Technology Tournament, held at Basingstoke College of Technology.

The competition was available to three different age groups and three of Cranbourne's students participated in the Foundation (11-14) category. Charlotte Duggan, Alfie Love and Matt Jones, received their foundation level task pack and spent the day working hard to complete their task; to design and build a prototype for a goods carrier that could be used for providing aid to people in communities in need.

The task pack was separated into several key sections, which enabled students to show their skills and abilities in a variety of ways:

- Planning and teamwork
- Design analysis
- Design development
- Realisation
- Project portfolio
- Success at testing stage

Using a bag of equipment that was provided at the beginning of the day, the students from all across the Basingstoke region then got started...and we are very proud to announce that the Cranbourne team won first prize, for demonstrating an exceptional model! Impressively, at 12.30pm, during the test run of their cart, the CBEC team were informed that some elements of their cart needed to be changed in order to comply with the tournament's rules. The team then had less than an hour to redesign their cart and apply the amendments. Despite time being against them, their exceptional teamwork and perseverance meant they easily overcame this obstacle and they then claimed that first prize trophy!

Charlotte said: "It was a really good day. We had to change the cart at the last minute but we managed it and my favourite part was making the cart. I learnt that working as a team actually gets you somewhere and I had a lot of fun."



## YOUNG ENTERPRISE UPDATE

By Year 10 student, Scott Williams

The Young Enterprise is unique in the way it teaches students how to set up and maintain a successful business. We also learn about how to develop a profitable product. Young Enterprise host special trade events in the Malls shopping centre in Basingstoke and there are businesses from other schools who are there to compete with each other in a small competition.

So far the CBEC company, Quirk and Co., has been involved in running refreshment stands at school events, has run a flower delivery service and has also been represented at two trade fairs.

More information about Quirk and Co. will be available in future issues of the school's magazine and newsletter.

Visit [www.young-enterprise.org.uk](http://www.young-enterprise.org.uk) for more information about Young Enterprise and to find out how the organisation benefits students across the UK.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank you for attending the various parents' evenings this term. It has been a great privilege to meet so many parents. It is only by working with you and listening to your feedback that we can understand how best to support your children. I, for one, am pleased to get to the end of the term without any snow days!

It is the time of year when many organisations are looking at their budgets and within school we are also at the end of our financial year and currently looking at budgets for 2015 -16. I am sure you are aware that there have been numerous changes in public service spending over the past few years and, unfortunately, all schools have been affected by the 'austerity drive'. Whilst school budgets have remained the same, the cost of services to schools have steadily increased.

I fully understand the financial difficulties that surround public spending have impacted on all services and not just in England. Whilst this is manageable for one or two years the impact clearly increases over time and it will become increasingly difficult to provide the same level of education for our young people. For example, increases in national insurance and pension changes over the next year mean staff costs will increase by a further 4.5%, whilst services, formerly free, like support for Young Carers and assistance for those with English as an additional language, now incur a charge. The results will inevitably be larger classes and fewer resources in all schools unless we invest more in our young people, who I certainly believe are worth the investment!

I can assure you that we are doing all we can to maintain the exceptionally high level of service that we provide for our students and are constantly looking at ways we can maximise our income and minimise our expenditure! However, I feel it is only right to point out the serious consequences that could occur for all schools if this lack of investment continues.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Easter.

Yours faithfully,

B Elkins, Headteacher

# CAREERS IN SCIENCE

By Mr Charde

Chemists from the University of Reading recently came in to Cranbourne to talk to students about potential careers in science. The visit was part of a project that is being run in school called 'Chemistry for All'. We also regularly have volunteers visiting from the University of Southampton on a biweekly basis to support students with curriculum and extra-curricular knowledge in a fun and exciting way.

In the careers talk, students had the opportunity to hear about potential science careers they could pursue, the subjects they would need to study at GCSE and A-level, and what a job in science might include. Students were then told about a range of careers that use chemists, some of which were not expected or had previously seemed unlikely to many students. A question & answer session was then held at the end of the presentation.



This most recent 'Chemistry for All' session is just one of a series of exciting events. Watch this space for information about the next event - the summer science event at Queen Mary's College!

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## YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS

By Mrs Koster, Progress Manager for year 10

Mr Pegler delivered a very precise presentation to students in advance of the exams which outlined all of the exam board requirements. Students listened intently to the different expectations and this definitely helped to set the scene for the week ahead. All exams went well and we even had students coming in even when they didn't feel well because they were so concerned about missing any!

The Year 10 students were delighted when the examinations were over as they had spent so much time working in preparation for the busy week. One student said: 'Miss, I can't wait to go home and not have to do any revising tonight!'

We look forward to seeing the results when they are published and hopefully there will be some very encouraging data in advance of the final exams next year.

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## RED NOSE DAY 2015

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March saw all members of the Cranbourne community come together to support Red Nose Day 2015 and raise £240 for Comic Relief.

In the run up to the day members of the College Council planned, prepared and delivered assemblies to each year group, raising awareness of the charity and what they have done over the past 27 years.

Along with the Red Nose Day theme of 'Make your face funny for money', students had their faces painted, baked and sold cupcakes at lunchtime, donated spare change as well as wearing their noses in a bag.

It was another example of CBEC students positively working well as a team, promoting enterprising activities, creating a purposeful and fun environment, showing respect for individuals across the world and trying their personal best.

A big thank you goes to all those who contributed to this international charity!



By Miss Conlon

# PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

By Year 10 students, Rachel Gatfield and Alisha Rahman

Members of the Year 10 photography group had the opportunity to take location shots of the new Sainsbury's depot last Monday. We received a tour from the members of the Sainsbury's depot and we got to look at the cool food process line, the trucks and the ambient warehouse. We were lucky enough to see the last phase of the depot being built and we learnt about the production line and how many stores they supply to daily. We were also able to capture some great shots of the new depot and our best ones will be used in the new Sainsbury's staff area. It was a great opportunity to take photos in a professional environment whilst learning at the same time; we are all looking forward to future photography trips!



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## YOUNG CHAMBER FIELD TRIP

Young Chamber students recent visited the Fyffes' factory in Basingstoke to find out more about how the company is supporting fair trade and reducing their carbon footprint. The trip was well run and enjoyed by all, with the students especially enjoying spending time quizzing the manager in the board room at the end!

Isla, one of the students who attended, said: "It was really interesting and I didn't think so much went into getting bananas on the shelf!"

A big thanks to Fyffes for allowing us access to their company!

### Banana facts:

- They take 13 months to grow but only 5 days to ripen The banana is a huge herb not a tree Fyffes are looking at selling red bananas in the future!
- There are hundreds of varieties of banana but in the UK we eat only one



Do you know why bananas grow curved? Try asking a member of the Young Chamber team to find out! Please speak to Mrs Hinksman if you would like to join the Young Chamber team.



## YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING

By Miss Clark, Year 9 Progress Manager

Thank you to everyone involved in Year 9 parents evening on Wednesday 18th March. The evening was a great success with attendance reaching above 90%, and there was a real buzz in the atmosphere. I had the privilege of meeting some of our parents for the first time, and I hope to meet many more on Monitor Day.

### CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Student Megan French recently travelled down to Newlands Cross, Fawley, to compete for Basingstoke and Deane in the District Cross Country Championships.

Megan came 13th overall! She will now be representing Hampshire on the 28th March at the Inter-counties Competition.

Well done, Megan!



### YEAR 9 DRAMA PERFORMANCE EVENING

The Performance Evening on Thursday 12th March was a celebration of some of the work achieved in Year 9 by students in Drama and was a presentation evening of extracts from two of the units we have completed. Students showed commitment, hard work and creativity, focusing on *Blood Brothers* and *Romeo and Juliet*, and each group created their individual interpretation of the stories.

#### Quotes from the students about the performance evening:

Before:

"Scary, nervous, nearly fainted, singing outside - I sang my lines, everyone was scared before."

After:

"Liked it, excited, went to sleep really early because I was so tired, relieved."

"It was really exciting to try something different and show my talent. It was good to work as a team and to express what we are doing in Drama. Family and friends were never bored watching and they were really proud of what I achieved."

Well done to everyone involved, you should be really proud of your work, your supporters were and so was I!

By Mrs Affleck-Cruise

*Have a fantastic Easter break!*



## Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

### April 2015

- **Wednesday 1st:** Spring Concert, 7pm

### Friday 3rd - Friday 17th: EASTER HOLIDAYS

- **Wednesday 22nd:** Year 8 Options Evening

### May 2015

- **Monday 4th:** BANK HOLIDAY
- **Monday 18th:** BCOT Open Evening, 4-7.30pm
- **Monday 25th - Friday 29th:** HALF TERM

### June 2015

- **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th:** Whole College Production



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