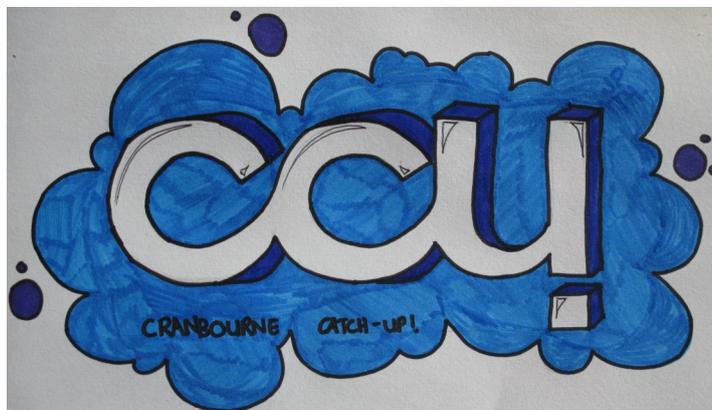


## Dear Parents

Welcome back to what promises to be a very exciting year. I am delighted to report that the Governors voted this week to invest over eighty thousand pounds on further improving our ICT facilities. With the number of computers increasing, 90 Netbooks now in the college and the ICT curriculum expanding our network is stretched to full capacity and beginning to struggle with the load. Recognising the importance of being able to offer the students the very latest technology the Governors have decided to support an expansion of our network, which is scheduled to happen during February half term. Towards the end of last term Year 11s sat their mock examinations. As a result of these exams teachers have updated their predictions of what the students will achieve in their GCSE exams this summer. This information indicates that the current Year 11 students will be able to sustain the improvements made in GCSE results at CBEC in 2010.

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## CRANBOURNE CATCH UP

# Cranbourne to feature in Gazette school report

Cranbourne's fantastic opportunities and achievements are being highlighted in the School Report section of the Basingstoke Gazette at the end of January.



Chief reporter Emily Roberts (*pictured above with Ms Parker*) visited the school earlier this week and learnt about the innovative art projects, fitness room and science experiments.

She also saw Year 8 Design and Technology students taking their sewing machine 'driving tests', which they must pass in order to qualify to make a hat.

Emily was introduced to



members of the School Council and Young Chamber, who explained more about the world record attempt to be held in the summer (see *page 3*).

She also interviewed art teacher Mrs Parker, who talked about her own project to create a patchwork quilt from tumble dryer fluff.

Mrs Elkins gave an overview of the school and explained her vision for building on the school's progress over the last five years.

(*Pictured above are students in the Fitness Suite with Mr Woodley; below are Year 7s with their Julian Opie self portraits; Year 8 D&T lesson; Year 11 science experiment.*)

# Charity challenge

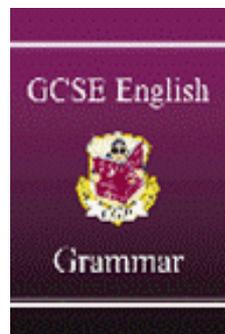
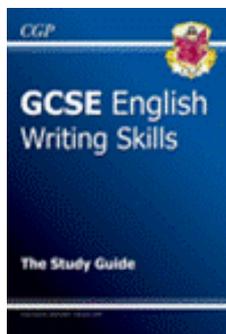
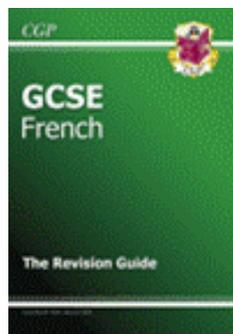
## Cranbourne Shop

Did you know you can buy your College Uniform from our shop at Cranbourne?

It is open every Tuesday during term time 2.30-4pm. (Please ask for Mrs Crosby at reception or phone her on 01256 868616.)

Revision books are on sale for Year 11s and 10s as well, for example, GCSE English Writing Skills and GCSE French etc. Visit the college's website for prices and order forms. They are sold at half the recommended sale price, so go buy your book and get revising.

By **Rebecca Russell** and **Ashleigh ThThurston**



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2010 year 7 students of Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College took part in their Charity Challenge.

Their task was to try and raise as much money as possible for *Naomi House Children's Hospice*.

This should have happened early in December but because of the snow the school had to be closed.

There was only one way this could be done so *Mrs Karen Crichton* Year 7 Progress Manager made the decision to hold a

selling event.

There were all kinds of stalls there from cake sales to chocolate fountains, jumble sales, stalls selling key rings and Christmas cards and guess the number of sweets in a jar and many more.

Also there was a range of games from guess the Teacher's age to throwing a hoop over cans and many more.

Everybody had a fantastic time and we are now looking forward to giving the money to Naomi House.

## Headteacher's letter continued

These were published last week by the Government in the national league tables.

For example 67% of students achieved A\*-C in ICT last year but we are predicting that this go above 80% this year!

Year 11 parents evening on Wednesday this week was extremely busy as parents and students alike are keen to know what more can be done to secure the results their teachers are predicting. With just five months to go there is a lot still to be done!

To help raise student aspirations further two groups of students from Year 11 and Year 9 have visited Winchester University this week on the Aim Higher scheme.

We are also grateful to the scheme supporting a visitor to help a group of students who have volunteered to do extra English after school on Thursdays to help improve their results still further!

Finally I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and healthy new year.

**Betty Elkins**  
Headteacher

# Day Ten Danceathon!

Last Friday was another 10<sup>th</sup> day and for the past few months Young Chamber have been organising a "Break A World Record Day", for the Year 7s and 8s to take part in.

By **Ashleigh Thurston** and **Rebecca Russell**

The aim was to design a day, within which the whole school would break a world record for a charity of their choice.

Within their planning they had to include the record they planned to break, the entertainment for the day, food, costings, and also they had to think of a celebrity who they could invite.

They had four lessons to prepare a pitch which they would then have to present to their tutor group.

The winning group from each tutor group then pitched against the other people in year 7 and 8.

Throughout the day various visitors from outside the school came in to be part of and get involved in this very exciting day. I am sure quite a few of you saw Basingstoke's celebrity: Dave Holby wandering around the school, as he helped pupils with their pitches and ideas. Dave Holby, holds the record for shortest time to row

around the World on a land rower: In just over two and a half years. Dave's location for his record took place in the Malls, town centre.

On Friday Dave talked about how great he had felt when becoming "part of the History books", and how he had loved all the support from everyone in Basingstoke.

The Year 7s and 8s were very curious to discover how he had been motivated to get out of bed and go into town everyday and row in freezing climates—especially because his rower was thinking they were in Australia, but really he was stuck in England!

He spoke about how he really wanted to raise lots of money for the Breast cancer charity, and was really pleased after the two and a half years, when he was able to give a cheque to them for just over £20,000.

Other visitors who came in were Chris Powell, and John and Jill from the Chamber



of Commerce.

Overall it was a very enjoyable day and everyone who took part in it seemed to learn a lot, and really enjoyed getting involved.

The overall winners from the day were a Year 8 group, whose idea was to break the record for the most amount of people doing the Macarena.

If we can get to do this, it will be great for everyone to take part in, and try and break it next term at the Summer Fete!

## Non School Uniform Day

On Friday 14th January we had our first Non-School Uniform day in two years.

Everyone had to bring a can or tin in which was donated to a good cause— Basingstoke Food Aid 4 U.

Visit their website for more information at [www.basingstokefoodaid4u.com](http://www.basingstokefoodaid4u.com).

# Students learn new sport

Cranbourne has launched a new after school sports club designed to encourage fitness, team play and sportsmanship.

The **Tchoukball** club started last week and is part of the school's policy to encourage more students to get involved in sport.

It is a non-contact team game, combining the pace and excitement of handball and volleyball and was founded in 1970 by Swiss biologist Dr Hermann Brandt who wanted to create the 'perfect team game' which avoided injuries.

Mr Woodley said: "Tchoukball provides an exciting opportunity for boys and girls from all year groups to get involved in a new sport.

"We are encouraging students to get involved, learn a new sport and benefit from the expertise of external coaches with years of experience."

Tchoukball gets its name from the sound the ball makes when it bounces off the frame [net] at each end of the court.

It is a non-contact sport – there is no tackling involved and the only time possession switches from one team to the other is when the ball is caught by a defending player after the opposition shoots or the ball is dropped during play.

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## A flavour of Barcelona By Laurie Wooldridge

In the last school week before Christmas, 22 Year 10 and 11 Cranbourne students went to sunny Barcelona for a trip organised by the Spanish and Art Departments.

I was lucky enough to go on the trip, and so can tell you about the magnificent experience.

We set off on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December and travelled on the coach, arriving in Barcelona midday Sunday.

Our first impressions of the city itself and the hostel were excellent, and we couldn't wait to get out and explore the grandeur.

Over the week we saw many of the different sights in the city, helping us to get a real flavour of the Catalán Capital.

We had a Gaudí day, viewing some of the famous artist's magnificent

landmarks in the city, such as La Sagrada Familia, his great unfinished Cathedral, and Parc Guëll.

Students were also able to view works of Picasso, Miró and Dalí, as we went in each artist's museum, and this was very helpful for art students.

Spanish students were able to practise their language skills by ordering food and buying things in markets.

However we were also lucky enough to fit in some other things, such as visiting the incredible Camp Nou, the famous stadium of Barcelona FC.

Despite being very tired at the end of the trip, everyone had a fantastic time, and so I would like, on behalf of the other students, to thank the teachers who went on the trip, Mr Reah, Miss Mercer and Miss Whitehouse, who we also thank for organising the residential trip.

## Trying Something New Week

TSNW was a real success this term. Staff made a real effort to include something new in a number of their lessons and students really appreciated staff's effort in doing this.

We've had some excellent feedback from students who really enjoyed the differences in their lessons and hope that we will continue to add new and exciting elements more often.

Smiley faces have been completed by students evaluating the week and contain some very valuable feedback.

Students have also been asked to come up with new things that can be tried next time.

Thank you to everyone who took part and made the week such a success.

**Miss Guyver**

## Religious Studies news



This term in RS, year 9 students have started studying the religious beliefs of Native North American Indians. The focus of the unit is to learn about the impact of the white settlers on Native North

American beliefs and traditions. Students will begin to understand the importance of the Earth to Native North Americans and consider whether it is valuable to think about the Earth as a mother.



Year 8 are currently looking at what it means to be a Muslim. They will consider some of the issues facing Muslims in the world today and what it means to be one of one billion Muslims in 2011.

Year 7 students have recently started their studies of Buddhism. They have been learning about renouncing the world and what it would be like to live without luxuries. Later this term they will go on to look at what it means to live without temptation and how this can help Buddhists to reach Nirvana.



Many year 11s are preparing for their Ethics resit on the 27<sup>th</sup> January. We are pleased that many have attended the after school clinics in preparation for this important exam.

# GCSE

The next set of exams for GCSE students are in the summer where all year 10s & 11s will be completing their modular exams that contribute to their overall grade.

**Miss Guyver**

## Calendar Catch Up

### January 2011

Fri 28th - Student Council Conference

### February 2011

Wed 2nd - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wed 9th - Year 10 Parents' Evening

### Fri 11th - INSET DAY

### Mon 21st - Fri 25th Feb HALF TERM

Half Term - 2011 Ski Trip

### February

Mon 28th - Year 10 Mocks

### March 2011

Tues 1st - Year 10/11 GCSE Maths Modular

Wed 2nd - Year 11 GCSE Science Structured Paper

Wed 2nd - Year 9 Options' Evening

Thurs 3rd - Year 11 GCSE Multi Choice Paper

Fri 4th - Year 10 GCSE Science Multi Choice Paper

Wed 16th - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wed 30th - Year 7 Parents' Evening

### Fri 1st April - INSET DAY

### Mon 11th - Mon 25th April EASTER HOLIDAYS

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