



Cranbourne Catch Up CBEC's Biweekly Newsletter

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DofE DAY WALK



Miss Mercer tells us about the Duke of Edinburgh day walk which took place for Group 1 on Friday 8th March:

The walk was very wet and cold! However, the students really enjoyed the day overall and are already looking forward to the next DofE adventure! We set off at 8.30am from White Hill near Kingsclere, and ended up walking for about 15km. This was a circular walk planned previously by the students.

We stopped for lunch along the way and had very soggy sandwiches! Despite the conditions (rain nonstop all day long!), everyone was

positive and saw the day as a great challenge and good practice for their first expedition weekend which is coming up at the end of May...although we do hope for better weather!
 Everyone took turns in carrying the big rucksack with the tent, sleeping bag, Trangia and all of the kit for the expedition weekend (as practice). They realised that it was more tough than they had imagined to carry the heavy rucksack, with the added challenge of the muddy and slippery ground!
 They also took it in turns to read the map and be in charge of (continued on page 2)

Message from Mrs Elkins

Dear Parents,



Do you want to find out more about how CBEC is governed, how the college is run and how are decisions are made? If so, CBEC has a vacancy for a Parent Governor and if you would like to find out more about the role, please contact Mrs Emery on 01256 868605 or by email at a.emery@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk. Governors meetings are held on a Monday evening during term time at the college.

I would like to congratulate the Year 11 students who attended a Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Awards Evening on Thursday to collect their bronze certificates. This is the first group of students in my time at the college to achieve this prestigious award and I would like to pay particular thanks to Mrs Stanley who has supported, badgered, chased, coaxed and encouraged these students to complete this award. We do hope that many of these young people will be enthused to go on and tackle their silver award.

Staff INSET training this week focussed on how we use talk in the classroom. (You may already think your sons and daughters talk enough!) We ran a session with staff this week with plenty of ideas on how we involve all students in classroom debates and discussions. It was a really interesting event with plenty of strategies for us to incorporate in our teaching as we continue to improve the quality of our teaching from Good to Outstanding.

Look out for our new termly **News @ Cranbourne** magazine which will be available on our website at the end of this term!

(continued from page 1) leading the group with their map and compass. They learnt some valuable lessons about route planning as they had to climb a huge and very steep hill at the end of the day! The students all said that they will look more closely at the contours on the map when they prepare for their expedition walks.

Everyone had a great day but were also quite relieved to see Mrs Stanley arrive at 2.30pm with the mini bus. By then, everyone was looking forward to being back in the warm and dry!

The students who took part in the day were:

- Jay Holley
- Jordan Russell
- Tom Greenland-Jones
- Thomasin Millington
- James Rampton
- Lydia Rayden
- Eleanor Hunt
- Leon Cooke
- Sarah North

Well done to them all and thank you also to Mrs Crosby who kindly came along to help!

Group 2 will go on their day walk on the 19th April and we wish them luck and better weather!



For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, visit www.dofe.org

MATHS CHALLENGE

On Monday 4th March, Mrs Francis took Aidan Jones, Harry Emery, Shamilla Mannan and Rachel Gatfield to the UK Maths Team Challenge at Lord Wandsworth College. Below is her report:

The students spent several lunchtimes training for the event and I am pleased to say they managed to finish in 25th place. The event consisted of 'Head to Head' challenges, maths relay races and a crossnumber.

Here's what two of the students had to say about the day:

"I think the maths challenge was enjoyable but challenging at the same time. It was great doing different challenges and working as a team." - Rachel Gatfield, 8RO

"I think that the maths challenge was quite fun and it was great working as a team to answer the questions" - Shamilla Mannan, 8RO

WHAT'S NEW IN...DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY FOOD

The year 9 food groups are working on their Create & Cook project and have been producing some excellent practical work. Students have been researching and testing local food ingredients in preparation for submitting their menu plans to the Fit2Cook competition that is organised each year. If successful, they will be invited to the Newlyn Farm Shop in Hook to cook their dishes in front of a panel of judges. The latest testing practicals have shown students showing great creativity and flair. Mrs Crichton, Progress Manager for Year 9, visited a lesson last Friday and she was impressed to see the range of high quality dishes being produced. Oscar Snook produced his own authentic paella, cooked in an original 50cm paella pan. He included chorizo sausage, chicken and an array of seafood.....it looked and tasted amazing!

Year 11 students have been working hard to complete their Controlled Assessment and attendance at clinics has been excellent. Most are looking forward to a special late night clinic as they have been promised pizza to help them get their work done! The year 10 group have just started their Controlled Assessment and have made a very encouraging start. Some are working to a Great British Bake Off theme and others are investigating dishes suitable for a new cafe, so they have some interesting research and testing ahead of them!

Year 7s have been developing their skills-based tasks and have worked enthusiastically throughout the project. Mrs Horner has been working with some students to help them with their graphics skills and they have been designing their own Computer Aided Designs for food packaging. The D&T department staff have entered into the Try Something New theme and are going to teach a lesson in a different subject area. We are looking forward to this new initiative!

By Mrs Koster

YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS

The year 10s tasted their first experience of GCSE exams during the mock exam period (25th February to 6th March). Much preparation had taken place and when the first exam (Maths) was sat the nerves were clear to see. The year 10 students were exemplary in their attitude towards the mocks, following the rules for exams which had been clearly explained to them by Mr Fleeman.

Mrs Vickers told me that she was “very impressed with their attitude and respect for the exams” and that she “hoped they continued like this for the remainder of their time here.”

At the end of each exam students would exit the hall, avidly discussing the paper they had just sat. One exam that really showed the students’ commitment was the General Studies exam. Mrs Vickers said that for the first time since we have had this exam “there were students still writing at the end.”

I am really proud of Year 10 for the way they conducted themselves during this period and I hope they will find the experience useful.

Mrs D Absalom
Progress Manager Year 10

YEAR 9 DRAMA PERFORMANCE

A number of the Year 9 Drama students performed to family and friends on Thursday 7th March, sharing work they have created in class and receiving well deserved praise for their efforts.

Creative, funny and moving, the evening was a great success, supported by Antony Holmes who stage managed the performance, and Ben Andrews and Sol Sherlock who operated lights and sound.

Phrases such as "I feel sick", "scared", "nervous" and "taste the rainbow" before the show were replaced with "very good" and "really happy" afterwards. Well done to everybody who was involved, you were fantastic!

By Mrs Affleck-Cruise

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 9 Options Evening this Wednesday, 13th March. There was a great turn out, with 85.9% of parents attending!



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Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

March 2013

- **Wednesday 20th:** Year 7 Parents Evening
- **Friday 22nd:** INSET DAY
- **Wednesday 27th:** Year 9 Parents Evening
- **Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April:** EASTER HOLIDAYS

April 2013

- **Thursday 18th:** Year 11 BTEC Drama Final Performance Evening
- **Wednesday 24th:** Year 8 Options Evening
- **Thursday 25th:** Junior Maths Challenge

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