



Cranbourne Catch Up CBEC's Biweekly Newsletter

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AUSTRIA SKI TRIP



CBEC students left for Austria on Friday 15th February. Mr Kimber, PE teacher at Cranbourne, said that it was an enjoyable trip with great conditions. See his report on the week below:

“Accompanied by Mr Kimber, Miss Conlon and Mr Ndlovu, twenty students were the fortunate participants in this year’s ski trip to Saalbach, Austria.

Following a drive through the night, we arrived in the picturesque ski area near to Salzburg. Over six days, skiing for a minimum of five hours a day, all of our students made significant progress and all made their way to the top of the cable car (some 1700m above ski level) and safely back down again!

Whilst it wasn’t a sunny week,

overnight and daily snow made for near perfect piste conditions. This made learning to ski or improving technique much easier. Having controlled speed equals much more fun!

But skiing made up only part of the week. Apres-ski activities included a quiz night, ice skating outdoors, swimming, watching a torch lit free-style ski event and visiting an amazing ice cream parlour!

Andorra is the location of next year’s trip and letters are available from Mr Kimber today. The CBEC ski trip is an unforgettable experience - just ask any of those who went!”

One student said of the trip: “I’ve never had so much fun on holiday. I laughed all week.” So if you’re interested in going on next year’s trip, please speak to Mr Kimber!

Message from Mrs Elkins

Dear Parents,



On the last day before half term our Year 11 students took part in the annual ‘Maximise Potential

Day’. I was delighted to receive feedback from the hosts of the programme saying “both groups of students were very willing to get involved in all the activities and their behaviour was absolutely exemplary. They were a real credit to your school”. We look forward to the Year 11 students using the ideas they gained in preparing for their GCSE Chemistry examination next Tuesday. Our Year 10 students have commenced their mock examinations and we are delighted with the maturity and excellent behaviour they are demonstrating.

Next week is ‘Try Something New Week’ and following the last responses collated from students, we look forward to seeing even more exciting and innovative lessons next week. We also look forward to welcoming Year 9 Parents to Options Evening, which takes place on Wednesday 27th March 2013.

Betty Elkins
 Headteacher

DAY 10: Friday 15th February

Year 11 Maximise Potential Day

Year 11 spent the day with the *Maximise* presenters, learning of the importance of good revision, how to revise and how to motivate yourself to revise. This was all part of the process of preparing for the final GCSE exams and understanding why it is important to start now! *Maximise* are skilled presenters in motivational techniques and showing students a great variety of methods for effective revision. Students were very impressed with memory games, appreciating the significance of right and left side of the brain ideas and hearing of other 'real' people whose stories cannot but inspire a 'get up and go' approach.

Feedback from the students about the day was very positive indeed and the reasons for this was that they found it interesting and genuinely useful preparation for the final exams. A lot of the advice seemed realistic to students and therefore they thought it would be worth trying, whether it was the polo mint suggestion before beginning to write a word in the exam, the highlighter pen for ensuring you always answer the question properly, or the diet advice with the bottle of water and a banana each morning.

Hopefully year 11 will use the day as a springboard to start their revision, now producing weekly revision timetables (these are on Moodle in the year 11 section) which allocate a small but effective timeslot of revision alongside their other work still to be

finished in college. Let's end with the well used motto about revision which has been spoken and proven right year after year - "a little often"!

By Mr Rafter

Year 9 Careers and Options Day

On 15th February, Year 9 had a very busy and informative day taking part in workshops with visitors from industry and Winchester University. Students had the opportunity to experience workshops in business processes and bridge building. The students tackled these with a great deal of enthusiasm and worked well as a team to produce some excellent designs in the bridge building and produced some very good ideas when analysing the software design and problem solving workshop. Winchester University also worked with the students looking at their options post-Cranbourne.

The day finished with a talk on apprenticeships which was very informative and many of the students took away leaflets on areas they may be interested in looking into on leaving Cranbourne. The students were excellent and the visitors were very impressed with how the year group tackled the workshops and responded to them.

The students are now looking forward to their Year 9 Options Evening on 13th March when they will be given all the information they need to make informed choices about their options for GCSEs.

By Mrs Crichton, Year 9 Progress Manager

YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING

We were delighted with a very positive turn out for the Year 8 Parents Evening. Over 84% of the year group's parents attended the evening and it was good to see students also taking part in the discussions. Many thanks also to those parents who sent in their apologies if they couldn't attend. The information provided for the evening shows that year 8 students are continuing to maintain or improve their attitude to learning effort levels which is very encouraging. Students can look forward to receiving Headteacher's Certificates if they were in the top 10 of the cohort.

By Mrs Koster, Year 8 Progress Manager

WHAT'S NEW IN...THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

These are exciting times in History. Our subject is always growing, with more history just around the corner. Studying the past is more than just one thing after another!

In the coming half term we have new units for all classes at Key Stage 3, with Year 7 investigating if we can really say there was a 'Tudor' period. This will involve analysing the different reigns of the monarchs who gave Britain much of its rich cultural, religious and naval identity. Year 8 will be examining the Great War and testing the accuracy of *Blackadder*, deciding how far comedy on TV can use real facts to enhance its appeal, but also the simplistic impression that may lead to. Year 9 will be conducting an independent enquiry into an engaging 1960s topic of their choice. By investigating Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King or the problems in Northern Ireland, students will choose a focus for their enquiry and practice the skills needed at GCSE by using sources.



BBC's *Blackadder* - an accurate representation of British history?

By Mr Tibble, Teacher of History

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

On 15th February 22 year 10 Geography students went to East Head and West Wittering Beach, Chichester Harbour, to collect data for their Fieldwork Controlled Assessment.

The weather was kind to us, and despite recent wet weeks, we had a sunny and very dry day! The students behaved exceptionally well and undertook the tasks with enthusiasm. They had to measure sand dunes, the angle of slopes, temperature of the air and look for vegetation changes as you moved further away from the shore. They also looked at Long Shore Drift on the beach and created a beach profile (where they measure the slope angles and looked at pebble sizes.) They also walked around East Head and looked at management techniques and what makes the area unique or distinct compared to other stretches of coastline in the UK.

The students worked with staff from Chichester Harbour Conservancy Education Department and students from the University of Chichester, learning from the local area experts. Now comes the hard work - writing up their work and getting their target grades on their controlled assessment!

Mrs Davey and Mr G are very proud of the students on this trip - possibly the best one the department has run!

By Mrs Davey, Head of Geography

GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY

The year 10 Photography class has started to prepare their first portfolio, entitled *People and Portraits*.

Aliscia Martin, a photography student, said, "It's a great course and Mr Fleeman's a great teacher. He makes everything enjoyable and I really enjoy it. I'm going to use this skill in my dream job, which is a zoologist." The students are loving the course and several of them have said it's one of their favourite subjects.

By Daniel Searle

SHOPPING VOUCHER WINNER

Congratulations to Robyn Elsbury in 9EM, who won the recent Pabulum competition. Students had to get their card stamped every time they bought a main meal and all the completed cards were put into a draw. Robyn was lucky enough to win. She received a £20 Love to Shop voucher which she has enjoyed spending in HMV.

MATHS CHALLENGE

On 7th February, 10A1 and 11A1 took part in the intermediate maths challenge in their lessons. The results were:

11A1

Gold: David May Miller, Joe Holley (both through to pink kangaroo – Thursday 21st March)

Silver: Kieran Lane, Connor McKenzie, Scott Haskell

Bronze: Ryan Dutton, Harry Parker, Nathan Williams, Alex Simpson

10A1:

Gold: Jake Newbold, Paul May Miller

Silver: Andrew Hignett

Bronze: Thomasin Millington, Sarah North, Isaac Osborne, Halil Coskun, Kiran Vaja

Well done to all the students involved!

Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

March 2013

- **Thursday 7th:** Year 9 Drama Performance Evening
- **Friday 8th:** Curriculum Day
- **Monday 11th:** BCOT Open Evening
- **Wednesday 13th:** Year 9 Options Evening
- **Wednesday 20th:** Year 7 Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 27th:** Year 9 Parents Evening
- **Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April:** EASTER HOLIDAYS

April 2013

- **Friday 19th:** Curriculum Day
- **Wednesday 24th:** Year 8 Options Evening

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